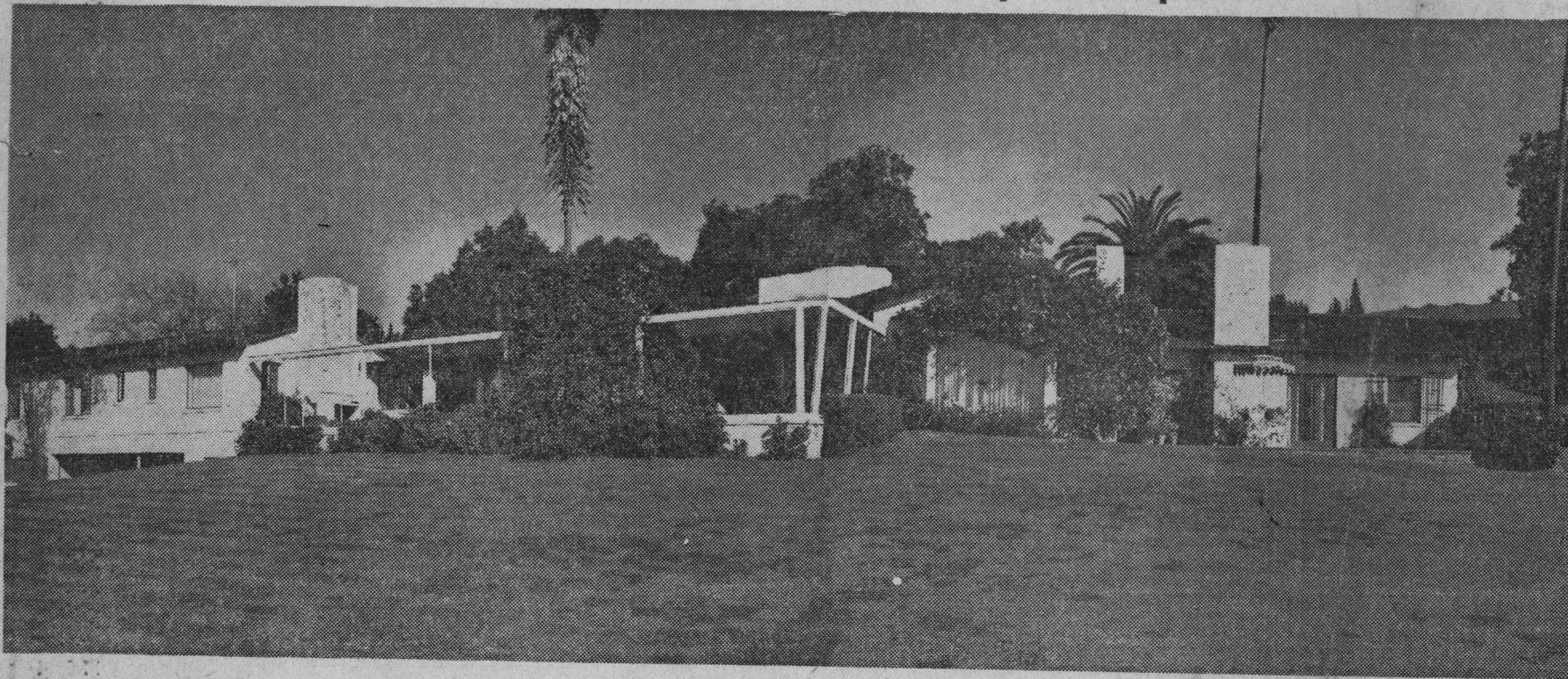


Churches Sisters Of Holy Cross Take Up County Headquarters



Pictured above is the main residence of the Murphy estate, purchased recently by the Sisters of the Holy Cross with headquarters in Salt Lake City,

Utah. The order plans to move its headquarters to Santa Cruz county which is more centrally located to oversee the 30-plus hospitals the order operates in

California. The 130-acre estate is at the end of Gaffey road, adjacent to Hecker Pass road, on the northerly border of the county line and near Watson-

ville. The main residence has five bedrooms, and two guest houses have six bedrooms. They will house Mother Mary Mauricita, C.S.C., of the provincial

house in Salt Lake City and her staff. Future plans include a retirement home for elderly nuns.

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Catholic Order Buys Estate Near Watsonville

The Sisters of the Holy Cross announced today they are moving their headquarters to Santa Cruz county from Salt Lake City, Utah.

The order recently completed purchase of the 130-acre Murphy estate at the end of Gaffey road, adjacent to Hecker Pass road and on the northerly border of the county line.

Although purchase price was undisclosed, it is believed to be around \$200,000.

The Sisters of the Holy Cross maintain more than 30 hospitals throughout California and decided to move to Santa Cruz, which is Spanish for Holy Cross, because it is more centrally located to oversee the hospitals.

The property affords complete seclusion yet has ready access to nearby Watsonville via Hecker Pass road or Gaffey road. Most of the acreage has a view of the Pajaro valley and Monterey bay.

The main residence has five bedrooms, all with connecting baths and five marble fireplaces. There are two guest homes with six additional bedrooms and five baths.

Mother Mary Mauricita, C.S.C.,

of the provincial house at Salt Lake City personally inspected and approved the site, accompanied by Sister Alicia Marie, administrator of St. Agnes hospital in Fresno.

The property will be used as headquarters for Mother Mary Mauricita and her staff. In the future, the existing facilities will be expanded to include a retirement home for elderly nuns.

The purchase was negotiated by Eileen Phipps and Tommy Thompson of Wilson Brothers Realtors in cooperation with Kane-Hall-Palmlag of Watsonville, according to Tom Timms, manager of Wilson Brothers.

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