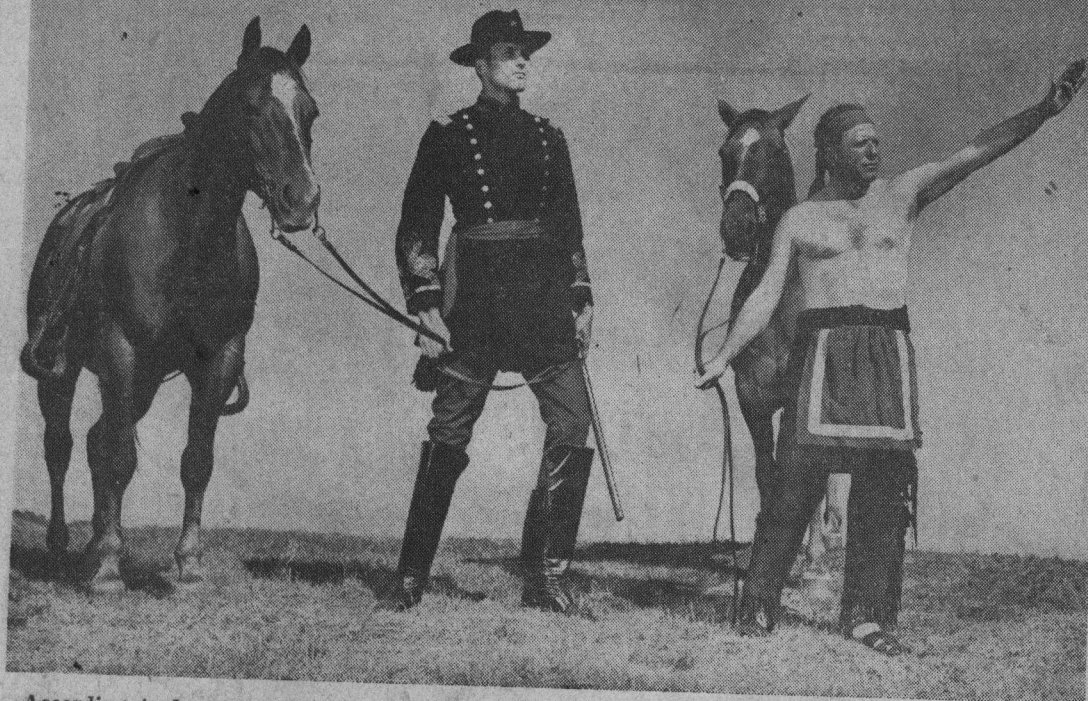


Yonder General, Is The San Lorenzo River



According to legend young Lieut. John Fremont is said to have camped in the hollow base of one of the trees in the former County Big Tree park. Heralding the three-day celebration which will be observed in the

Valley August 13-15 is Don Latta, Capitola's chief of police, who will portray General Fremont in the Epic of Pioneers to be presented August 15, just prior to the formal dedication of the Henry Cowell Redwoods State

Park. Incidentally, the uniform Latta is wearing is an authentic one which belonged to a general of the Union army. The Indian who points the way is Malio Stagnaro, well known local fisherman, who will follow through in the role in the Epic.

Cowell Park Dedication Fete To Feature 'Pioneer Epic'

Final preparations are being made for the three-day Valley wide celebration observing the dedication of the Henry Cowell Redwoods State park, August 13-15 at Felton.

Highlight of the occasion will be the narrative Epic of the Pioneers, which will portray a number of the characters who made up a portion of the history of the San Lorenzo Valley and the river bearing its name.

With the exception of one or two, all of the characters in the Epic have been cast: They are as follows:

Don Gaspar de Portola, "Discoverer of the San Lorenzo," portrayed by George A. Martin; Father Juan Crespi, "Intrepid Priest With Portola," Edward E. Webber; The Vanishing Indian, "Original Settler—San Lorenzo," Malio J. Stagnaro; Isaac Graham, "Firebrand of the Zayante," L. L. "Bud" Graham; The Majors family, "Pioneer Settlers of the San Lorenzo," Tom and Joseph Majors; William Day, "Pioneer Settler of Boulder Creek," George D. Cress Sr.; "Mountain Charlie" McKiernan, "Pioneer Settler of Newell Creek," Fred Wagner.

Charlie Martin, "Pioneer Founder of Glenwood," Darwin Browne; Mrs. Frances Notley, "Pioneer Woman Settler of the San Lorenzo," Mrs. Emma Knight; William Horstman, "Pioneer Settler of Bear Creek," Nick Arnet; Captain Harry Love, "Captor of Joaquin Murietta," Deloss Wilder; The Widow Bennett, "Faith in the Almighty and A Double-Barreled Shotgun," Mildred Moody Cress.

Jacob and Daniel Hartman, "Pioneer Stage and Hotelmen of the

San Lorenzo," Phil Hartman; Tiburcio Vasquez, "Spanish Desperado," Pep Piccioni; Gen. John C. Fremont, "Trail-Blazer and Con-

Record Crowd Sees Capitola Water Fantasy

A record crowd turned out to see 15 acts of grace, comedy and thrills in Capitola's lagoon last night.

It was a cold, clear night for the 1954 Capitola Water Fantasy. Spectators packed against each other on the Esplanade, on the bridge and on every building in sight, for the annual panorama of color.

A highlight of the aquatic show was Deana Stern's hula hula, to the strains of the Hawaiian Chant, on one of the flower-decked rafts that studded the water. Julie Winterburn offered another graceful version of Hawaiian rhythm in the water.

Peggy Slatter, Capitola chamber of commerce president who directed the show, presented her "bull-fighter" number. Another thrilling feature was Don Patterson's famed fire dive.

Judged the most beautiful in the 14 floats reviewed was "Up the River," depicting an old-time excursion ride entered by Penny and Rick Novak of 503 River drive. A replica of Capitola's merry-ground in flowers, entered by Andy Antonetti, was rated the most original. A canoe decorated with Mardi Gras masks, balloons and streamers, piloted by clown-costumed girls, was named the most comical.

queror," Don Latta; Duncan McPherson, "Mule Skinner-Woodsman-Editor," Vincent Locatelli; Henry Cowell, "Empire Builder," Fred Moody, tentative; Fred A. Hihn, "Pioneer Builder and Promoter," Donald Younger.

W. T. Jeter, "Public Servant Extraordinary," Preston Sawyer; President Benjamin Harrison, "First President to Visit Big Trees," Fred D. McPherson Jr.; Bret Harte, "These Trees—Among the Wonders of the World," William D. Bartlett; President Theodore Roosevelt, "These Redwoods Will Live Forever," Dino Mungai; Joseph W. Weigh, "Preserver of the Big Trees," A. A. Horton; Sheriff Howard V. Trafton, "The Law Came to Santa Cruz County," Under Sheriff Bud Hendrick; James J. Jeffries, "Heavyweight Champion," Richard Burns; Judge J. H. Logan, "Founder of Brookdale," Leon Wilson, and Ernest Otto, "A Newspaper Reporter," portrayed by himself.

Evangelistic Crusade To Start Today

Today marks the beginning of the largest city-wide evangelistic crusade in Santa Cruz in more than a decade.

The Jack Shuler team, at the invitation of a league of co-operating pastors and churches, will offer its first service at 2:30 p.m. in the

