



CSPRA Honorary California State Park Ranger -2008 Henry F. Trione

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CSPRA is proud to name Henry F. Trione as its selection to receive the highest honor the Association can bestow, the Honorary California State Park Ranger award.

Mr. Trione became interested in the preservation of California State Parks through Joe Long (Longs Drugs) as founding members of the California State Parks Foundation. They both shared a love of the outdoors, and had a particular interest in the preservation of open space and wetlands. Henry's commitment to parks is demonstrated by his support to both fund and obtain funding for projects and programs.

Henry was born in Humboldt County, the son of an Italian immigrant baker. He started a mortgage company in Sonoma County after World War II, building an enterprise that took him into success with the banking industry, as well as timber and wine making.

One of the more spectacular results of Henry's efforts was the creation of Annabel State Park in Sonoma County. Henry and his friend, Joe Long, put together a consortium of private and state foundation funds to acquire land for Annabel State Park. Later, Henry, with the Sonoma County Trail Blazers, provided a 3.1-mile wooded trail in Annabel State Park which was dedicated to the founder of the equestrian group, Warren Richardson. Henry continues to support Annabel in his recent contribution to the Annabel Visitor Center project.

He worked as a Chairman for the State Parks Foundation, to provide a visitor center at Fort Ross State Historic Park. He has helped financially to acquire land, save historical sites and build interpretive centers throughout the State. His involvement included the Old Bale Grist Mill restoration, Stagecoach Hill azalea preserve, Hermann Mansion, Coming Home to California educational program, restoration of Jack London's cottage, Colorado House at Old Town San Diego,

and support of the Youth Conservation Corps. His work and dedication was recognized by former President Ronald Reagan when he praised Henry for his excellent work as a citizen concerned with community reinvestment.

A large part of our park success is due to Henry's leadership, enthusiasm and support. He is a dedicated person who believes strongly in the private sector and government jointly contributing to the quality of life.



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RAILROAD JOTTINGS.

Opening of the Santa Rosa and Carquinez.

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Next Thursday, May 31st, the Santa Rosa and Carquinez **Railroad** will be open for traffic from Napa Junction to Santa Rosa, a distance of 36.70 miles from Napa Junction and 75.01 miles from San Francisco. Napa Junction is the point of junction with the California Pacific **Railroad**, and is 38.31 miles from San Francisco.

The fourteen intermediate stations established on the line have been designated as follows, starting from Napa Junction: Merazo, Shellville, El Verano, Elmdale, Yulupa, Hillgirt, Glen Ellen, Warfield, Drummond, Karnac, South Los Guilucos, Los Guilucos, Persic and Melitta. Agents will be stationed at El Verano and Glen Ellen.

A special tariff on hay and straw in carloads, taking effect June 1st, has been issued by the Freight Department of the Northern Division of the Southern Pacific. From 10 to 50 per cent reductions have been made from the old tariff. The greatest reductions are made in the long hauls. The old rate on hay and straw from Templeton, Paso Robles, San Miguel and Bradley was \$7 per ton; the new rates from the same points are respectively \$4 60, \$4 50, \$4 40 and \$4 20. The old rate from San Ardo was \$6 60, the new rate is \$4; King's City, old rate \$6, new \$3 80; Soledad, old rate \$4, new rate \$3 50; Gonzales, old rate \$3 80, new rate \$3 40; Salinas, old rate \$3 40, new rate \$3; Monterey, old

rate \$3 60, new rate \$3 25; Castroville, old rate \$3 20, new rate \$2 90; Watsonville, old rate \$3 25, new rate \$2 85; Pajaro, old rate \$3, new rate \$2 75. As all these districts are especially interested in the shipping of these commodities to San Francisco, the reduction made will enable the farmers to do so at a profit.

From January 1st to May 1st over 35,000 tons of freight were shipped from New York to California points. Of this 80.8 per cent was sent via the Sunset steamers and Southern Pacific's Sunset route, while only 19.2 per cent was shipped over the all-rail transcontinental routes.

The freight department of the Southern Pacific is busily engaged in adjusting the claims of the consignees of goods lost in the wreck of the steamer Eureka on the Atlantic coast some few weeks back. Three hundred and sixty claims are at present under consideration. The amount necessary to meet all claims on cargo alone will reach fully \$500,000.

A meeting of the **Railroad** Commissioners is set for 11 A. M. to-day. The Robinson commutation will be considered at this session.

The Atlantic and Pacific will on regular dates after June 1st run excursions between San Francisco and Eastern points, of the tourist class. The company will supply, free of charge, all bedding, carpets, etc., and will furnish porters with each excursion party.

On Wednesday next there will be a Raymond and Whitcomb party of returning excursionists leave for the East in a special train, consisting of three Pullmans and a dining-car.

A. C. Bird, General Freight Agent of the Milwaukee; and Milton Knight, General Freight Agent of the Wabash, left for the East Saturday.

J. S. Tebbits and H. A. Johnson of the Union Pacific and E. Hawley, General Eastern Agent of the Sunset Route, leave to-day in a special Union Pacific car over the Northern Pacific for the East.

A. A. Baroteau, familiarly known as the "Honest Baron," has been appointed City Passenger Agent of the Atlantic and Pacific. Mr. Baroteau has been many years in the **Railroad** Detective Service.

A special two thirds rate will be made by the Southern Pacific, to all points on its line in this State, to teachers who attend the National Convention of school teachers.

The Burlington system gives notice that it

has opened up a new transcontinental line via Cheyenne in connection with the Union Pacific, and is in a position to handle through freight without breaking bulk.

The alterations made by the Wagner Vestibule Company to conform with Judge Gresham's decision against them do not alter the appearance of the train, and it is claimed the change does not effect the comfort of the train.

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HISTORY OF
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The leading men and women of the County, who have been
identified with its growth and development from the
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the best possible use of the advantages which they offered. With the experience and knowledge of twenty years as his chief asset he started out in the world to make his own way, coming at that time to California and settling in Napa county. Altogether he continued in that part of the state for about thirteen years, working as a farm hand on ranches until he felt competent to undertake responsibilities on his own account. It was with the knowledge and experience of several years as a rancher that he came to Sonoma county in 1888, after which he was employed in vineyards for a number of years thus adding a knowledge of this special branch of agriculture to his other acquirements. In 1902 he purchased the ranch of thirty-seven acres near Fulton which has been his home ever since, and here in the meantime he has practically demonstrated his knowledge and understanding of the cultivation of the vine. From year to year his income has marked an increase in the volume of business transacted, and during the year 1909 the sales from his vines amounted to \$1,000.

By his marriage in 1877 Mr. Dixon was united to a native daughter of California in Miss Ida Gardener, and three children were born to them. The eldest of these children is May, a resident of San Mateo county, and the wife of George Ross. Charles Wilton is engaged in the stock business in Washoe county, Nev. Jessie N. is a resident of Marin county, Cal. The mother of these children passed away in 1894, and three years later, in 1897, Mr. Dixon was united in marriage with his present wife, formerly Mrs. Lottie Crigler. The only child of this marriage is John Orton, who was born in 1898 and is now attending the public school at Fulton. Mrs. Dixon is a native daughter of California and has passed her entire life in the state. On national questions Mr. Dixon votes the Republican ticket, but in local matters he varies his vote according to the qualifications of the candidate. He has held a number of offices within the gift of his fellow-citizens, having held the office of school trustee for three years and for the past three years has been clerk of the school board. Progressive and public-spirited, Mr. Dixon is one whose residence in Sonoma county has been of distinct advantage to state and county, and no project that would advance the welfare of either has failed to receive his support and encouragement.

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#### SAMUEL HUTCHINSON.

For forty years and more Mr. Hutchinson was associated with business and agricultural enterprises in California, nearly a quarter of a century of this time being passed in Santa Rosa, and when death suddenly terminated his useful career there was a general expression of regret concerning the loss of one so loyal to city, county and state, so devoted to their progress, and so interested in beneficial movements, as was this public-spirited citizen. Although he always cherished with affection the memory of his childhood home across the seas, he never regretted that destiny had led him to America, and especially was he interested in the growth of California, which he believed to be the garden-spot of the entire country, and on this subject he was a capable judge, for he had been an extensive traveler.

The birth of Samuel Hutchinson occurred in County Armagh, Ireland, in September, 1827, and his education was received primarily in the grammar

schools of his native locality. During youth and early young manhood he was variously employed in the vicinity of his birth, but a growing dissatisfaction with the prospects, or rather lack of prospects, in his own country was the means of his immigration to America. From the metropolis in which he landed on these shores he made his way to the middle west soon afterward, going to Illinois and Wisconsin, in both of which states he remained for a time before coming to the far west. However, having come this near to the eldorado which was attracting so many thousands of men he was induced to complete the journey from ocean to ocean, and the year 1854 witnessed his removal to California with ox-teams. Instead of interesting himself in the mines, in which he had invested and lost a large amount of money, he engaged in the butcher business in the vicinity of the mines. The thought was well conceived and the business was maintained with profit for a time, proving a stepping-stone to the stock and farming business in which he later engaged and which he followed extensively throughout the remainder of his life. Purchasing a section of land in Sutter county, in the vicinity of the mines where he had engaged in the stock business, he stocked the land with cattle and engaged in cattle raising and farming with splendid success for many years, or until coming to Santa Rosa in 1871. This fine ranch in Sutter county, purchased over half a century ago, is still in the possession of the family and the source of a goodly income. Eight miles from Santa Rosa Mr. Hutchinson purchased one of the largest tracts of land in the possession of one individual in this section of the country and entered upon farming and the raising of stock on an extensive scale. Of the thirty-six hundred and fifty acres which he purchased, fifty acres were devoted to the raising of hops, and the balance used for farming and stock and cattle raising. He also developed the Annadel quarry on this land. This quarry is one of the best in the state, producing large quantities of basalt blocks. During the lifetime of Mr. Hutchinson the farming and cattle-raising enterprise grew from year to year; and after his demise was ably carried on by his eldest son for many years. Recently, however, the latter has leased the property to tenants. In later years the dairy business has grown to large proportions, and recently the manufacture of American-Swiss cheese has been made a large industry, a model, up-to-date factory having been installed on the ranch. During the winter of 1862 Mr. Hutchinson lost all of his cattle in the flood of the Feather river. In his endeavor to save his cattle he seriously impaired his health, being paralyzed in his right side at that time, and thereafter he had no use of his right limbs.

After coming to California, in 1855, Mr. Hutchinson formed domestic ties by his marriage with Miss Elizabeth Johnson, one of his countrywomen, who was born in County Armagh and who came to America and crossed the plains to California in 1854, the same year in which he came to the west. All of the children born of this marriage are natives of Sutter county, and are named in the order of their birth as follows: Annie, the wife of Dr. O. F. Ottmer, of Eureka, Humboldt county; Thomas J.; Rachel; Mary; Samuel; and Charlotte, who became the wife of Robert Skinner, but is now deceased. Throughout his life Mr. Hutchinson was a member and communicant of the Episcopal Church and after coming to Santa Rosa identified himself with the church of this denomination in this city, his wife also being a member of this organization.

Fraternally he was a Mason, being an active and interested member of the organization. He died in Santa Rosa June 1, 1894, and the funeral was conducted under the auspices of the lodge of which he was a member. If Mr. Hutchinson had a hobby it was for recreation in travel, and he indulged his taste in this direction quite frequently. On one occasion he went to Australia, twice returned for a visit to his native land, and made many trips to Illinois, his entire family accompanying him on one of the latter journeys.

The eldest son of the family, Thomas J. Hutchinson, was born in Sutter county June 23, 1861. As soon as he became old enough he was an invaluable assistant to his father in the care of the ranch in Sutter county, besides which for two years he maintained a stock-raising enterprise of his own in Arizona. After the death of the father he took charge of the ranch in Sonoma county, following the policy which the latter had mapped out, and in so doing has met with splendid success. He has recently rented the ranch to tenants and retired from active business cares. Not unlike many other residents of Santa Rosa, Mr. Hutchinson suffered a loss in the visitation of the earthquake in the spring of 1906. He was a director and stockholder in the old Athenaeum theatre on Fourth street that was then destroyed, this being one of the largest buildings in the town. He is proud of his citizenship in one of California's thriving business towns, and also proud to be eligible to the Native Sons of the Golden West, in which he is a welcome member, as he is also of the Masonic order, with which his name is identified.

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#### JOHN J. BONNIKSEN.

The possibilities of the west have attracted hither young men from almost every part of the world. Among other countries, Germany has given up some of its best youths to aid in the making of the western empire, and in the list of young Germans who have found homes in California mention belongs to John J. Bonniksen, a well-known poultry raiser of Sonoma county and the builder-up of a comfortable fortune through his unwearied labors since coming to this locality.

Born in Schleswig, Germany, March 23, 1866, John J. Bonniksen is a son of B. and Anna D. (Matthieson) Bonniksen, both of whom were natives of Denmark, born respectively in 1822 and 1825. The entire married life of the parents was passed in the Fatherland, where the father followed farming as a means of support for his family. A large family of thirteen children, six sons and seven daughters, constituted the family circle, named as follows: Peter, Hans, Amos, John J., Nicholi, Bonnik, Maria, Sicilia, Metta, Anna, Catherine, Ingeborg and Christina. With the exception of Hans, Amos, Nicholi and Ingeborg, who are residents of Humboldt county, and John J., the subject of this sketch, the children are all residents of the Fatherland.

John J. Bonniksen had attained his twenty-third year, when, in 1889, he set sail for the United States, and having reached our shores in safety, came direct to California. He was attracted to Humboldt county owing to the fact that several of his brothers had preceded him to this country and were located in that part of the state. He therefore went direct to Ferndale, Humboldt county, where he followed the dairy business and also conducted a cigar store. All of

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(Santa Rosa Republican.)

A beautiful century plant is in bloom at the residence of Rufus Temple of this city.

The sheep in various parts of the county are suffering from the ravages of sheep killing dogs. A few nights ago the flock upon the farm of Mrs. Roberts, a few miles south of this city, was attacked and about twenty dead carcasses were found on the following morning. Great loss is in consequence entailed.

Alfred Butt, of this city, received a telegram from San Francisco, Thursday afternoon, announcing that his son, Geo. Butt, had been quite seriously injured. No particulars nor the extent of the injuries were given, but as the young man was engaged in working upon an elevator it is supposed that he injured by it. Mr. Butt was told to go to San Francisco immediately.

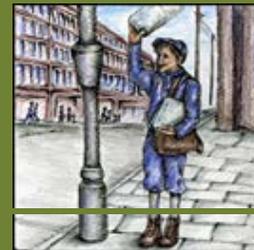
(Santa Rosa Democrat.)

I. DeTurk shipped two car-loads of wine to Chicago via the Santa Rosa and Carquinez Railroad Thursday.

Two car-loads of wine were shipped to Los Angeles via the Santa Rosa and Carquinez Railroad Thursday.

(Petaluma Imprint.)

The auction sale of lots last Saturday in the Sunny Slope addition to this city was a most agreeable surprise to all our citizens. But few believed that the sale would be a success. It was however, a grand success. Over 250 people came up from San Francisco with the excursion, and when the sale commenced there was 600 persons on the ground. The sale took place under the management of Bovee, Toy & Co., real estate agents of San Francisco. A good lunch had been provided for all on the grounds and a band of music helped to enliven the occasion. At one o'clock the sale commenced, and lots went off like hot cakes from that time until nearly five o'clock, when parties from San Francisco had to leave in order to reach their special train for home. The corner lots were 50x120, and inside lots 40 feet wide by 120 in depth. The highest corner lot sold brought \$350, and the lowest inside lot \$87 50. In all 135 lots were sold and the sum total brought was \$19,959.



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### An Accident.

As James Sinclair, was conveying Mrs. Benjamin Boyd and Mrs. Aggie Cornett to their work at the Magnolia Cannery, in a one horse spring wagon, on Monday morning, by his careless handling of the ribbons, and too frequent use of the whip, caused the horse to jump and throw the ladies from the vehicle, breaking Mrs. Boyd's arm near the elbow and causing a very severe and painful sprain to Mrs. Cornett's wrist. The accident occurred near the corner of West and North streets. Medical aid was summoned as soon as possible and every thing that could be, was done for the comfort of the sufferers. At last reports they were progressing as well as could be expected.

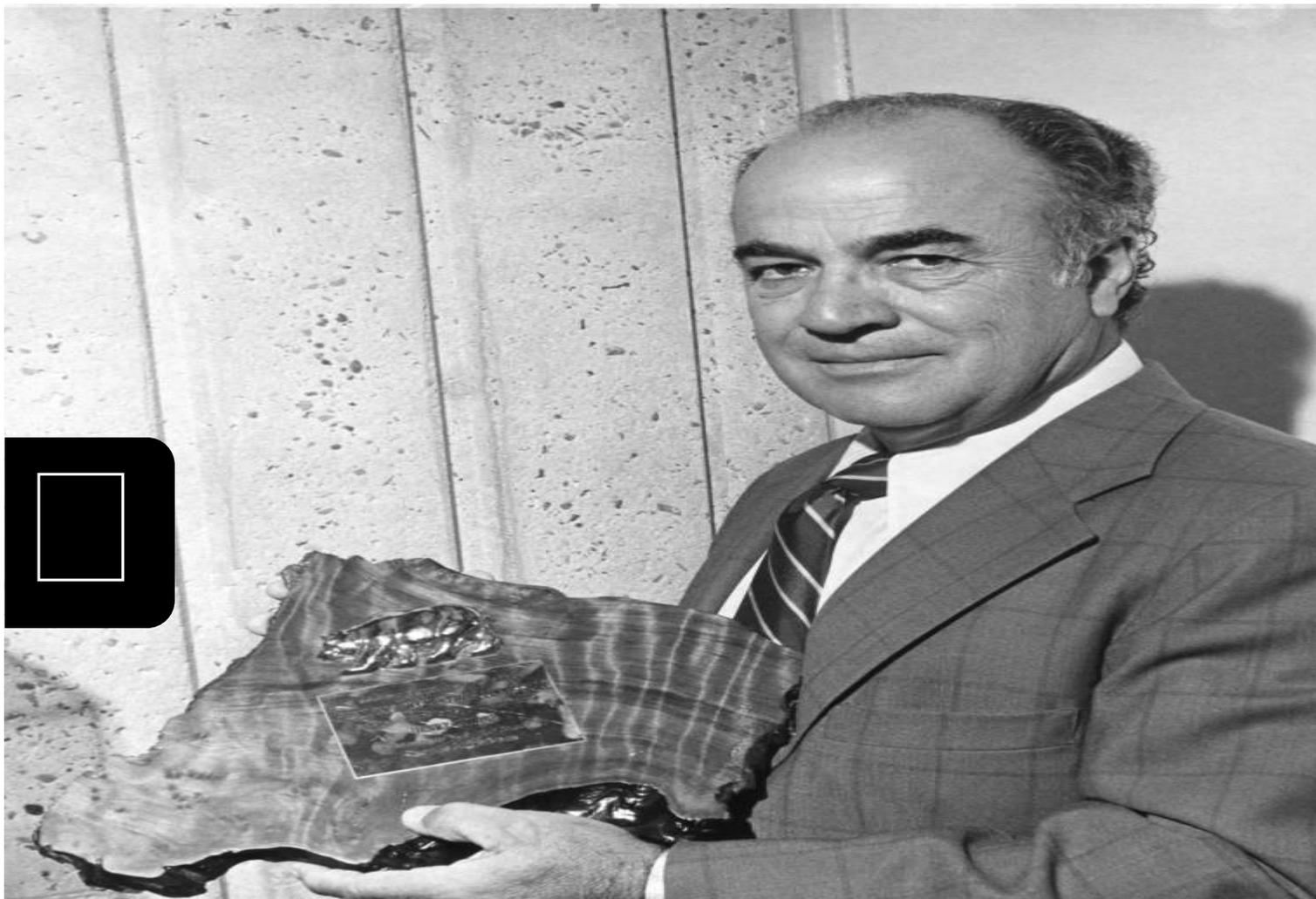
N. R. Strong & Co., fruit shippers of Sacramento, have established an agency in this city, and are busily engaged packing "Gross prunes" for shipment direct East, via. Santa Rosa and Carquinez Railroad. They have from six to ten hands employed, to whom they pay \$1.25 per day. They are paying \$20 per ton for the fruit, and are anxious to obtain as much as possible. The office and packing house is located near the depot on the site of the yard formerly used by Israel Cook as a lumber yard. They also intend buying and shipping grapes as soon as the season opens.

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**Bill Dodd** FOR STATE SENATE

## Santa Rosa power broker, philanthropist Henry Trione dies at 94





**GUY KOVNER**

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Henry F. Trione, a small-town baker's son with a Midas touch who amassed a fortune while becoming Sonoma County's leading postwar power broker, died Thursday morning at the age of 94.

[See an interactive timeline of Trione's life and generosity](#)

Few could have foreseen the wealth, influence and philanthropy that would follow the young Navy veteran who arrived in Santa Rosa in 1947 and began writing

mortgages from a cubbyhole downtown. Trione would

parlay that first company into a stake that at one time made him the largest individual stockholder in Wells Fargo, until he was eclipsed by Warren Buffett and Walter Annenberg.

Trione, a shrewd financier who attributed much of his success to good luck and good timing, went on to make successive fortunes that mirrored the evolution of the North Coast with his investments in timber, real estate, banking and wine.

A Catholic, Republican and rugged outdoorsman, Trione left an enduring mark on the landscape as well, most notably in putting together the deal that created Annadel State Park in eastern Santa Rosa. Through donations — often anonymous — and persuasion, he put the touch on others in his



circle, deciding which causes warranted support.

“Henry was truly a Renaissance Californian who leaves an immeasurable legacy across Northern California and beyond,” said John Stumpf, chairman and CEO of Wells Fargo. “From his work in the arts and education to his dedication to community service and the environment, Henry always led with his heart.”

Victor Trione of Santa Rosa described his father as “a community icon, elder statesman, consummate benefactor and, on a personal level, devoted father, mentor and best friend.”

“Henry lived his last few months with the same courage, mental toughness and positive spirit that carried him through his previous 94-plus years,” Victor Trione said.

Henry Trione was diagnosed with cancer in late November and declined medical treatment, his family said. He died at his Santa Rosa home.

In an era when the local social and economic establishment was dominated by a small group of businessmen and bankers, Trione was the prince. But his demeanor was unfailingly modest. Despite the polo ponies and world travels that came later, he never forgot growing up as the son of a baker in the Humboldt County town of Fortuna.

His net worth and significant contributions to charity are both difficult to assess, and he was never one to flaunt his achievements. He remained steadfastly tight-lipped when asked to describe the extent of his donations to charitable causes and community projects. “That’s not significant,” he said in a 1998 interview.

A short, stocky man with a patrician nose and penetrating dark eyes, Trione casually dismissed his motivation for giving away chunks of his fortune with a quip: “There are no luggage racks on a hearse.”

Trione also downplayed the business acumen that piled one successful venture upon another. “Wealth comes from the growth of the economy,” he said. “Good times make heroes out of very lucky people.”



His achievements have become part of the backdrop of Sonoma County, none greater than 5,000-acre Annadel State Park, which Trione spent more than \$1 million to save from becoming a housing development in the 1970s.

“He’s a totally vibrant human being,” said Caryl Hart, county regional parks director. “An iconic figure who helped make Sonoma County what it is today.”



When the state put Annadel on a park closure list in 2012, Trione quickly put up \$100,000 that helped keep it open for a year under county administration, said Hart, a former chairwoman of the state Parks and Recreation Commission. “He completely loved that park,” she said.

Mark Trione said his father’s commitment to preserving Annadel typified his ability “to put his personal interests aside for the sake of the community. He was very forward-thinking.”

Henry Trione was the sole survivor of a small fraternity of civic leaders, including savings and loan executive J. Ralph Stone, bankers Jim Keegan and Charles Reinking and lumber company owner Elie Destruel — men Trione referred to in later years as the “old bulls” — who charted Santa Rosa’s pro-growth postwar course in an era of minimal government restrictions well before the rise of the environmental movement.

They transformed Santa Rosa from a town where ranchers drove cattle through the streets into a regional hub for trade, finance, education and entertainment.

“Some people might say Henry was a major catalyst for the transition,” said Gaye LeBaron, a Press Democrat columnist who shared Trione’s rural Humboldt County roots.

“Henry was in a class by himself,” said Ken Blackman, Santa Rosa’s city manager for 30 years until



his retirement in 2000. "Henry stands alone as someone who always wanted to give back to the community."

Plaques and certificates attesting to his good deeds are so numerous that many rest on the floor of his spacious living room, but they don't cover the many times Trione made personal loans to businessmen in distress, even when he knew the prospect of repayment was slim.

"I often asked myself as I got older, are we going to have people like this in the future, or was he part of an age that may not be repeated?" Blackman mused.

Born in 1920, less than two years after the end of World War I, Trione grew up in Humboldt County, fishing in the Eel River and riding horseback in the redwoods. His father, an Italian immigrant, owned a bakery in Fortuna, and Trione sold hot dogs at the Humboldt County Fair for spending money during the Great Depression.

He played trumpet in the marching band and violin in the orchestra at Fortuna High School, where he also set county records as a sprinter on the track team. He attended the University of San Francisco and Humboldt State College and graduated from UC Berkeley in 1941, taking his last exam on Dec. 8, the day after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor.

Trione went right from the campus to war, serving as supply officer for a PT boat squadron in the Aleutian Islands and later at Alameda. A turning point in his life came in 1946, as he sat for three hours on a park bench in San Francisco, contemplating his future at the age of 26.

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There were fears at the time that the nation would slip back into the hard times of the 1930s and Trione considered the possibility that his Navy lieutenant's commission would be the key to a stable future. His instincts said no.

"I was oriented to private enterprise," Trione said in a 2011 interview, recalling his fateful decision to leave the service and pursue his real calling. After training in the home mortgage loan business, Trione intended to return to Humboldt County, but it offered scant economic prospects in 1947. He was diverted instead to Santa Rosa, then a city of 15,000.

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"No one in their wildest imaginations could foresee in the late '40s what would happen here," he said in 1998.

But Trione must have had an inkling of the impending economic swell that would boost the city's population more than tenfold to 170,000 today. The Golden Gate Bridge had opened a few years before the war, linking Sonoma County to the Bay Area. Land for new homes around Santa Rosa was cheap, with vast forests of redwood available to build them.

Trione's first enterprise, Sonoma Mortgage Corp., started in a small office on the fourth floor of the Rosenberg Building with a rented desk, chair and typewriter. He offered 4 percent home loans when the going rate at banks was 6 percent.

The now-famous anecdote is that when Trione went to The Press Democrat to take out an advertisement for his interest rate, advertising manager Paul Johnson demanded cash in advance. Seven years later, Sonoma Mortgage had 140 employees, more than the newspaper at that time.

As new subdivisions and shopping centers sprouted in prune and apple orchards, Santa Rosa's population swelled by more than 13,000 in the 1950s, growing more than it had in the previous half-century.

By the early 1960s, Trione was searching for a source of more capital, just as Wells Fargo Bank was intent on boosting its mortgage loan operation, Trione wrote in his self-published autobiography, "Footprints of the Baker Boy," released last year. Their union was facilitated by Jim Keegan, manager of the bank's Santa Rosa branch and Trione's closest friend and fishing buddy.

The merger in 1968 involved a \$10.6 million stock transfer, making Trione the bank's largest individual stockholder, a distinction he held until Warren Buffett of Berkshire Hathaway and Ambassador Walter Annenberg both made larger investments in the bank. Trione also became a senior vice president and then a Wells Fargo board member, a position he held until 1990, when he reached the compulsory retirement age.

"Henry was passionate and energetic and we owe him a debt of gratitude for his many contributions to Wells Fargo," said Stumpf, the CEO.

In 1963, Trione became a part owner of Molalla Forest Products, which had a lumber mill in Cloverdale, 33,000 acres of timberland and a booming business in providing lumber for the 1,500-square-foot tract homes going up in Santa Rosa.

The company expanded its holdings considerably, until Trione and his partner, Jim Laier, merged Molalla into Masonite Corp. in 1970, following the Trione trademark of building a local business and selling it to a major player in the same industry.

At age 63, he started on that course again, buying Geyser Peak Winery from the Schlitz Brewing Co. for \$20 million in 1983. Trione took control of the struggling company, invested heavily in improving the quality of the wines, and sold the winery and Geyser Peak brand to the conglomerate Fortune Brands for \$100 million in 1998.

Trione's sons, Victor and Mark, opened Trione Winery in Geyserville in 2008 and began producing

red and white wines in the \$20- to \$70-a-bottle range. His granddaughter, Denise Trione Hicks, became marketing director, and while politely ignoring her granddad's advice also rebuffed his query about how many free cases of wine would come with his official designation as a "consultant."

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"None," she said, according to Trione's autobiography. "You pay like the rest of us do."

"So I pay," Trione wrote.

His \$50,000 investment in a fledgling pro football team in an untried league in 1960 netted Trione three Super Bowl rings, as the Oakland Raiders won a trio of world championships before the late Al Davis moved the team to Los Angeles in 1982, prompting Trione to sell his shares to Davis for \$1.86 million. It was a "good profit," he wrote, but "peanuts compared to what pro football franchises are worth now."

But another payoff lay ahead.

As his personal fortunes swelled, Trione's philanthropy began changing the landscape — or preserving it, in the case of the 5,000-acre property surrounding Lake Ilsanjo. Trione and his hunting buddy, Joe Long of Long's Drugs, assembled the \$5 million package that saved the picturesque property on Santa Rosa's eastern flank, creating Annadel State Park.

The deal turned in large part on Trione's ability to secure an option on the land from Wayne Valley, a San Leandro builder who had proposed a 5,000-lot development called Santa Rosa Lakes. Trione and Valley both had been founding investors in the Raiders.

Trione put more than \$1 million into the Annadel deal, and worked with Long, the newly organized California State Parks Foundation and local citizens to complete the \$5 million park acquisition in

1969. Victor and Mark purchased a 400-acre portion of the property, which was turned into the Wild Oak subdivision, along with a polo field.

An avid polo player for 35 years, Trione built his home — with an all-redwood interior and a commanding view of the Valley of the Moon — on the hillside above the club, adjacent to Annadel. A massive stone hearth was made of cobblestone from the park.

“He was connected to the park for life,” said Hart, who called the scenic acreage, a haven for hikers, cyclists and horseback riders, Trione’s legacy. Hart and Trione are both honorary state park rangers, an award that came with a broad-brimmed felt hat that became one of the philanthropist’s favorites.

Trione donated \$50,000 in the 1970s to set up the move of the former post office from its A Street corner to a site on Seventh Street, where it became the Sonoma County Museum.

He assembled the group of donors, dubbed “Henry’s Angels,” who purchased the former Christian Life Center on the northern edge of Santa Rosa along Highway 101 for \$4.5 million cash in a bankruptcy court bidding war in 1981. Today it is the Wells Fargo Center for the Performing Arts, a major entertainment venue.

The angels included Stone, retailer Benny Friedman, developer Hugh Coddington and his wife, Nell, businessman Robert Kerr and Press Democrat publisher Evert Person and his wife, Ruth, all movers and shakers in their own right.

Trione consistently said his proudest achievement was founding Empire College, originally started in the former Bank of America building on Old Courthouse Square. When the bank moved out in 1961, Trione bought the building and immediately gilded the top of the clock tower.

Mary Thurman, who owned an employment agency, suggested that the city needed a new business school, so Trione established it and made Thurman the president. The college prospered, and a law school was added in 1973.

Roy Hurd, president and CEO of Empire College, said that Trione's "vision of giving back to the community" is embedded in the programs of the college's business and law schools, which have produced more than 10,000 graduates. Most of those graduates have gone to work in the county and have collectively earned an estimated \$1 billion, Hurd said.

Trione supported dozens of nonprofit groups, including Social Advocates for Youth, United Way, the Boy Scouts, the Volunteer Center of Sonoma County, Sonoma County Community Foundation, Catholic Charities, the Salvation Army, the 4-H Foundation and Ducks Unlimited. His donations supported Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital, the Green Music Center at Sonoma State University and a fund to buy musical instruments for Sonoma County schools.

He paid to transport the Fortuna High School band to the 50th anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge in 1987, recalling that he marched as a member of the same band during the span's 1937 opening.

Trione is not alone among Sonoma County's wealthy philanthropists, but he is distinct in one regard: His name is not on any of the facilities he financed. "He never sought recognition for anything," Blackman said.

In a 1999 millennium observance by The Press Democrat, Trione was named one of the 50 people who shaped Sonoma County's 20th century. The story said: "He is the spiritual leader of the county's wealthy and well-connected, giving the blessing necessary for the upper crust to get behind a community project, charity or politician."

Former Santa Rosa Bishop Daniel Walsh said he turned to Trione for help shortly after arriving in the scandal-plagued and financially crippled Catholic diocese in 2000. Trione "stepped right up" with

money and advice, Walsh said, and urged others to contribute to a fundraising campaign that stabilized the diocese that covers more than 40 parishes from Petaluma to the Oregon border.

“He is an extraordinary individual,” said Walsh, now a parish priest at St. Anne’s Church in San Francisco, who visited an ailing Trione one month before his death.

A trail ride on a ranch near Yorkville in Mendocino County nearly killed the veteran equestrian at age 69, when Trione’s 1,200-pound horse slipped off a trail and rolled onto him in a creekbed. Trione wound up at Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital with a broken neck, 12 broken ribs and a gash that required 90 stitches and left a permanent scar on his forehead.

Advised of his injuries, Trione’s characteristic humor emerged. “A broken neck, huh?” he said. “That’s probably not gonna help my golf game.”

Mark Trione said that from an early age he and his brother enjoyed a relationship with their father as if they were three brothers. “We called him Henry, not dad,” Mark said, recalling their experiences hunting, traveling and later playing polo together.

Their relationship was based on “love and respect,” Mark said, adding that “irreverence ruled the day. He was the biggest tease in the world.”

As adults, Mark said that he and Victor were schooled in business simply by watching their father in action. “It was like Business 101 from one of the best guys I’ve ever heard about,” Mark said.

Trione met his first wife, Madelyne, when she was a WAVE assigned to be his aide at a Navy base in Alameda at the end of World War II. They married in 1946, and Trione said a half-century later that Madelyne had “been with me every step of the way.”

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She died in 2002.

Trione and his second wife, the former Eileen Ryan, married in 2006.

Survivors, in addition to his wife and sons, are his daughters-in-law Cathy and Karen Trione, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A public celebration of Trione's life will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Wells Fargo Center in Santa Rosa.

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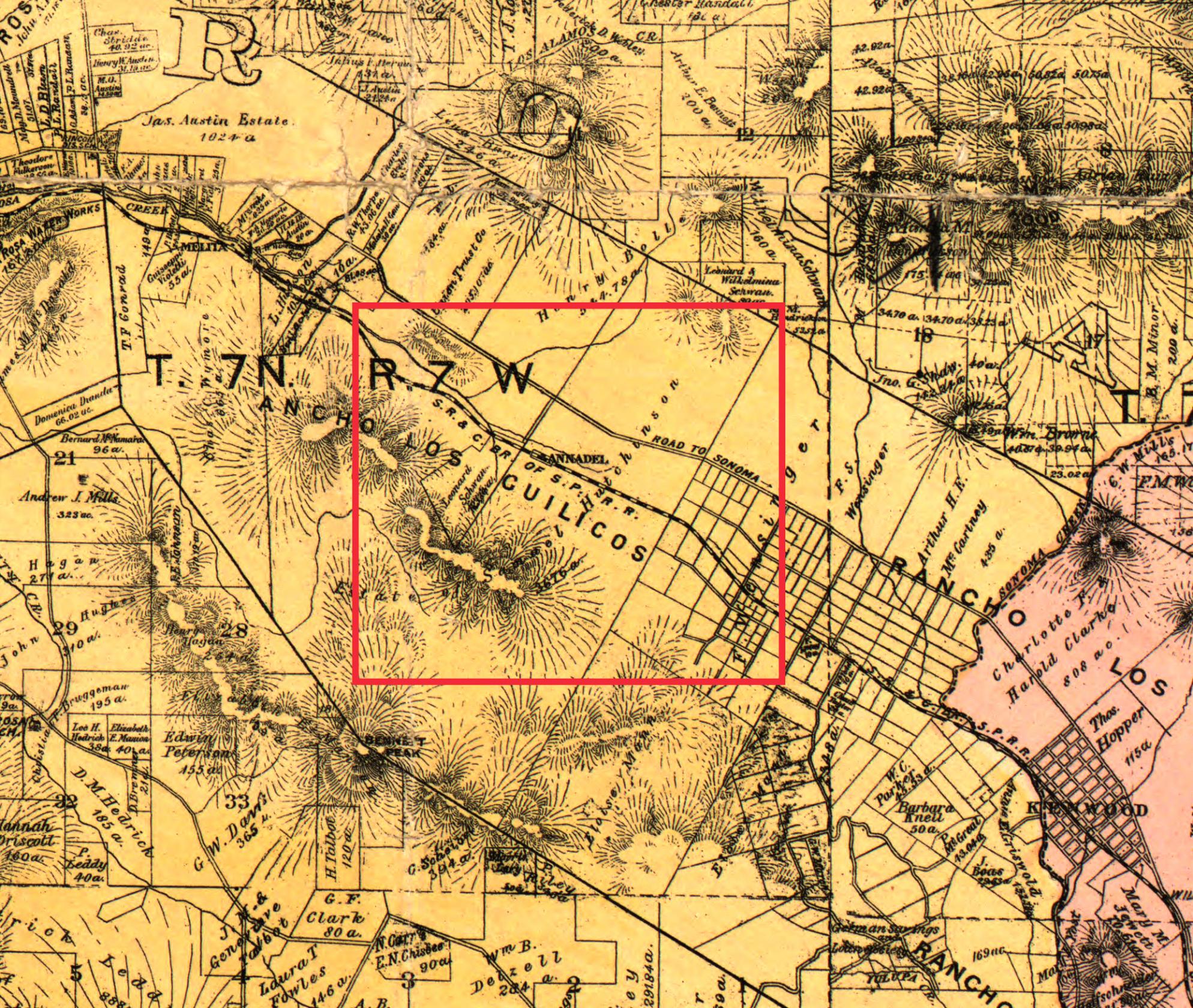
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# ANNADEL

The park that private enterprise built

*by Verna Mays, Editor*

Well, I used to run Annadel Farms as a kind of club. I could sleep 65 there — had a dormitory next to my house, and we'd have these parties with 65 or even 100... for three days."

Joe Coney's memories of Annadel in its heyday conjure up scenes of moneyed pastoral decadence that rival Tarah before the Civil War. "Just like the filthy rich," you might say. And "just like the filthy rich," has been tossed, more or less verbatim, at the man whose contributions of \$450,000 made Annadel a state park — to get a 5,000-acre "backyard for horseback riding and fishing."

That, by any stretch of the imagination, would be an

extravagant gesture. The kind of self-indulgence more conceivable in a nouveau riche oil prince than a Santa Rosa financier. And yet no one has paid more than reluctant lip-service to the motivations of Henry Trione, just as no one recalls the philanthropy of Joe Coney. In many ways, Annadel has been a park for the people for half a century.

And, Annadel is a state park today because people willed it. Truly a product of private enterprise, it is literally "living proof" that people, working as individuals, in groups, and through corporate structures can work financial miracles. The agonizing process of its acquisition into the state park system showed free enterprise working at its upper limits.

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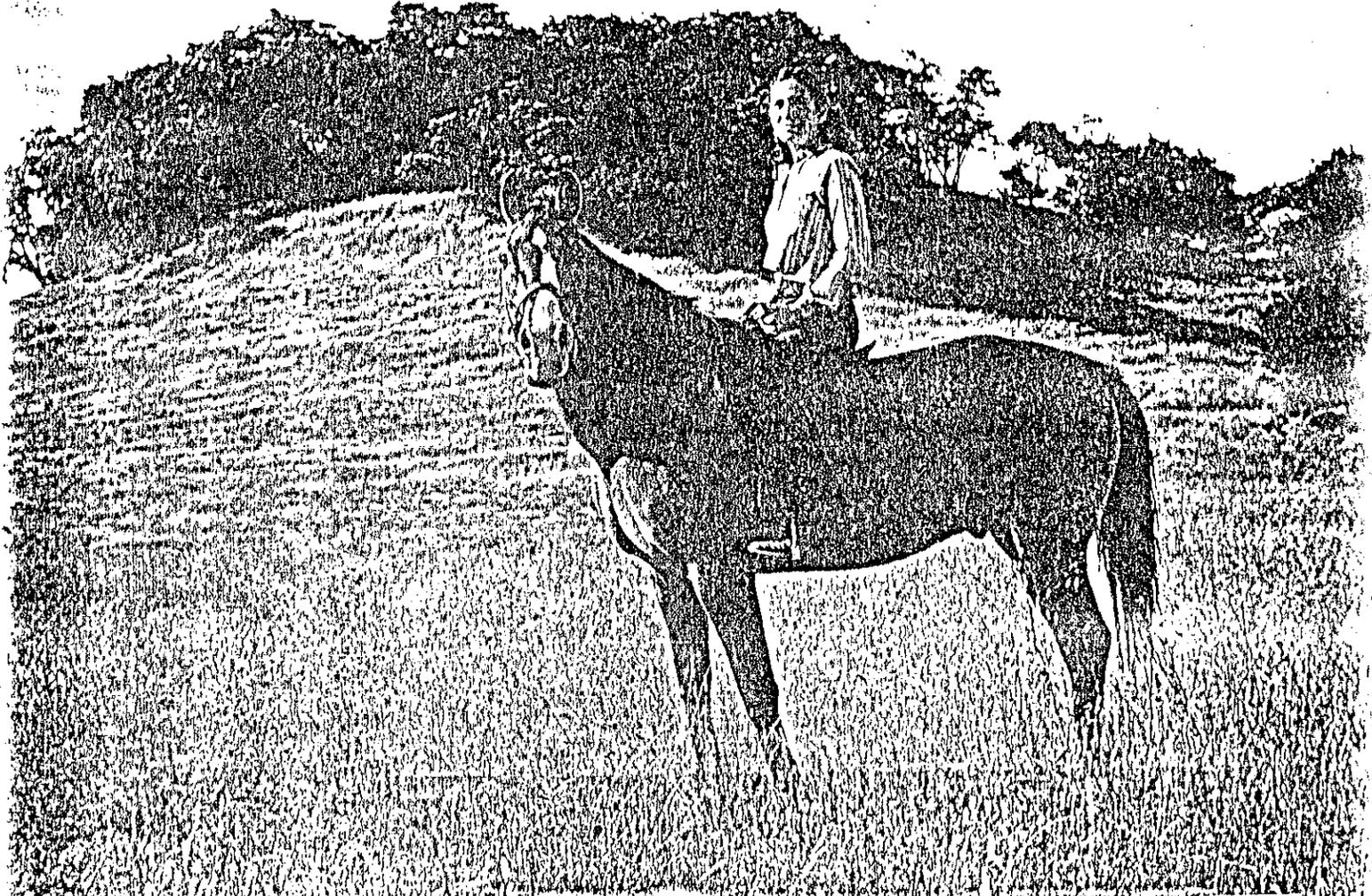
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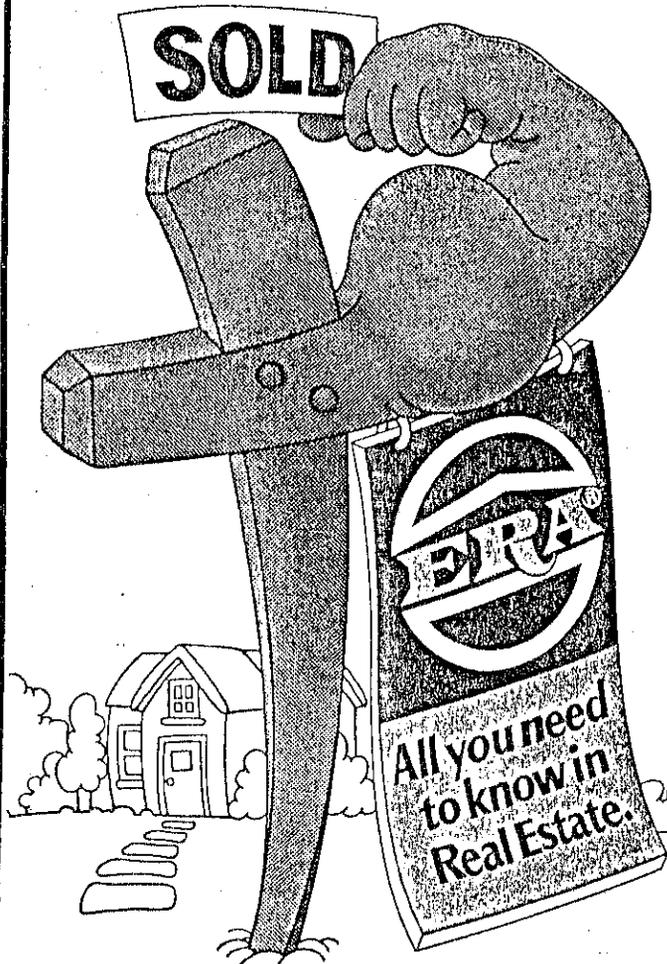
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Annadel's history, however, is far from pure. Fortunes were made and lost on this stretch of Sonoma Mountains, and more than one dream shattered.

## Annadel: The beginnings

It began, of course, with the people — not "owned" but shared and lived on by aboriginals who evolved into two groups, the Southern Pomo and the Wappos.

Before them were only the elements: earth disgorging itself in cataclysmic eruptions, spewing lava across its shuddering surface, and fiery gases to the skies. The result, evident today after more than two million years, is the rich undulating hill country baked to powder and flint — under the fine red soil there is volcanic rock pocketed with gas holes, ashy vitric tuff settled from the atmosphere, and glassy black obsidian formed by rapidly cooled lava.

Like the back of a growth-stunted dinosaur, Annadel stretches its rumpled backbone in the midst of a giant herd — the Sonoma Mountains — Bennett Peak, at 1887 feet elevation, to the south; Hood Mountain, 2,227 feet, to the east, and ex-volcano Mt. St. Helena to the north. Surrounding this herd of gentle giants, the valleys of Bennett and Rincon and the Valley of the Moon bound the present park on three sides.

By the time aborigines reached the area, trees now called Douglas firs, black oaks and redwoods had gained a 20,000-year foothold. Winter rains encouraged grasses, evergreens, manzanita, and the thorny, tangled foot-discouraging complex of shrubs known as chaparral. Adapting to the up and down, steep and flat terrain, the flora arranged itself into oak woodlands, coastal prairies and evergreen forests later complexified still further by human interference.

Hardly interfering at all, the region's Native Americans wandered in small family-linked bands in search of food. More gatherers than hunters, they followed the abundance of acorns, tubers, manzanita berries, ferns, leaves and clover, never settling too far from freshwater streams or creeks. But animal protein was always available, from deer, elk, bear and mountain lion as well as rabbits, squirrels, wood rats, quail, woodpeckers, waterfowl and even grasshoppers. For weapons, the Indians made spears, knives and arrowheads of animal bones, antlers, wood or obsidian.

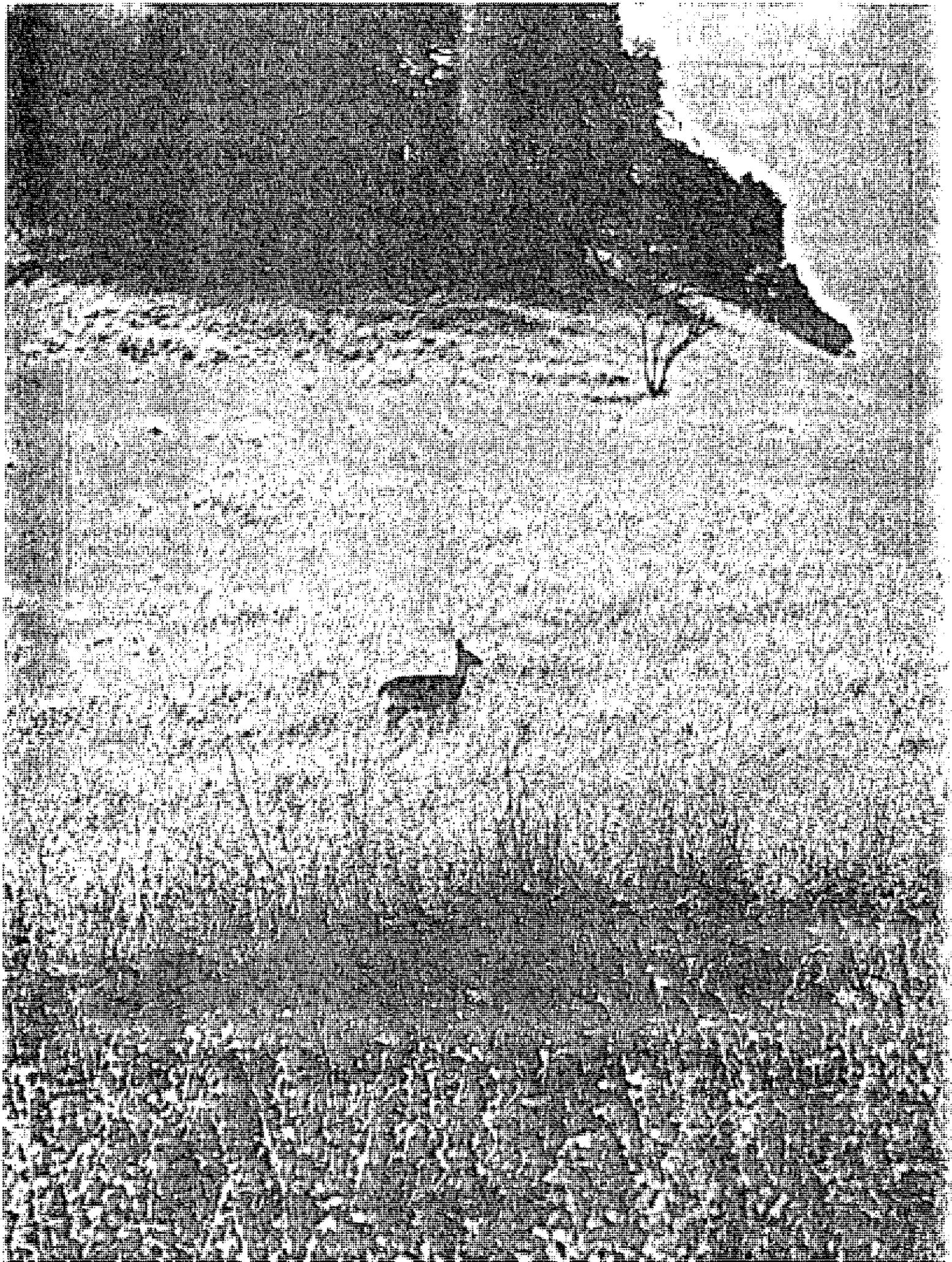
Little inclined toward war, the Pomo and Wappos apparently coexisted and even traded with each other, except where the prized obsidian quarries were concerned. Over these stores of black treasure there was sporadic fighting, with possession changing hands several times, until the Wappos moved on to larger obsidian quarries in present-day Napa County.

Little is left of the Native American presence except an occasional chipped arrowhead and a few esoteric place names. Among them, perhaps, Los Guilucos.

In what may have been the first Spanish contact with the Wappo tribe in 1823, Padre Amoroso visited one of the few Wappo villages, which its citizens called something like "Wilikos." It became "Guilucos" in Spanish, historians theorize, because there is no "w" in the Spanish language.

Mexican Governor Juan B. Alvarado granted the 18,833-acre tract to wealthy sea captain John Wilson in 1837, probably in consideration of his marriage to the widow Maria Ramona Carrillo de Pacheco, whose family ties to Mexico's "ruling class" were strong.

In 1849, just a year before California became a state, Wilson sold Los Guilucos to Scottish gold rusher William Hood and merchant-painter William Pettit, having spent



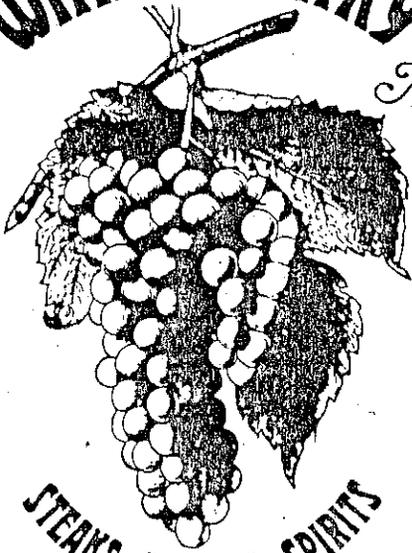


*Ringed with trees or unfolding in waves to distant peaks, prairies sweep through Annadel. A black-tailed deer (left) grazes among multitudes of flowers suffusing the golden grass and brightening the webs of chapparal. Above and clockwise, June finds California buckeye thrusting skyward, Mariposa lilies tucked in the grass, earth reclaiming the strength of a shattered oak, scarlet fritillary seed pods nodding on slender stalks, and mint in fragrant bloom.*



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more time pursuing the lucrative sea otter trade than cultivating his rancho. In 1856 Hood assumed control of the entire estate, only to lose nearly 90 percent of it later, by bits and pieces, to squatters.

But in the meantime Hood turned the huge rancho into a profitable farm, raising fruits, wine grapes and livestock. Los Guillicos (the "u" had become an "i" from a surveyor's error) was, for a period, a true Tarah for the Hoods, with the 29-room mansion Hood built for his young bride the site of lavish parties that would undoubtedly pale Joe Coney's.

By the 1870s, Hood's fortunes had reversed, with a combination of droughts, ravaging insects and a "killing frost" crippling him financially. Aside from the land lost to squatters, he found himself selling off parcels and mortgaging his last 1,800 acres to the San Francisco Savings Society.

Sometime before the 1872 drought which virtually wiped out local cattle ranchers, Hood sold 3,676 acres on the southwest side, and the land passed in 1871 to Samuel J. Hutchinson, an Irish-born immigrant.

During the Hutchinson era, several forces outside the area changed the land's use and development. By the 1880s, the demand for quarry stone to pave San Francisco's streets had encouraged the establishment of huge quarries in the Sonoma Mountains, and the Southern Pacific Railway built a line from Oakland through the Sonoma Valley to Santa Rosa. Northward bound, the trains carried city passengers to resorts. Laden with cobblestones and fruit, the trains headed south again, past stations called Los Guillicos, Annadel and Melita.

Quarrying only increased the availability of prime agricultural land, and fruits — grapes, prunes, apricots, peaches, oranges and nectarines — remained profitable long after the paving stone industry crumbled.

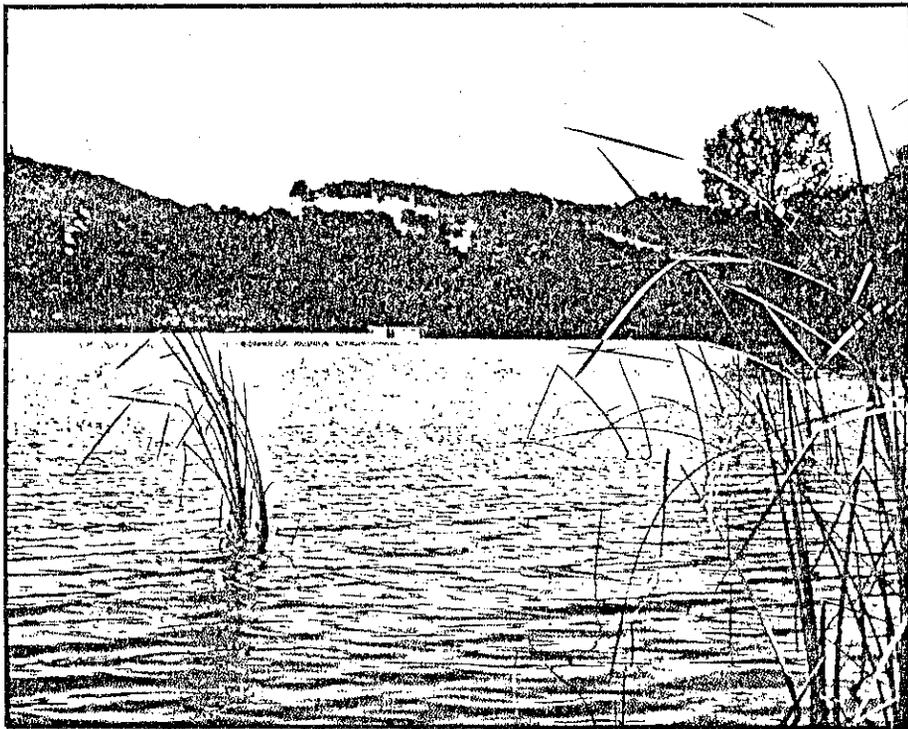
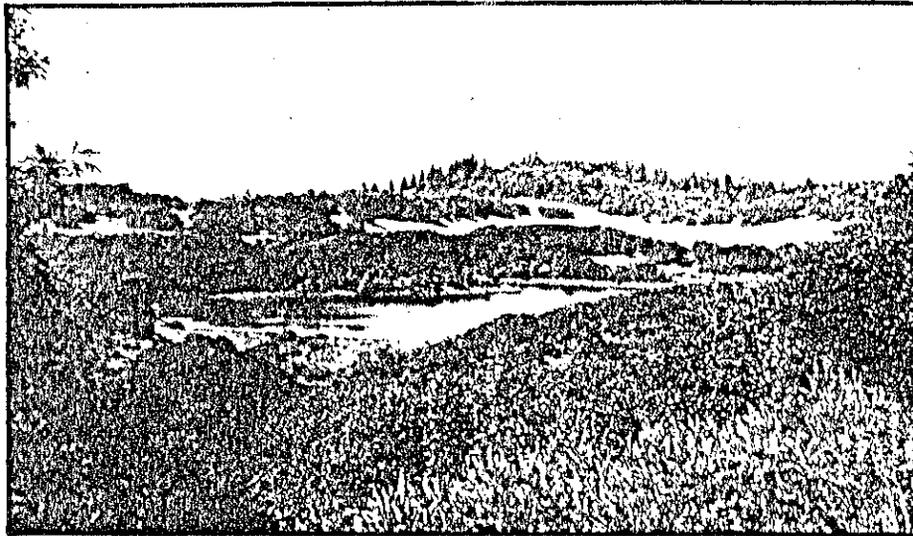
Hutchinson had erected a farmhouse on the valley floor near the midpoint of his land's northern boundary and leased out the ranch's many quarries, known together as "Hutchinson's Quarry," to contractors. Hutchinson himself raised sheep and cattle, introduced hops to the farm, and even built a factory where he made Swiss cheese.

It is, apparently, from the name of Hutchinson's first daughter that "Annadel" derives. "Annie's dell" was the family name for their house and the valley, or dell, in which it sat, and the

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name caught on. Henry Bolle, who had built a winery east of the ranch, named it Annadel Winery and, in 1888, the Southern Pacific station closest to the Hutchinson house became Annadel Station.

After Samuel Hutchinson's death his son Thomas ran the ranch for 17 years, then leased it to a succession of tenants as he became involved in other pursuits. A resident of Santa Rosa, he became one of its most active citizens, serving on the board of Exchange Bank for 20 years and on the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors for four years. As a supervisor, he was largely responsible for the establishment of Fremont Park on Fourth Street, joining with other Santa Rosans to loan money for its construction.

A bachelor, Hutchinson had no children to inherit the ranch, and in the early 1930s let it be known that he was interested in selling it. And that's where Joe Coney came in.

### Annadel: The Coney era

Eighty-five-year-old Joe Coney is the stuff American myths are made of. According to his brother Herb Coney, he began his career as "the youngest naval architect in World War I in charge of destroyer construction."

He went on to build a worldwide fleet of oil tankers, piling up assets for Hillcone Steamship Company, which he founded with Stanley Hiller, Sr., of Hiller Helicopters, that included gold, tungsten and silver mines, more lead and silver deposits, and later, perlite deposits on Annadel Farms. On his own, Coney built a real estate empire that featured 3.5 million acres of glacier-studded, mineral-rich land in the Andes.

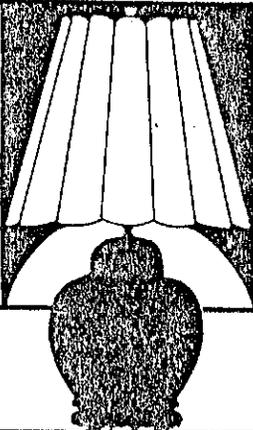
Intellectually ravenous, compulsively ambitious and tough as a pit bull, he forged through life seizing every moment by the teeth. Tremendous fortunes and staggering losses marked his path; devious schemes and grandiose dreams led him on.

Annadel was such a dream. In the late 1920s, hobnobbing with friends Ed Sheldon (owner of Kenwood Farms and oil magnate), Walcott Durbrow (attorney for Southern Pacific Railway) and Rudolph Sprickles (financier, says Coney, of "the graft trials in San Francisco"), he heard that Hutchinson wanted to sell his ranch. At the time Coney was in his 30s and only moderately wealthy.

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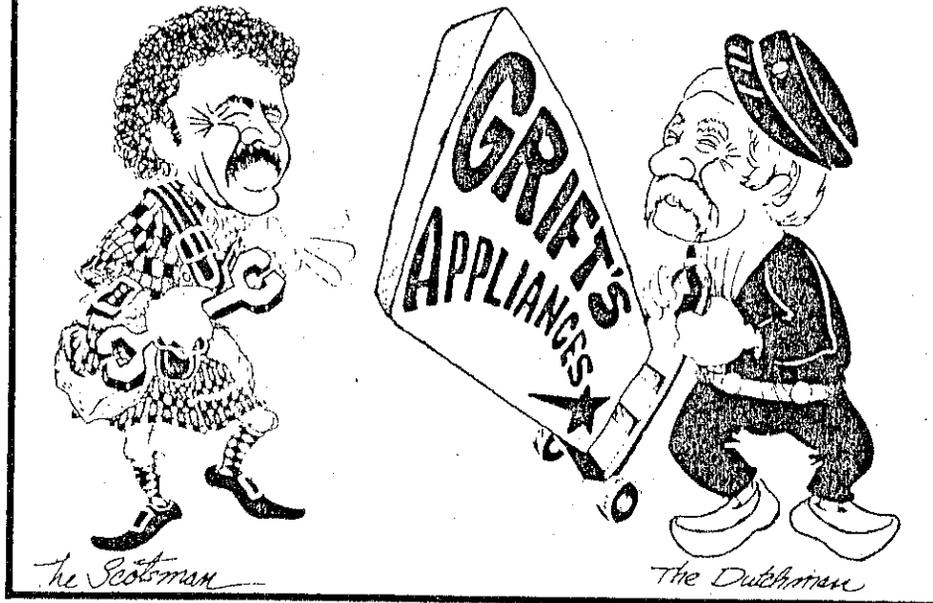
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property, he recalls, "until my tongue was hanging out." After a few hunting trips with Hutchinson, Coney was hooked, but told Hutchinson he couldn't afford the \$177,000 ranch. Hutchinson, however, gave him a generous 10 years to pay, says Coney. "But," he adds, "I began doing well and paid it off in three years."

By the time Coney took over Annadel in 1934 the acreage had dwindled to a mere 3,200. But the ink had hardly dried on the bill of sale when Coney began adding adjacent property: starting with the 640-acre Wymore land, he went on to more ambitious purchases, including the Summerfield property (J. J. Summerfield was Sonoma County's first professional livestock veterinarian, according to John Futini, whose Sonoma State thesis provided much information); the Anderson land and the Carley land, bringing Annadel to 8000 acres.

Coney says he never did find out what Annadel meant, though he must have heard the "Annie's dell" interpretation. But, since Annadel Station was close to the home ranch house, and he liked the name, he adopted it, adding "Farms" because he intended to raise purebred shorthorn cattle there, and most of "the competition" in the Midwest, he'd noted, called themselves "Farms."

Shorthorns were only one of Coney's dreams for Annadel Farms. Dreams which would not necessarily enrich him, but would, he fervently hoped, make him more successful and more famous in field after field.

But the shorthorns came first, followed by black Angus, possibly because his friend Ed Sheldon was already breeding prize-winners. With characteristic certainty, Coney says, "We had the finest herds in the United States." In the same breath he adds, "All of the paving stones from San Francisco came from the ranch" — a born story-teller, Coney frequently sacrifices accuracy to hyperbole.

At any rate, when Coney decided to raise shorthorns he meant business. Starting with a few prize bulls from Scotland, he then bought the entire ranch of the Prince of Wales in Calgary, Canada. This netted him, he recalls, not only a nucleus of prime shorthorn breeding stock, but ranch manager Dr. W. L. Carlyle, "who was a world-famous expert on cattle and horses, and had written two of the articles on those things in the Encyclopaedia Britannica, had been the dean of agriculture at Illinois, Minnesota and Toronto; so therefore it was quite a feather in my cap."



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In addition, he says, "I got a bunch of purebred draft horses, six Clydesdales and four Percherons. These had been presents to the Prince of Wales. They were prize animals from France and England. The horses were so well trained," he adds seriously, "that when they grazed, they grazed in pairs."

Suddenly, Coney developed an interest in draft horses. "I built a horse barn," he explains, "and got a lot of horse-drawn farming tools, as old Dr. Carlyle claimed that it was better farming to do it on a small farm by horses than by tractor...But after building the barns and taking care of the horses, I decided that he didn't know what he was talking about."

Besides the draft horses, Coney owned a stable of close to 70 horses — thoroughbreds, standardbreds, polo ponies, quarter horses and Morgans. His interest in them wavered from ecstatic to disenchanted, and over the years he apparently gave away more than he sold.

Hutchinson had put hops in, and Coney expanded the yard from 20 to 100 acres, with trellises, he says, rising 20 feet in the air, and rebuilt the great stone hop kilns. He even built a special press, he adds, which would compress the hops into "export bales" to be shipped to Germany and Australia.

By the time he'd finished, Coney was an expert on hop raising. Unfortunately, Uncle Sam brought his booming business to a halt with year-to-year regulation of how much each grower could sell.

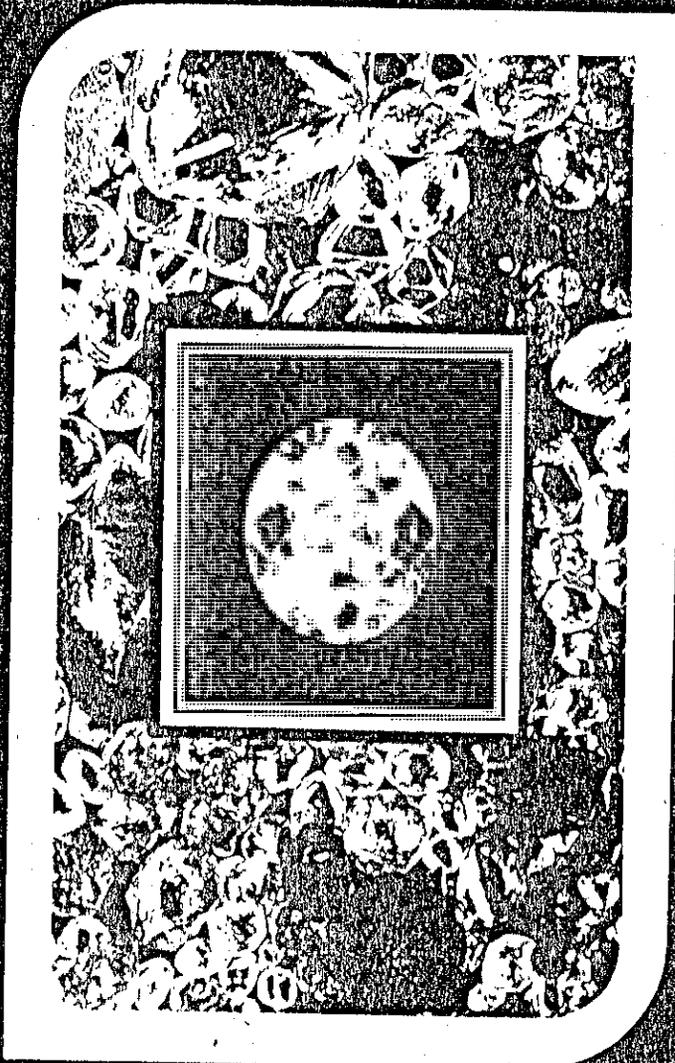
Then there was perlite, a rare type of obsidian which Coney discovered in outcroppings of rhyolite in Frey Canyon. The kind occurring at Annadel proved stable at temperatures as high as 2,200 degrees Fahrenheit.

Coney wasn't an engineer for nothing. Besides the insulating properties of all perlite, which his variety possessed to a marked degree, he found out through research in his own laboratory that this particular perlite could be used as a lightweight construction aggregate.

In fact, according to a 1950 report in the *California Journal of Mines and Geology*, "Coney would have a monopoly in the construction business once full-scale production got underway."

Alas, it was not to be. After erecting an experimental plant to make building blocks and wallboard, Herb Coney says, the U.S. Government foiled Joe Coney again. "During the war," Herb says, "the United States had seized the patent rights for processing perlite

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from Germany. After the war, the Germans asked for the patent rights back. JFK and Robert Kennedy made up the papers, which neglected to stipulate that people already using the patents would be protected against lawsuits. So the Germans got an injunction against Schundler" — the man with whom Coney had contracted to provide perlite for a manufacturing plant in Michigan. Coney was out of business.

Today, of course, Annadel's enormous deposits of perlite are protected by park status.

Herb Coney describes another, related process sponsored by his brother — a "new" way to make cement. "Charlie Schifferle, a chemist at the ranch," Herb Coney recalls, "was working in an experimental lab on a way of making cement without calcining (heating) it. The late Dr. Davis, one of the world's big cement experts — he was a consultant for the Aswan Dam, for example — was at U.C.-Berkeley. He came up to the ranch for experiments. But it was a long trip, so we moved the lab to Berkeley."

Herb, who managed the ranch for his brother for many years, is also an engineer, and he maintains that the "Coney Process," which makes cement

out of fly ash and other substances, is the best way in the world to make cement, relying on the same methods the Romans used to construct the Appian Way and the Colosseum. While the complete method is somewhat of a "lost art," and engineers are grappling with the problem of continuous flow, Joe Coney is still heavily involved in perfecting it.

Joe Coney may rail at the injustices visited upon his far-flung projects (which even include a \$1 million loss he took in 1936 on a fishing concession for all of Newfoundland and Labrador which, he contends, "Franklin D. Roosevelt loused up after we had 100 fishing boats, three plants, and thousands and thousands of tons of fish coming in," by declaring the Gulf of St. Lawrence a belligerent zone. And then there were those 3.5 million acres, most of which the Argentine government forced him to sell (and now he may buy 500,000 acres back).

But Annadel was, beyond all financial schemes, a grand landscape on which he could stage his fantasies. He even created an exotic bird farm with "thousands and thousands and thousands" of ringneck, golden, silver, black, Chinese pheasants, mountain quail, Indian chucker. "Never was able to shoot any of 'em," he laughs,

"because I was raisin' these birds for the benefit of the weasels, the foxes, the coons." And he had peacocks, which also fell prey to predators, while the peahens, able to find safety in the trees, made such a noise that Coney picked them off with a 22. "Every Sunday we'd have a roast peacock, figuring that the Chinese empress used to use 'em...it was pretty good, I'll tell you."

And there was his dream house, designed by Coney according to naval specifications, with reinforced concrete, brass and copper piping, ship conduit outlets, slate roof, air conditioning — a house, he says, "that would last for a thousand years." He even made a cardboard model of every room, and arranged the placement of windows and furniture with an interior decorator. It called for a gymnasium, a shooting gallery, and an indoor swimming pool. For Sonoma County in 1936, it was some house.

It never got built, and Coney still brings out the plans, tucked safely away in his office, to show visitors. "Mrs. Coney was strictly against it," he relates sadly. She worried they couldn't find enough servants for it. That's when he got the Newfoundland fishery idea.

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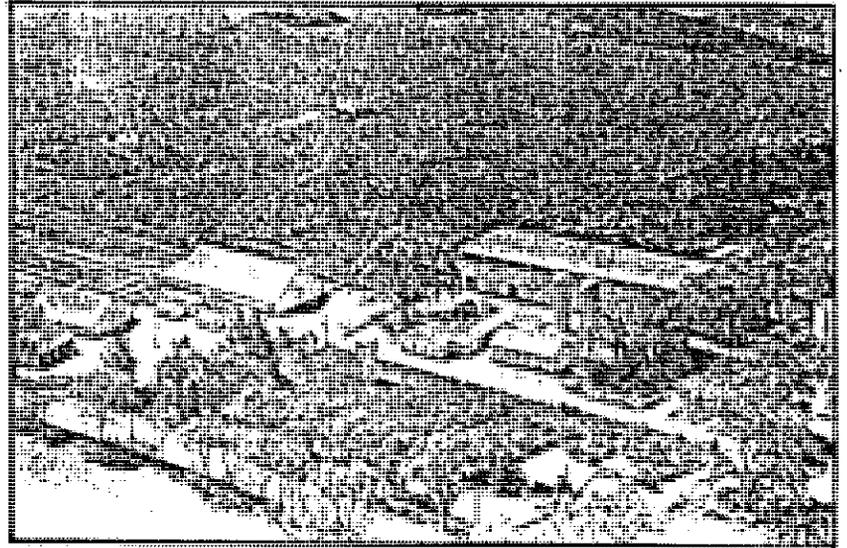


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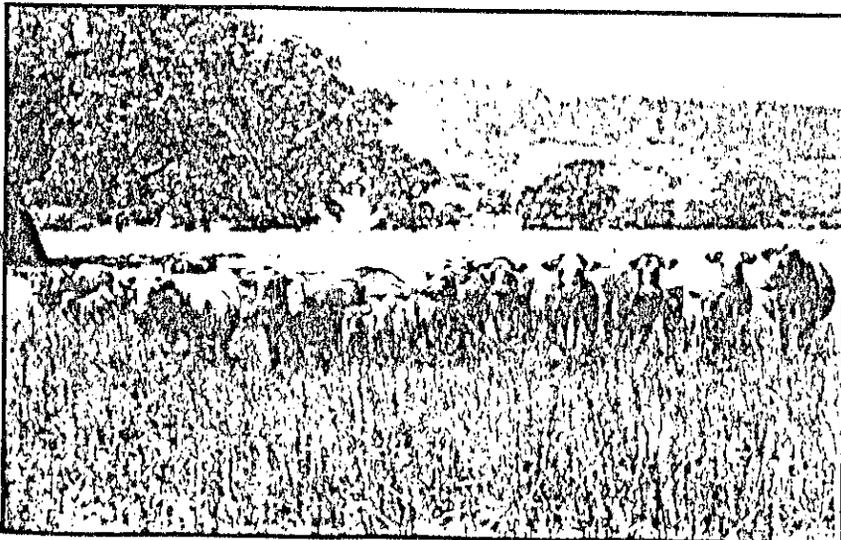
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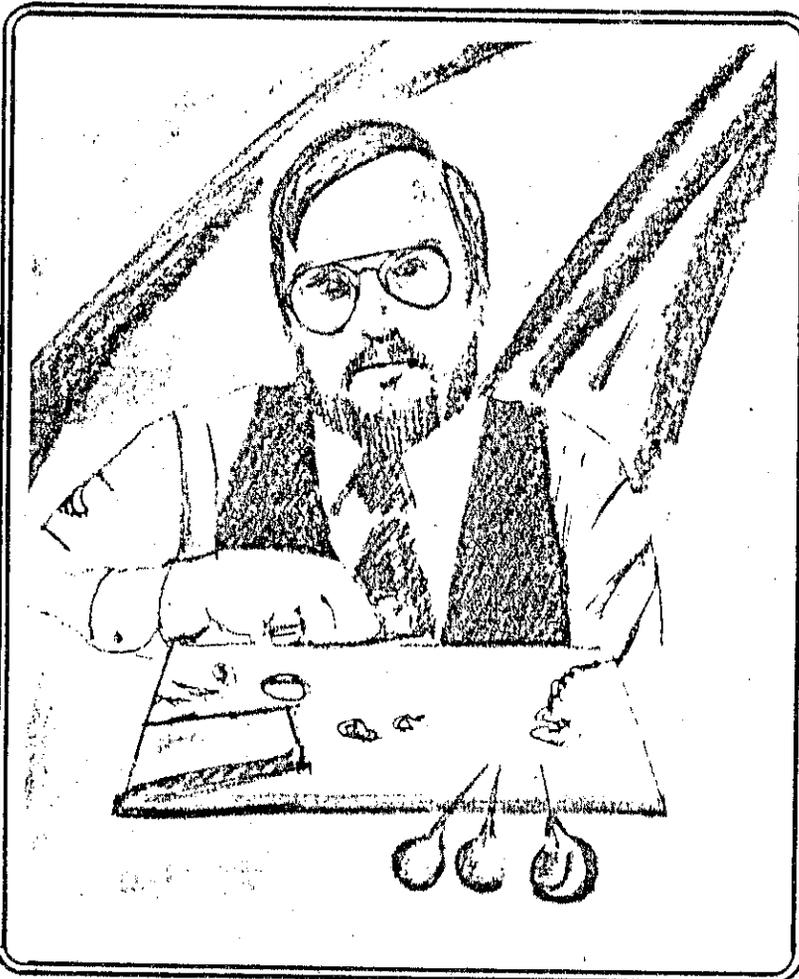
## The Coney era



Photographs courtesy of J. J. Coney

At Annadel, Joe Coney turned the home ranch into a sophisticated complex of buildings (above) worth today, he says, "about \$1.5 million." Besides hops, fruit crops, exotic birds, perlite and a revolutionary cement process, he kept prize-winning shorthorns (lower left) and black Angus cattle, and horses such as Badger (upper left), a racing quarter horse from the King Ranch in Texas, on his 8000-acre empire. For Coney and wife Ilsa (in dress, far left), life was richer for being shared with everyone from the Boy Scouts to hundreds of friends entertained at lavish parties. Coney himself (shown seated, with Dr. Walker Lane, center, and in other photos) lived out his fantasies at Annadel, though he made his fortunes around the world.



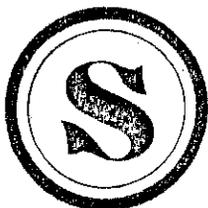


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were few figures powerful enough to get in the way of a Coney idea. He didn't get his house, but he did get his own private road into Santa Rosa. "I bought the railroad right of way from Southern Pacific," he says matter-of-factly. "It's now the lining of Montgomery Drive, you see. But there was one piece of land that I couldn't buy, just beyond Melita Station. I told 'em (the County), 'I'll give you equal access to the road,' and I finally deeded it to the County from Melita Station onward; if they in turn would condemn this guy's place, which they did." Brother Herb, however, recalls that Coney deeded the land because he didn't want to pay taxes on it.

That, however, is just one side of Joe Coney, the man who couldn't stand to be bested. "No," he admits, "the ranch wasn't what I made my money off of. I had steamship companies, I had seven gold dredges, I had oil refineries, I had many, many businesses, and they were all making millions of dollars."

At Annadel he did his best to enjoy those millions, entertaining fellow millionaires on hunting trips and three-day house parties, plotting with perlite and show horses, and opening the ranch to anyone and everyone who could, like him, enjoy its bounty.

Joe notes, "I kept it the same as a park." There were Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts camping, the Army and the Marines on maneuvers, the FBI and the California Highway Patrol with pistol ranges, dog clubs training their dogs, a national retriever competition. "The greatest thing," says Herb, "was when the blind Scouts came from Berkeley, to discover what it's like to take care of yourself outdoors. They would all hold onto a string held by a sighted scout and head out." The brothers stocked Lake Isanajo (built by Coney in 1953 and named for him and his wife, Ilsa) with bluegill and black bass so that people, especially the elderly, could fish there. Joe even planned to build an amphitheater on the ranch for the Boy Scouts. All free of charge.

### Annadel: The end of an era

Then taxes, Herb explains, "went up 700 percent" — enough of a blow to make Coney consider selling his dream landscape. Assessors were rating land according to highest possible use, and for Annadel that was subdivision. (Taxes on Annadel when Coney first bought it, he recalls, were \$8,000.)

But clearly, Coney was torn — burned up at the exorbitant tax rate, but loathe to give up the ranch. So at

first, he sold a little. About 12,200 acres on the northwest side next to Highway 12 were the first to go; Fairfield Homes, Inc., purchased them in 1963 and built Oakmont. (Several years earlier he had sold a smaller parcel, the original Anderson addition.) Now about 5,100 acres of Annadel remained.

By 1965, Coney was seriously considering the idea of building his own subdivision in the center of Annadel, with a golf course near Lake Ilsanjo. Covering about 2,500 acres, the plan called for 4,100 units similar to those in Oakmont.

But soon after that he offered the entire 5,100 acres for sale, citing the preliminary maps and approvals, along with Annadel's many natural charms, in a 30-page spiral-bound brochure complete with photographs and maps. "Price and terms: Negotiable." To cover taxes and other expenses on what was an extravagance even for the multi-millionaire, Coney had taken an \$875,000 mortgage, and the first payment would soon be due.

Then, while he negotiated on several fronts for a sale, he took a first deed of trust on the property from the Henry Phillips Mortgage Company, forestalling the mortgage payment.

He had, it seems, three main chances to sell Annadel. One involved a trade for a shopping center in San Joaquin County in early 1968 and another was sale of all but the 400-acre "home ranch" to the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) — for a state park. But the DPR was reluctant to touch it because of the mortgage and deed of trust clouding its ownership. Or he could sell to a private developer.

At the same time, Coney's hips were failing him. According to Futini, he'd put the property in the hands of real estate agent Alma Miller, who in turn left the brochure with investor Wayne Valley, an owner of the Oakland Raiders. The prospects of developing the land appealed to Valley. (Valley himself insists he can't recall wanting to purchase Annadel and refuses to be quoted.)

So why didn't Coney sell Annadel to Valley? He did let Valley purchase a \$500,000 option to buy (which Valley calls a loan to Coney) and Coney contends he even agreed to sell the land to Valley for \$5 million.

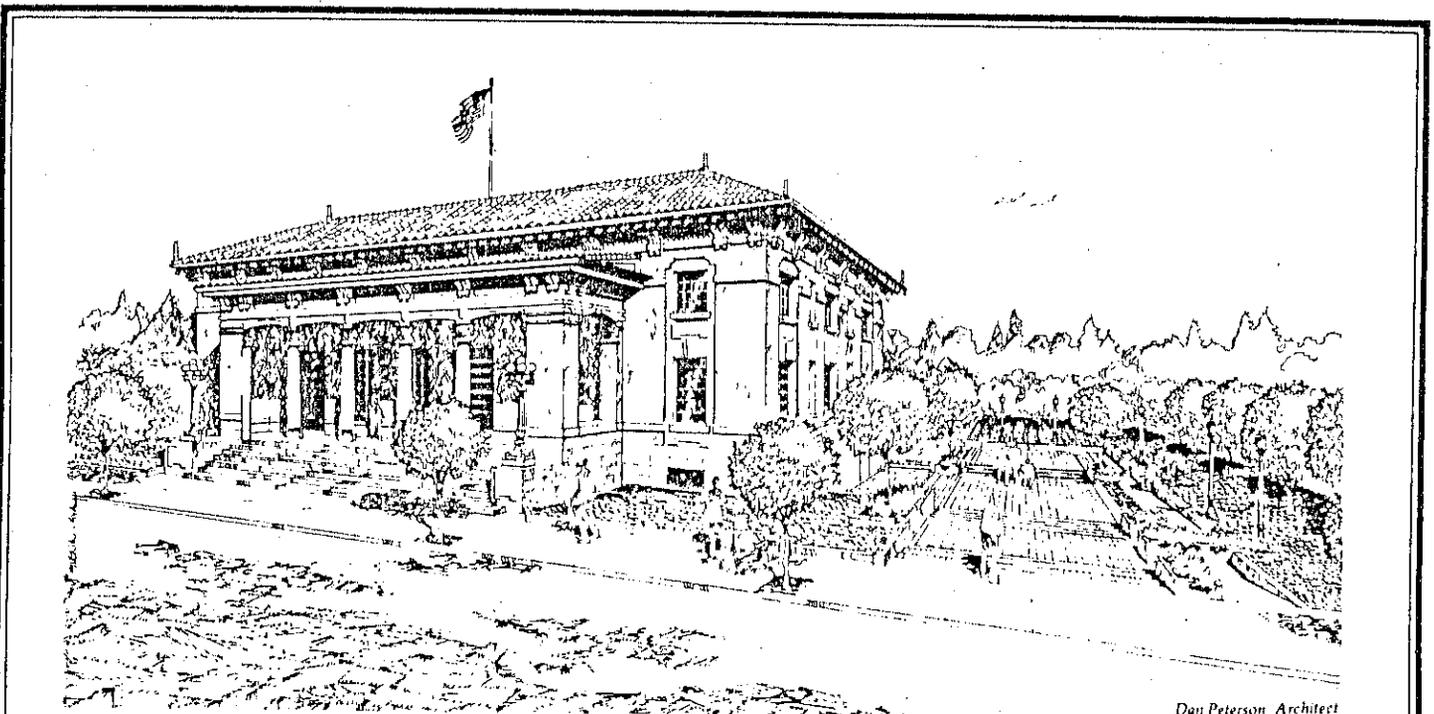
According to Coney, he could have paid that mortgage, and in fact entrusted a group of attorneys to make proper arrangements — Coney being forced to undergo surgery on his hips. "It was during this time that these

lawyers got the damn thing mixed up. The guy that had the thing financed, to take up the mortgage, went south and didn't do the job, and so the thing was lost before it closed, when I was in the hospital. So I lost maybe \$5 million — \$5 or \$6 million. And so Henry Trione," he concludes in an extravagant jump, "fell heir for a few hundred thousand dollars to something that's worth a couple of million now."

Coney lost, of course, not to Trione, but to Valley. At that time Valley owned Lakeworld Development Corporation, through which he'd hoped to develop the property. In rapid succession, the Henry Phillips Company sold out to Bresmer Properties, Inc. of New York State, and Lakeworld bought Bresmer. In 1969, Valley (Lakeworld) foreclosed on Coney.

Futini reports on an interview with Alma Miller that points out why Valley was so determined to get Annadel. Says Futini:

"Valley discovered the details of Miller's research on the potential value of the land when an agent of Miller's unsuspectingly showed Annadel to an agent of Lakeworld Corporation, one of Valley's many holdings. About a half-dozen written reports furnished from Miller's original work on An-



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Annadel's value as a perlite production center, a state park site, a housing subdivision site, and exchange potential in property trade-offs, fell into Valley's 'lap,' when her agent gave the Lakeworld representative this information as part of the demonstration procedure. Thus, claimed Miller, Valley, and later Singer Housing Company (of Singer Sewing Machine Company) which took over Lakeworld in a merger, had much of the information available to begin serious negotiations with the state to sell the land for park purposes."

Futini reports, as well, that Miller "asserted she should have been considered the 'procuring cause' in the attempt to have Annadel become a state park" because of the groundwork she did; in other words, that she wanted a share of the credit.

At any rate, Valley's apparent coup in seizing Annadel fell flat on its face when he failed to get subdivision approval. His design was impressive: 4,721 homes on 3,238 acres for 15,000 to 20,000 residents, 1,472 acres of recreational and open space, three lakes with beaches and boating, an equestrian ring, two sewage treatment plants, water supplied from the aqueduct, shopping and services included. The value in 1969 was estimated at \$160 million, and the project's costs estimated at \$50 million. It was to be called Santa Rosa Lakes.

Susan Lewis and Marc Richardson, who prepared a Sonoma State paper on Annadel, write that local ordinances at the time required all electricity for new projects to be transmitted via underground cables. Lakeworld, they say, insisted on using cables for only 35 percent, and poles for the remaining 65 percent. "The City Council was divided over this problem," they note, and "gave Lakeworld a five-day option to amend their ways."

According to Lewis and Richardson, Lakeworld failed to pick up the option without explanation, except for the implication that "they were a bit huffy over the Council's refusal to compromise with them."

It hardly seems likely that a developer would sacrifice a \$160 million project over a "huff," but Valley again insists he can't recall the reason.

### Annadel: New beginnings

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Blackman became interested in the idea of a state park, partly due to the reported urgings of high school student Margaret Coulter, who trekked through the area as a Girl Scout and shared her views with the *Press Democrat*.

Trione was a friend of Joe Long, president of the about-to-be-formed California State Parks Foundation. His reasons for committing himself to the park goal were complex (see page 63). By 1976 he was calling the Santa Rosa Lakes project "a real garish type of development. The City fortunately stopped it because — they just made demands that did not encourage it."

Trione was himself a friend of Wayne Valley, and eventually purchased the 400-acre home ranch from the Singer Corporation for about \$400,000, then deeded it to his sons Mark and Victor. It is now the Wild Oaks Saddle Club.

Trione and Blackman encouraged the DPR to reconsider buying the remaining acreage for a state park.

Money, of course, was the problem. And because there were projects such as Annadel that promised potential, a voluntary nonprofit organization was formed in 1969 — the California State Parks Foundation (SPF) — to raise funds and even hold options on park sites. Both the chicken and the egg, Annadel was chosen as the SPF's first project.

Trione's explanation of how Annadel was secured as a park is deceptively simple. "I was able to purchase — option the land from the owner (Valley) who had bought it from Mr. Coney, for around \$5 million. Then we approached the California State Park Foundation...They assisted us in applying to the state for matching funds which the state gets from...the (U.S.) Bureau of the Interior. The state agreed they would put up half of the \$5 million, and the remainder we would get from public subscription and public donations.

"So," Trione concludes, "my family and the Trione Foundation made initially a contribution of some \$300,000. We took four pieces out of the fringes of the original parcel and split them off and sold them to get enough money to meet the \$2 to \$2.5 million of the state's matching funds, and we were able to do it."

The actual process took years to complete and a total of \$450,596 in Trione "donations" — outright gifts and unrepaid loans to the SPF.

The idea of selling off fringe parcels was a natural for Annadel, but has not, said Mott in an interview with Lewis and Richardson, been done since by the SPF. "But just by the contour of the land," said Mott, "they didn't disturb the integrity of the park." He went on to explain that the SPF chose Annadel to try its wings on because not only was the site ideal for a park, but "it was a practical project because Mr. Trione was interested in it and was able to be the principal donor."

### **Annadel: Back to the people**

Ironically, Henry Trione could not attend the park's long-awaited dedication in May, 1976. It is likely, however, that his "conflicting appointment" conveniently saved him from a situation he abhors: standing in the limelight.

In many ways, Annadel is carrying on in the grand old tradition of Joe Coney. Minus, of course, the shooting parties. (Parties of a more jovial nature are held with some frequency at Wild Oaks, Coney's former home ranch.)

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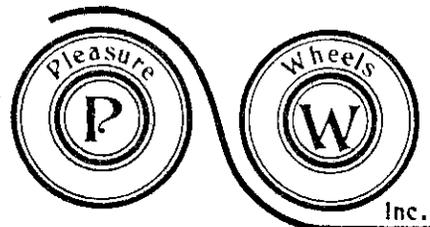
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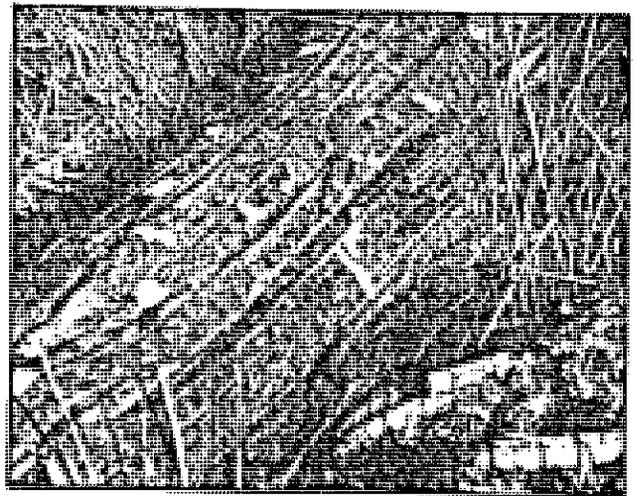
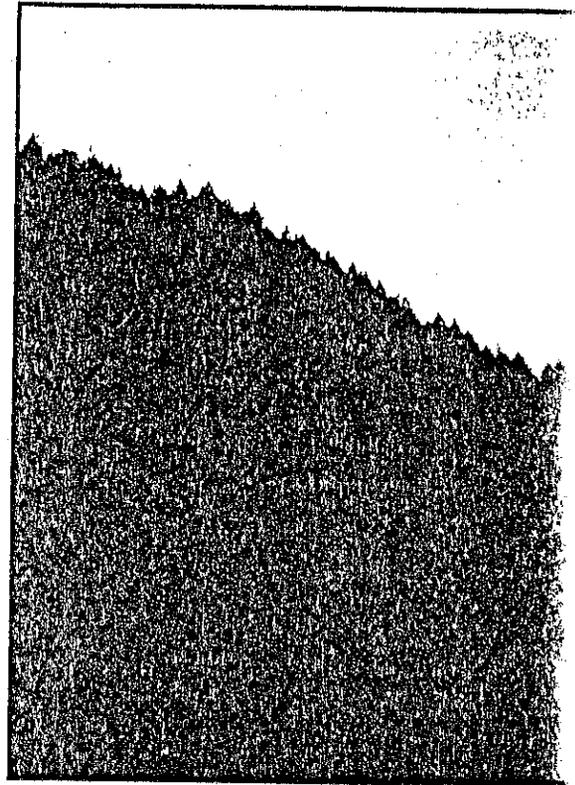
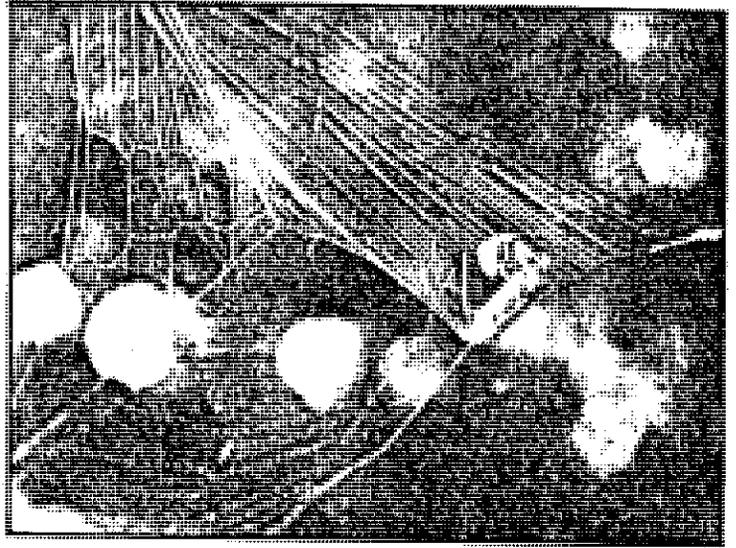
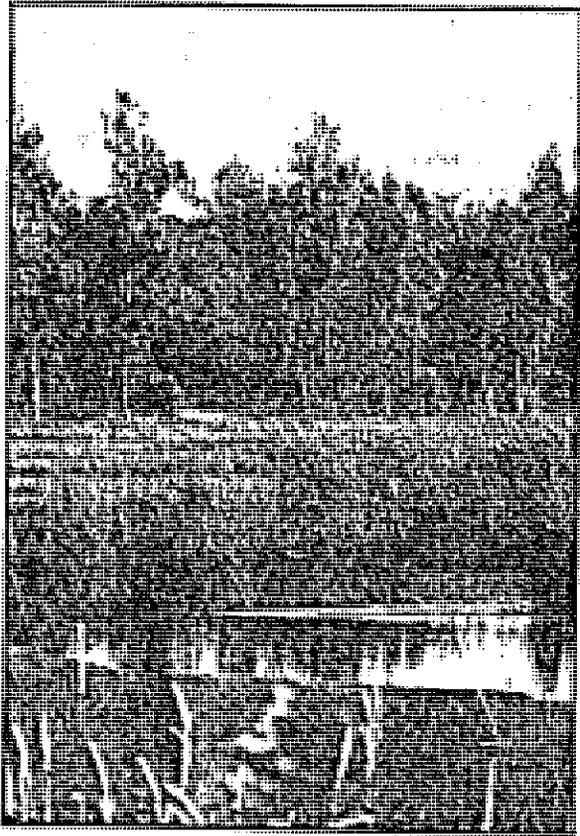
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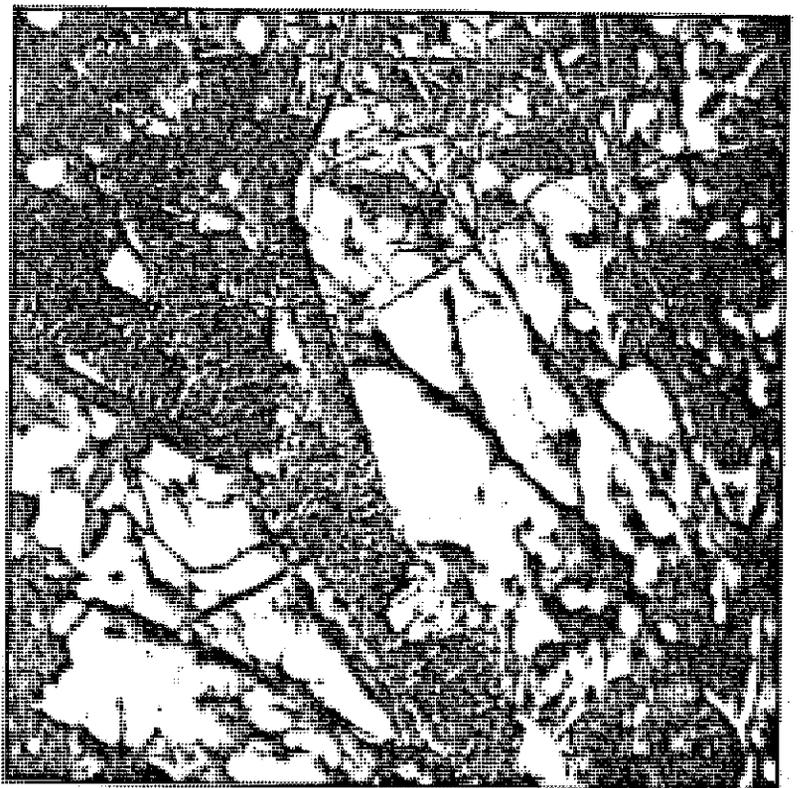
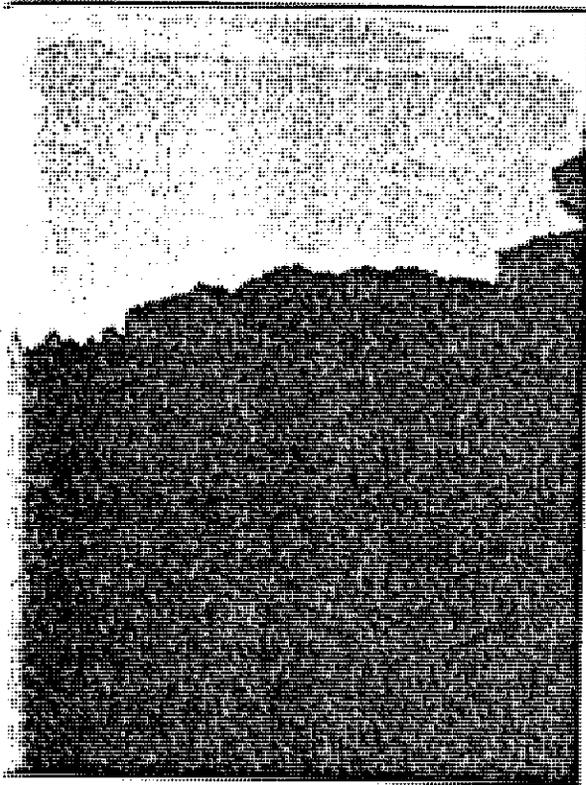
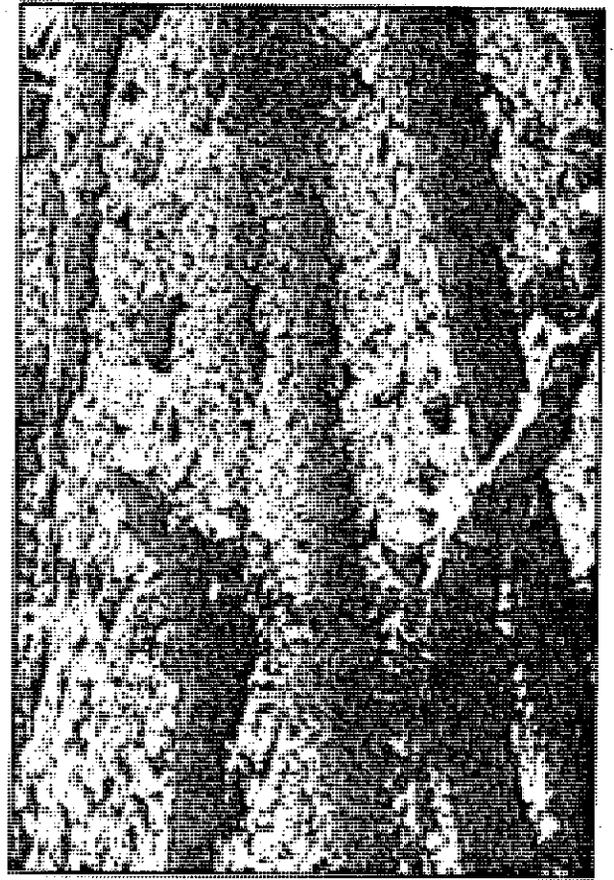
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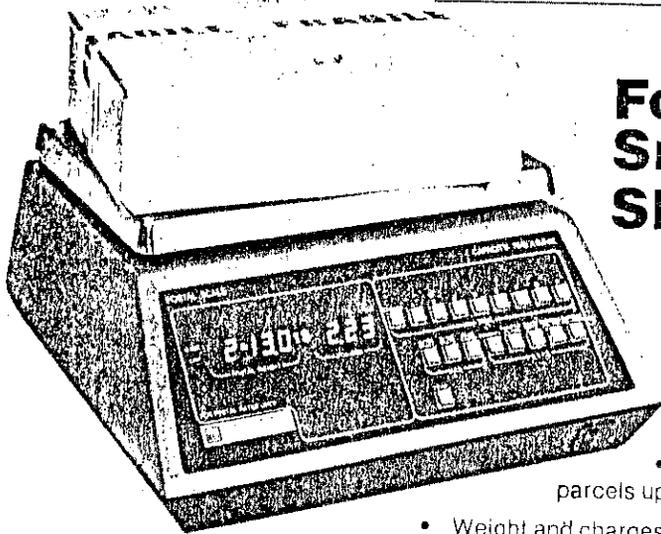
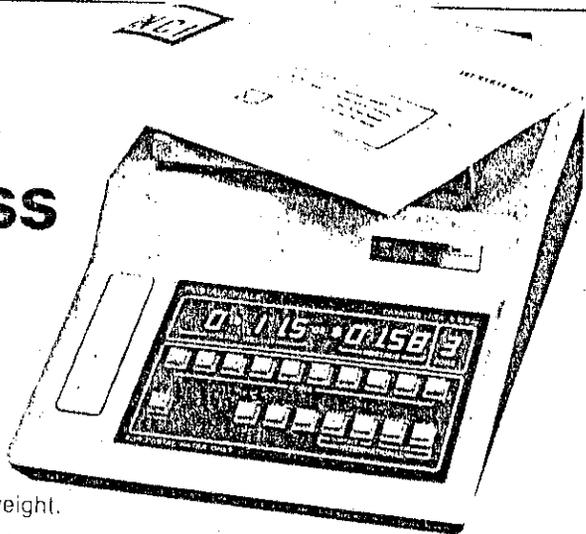
The interplay of texture, form and light break Annadel's grand design into patterned fragments. Left and clockwise, a western fence lizard straddles the parallel lines of a weathered log. On June 28, the first fire started within Annadel in park history etched a black half-acre near the lake. At Ledson Marsh, a coot draws a graceful V through the glassy water. Hard at work, an orb-weaver wraps a hapless moth in its lethally crafted web. The setting sun drops a gauzy veil over Ledson Marsh as a red-winged blackbird taunts the night with metal-bright notes. Branches and ancient scars cast dramatic designs on the face of a Douglas fir snag. And the bark of a young madrone peels into a dizzying maze of curls. At day's end, Two Quarry Trail (center) leads home.

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But an hour after sundown the park returns to its original owners: flowers as common as the chaparral pea, its pink blossoms massed between warlike thorns, and as rare as the white fritillary, whose few hundred spring blooms represent one fifth of the world's population, or a navarretia so rare that even Krumbain hasn't actually seen one at Annadel; trees as old and austere as the redwoods, as fanciful as the twisted live oaks, as new as the eucalyptus planted by some misdirected furniture manufacturer and then abandoned.

Annadel protects wildlife as common as the blacktail deer eating themselves out of park and county, surprising hikers at turns of a path before bounding into the trees; wildlife as strange and furtive as the feral pigs lurking near Ledson Marsh at twilight. Annadel's many habitats support nearly every wild species native to Sonoma County. And, just five or six miles east of downtown Santa Rosa, they're as safe as they might be in the Yukon. Safer.

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In 1971, after the California Department of Parks and Recreation gave Annadel an appraisal of \$4,150,000, the U.S. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation (part of the U.S. Department of the Interior) agreed to supply \$2,050,000 in matching funds if an equal amount could be raised by the end of 1971. In June, at Trione's suggestion, a Citizen's Committee was formed to raise funds, with Alan Milner (then of Bertram & Milner Advertising) as chairman and members Brad Lundborg, Robert Kerr, Wayne Ancell, Nancy Henshaw, and Jack Reyerson, all prominent Santa Rosa citizens with a history of civic involvement.

As early as December, 1970, however, Trione had begun pumping money into the SPF for Annadel's purchase, with a donation, according to a memo to Trione from Neil Flood, his accountant in charge of the negotiations (memo dated December 1974), of 500 shares of Masonite valued at \$25,424.53. (Many of Trione's donations were in the form of stock which the Foundation then sold.) Other separate donations noted by Flood between December 1970 and December 1972 were 1,500 shares of Masonite worth \$84,990.74; 1,000 shares of Imperial (Savings and Loan) worth \$13,489.72; 2,267 shares of Masonite worth \$139,967.04; checks in the amounts of \$11,967.89 and \$13,812.50, and 3,400 more shares of Wells Fargo worth \$99,434.71. With another \$8,000 paid for surveying and miscellaneous work on the property, this brought the Trione Foundation's outright donations up to nearly \$400,000.

While the Citizen's Committee was busy raising funds from other sources, however, the Singer Corporation could not be expected to sit on idle property. So Trione, along with his wife Madelyne, personally guaranteed a deed of trust from Imperial Savings and Loan Association of the North and Great Western Savings and Loan Association at Santa Rosa for \$650,000, paid to the SPF to secure Annadel. Under the terms of the agreement, money from public donations would first be used to repay the loans; additional funds as needed would come from the sale of fringe parcels 1, 3, 4 and 6; that Trione could, on demand, require that these parcels be sold to reimburse him; but that after five years, the Foundation would not be held responsible for any remaining monies unpaid, and that Trione's unreimbursed monies would be considered "a donation." These monies included, in addition to the principals of the loans, interest and carrying charges paid by Trione.

Not long after, Trione signed a second deed of trust — a personal loan from the Bank of America — for \$572,047.81, which also went to the SPF, and also used the four parcels as security, along with a separate loan of \$10,000 through the BofA. It was understood, in the agreement, that the SPF would also repay as much of this money as possible, and that the remainder would be considered a donation.

So, at the closing of escrow, in December 1971, the SPF owed Trione (and the Trione Foundation) more than \$1 million.

Money filtered back through the SPF to Trione and the banks slowly. By August 1971, the Friends of Annadel (a group formed to assist the Citizen's Committee in fund-raising) had garnered \$16,000. The Singer Corporation had been persuaded, probably by Trione, to donate \$25,000. In September 1971 the Madrone Chapter of the Audubon Society contributed \$300.

Parcel 1, the "Northwest Parcel," of 265 acres was deeded to the state by the SPF in 1973 thanks to a donation of Santa Rosa surplus Farmer's Lane property valued at \$173,343,

## Creates a Park

plus \$27,000 the City added for a sewer — under the condition that part of Melita Road included in Parcel 1 be used as the prime access to the park. So Annadel increased by 265 acres, and Trione accepted the city property in lieu of his rights to the parcel.

In addition, state funding supplied \$258,500 to the SPF for the parcel. Of the combined monies, \$245,000 went to pay the Imperial debt, and \$234,000 went toward the Bank of America debt.

In the same year the 161-acre Parcel 5, the Southwest Parcel, was added to the park. To accomplish this, the state paid \$80,500. The parcel was encumbered for \$110,000 on the Imperial loan and about \$105,000 on the Bank of America loan (usually referred to as the "Trione loan" since it was in effect a personal loan to Trione). To make up the remaining \$135,000, the SPF used money from donations by Trione mentioned above: the checks for \$11,967.89 and \$13,812.50 and the 3,400 Wells Fargo shares, plus a note from Trione for \$9,784.90. With the state money, this totaled \$215,000, of which \$110,000 went to Imperial and \$105,000 to Bank of America (Trione).

When it came to the acquisition of Parcel 4, the 270-acre Southeast Parcel, and another, 85-acre parcel to the north, Trione balked, gently. Reminding Mott in a letter in August 1973 that he had already given about \$454,000 to the project, he expressed some doubt that the necessary \$277,000 in public donations to equal state funding could be raised. His letter asked if some other state funding could be found; otherwise, Trione warned, he might find it necessary to exercise his rights to the 270-acre parcel and subdivide it.

By December 1973 Trione's nudge had rung a few bells. This was when the Citizen's Committee and Friends of Annadel brought in a combined \$16,000 (including a donation of Lucky stock worth \$1,050), the National Audubon Society contributed \$50,000 (this particular parcel included the Ledson Marsh to which a variety of waterfowl was drawn); Hewlett-Packard matched the Audubon money with another \$50,000; \$15,000 came from the Lucie Stern Trust and \$10,000 from Union Oil. With state matching funds of \$162,000, this totaled precisely \$303,950.73, of which \$237,000 went toward the Imperial principal and another \$6,300 toward the interest on that loan. After closing costs of \$300, there was \$60,350 left for the BofA (Trione) loan. Trione came out better than he'd expected on Parcel 4, but the amount still owed him on his BofA loan was \$227,000.

Parcel 3, the 38-acre Lawndale Parcel, was divided, with 11 acres going to the state for \$27,175 and the remaining acres sold to H. Peterson for \$51,000. The total, \$78,175, went toward the Imperial and BofA loans, but the amounts secured by this parcel had been \$58,000 for Imperial and \$55,000 for BofA, so there was a combined balance left unpaid of \$34,825.

Finally, Mr. and Ms. H. N. Berger, owners and developers of Oakmont, donated 68 acres to the SPF for Annadel, and the SPF sold the land to the state for its appraised value, \$157,000, and paid this to Trione.

Parcel 6, the 85-acre Summerfield Parcel, had not been used as security on the deeds of trust because it was sold to Great Western Savings and Loan for \$340,000 and thus did not become a part of the park. The money was put toward the park's initial purchase price.

The home ranch had been "Parcel 2," sold to Trione for \$400,000.

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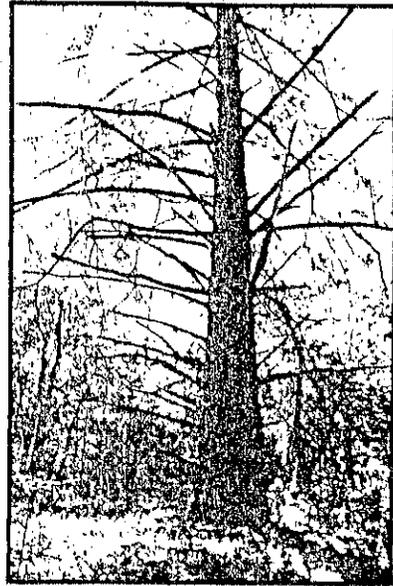


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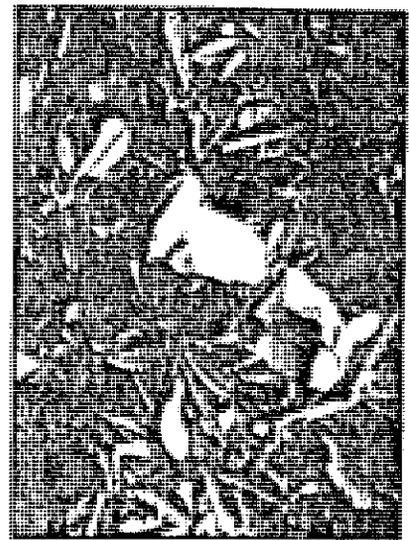
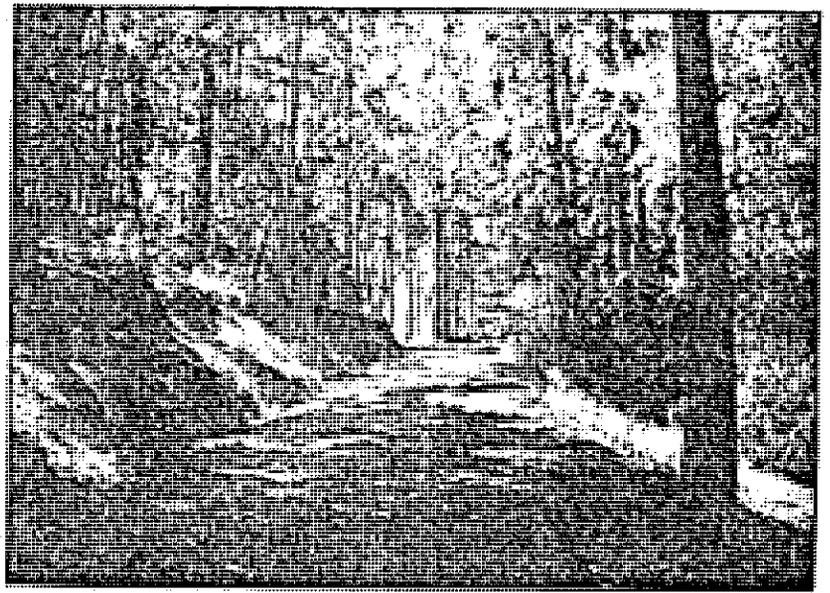
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## Balance Sheet — Annadel State Park

### Funds used by CSPF to buy Annadel from Singer

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Federal funds         | \$2,050,000        |
| First deed of trust   | 650,000            |
| Second deed of trust  | 572,047            |
| Trione stock donation | 263,872            |
| Sale of Parcel 6      | 340,000            |
| Sale of Parcel 2      | 400,000            |
| Singer donation       | 25,000             |
|                       | <u>\$4,300,919</u> |

### Trione expenditures and indebtedness for Annadel (donations and loans)

|                            |                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Surveying costs            | \$8,000.00            |
| Check — 1                  | 11,967.89             |
| Check — 2                  | 13,812.50             |
| First deed of trust        | 650,000.00            |
| Second deed of trust       | 572,047.81            |
| Interest on deeds of trust | 133,627.00            |
| Loan, no interest          | 10,000.00             |
| Stock                      | 99,434.71             |
| Stock (for Parcel 5)       | 164,437.29            |
|                            | <u>\$1,663,327.20</u> |

### Funds received by CSPF and used to reduce Trione's indebtedness on deeds of trust

|                                              |                     |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Parcel 1                                     |                     |
| City property donation                       | \$173,343.          |
| City sewer donation                          | 27,000              |
| State                                        | 258,500             |
| Parcel 4 and other acres                     |                     |
| Citizen's Committee & Friends of A.          | 16,000              |
| National Audubon Society                     | 50,000              |
| Hewlett-Packard                              | 50,000              |
| Stern Trust                                  | 15,000              |
| Union Oil                                    | 10,000              |
| State                                        | 162,000             |
| Parcel 3                                     |                     |
| Peterson                                     | 51,000              |
| State                                        | 27,175              |
| Berger donation/State purchase               | 157,000             |
| Parcel 5                                     |                     |
| State                                        | 80,500              |
| Parcel 5 — other funds,<br>donated by Trione |                     |
| Check                                        | 11,967              |
| Check                                        | 13,812              |
| Stock                                        | 99,434              |
| Loan                                         | 10,000              |
|                                              | <u>\$1,212,731</u>  |
| Total Trione donations and loans             | \$1,663,327.20      |
| Total repaid by CSPF                         | - 1,212,731.00      |
| Balance                                      | <u>\$450,596.20</u> |

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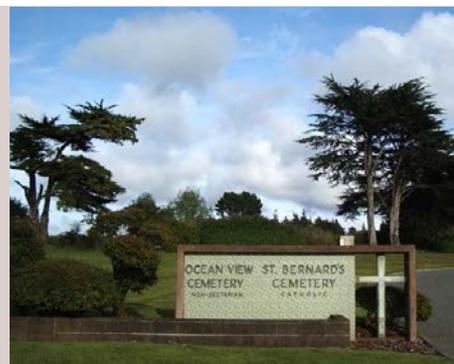
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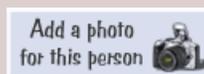
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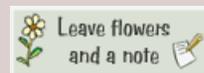
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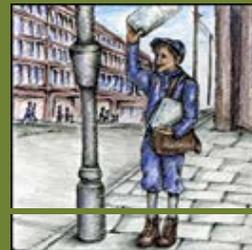
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**Driving the Golden Spike on the Santa Rosa and Carquinez Road.**

Trustees John Ryan and H. C. Wolf, City Auditor E. H. McKee and quite a number of Sacramentans left on the early train yesterday morning and attended the ceremony of driving the last spike on the Santa Rosa and Carquinez Railroad. They returned last evening and reported that the celebration was a grand affair. About 10,000 people were present, and at the barbecue 2,500 pounds of meat and 2,500 loaves of bread were consumed. A telegram from Santa Rosa last night gives the following account of the proceedings:

This was a remarkable day in Santa Rosa's history. The last foot of iron connecting this city with the great overland trunk system has been laid and the last spike driven to-day. Several thousand visitors witnessed the driving of the golden spike, finishing the Santa Rosa and Carquinez Railroad. A number of special trains came in with loads from all parts of the county and many portions of the State. At 1 o'clock a long train, drawn by two engines, came over the new road with a thousand people. At least twelve thousand persons witnessed the last spike ceremonies. A procession was formed this morning at 11 o'clock with Grand Marshal Colgan at the head, the Sonoma Valley Band, Santa Rosa Fire Department, Company E, N. G. C., Battery K, United States troops, Sebastopol Band, carriages containing the orator, poet, civic bodies, and wagons representative of the industries, and in this order marched to the depot of the

Santa Rosa and Carquinez Railroad. W. E. McConnell delivered the address of welcome, after which the golden spike was driven with a silver sledge by Colonel Mark L. McDonald amid great cheering. The literary exercises opened at Kranke's Park with prayer by Dr. J. Avery Shepherd. Colonel McDonald, President of the Day, made a few opening remarks and introduced Thomas Gregory, who read an original poem. A. G. Burnett delivered the oration, in which he enumerated many benefits of the new road in rapidly settling this rich section with people. He spoke of the unprecedented onward march of Sonoma county and the numerous inducements it holds out to honest husbandry. After the oration a barbecue occupied the remainder of the afternoon. Thousands partook of the lunch spread by the citizens. Sonoma wines of all kinds flowed freely. Early this evening Park's band gave a promenade concert, and later furnished dance music at the Park.

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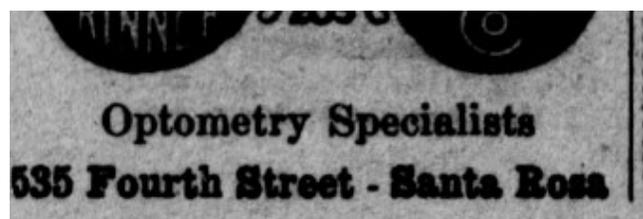
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**AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITORS WIN FAIR PRIZES**  
**Local Prunes Judged Best At State Fair**

In competition with all other counties in California, imperial prunes from the Lee Salotti ranch on Fitch mountain road won first prize in the Sonoma county exhibit at the state fair last week.

Sugar prunes from the same ranch won second in competition while french prunes entered by the Prune and Apricot Growers association also won second place.

The prunes were all packed and processed by the California Prune and Apricot Growers association.

Many Sonoma county youths were the proud exhibitors this week of various ribbons awarded for exhibits at the California state fair at Sacramento.

Showmanship champions in the livestock exhibitions were: Lee Crane Jr., Santa Rosa, sheep; Severa Wilford, Santa Rosa, beef cattle and champion shorthorn steer.

Sheep championships: Suffolks,

both ram and ewe, Ernest Rodgers, Santa Rosa; Corriedale, champion ram and ewe, Lee Crane Jr., Santa Rosa.

Swine championships: Berkshire sow, Charles Kaye, Sebastopol; Chester Whites, boar, Irvin Nahmens, Sebastopol; Chester White sow, Paul Griffin, Santa Rosa; Durocs, boar, Frank Shubetz, Sebastopol; Duroc sow, Earl Sandstrom, Santa Rosa.

Four-H beef cattle awards were topped by James Grigsby of Ducor who had previously won the championship in the breed, and then placed first over Albert Felix of Lytton, who showed the champion aberdeen angus, and Clifford Johnson of Lytton, who had the champion shorthorn. Felix won the reserve championship.

Local awards in the hereford classes included: summer yearling steer, Vernon Engman, Lytton, third; steer or heifer calf, Winfield Maurice, Lytton, second.

Shorthorn awards: junior yearling steer, Lester Hardy, Lytton, second; summer yearling steer, Russell Allard, Lytton, first.

Steer or heifer calf, Clifford Johnson, Lytton, first; Lawson Reed, Napa, second and third; Champion shorthorn, Johnson.

Steer or heifer calf, Albert Felix, Lytton, first and champion steer, Albert Felix.

In the beef cattle showmanship classes, Clifford Johnson of Lytton third.

Junior yearling sow, Margery Jones, Sebastopol, first; champion sow, Margery Jones.

Champion boar, Charles Berry, Petaluma.

Annadel farms of Santa Rosa took all champion awards in the southern class of the beef cattle division.

In the wine judging honorable mention was given to Italian Swiss

colony, Sonoma county, for California sauterne and marsala; California chablis, Montepulciano, third; Norbell Champagne Co., Sonoma county, second for California champagne.

California sweet sauterne division: Italian Swiss colony. Sonoma

county, second; F. Salmina Co., Napa county, third.

In the zinfandel class Italian Swiss colony, Sonoma county, second; Inglenook vineyards, Napa county, third.

In the educational exhibits, Santa Rosa high school was second in the contest with four prizes. In the adult education class, Santa Rosa continuation school was third.

Future Farmer market swine: Champion pen of barrows—Paul Griffin, Santa Rosa, Chester White entry. Poland Chinas, individual: Edward Thole, Santa Rosa, fourth. Hampshires, individuals: Keith Vermillion, Santa Rosa, fourth and fifth; also first in pen. Chester White, individuals: Paul Griffin, Santa Rosa, first and third; Irvin Nahmens, Sebastopol, fourth and fifth. Pen: Griffin, first; Nahmens, second.

Four-H breeding swine: Junior boar pigs—Talton Barnes, Sebastopol, first. Young herd, one boar and three sows—Talton Barnes, second. American Poland-China Record Association Special—Won by Talton Barnes.

In the "C" group horticulture competition Healdsburg high school was fourth. In the agricultural mechanics division, group "A", Santa Rosa was first.

In the pig feeding contest Talton Barnes of Sebastopol won in the costal division. For yearling shropshire lamb and ewe, Burt Griffin of Glen Ellen was first.

Places in the carcass class went to Bud Wilford, Cotati, second; Severa Wilford, Cotati, sixth and seventh; Burt Griffin, Glen Ellen, eighth. Glen Winkler of Sebastopol had the junior champion stallion and grand champion stallion.

For California tokay wine, Sebastiani wineries were first; California sparkling burgundy, Korbelt champagne company, first.

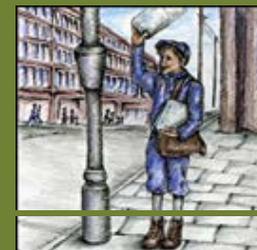
The E. G. Stimson estate of Sonoma swept the top prizes in the judging of Clydesdale draft horses with the grand display, senior champion mare, grand

champion mare, reserve junior  
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champion stallion.  
H. Castagnasso, Sonoma, showed  
winning senior champion mare,  
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### Many Exhibitors From County Win State Honors

Others from Sonoma county who won recognition at the state fair included the Italian Swiss Colony second for tokay sweet wine; F. Korbel & Bros. won first for pink champagne; Sebastini winery first and Fountaingrove vineyard second in zinfandel wine.

Sonoma county won first for winter banana apples, for the largest field pumpkin, for yellow newtown pippin apples, yellow belleflower, star king apples; yellow dent corn seed, white dent corn seed, onion seed, parsnip seed. The county also won several second and third prizes.

#### Four-H Winners

Among 4-H club entrants from Sonoma county who won sweepstakes prizes were the following:

Kenneth Jones, Sebastopol, fourth in swine; Clyde Littlejohn, Lytton, first and LeRoy Greenwell, Lytton, fourth, in beef cattle; Littlejohn, first and Russell Allard, Lytton, fourth in hereford steer or heifer, 951 to 1150 lbs.; same, 750 to 950 pounds, LeRoy Greenwell, Lytton, first; John Young, Lytton, fourth. LeRoy Greenwell won champion hereford honors. Albert Felix, Lytton, first in steer or heifer, 750 to 950 pounds; same under

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750 pounds, Elizabeth Berry, Petaluma, first. Miss Berry also won champion steer or heifer prize. LeRoy Greenwell, Lytton, won grand champion in Aberdeen-Angus.

In the 4-H division of livestock awards, numerous prizes went to Sonoma county boys and girls. Among them were for junior sow pig, Berkshires, Charles Berry, Petaluma, first; junior boar pig, Hampshires, Kenneth Jones, Sebastopol, first; junior sow pig, Kenneth Jones, first. In Duroc-Jersey pigs, Earl Sanstom, Santa Rosa, won fifth for junior boar pig, third and fifth for junior sow pig.

For Suffolk sheep, Alice Mae Steinback of Petaluma won first for ram one year or over, first and second for ewe one year or over, first and second for ewe under one year, and champion ram and champion ewe. Elizabeth Berry, Petaluma, was third for wether or ewe southdown lambs.

Other Sonoma county entrants who won prizes in the livestock division of the Future Farmers were: Edward Thole, Santa Rosa, fourth for senior boar poland china pig; Ward Kender, Sebastopol, fourth for junior boar pig; Thole fifth for junior sow pig; Kender third for young herd (boar and three females).

Robert Carrillo, Sebastopol, had the champion duroc boar; Melvin Rohde, Petaluma, champion duroc sow; Walter Hendrickson, Santa Rosa, first, senior boar pig; Rohde, first, junior yearling sow, Carrillo, fourth; Bill Knudsen, Petaluma, first, senior sow pig; Carrillo, first and fourth, Rohde second and third, for junior sow pig. Rhode first and Carrillo second, for young herd.

Keith Vermillion, Santa Rosa, had champion hampshire sow; Vermillion was first for junior sow pig. Paul Griffin, Santa Rosa, second for senior boar chester white pig, and second for young herd. Jim Kidwell, Santa Rosa champion berkshire sow, first for junior sow pig and third for young herd; George Berry, Petaluma, fourth.

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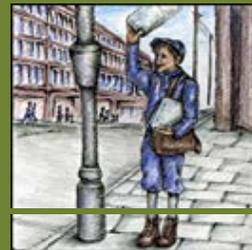
le Grove, Santa Rosa, was fourth  
y and Rudy Theiller, Sebastopol,  
in fifth.

### Stock Ranchers Win

Awards in shorthorn bull class to county animals were: 2½-year-olds, Roble Consul, first, Roble Commander, second, and Fascinator Goldspur, third, all of Los Robles ranch, Santa Rosa. Two-year-olds: Roble White Ensign, Los Robles ranch, first; and Annadel Banker, Annadel farms, Santa Rosa, third. One and one-half-year-olds, Roble Radium, Los Robles ranch, first; Annadel High-

lander, Annadel Farms, second. Yearlings: Annadel Raider, first. Six-months-olds Roble Neptune, Los Robles ranch, first; Annadel Brigadier, Annadel Farms, second, and Roble Triumph, Los Robles ranch, third. Any three bulls: Los Robles ranch, first, and Annadel farms, second.

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# GLEN ELLEN TOUR IS PLEASING RIDE

## Call's E-M-F Pathfinder Selects Picturesque Route to Sonoma Town

The Call's E-M-F pathfinder has laid out many interesting tours through nearly all of the north of the bay counties, but none of them is more interesting than that of the journey made by this car and crew last Sunday, when a trip was made from this city to Glen Ellen, in Sonoma, famous the world over as the home of one of California's most popular authors.

The trip from this city to Glen Ellen

and return can be made with the greatest ease in one day; in fact, it will probably be found one of the shortest one-day tours that has been suggested

one-day tours that has been suggested by The Call's pathfinding party during this summer. The usual road from Sausalito to Santa Rosa is taken on the road up, where a turn to the right is made and the main road to Sonoma taken.

The road conditions are highly inviting all the way to Glen Ellen, the journey between Santa Rosa and the former town taking the motorist through the smaller towns of **Annadel**, Los Guillicos and Kenwood. From Glen Ellen to Sonoma the road is thoroughly delightful and an enjoyable stop may be made at the Boyes hot springs, the objective point of many motorists from the Napa valley and points south of Sonoma.

At Sonoma the return journey really commences, as the road takes a zigzag course through Brown valley, just taking on the shades of autumn, with its heavily laden fruit trees and overburdened vineyards, across to Petaluma. From there on the old road is again taken to San Rafael and Sausalito, the trip over this stretch of road being keenly delightful in the evening. A fortunate feature of the road between Petaluma and Sausalito is the fact that very little dust is raised by any machines ahead, the roadbed being much harder at the present than it has been at any time during the season.

## HARRY GRANT JOINS LOZIER RACING TEAM

Ever since the Alco company announced its intention of withdrawing from automobile racing much speculation has been indulged in among members of the automobile fraternity as to the racing plans of Harry Grant, who has been responsible for Alco victories in the past. Grant has no intention of giving up the sport and the announcement has just been made that he has selected the Lozier as his new mount and will make his first appearance as a Lozier driver in the Fairmount park race, October 9. Grant is considered one of the best pilots in the racing game, and his choice of the Lozier indicates the high regard in which he holds this car. The Lozier which he will drive is the 46 horsepower 1912 model owned by Dr. W. H. Chambers, a wealthy physician of Pittsburg. The car was purchased by Doctor Chambers last spring and entered in the 500 mile Indianapolis race, but was put out of the race during practice by an inexperienced driver. The car showed speed equal to the Lozier cars driven by Tetzlaff and Mulford, and Doctor Chambers has been very anxious to campaign it

has been very anxious to campaign it with an experienced driver. It is probable that the car will compete not only at Fairmount, but in the big southern events as well. While Grant will drive the Lozier as the entry of Doctor Chambers, he will be a member of the Lozier team and together with Mulford will form a combination of two of the most popular drivers in the racing game. While Mulford and Grant have always fought to the finish in many a contest on the road and track, they have been warm personal friends and it has long been their desire to belong to the same racing team. As the two Lozier cars which they will drive at Fairmount are of the same horsepower and model, the race between these two well known drivers will be watched with great interest.

## LITTLE KRIT CARS FIND MANY ADMIRERS HERE

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The Haynes Auto Sales company reports that they are again unable to make immediate deliveries of Krit cars for a few days because of the large demand for these popular little machines and because of the large number of deliveries already made. The first shipments have all been sold and delivered and quite a large number of orders have been booked for delivery out of the next shipment, which will arrive in San Francisco in two or three days. The large number of agents all over the coast who are signing contracts to handle Krit cars in their territory is particularly gratifying to the local company and is one of the best indications that the car is all that is claimed for it. During the last three days deliveries of Krit touring cars were made to Henry Goldstone and W. T. Powell, both of this city, and Noyes Cordingley of Santa Rosa; also one to Ben H. Hancock and one to Louis Decker, both of Lemoore, Cal. One of the smart little underslung roadsters was delivered to Miss Thelma Parker of this city, while Krit runabouts went to Dr. E. H. Mauk and J. B. Metzler of San Francisco.

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## REMY COMPANY ENTERS THE AUSTRALIAN FIELD

The Remy Electric company, makers of Remy ignition and lighting devices, has recently entered the Australian field, according to advices sent out from the general offices in Anderson, Ind.

A contract has been closed whereby the Russel Motor Car company of Melbourne, Australia, will become general agent of Remy devices in that country. The Russel Motor Car company is a large Toronto firm, with branches in the principal cities in Canada and Australia. The great demand for Remy products in Australia and the large number of American cars that were being shipped to Australia caused the Remy company to establish the branch house there.

## HAVOLINE MANAGER RETURNS FROM SOUTH

Don G. Fisher, sales manager of the Indian Refining company, Pacific coast distributors of Havoline oil, returned Friday from southern California. While in Los Angeles Fisher established a branch house for the distribution of Havoline oil and appointed W. B. Condit, well known in motor car circles in the southern city, as manager. Fisher reports the auto industry booming and keen interest displayed in all quarters in the coming Santa Monica road race.

## MANY ABBOTT CARS FOR NORTHERN MOTORISTS

Manager J. H. Vinter of the Thomas Flyer company, distributors of the Thomas and Abbott-Detroit cars, returned yesterday from a hurried trip into northern California and Nevada. Vinter reports having taken orders for early deliveries of several of the Abbott models in northern California, where he states interest in motoring is at a high pitch.

**Big Truck Merger**—Preliminary contracts have been signed by the principal interests in the Saurer Motor company and the Mack Brothers Motor Car company, under which it is contemplated that an exchange of the capital stock of the two companies shall be made for shares of the capital stock of a new company to be organized. It is expected that much saving in the expense of production will result without in any way interfering with the methods of business of the two companies as now constituted. The merger will enable the new company to market a full line of motor trucks of from one to seven tons' capacity, inclusive.

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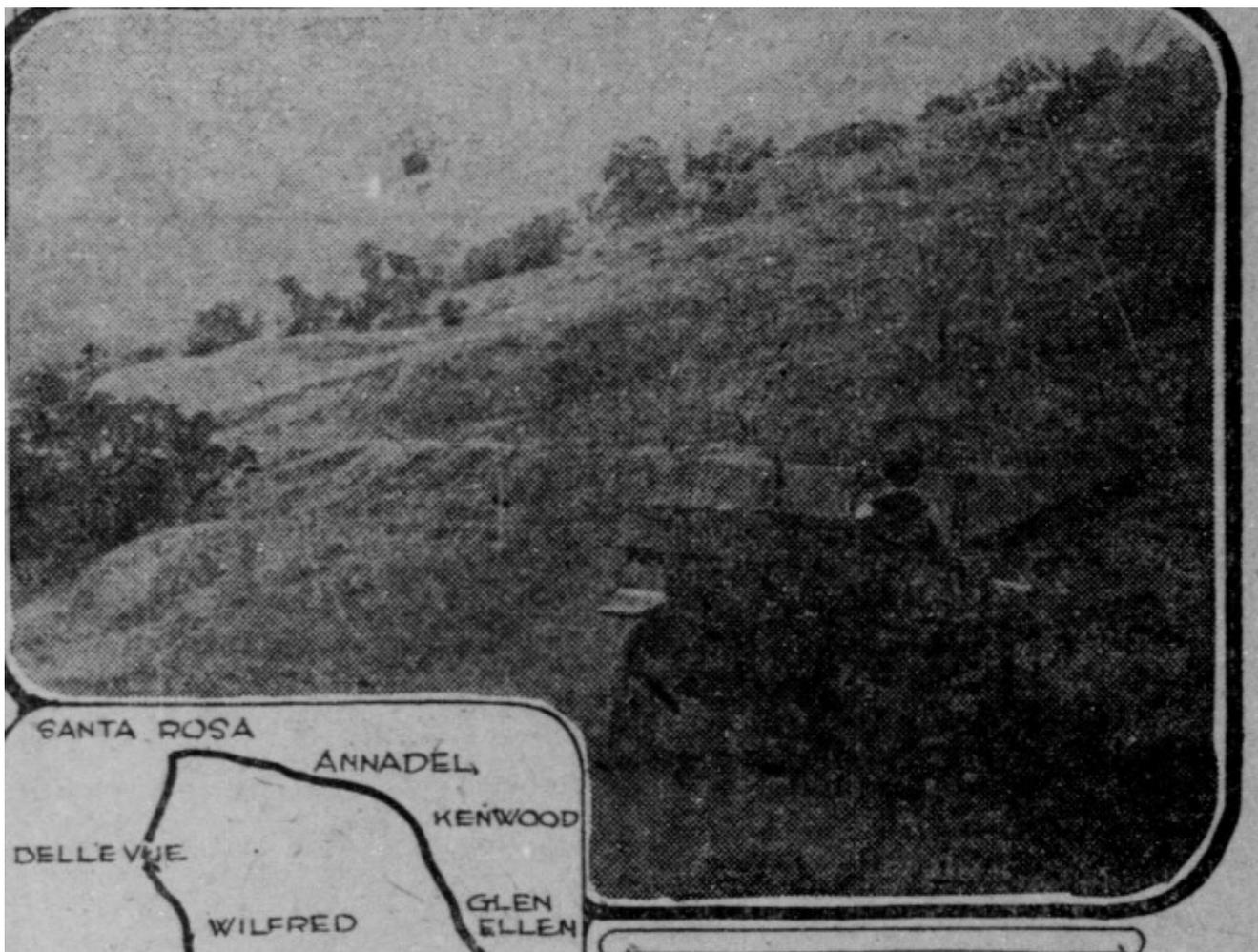
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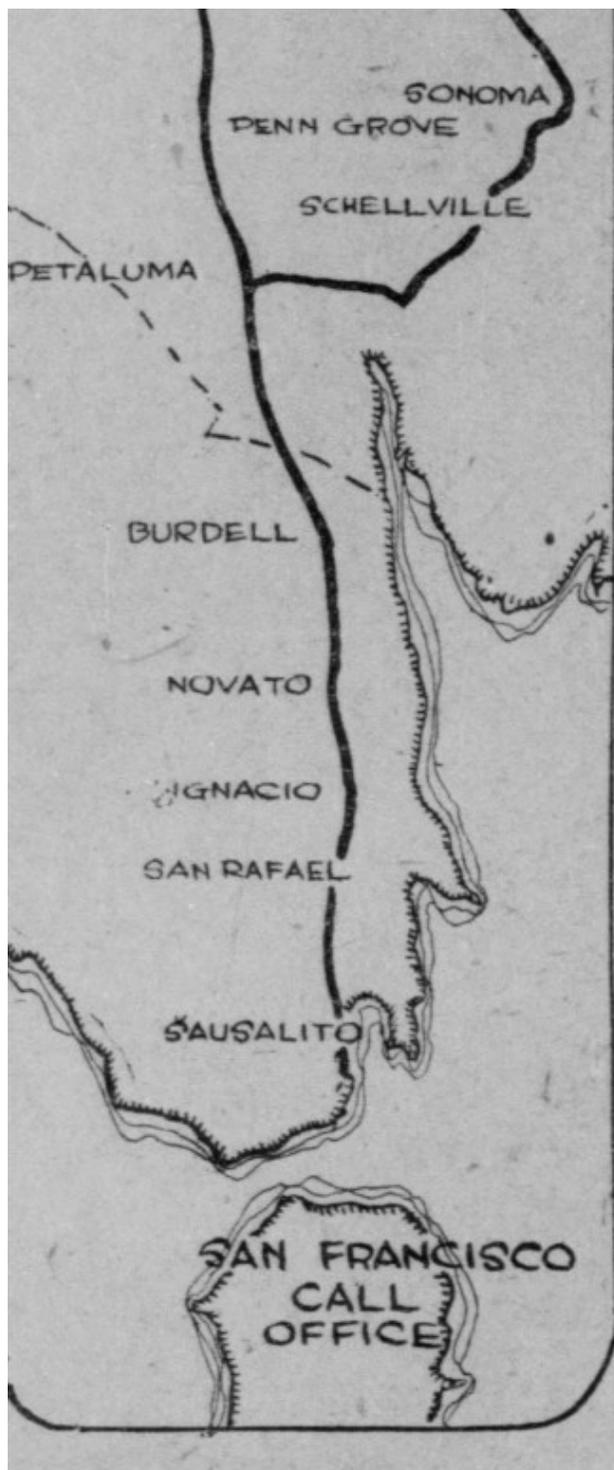


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*Route taken by The Call's E-M-F pathfinder and scene along the way.*

## BLAZING TRAIL IN NORTHERN WILDS

### Flanders Crew Having Hard Time in Mapping Route to Hazelton

In the wilds of northern British Columbia, "50 miles from nowhere," the crew of the Flanders-Pacific highway pathfinder is fighting its way over a forest trail toward Hazelton, B. C., the objective point of the trip that began from Seattle August 28.

For nearly two weeks no word has been received from the trail blazers and some apprehension is felt for their welfare. The last message from them was received Monday, September 18. P. E. Sands, the pilot, wired that they were leaving Fort Fraser, on the southeastern shore of Lake Fraser, with Burns lake as their immediate objective point, and that they would be unable to send another telegram until that point is reached.

The distance between Fort Fraser and Burns lake is estimated at about 50

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The Paving Stone Industry East of Santa Rosa: 1880-1920,

An Overview

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Given the large number of quarries in existence in the area between 1880-1920 and the vagaries of changes in title during that many years, there is no quick and clear answer to the question of who owned the quarries. The McDonald Quarry, owned by James McDonald and his brother, Santa Rosa capitalist and entrepreneur Mark L. McDonald, and located at the end of Sonoma Avenue in what is now Howarth Park and Spring Lake Park, was among the oldest in the county, having been opened up by McDonald in 1880. At various times portions of the quarry were leased out to other operators, such as the City Street Improvement Company, which operated these quarries from 1891 to 1913; in any case, "all told, many millions of paving blocks have come from this property."<sup>23</sup> Building stone was also produced from this quarry, and such stone was used in these familiar Santa Rosa structures: St Rose Catholic Church (1900), the Western Hotel (1903), the La Rose Hotel (1907), the Carnegie Library (1904), the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Depot (1904), Galeazzi's Stone House (1912), and the Railway Express Office (c.1915).<sup>24</sup>

Mark L. McDonald was a fruit broker, was involved with brother James in the paving stone industry; owned a large dairy ranch, had controlling interest in the Santa Rosa Water Works (located on the same property as his paving stone quarries), built his own street car line from "McDonald's addition" (now McDonald Avenue, on the northeast edge of the town) to the Northwestern Pacific Depot.<sup>25</sup> In short, "he was, quite simply, a San Francisco investor looking for an entry into the commerce of a growing town."<sup>26</sup> His ownership of a stone quarry was, then, one a number of investments McDonald was involved in.

Another large quarry owner in the Annadel/Los Guillicos Valley area

was Samuel Hutchinson (1827-1894), whose ranch included some 3850 acres, of which about 1000 acres had stone suitable for quarrying.<sup>27</sup> Hutchinson was an Irish immigrant who had come to Sonoma County in 1871 with his family and purchased land some eight miles from Santa Rosa in Los Guillicos Valley.<sup>28</sup> He ran an integrated farming operation of hops, livestock and other farming products, in addition to the quarries. After his death in 1894, his eldest son Thomas Hutchinson (born 1861) assumed successful supervision of the ranch operations until 1898, when he leased the land to tenants; and later, in 1933, sold the ranch to Joseph Coney.<sup>29</sup> There were several quarries on the Hutchinson Ranch: the Borg, Oleson, Annadel, Flinn and Treacy.<sup>30</sup> The Laurent Brothers of Kenwood operated the Annadel Quarries, "one of the best in the state", according to Gregory<sup>31</sup> and shipped stones via the Annadel siding on the Santa Rosa and Carquinez Railroad (Southern Pacific's Santa Rosa branch), while Flinn & Treacy of San Francisco operated the Borg or Oleson Quarries, and shipped from the Oleson siding. [see Appendix, Map 7] Bradley, reporting for the State Bureau of Mines, noted that Flinn and Treacy had produced an average of over 250,000 blocks per year between 1901 and 1913; while the Laurent Brothers, during 1912, had shipped 200,000 blocks per month for several months, but were idle when Bradley visited the quarry in 1913.<sup>32</sup>

A third large quarry in this vicinity was known as Melitta Stone Quarries, owned by C.C. Wymore, but leased by W.W. and G.H. Wymore, Anglo Building, San Francisco. Actually a group of quarries, operations were first begun at this location about 1888 by the Laurent Brothers, and continued by them until about 1904 at which time the Wymores assumed the lease from Charles Wymore, owner. From 1904 until April 1913, an average of 100,000 blocks per month was produced.<sup>33</sup> The Melitta Station

was the principal shipping point for the quarry trade in this area, in 1895, according to the Sonoma Democrat, more than 1,500 carloads of blocks cut from the quarries in the hills nearby were shipped from that single station.<sup>34</sup>

Several of the quarries in Bradley's 1915 list were owned by men with Italian surnames and tended to be much smaller operations. The Barbera Quarry was owned by Antonio Barbera and was described as "a small quarry on the Rincon Valley Road near its junction with the Santa Rosa-Sonoma Road, 2 1/2 [sic] miles east of Santa Rosa. It is on land adjoining the vineyard of the same owner, who makes a few paving blocks a day, working at odd hours."<sup>35</sup> Several other small quarries are listed here: Frugoli Quarry, owned by G. Frugoli and on the Rincon Valley Road six miles northeast of Santa Rosa; A. Rigoni, a small paving block quarry adjoining Frugoli's; and Lorenz Pietzoli, who had "a small paving block quarry near Gray's on the Rincon Valley Road northeast of Santa Rosa, which he works single-handed[sic]."<sup>36</sup>

The one Italian quarry owner about whom some background was found, Natale Bacigalupi, had several quarry pits on his ranch in Rincon Valley which produced paving blocks for several years, though none were shipped in 1913.<sup>37</sup> Bacigalupi seems to have also been a successful entrepreneur. Arriving in Santa Rosa from Genoa in 1882, by 1885 he was well-established in business and at his grocery store on Third Street on the westside of town sold groceries, fresh-baked bread, locally-made wine, loaned money to young men who wanted to buy land and, by 1900 had become a stonebroker, "marketing cobblestones and building blocks for the quarrymen."<sup>38</sup>

Stone quarrying methods have changed little in centuries. Igneous rocks (such as the andesites and basalts of this area) had to be "blasted out in irregular blocks and then split with wedges and feathers."<sup>39</sup> The tools used in this industry (mattocks, crowbars, mallets and chisels, sledge hammers of various sizes) have changed little in hundreds of years. [The illustration on page 8a shows examples of quarry tools recovered from Roman sites in England.]

In researching his history of Annadel, John Futini interviewed Earl Wymore, great grandson of Charles Crawford Wymore, owner of the Melitta Stone Quarries from 1903-1918. Based on his interview with Earl Wymore, Futini presented a vivid description of paving stone quarrying methods.

An individual quarry site was selected by examining the terrain for rock outcroppings of basalt. Once such exposures were found, a hole was drilled by driving a chisel into the rock using a heavy hammer. Black Powder in the form of a stick was inserted into the hole, an attached fuse was lit, and the resulting explosion blew the rock apart into many smaller fragments. The quarry workers then split up into pairs. One worker held the rock fragment in place on the ground while the other tapped it with the tapered head of a twenty pound iron hammer. He made score marks in two parallel rows, four inches apart, on one side of the fragment only. Chisels were then pounded into the rock about one inch deep, with the blunt end of the iron hammer along each scoring in three or four places. Next, the blunt end of the hammer was used to hit the surface of the fragment along the score marks between the chisels which had been driven into the rock. This caused the rough edges of the fragment to fall apart revealing a fairly smooth flat surface four inches wide and eight inches long. The ends of the cobble-

stone were fashioned using the same procedure of scoring, chiseling, and hammering. The average thickness of each paving block was about four inches.

Two experienced quarry workers were capable of cutting 500 cobblestones in a single eight-hour day, although the workers were allowed to perform their jobs at their own rate of speed under the union contract. They were paid for the number of paving blocks they cut from the larger rock fragments. This was commonly known as "piece work," and it was in effect at all of the numerous quarries in the Los Guillicos Valley.<sup>40</sup>

Once the blocks had been finished, they were transported by wagons to Santa Rosa for local use or to the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Depot in Santa Rosa for shipment. After the Santa Rosa and Carquinez Railroad line came through the valley in 1888, blocks produced in the quarries of the Annadel area (Hutchinson, McDonald and Wymore Quarries were the largest) were transported to one of three railroad stations: Melitta(sic), Annadel, and Lawndale. Montgomery Drive follows the route of the former railroad bed through Santa Rosa. [See Appendix, Map 7] Wagons were used to convey the paving blocks to the railroad stations except at Wymore's, where in 1914 a tramway was constructed to transport the finished paving blocks in side-tipping cars to the Melitta Station.<sup>41</sup>

Basaltic andesite in the ground only has a potential value, the labor cost of extraction and preparation must be considered in actualizing the resource.<sup>42</sup> Reporting on his October 1913 visit to the stone quarries of this area, Walter Bradley of the State Bureau of Mines characterized the operations in this way:

It is stated that one man will make an average of 100 to 150 blocks per day...In addition to the \$35 per 1000 for

making[contract price operator paid the workers], those operators who are leasing pay \$3 to \$3.50 per 1000 royalty to the owners. It costs from \$2 to \$5 per 1000, depending on the distance, to haul them to the railroad. In case they can not be loaded directly onto the cars but have to be temporarily piled beside the track, it costs an additional \$1.50 per 1000 to put them on the cars. The blocks sell at \$45 to \$50 per 1000, f. o. b. the rail shipping point.<sup>43</sup>

According to the Sonoma Democrat in September of 1887, stonecutters were the "best paid artizans in the city", earning wages of \$3.50 to \$4 per day.<sup>44</sup>

The railroad was a boon to the stone industry east of Santa Rosa, and facilitated its establishment as a major Santa Rosa industry, along with the wineries and fruit farms of the valley. Responding to the increasing demand for its products in Santa Rosa, San Francisco, and other growing northern California cities, and benefiting from the nearness of the railroad, the paving stone industry also thrived, with the Melitta Station near Santa Rosa Creek becoming the principal shipping point for the trade, since many of the paving blocks came from the Wymore and Hutchinson Quarries in the Annadel hills. For example, in 1895, according to the Democrat, more than 1,500 carloads of blocks cut from the nearby quarries were shipped from Melitta Station. In 1903, James McDonald (brother of the ubiquitous Mark) shipped 500,000 blocks to San Francisco from his Sonoma Avenue Quarry.<sup>45</sup>

As the right-of-way agent for Southern Pacific, Mark McDonald

acted on a route that came down the south side of Santa Rosa Creek, crossing the creek near Fourth

Street. This route served the basalt industry well, bordering the eastern edge of the blockmaking area and establishing stations at Annadel and Melitta, connecting to tracks leading from the hillside quarries. Among others it passed was the McDonald Quarry. The Fulkerson Ranch, east of McDonald's waterworks, became the labor camp for the railroad workers, many of them Chinese. And in April of 1888, just weeks before its first train pulled into town, SP bought land for its Santa Rosa & Carquinez depot--from Mark McDonald.<sup>46</sup>

At the height of production several hundred men were employed in the stone quarries east of Santa Rosa.<sup>47</sup> The labor force needed by the stone industry was provided primarily by immigrants in early years of the industry by the Chinese and after 1885, was dominated by immigrants from northern Italy. Many Italian immigrants were from the Tuscany region and brought their tools and skills with them and found work in the quarries east of Santa Rosa and at construction sites in town. A consortium of four enterprising and skillful stone workers: Peter Maroni, Natale Forni, Massimo Galeazzi, and Angelo Sodini were contracting much of the labor and stone in the industry, especially in the early 1900s.<sup>48</sup> Andesitic basalt was in demand not only for paving and quarrying at this time but also as a fireproof building material, fire being the bane of 19th century towns.<sup>49</sup> The most concentrated grouping of these early stone buildings in Santa Rosa was constructed of cut basalt stones by these four craftsmen between 1903 and 1915 and include the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Depot (1904), the Western Hotel (1903), the La Rose Hotel (1907) and the REA Express Building (circa 1915).<sup>50</sup> These stone contractors

working alternately together and on their own, built the Carnegie Library (1904) of basalt blocks donated by James McDonald from his quarry, St. Rose Catholic Church (1900), St. Louis Hotel, Kenwood Depot, and Jack London's Wolf House.<sup>51</sup>

Another well-preserved stone structure in the area is that known as the Stone House on Highway 12. After 1910, this stone edifice on the Brush Creek Hill on what was then the Sonoma Road, was the headquarters for the stoneworkers, as well as a grocery store and tavern (the Rincon Hotel) the largest blockmakers boarding house in the valley, where Galeazzi and his wife fed and housed as many as twenty-five blockmakers.<sup>52</sup>

Futini provides an apt description of these quarrymen and how they spent their wages and their time outside the "pits":

Most of the men who worked in the stone quarries of the Los Guillicos and Sonoma Valleys during the 1860s apparently migrated from the Italian-speaking villages of the canton of Ticino just inside the southern border of Switzerland. There were also some Scandinavians who worked in the quarries as stone cutters in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Most of the men, in their twenties and thirties, were single and lived in nearby boarding houses or crude wooden shanties within walking distance of the quarries. Most owned their own hammers, chisels, and picks, imported from Europe.

Recreation for the men was very limited. There was a "Five Mile House" (five miles east of Santa Rosa) near the Wymore Quarry where the men could drink, play cards, and relax. Other saloons dotted the quarrying areas, but there were no nearby dance halls or athletic fields. When the quarry business slowed down, the men worked at the fruit farms and ranches in the area.<sup>53</sup>

Sonoma County's thriving paving stone industry did not decline because its source was quarried out; on the contrary, many useful deposits of this stone remain in the surrounding mountains. However, the continued presence of this useful material in comparatively large deposits was not able to assure its continued profitable exploitation<sup>54</sup> Prices for paving stones fluctuated and demand went down as paving technology changed rapidly with the introduction of asphalt. Paving stone quarrying ceased to thrive after 1913 as various forces began to cause northern California quarries to cut production or close down. Two of these were the demand by the Block Makers' Union for a raise in contract prices from \$25 to \$30 and then \$35 per thousand blocks; and the need for smoother roads to accommodate an increasing number of motor driven vehicles being used in the greater San Francisco Bay Area.<sup>55</sup> At the time Walter Bradley, of the State Bureau of Mines visited the area collecting data for his 1915 report (October 1913), he observed some 1,600,000 blocks stockpiled at various quarries and at railroad shipping points, awaiting buyers. Sonoma County quarries east of Santa Rosa were able to continue operating; however, so that in 1916 the State Bureau of Mines reported that these quarries produced more paving blocks than any other county in the state that year.<sup>56</sup> At least some local stone quarries were able to stay in business through the 1920s, for the 1929 Report of the State Mineralogist noted that the demand for paving blocks was decreasing, owing to the introduction of asphalt and bituminous rock pavement.<sup>57</sup>

The once thriving paving stone quarries east of Santa Rosa became overgrown with lichen, mosses and poison oak vines, as the demand for their products declined in the face of the development of concrete for

buildings and asphalt paving for streets and roads. Much of the land upon which the former McDonald, Wymore, and Hutchinson Quarries were located is now open to public access in the forms of Howarth Park (owned and operated by the City of Santa Rosa), Spring Lake Park (owned and operated by the Sonoma County Water Agency) and Annadel State Park (operated by the State Department of Parks and Recreation). [See Appendix, Maps 1-5] How ironic it is that the very areas where so many blocks came from for the paving of roads and streets are now protected from being paved over themselves. It is the sincere hope of the author that these cultural resources that are so much a part of the local history will be maintained and protected for the enjoyment and appreciation of future generations of Sonoma County residents and visitors.

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