

# Hobnobbing with Hobbs highlights gala event for retiring Soquel postmaster

With horns blaring, lights flashing, traffic stopping and music playing, retiring Soquel Postmaster Marion Hobbs took a final ride down Main Street Friday atop a fire engine.

Soquel declared last Friday "Marion Hobbs Day," in honor of his 22 years as postmaster.

The caravan through town was led by a small band of musicians from Soquel High School, followed by the fire engine and a walking troupe of dignitaries which included ex-supervisor Dan Forbus.

## NEVER DREAMED

"This is fantastic," said the 60-year old Hobbs who has been a resident of Soquel for 43 years. "I never dreamed of anything like this."

His retirement effective tomorrow, Hobbs plans to become a "gentleman farmer" and start a small vegetable garden "to beat the high prices."

"I want to get some outdoor exercise," he added. "Get away from all the paperwork."

## HIS DAY

Hobb's day continued that evening with a spaghetti feed at the Soquel Congregational Church. The Staircase

Theatre performed and District Postmaster William Lawrence presented Hobbs an award. Assemblyman Henry Mello also sent a resolution.

Hobbs first became postmaster of Soquel in 1948. The position was eliminated in 1951 and he later took over the job again in 1957.

He is currently involved with the Soquel Merchants Association, the Fire Department, Pioneer Club and Kiwanis Club.

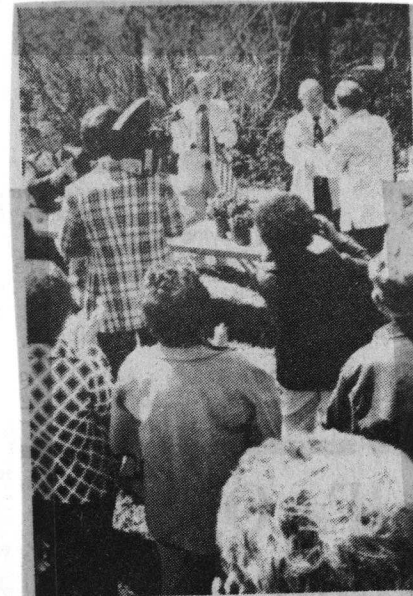
## ENJOYABLE CAREER

"I have had a very enjoyable career," Hobbs explained. "We have an outstanding, friendly community and a real congenial group of employees at the post office. We have always provided friendly, courteous service and will continue to do so."

"Marion Hobbs Day," was organized by Al Schwartz, president of the Soquel Businessmen's Association.

"We wanted to get people involved and pay our thanks to him," said Schwartz. "We are freeing him to let him get more involved in our community."

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**HOBNOBBING WITH HOBBS** — Soquel Postmaster Marion Hobbs shakes hands with ex-supervisor Dan Forbus (far right) at his retirement celebration. Assemblyman Henry Mello (D-28th District) sits at left and Al Schwartz, president of the Soquel Businessmen's Association, joins in the applause.



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