

## Good Crowd Attends Annual Hoosier Picnic At Cowell Park

By J. C. Colyar

The 21st annual Hoosier reunion of former Indiana residents was held last Sunday in the Henry Cowell Redwoods state park near Felton.

There were many families present representing most parts of Indiana and from distant places in California.

In addition to several local families who have taken an interest in acting as welcoming committees to strangers, who were here for the first time, people from Salinas, King City and Monterey acted as hosts to those from that side of the bay; the *Powelsons* from Watsonville, Calvin Miller, Andy Schrock, Mrs. E. L. Kell, the Allens and this reporter, and others welcome folks to our local community.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dempsey of Redwood City, Mr. and Mrs. Strong, formerly from Watsonville, but now living at the IOOF home at Saratoga and the Wayne Sisk family of San Jose, all of whom attend every year, were present.

Several families from San Francisco and the cities around the San Francisco bay area and some from nearly every town between there and Santa Cruz were represented.

Tables were secured and placed end-to-end and baskets loaded with an abundance of appetizing food were surrounded with happy, hungry Hoosiers.

A train loaded with about 700 passengers, there to attend the railroad picnic, included several in the crowd who saw the large Indiana banner that the Hoosiers had stretched between trees and came to tell us they had not known of the state reunion and added to the interest of those present.

Beginning with the first Hoosier meeting, started by the late Lawrence Stallings, Henry (Heiney) Smith and this writer, have held a registration book where everyone in attendance has put their respective name, present address and where they were from in Indiana, and this record has been instrumental in several old time relatives, friends and neighbors meeting who had lost trace of each other, sometimes for years.

The first two meetings were held on Saturdays, but a lot of persons who wanted to attend had to work Saturday, but could attend a Sunday session so the day of the meeting was switched to the first Sunday on August, every year, at the same place so everyone can know where and when it will be.

Rev. J. C. Colyar of 338 Pacheco avenue, phone 1004-R, is chairman and Miss P. Allan of Chanticleer avenue, is secretary.

Announcement of the meetings are made by Broadcaster John Harvey of San Francisco and practically all of the newspapers. A copy of the annual story in *The Sentinel-News* is sent each year to the Indiana Historical society in Indianapolis, and is always recognized by a letter of appreciation from the society.

A vote of thanks was extended to *The Sentinel-News* for its item prior to the meeting.

## Masons To Confer Third Degree

The Santa Cruz Lodge No. 38, Free and Accepted Masons, will confer the third degree in Freemasonry at its meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic temple.

All Master Masons, including those from other jurisdictions, are invited to attend.

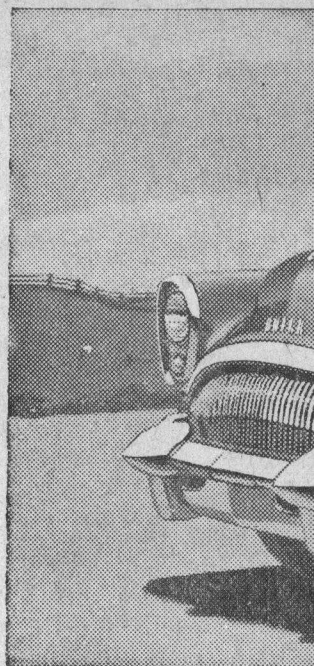
Refreshments will be served in the dining hall at the close of lodge.

Sheriff Howard V. Trafton, one of the last of California's colorful and courageous gun-slinging, saddle-riding peace officers who was sheriff of Santa Cruz county for 22 years until he met his death in conjunction with Undersheriff Richard Rountree in line of duty, will be portrayed at the forthcoming Henry Cowell Redwoods state park dedication in the "Parade of Pioneers" Sunday, August 15, by Undersheriff W. P. "Bud" Hendrick shown above. Trafton deputized Hendrick in 1923.

## COMEDIAN'S WIFE DIES

Los Angeles (AP).—Mrs. Mamie Anderson, 42, wife of Eddie Anderson, the "Rochester" of Jack Benny's shows, died of cancer Thursday night at her home after an illness of two years.

Connecticut claims that the U.S. steel industry started in Simsbury, Conn., in 1744 when Joseph Higley opened a production plant.



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