## Saving city's heritage is prime task facing committee

generation of enthusiasm for preservation body.

College at UCSC.

as a seasonal "waterway," resort who may be interested in the tion, size, condition, surroun-The Capitola City Planning in 1874. The committee is also committee's goals, and to present dings, and potential threats to the Commission's Historical Site concerned about individual a public program on Capitola Preservation Committee is now buildings such as "the sisters," history next month. seeking community support and along the Esplanade, and neigh- Miss Stateler said she is part of

At a meeting Saturday toward protection of cultural county. She works about 15 hours morning in the historic Hihn heritage by attending a session of per week on Resources Agency building, the committee decided the Historical Planners Institute, inventory forms to be filed at the it has completed "phase one," where workshops dealt with the Octagon and with the State with an informal inventory of process of preservation—the Department of Parks and structures and sites to be marked study of laws and policies, ob- Recreation. for preservation, and a study of taining of grants and funding for The project is endless, she said, efforts in other communities restoration and preservation, and but inventory work has already toward both legal action and formation of authority to act as a been valuable to the county in

Commissioners Lew Deasy and said, will be to gather community Octagon have been made Al Wilder told the group of seven support, volunteers and to available to county planning persons that a survey of historic initiate ordinances, changes in staff, and information on sites is almost concluded, and is zoning and flexibility in the Capitola will be provided for receiving assistance from the building code to authorize Capitola planners as well. Octagon through Amy Stateler, a restoration and safekeeping of Miss Stateler added that she work-study student from Kresge buildings significant to city will assist the Capitola group as history.

interest in its efforts to safeguard borhoods such as Fanmar Way. an inventory project required by Capitola residents who may Wilder has investigated efforts the state for every building in the

> determining sites worthy of The next steps for Capitola, he preservation. The files at the

long as she is involved with the Among the areas historically The committee plans to contact work-study project. Information significant to Capitola are Depot members of the Depot Hill compiled in the inventory in-Hill and the 15-acre flatlands Association, the Capitola cludes a building's name, many changes over the past 100 within the original "Camp Chamber of Commerce and historical name, location, owner, years is no simple task. Although Capitola," designed by F. A. Hihn residents of other neighborhoods present and past uses, descrip-

structure

Committee members will meet in the future with long-time remember changes and alterations made to city structures over the years. Tapes of these sessions will be made, and Deasy said the resulting historical information and photographs can be made available to UCSC and Cabrillo College local history programs.

Ways to stop destruction of older homes, work on a legal ordinances and emergency measures will be considered at future meetings. Legal measures will be written to conform with a statement in the Capitola General Plan which calls for conservation rather than massive redevelopment in the downtown city area.

The chore: of the committee as it attempts to unweave the Capitola retains much of the

Capitola was a "hot dog town," by the 1940s. It was unincorporated until 1949, and its main attraction was to the tourist seeking a day of sunshine and a few thrills before the trip back home.

shape chosen by Hihn for the summer resort, the buildings have come and gone-often rapidly during the first quartercentury-and those built later have often been altered. The beach itself is unrecognizable from its shape and size a century ago, and one of the city's greatest landmarks - the 160-room hotel constructed by Hihn below the bluffs - can only be seen today in photographs. The hotel burned shortly after the start of the Depression in 1929.

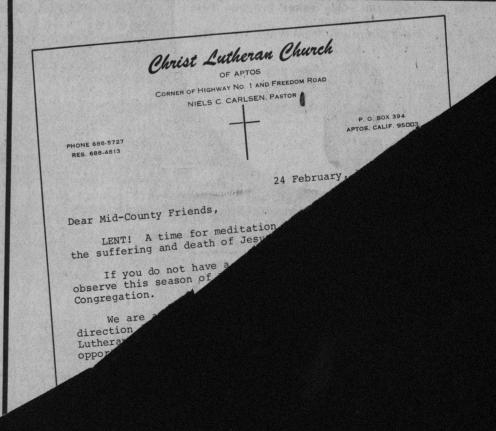
Among those working on the committee are Deasy and Wilder, Larry Veysey, Miss Stateler, Bob Garcia and Jim Reding.





The resort began to brandish a more fashionable appearance about the time the Union Traction Company completed the electric car line to Capi-

tola in 1904-05. The street that ran along the beach was known then as "Ocean Front Avenue."





Capitola was as crowded in the summer months of the mid-1920s as it is today, as emergence of the automobile made the village more acces-

sible to the less-affluent tourist. This photo wigh taken during construction of the Venetian Couand—one of the state's first condominium project of

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