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# Tree 'n Sea Living

## Collecting History The Easy Way



There's nothing like a fascinating hobby to add spice to life...

Take the hobby and add the ingredient of historical learning and you have a sugar-coated pill that is delightful to swallow.

Collect — and learn, with postcards.

Betty Lewis of Watsonville has combined her hobby of collecting old and interesting postcards, with her interest in county history. In doing so she put together a collection of postcards both valuable in a monetary sense and also in an educational sense.

We show a few on this page — mainly depicting the architectural talents of one William Henry Weeks who designed everything from Santa Cruz High School to some spectacular private homes, several of which still exist.

Weeks also designed barns, bridges, exposition displays and the bandstand for the Watsonville Plaza.

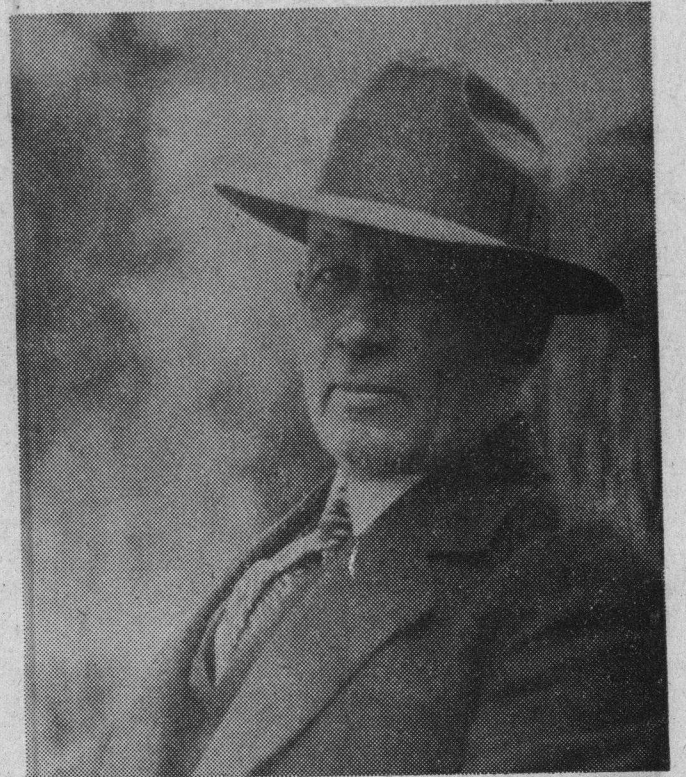
He designed and superintended the construction of more than 150 buildings for the Spreckels Sugar Company, alone.

In his spare time he taught Sunday School at Watsonville Christian Church, served on the Board of Freeholders of that city and helped draw up the City Charter.

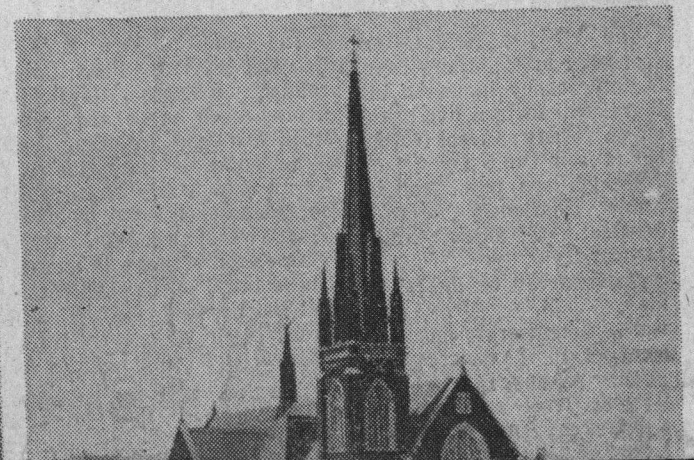
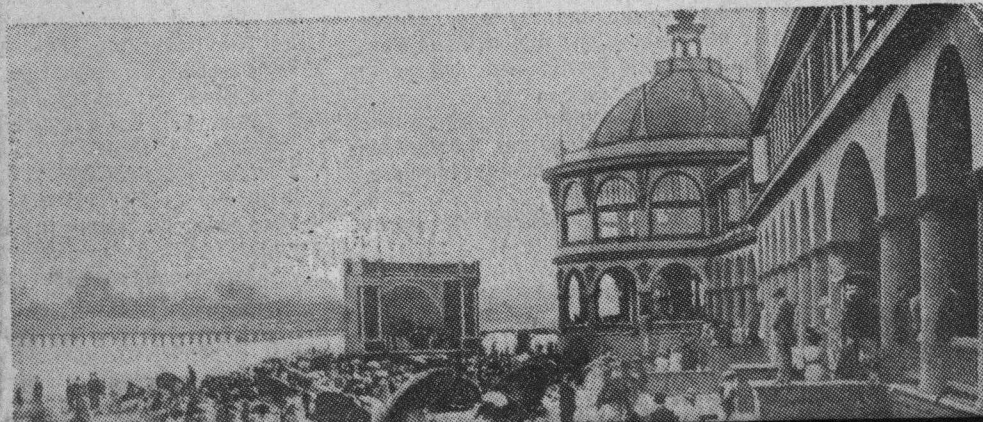
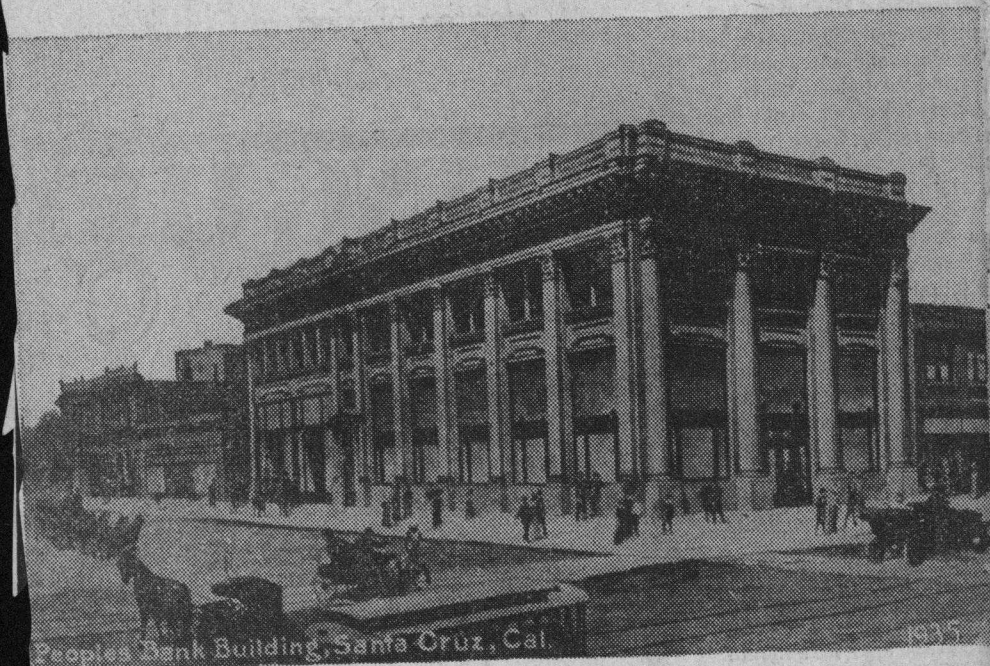
He traveled about the country by train, but took his bicycle along to use when he arrived at his destination.

Perhaps his best known project was the Santa Cruz Casino and Natatorium he designed to replace the one that burned in June of 1906. The Weeks' building opened June 17, 1907, with great fanfare.

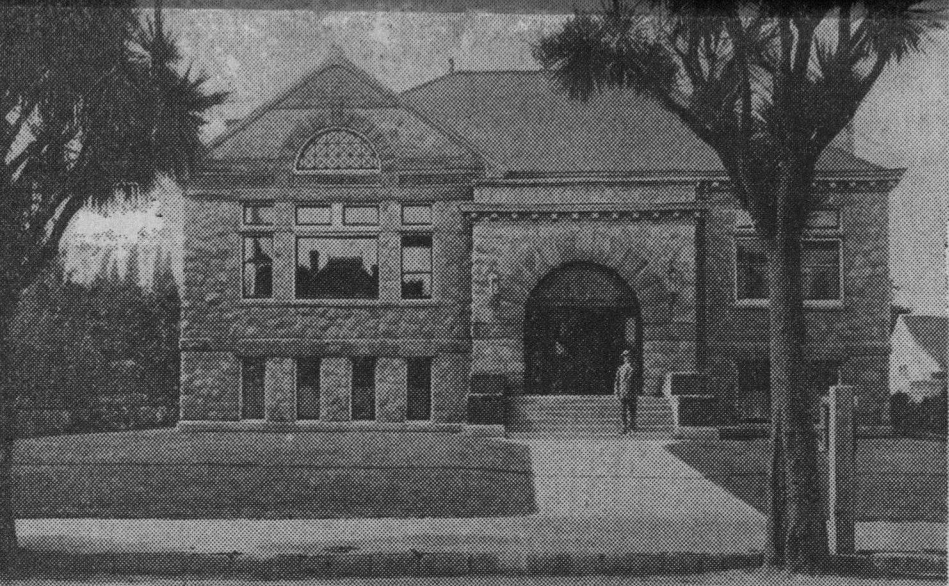
In later years he and his wife lived in Piedmont. Of their nine children, five lived to maturity. Weeks died on April 29, 1936, leaving behind a distinguished and tangible record of his fine achievements and his great talent.



William Henry Weeks, the architect for whom no project was too humble (he designed barns) or too large (the Casino). Among the buildings still in existence in Santa Cruz are: Branciforte Elementary School, Santa Cruz High School, Hotel Palomar, Leask residence, Peoples Bank (Integrand), Warren residence on West Cliff Drive and the George A. Chittenden home off Branciforte Avenue.



314 Carnegie Library, SANTA CRUZ, California.



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA

*W. H. Weeks, Architect.*

**INKY DINKS**

**Santa Cruz is good  
enough for me.**

*Never a dull moment.*

*Inky Dinks*

From top left: Southern Pacific train coming through the arch that formerly connected the Casino and Casa Del Rey; beneath it, "Peoples Bank" which is Integrand today, built in 1910; main Santa Cruz Public Library, built in 1909; Weeks ran an ad in this 1901 flyer at left bottom; immediately above, the Casino and Bandstand, 1924 scene; Watsonville's St. Patrick's Catholic Church, built in 1903, and below, Casino and Bathing Pavilion designed by Weeks and built in 1907.

Postcards  
From  
Betty Lewis  
Collection

