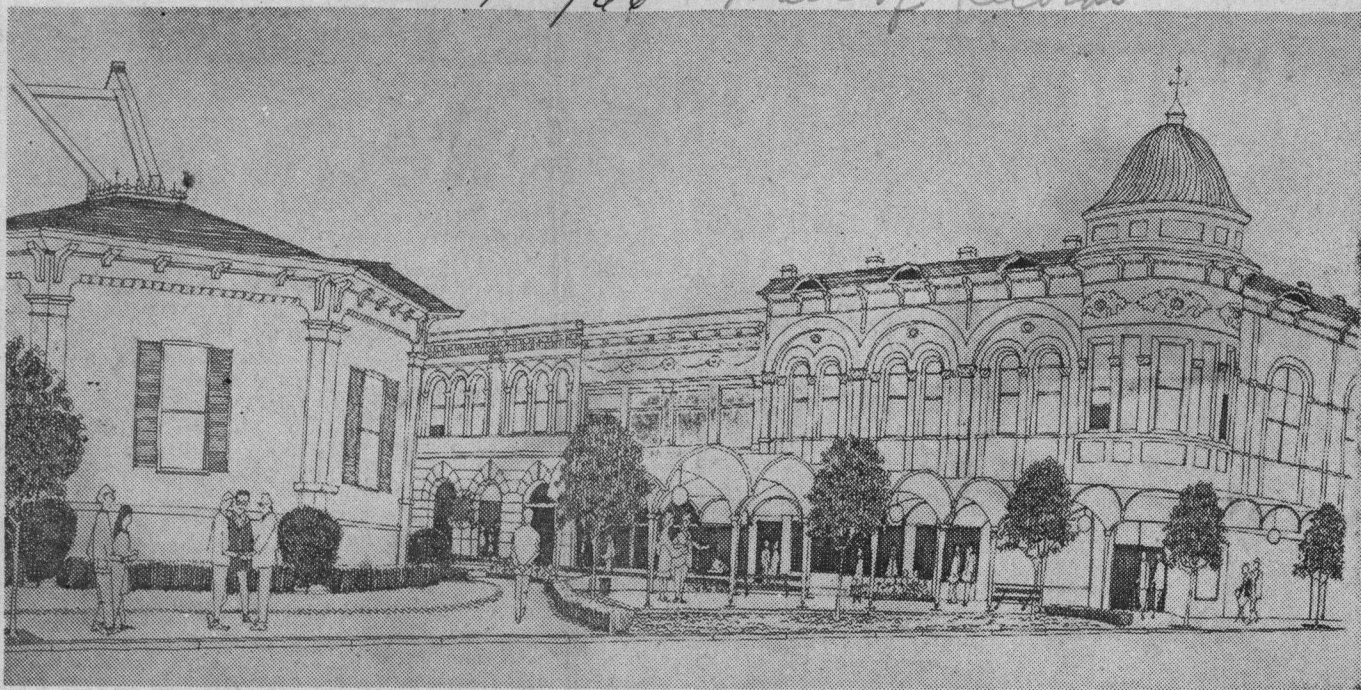


9/13/66 Hall of Records.



If Cooper street were developed into a park it would look like this, according to artist Will Shepherd's drawing. This is SCOPE's proposal for the street. Other part of

the plan would save the historic Hall of Records, make old courthouse site into a park with outdoor cafe, art and cultural exhibits.

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Hall Of Records Park Envisioned By SCOPE

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Will downtown Santa Cruz "die on the vine" as a congested business area?

Or will it renew itself as a vital core for government, financial and professional services?

SCOPE (Santa Cruz Organization for Progress and Euthenics) is spearheading a project aimed at both renewal and preservation. It includes the preservation of Santa Cruz' historic and unique Hall of Records, the establishment of a park and "Cooper Place."

SCOPE hopes to develop procedures by which the old Courthouse site and Hall of Records can be put into the hands of the public to be preserved and used as a downtown park, according to SCOPE officials.

Cooper Place would utilize Cooper street as a mall between Pacific and Front, with the present courthouse site as a park area containing an outdoor cafe, fountains and seating. It also could serve for outdoor art shows, flower shows and other cultural displays, according to SCOPE officials.

The Hall of Records would be preserved for possible use as headquarters for Santa Cruz Greater Chamber of Commerce or as a center for cultural exhibits.

"Not only would the Hall of Records be preserved, but a park would provide a break in the high density use of this downtown area—bring it back to a human scale and help make the city business district a more

palatable place for the consumer," noted David Armstrong, associate city planner.

Current efforts by SCOPE include sending letters to all civic and club groups. Vern Austin, a SCOPE director, is available for speaking engagements to explain the project.

Suggested possibilities for acquiring the property from Santa Cruz county include private contributions, a bond issue and federal grants.

"Downtown Santa Cruz not only serves the Greater Santa City area but is the focal point for the entire county as a strong community and regional center," Armstrong said.

Preliminary plans for the project were made yesterday at a luncheon at Colonial inn. Committee members include Armstrong, Mrs. Phil Harry, Mrs. Paul Pfeiffer, Will Shepherd and Ed Brown.

Run On Beach Ends In Death

San Gregorio, Calif. (AP). — A run on a dark beach Sunday resulted in death for James R. Kraus, 22, of Oakland and serious injury to three other persons.

After a dinner at his home, Kraus had driven his wife, 21, Taylor Hoge, Oakland; and Berry Vernon, Salt Lake City, to San Gregorio Beach on the San Mateo County coast south of San Francisco.

The car lights made the beach appear flat but hid a 30-foot ledge.

Mrs. Kraus, Hoge and Vernon were injured when they fell off the ledge while running towards the Pacific Ocean.

Kraus tumbled head first down the slope while leaning over to peer after them. He suffered a ruptured heart.

Mrs. Kraus suffered a broken leg, Vernon a broken ankle and Hoge a broken spine and ankle.

The Chinese were the first to produce objects made of cast iron, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

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