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## Improvement Soon At Abbott Square

Work may soon start on Abbott Square, the plot between Cooper House and the Octagon Museum, fronting on Cooper Street.

The area was designated Abbott Square in memory of the late Chuck Abbott, father of the Pacific Garden Mall and founder of PROD, an ongoing program to revitalize downtown areas.

"We now believe we have funds for everything except the front fence and a trellis which will come to about \$3000," announced Willard "Skip" Morris, who represents the Santa Cruz County Society for Historical Preservation.

The society has joined with PROD, SCOPE and the Octagon museum, in seeking donations for the project which is to be designed by Roy Rydell, local landscape architect.

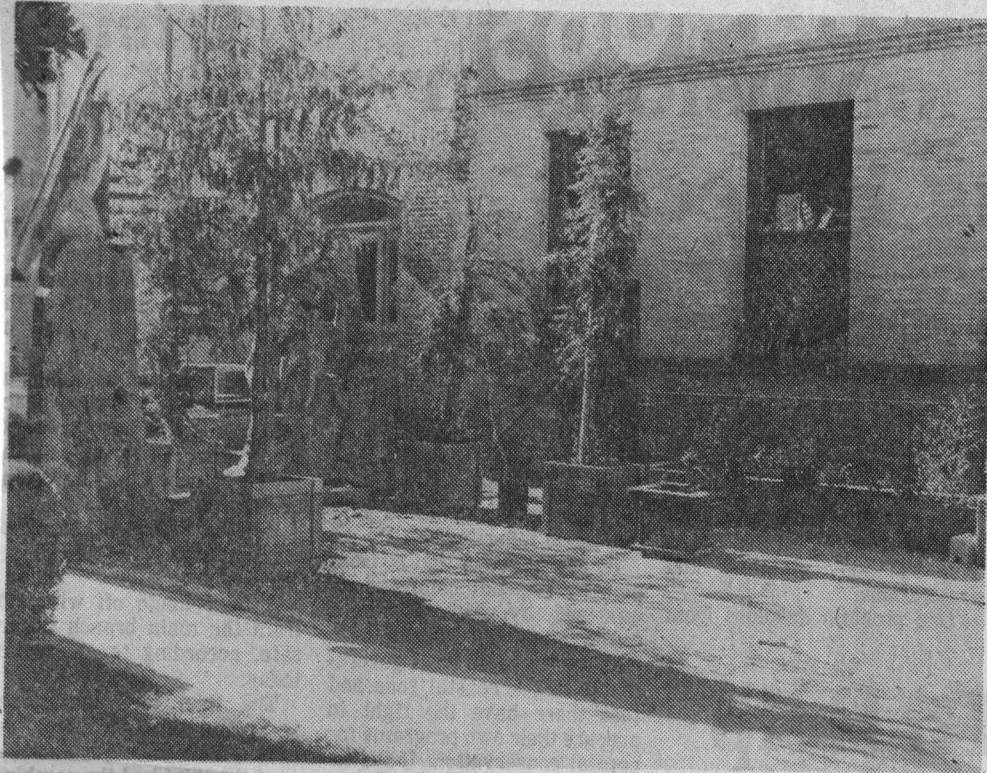
Donations received so far include: \$500 from County Bank; \$500 from Friends of the Octagon with a pledge for another \$500; a pledge from Norman Lezin and a pledge for \$1000 from the Downtown Chamber of Commerce, according to Morris.

"We are not seeking donations from individuals but from groups," Morris notes. "Work on the project will begin as soon as it is approved by the Board of Supervisors."

The plan will go before the board on Dec. 14.

Deadline for completion of the memorial project is June 1, 1977.

When completed, the project will be turned over to the county parks, open spaces and cultural services department, according to Morris.



Long-promised improvement to Abbott Square may be a reality soon.