

City Newsletter



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Councilman John McBain

Councilman John McBain died on November 8 and the City lost a dedicated civic leader who will be sorely missed in Santa Cruz. He has served on the City Council since 1961. In 1963 he was Mayor of Santa Cruz. Prior to serving on the City Council he was on the Santa Cruz Elementary and High School boards of education, including three years as board president.

His work on the Council included liaison to the water commission, airport commission and the university committee.

Mr. McBain was a man who lived what he believed - that each citizen should do more than take a passive interest in his community and that it was a duty and an honor to serve in whatever capacity he could.

Library Bonds Pass

The Library Bonds which failed by about 2% on the June primary ballot, passed handily on the November 3rd ballot. The proposed new main library will be built on the present site and options have been signed for a tentative site for the branch library.

Interest ran very high on election night and the library remained open until 3:00 a.m. for interested citizens and staff awaiting the final election returns.

The Aptos Branch has moved to its larger quarters in the Rancho del Mar Shopping Center and is open to the public five days a week. Permanent hours will be determined later to fit the needs of the community.

Civic Auditorium Bookings

Two of the interesting bookings in the Auditorium during October were the well-attended Heritage Days Community Square Dance Festival and the community concert featuring Jerome Hines, basso.

The Santa Cruz Symphony presented its first concert of the season introducing new conductor Norman Mansonson. The next concert at Civic Auditorium will be a Christmas concert to be given on December 16.

Heritage Days

The Museum contributed greatly to the Heritage Display assisting the business houses of the community with material for special displays. A trophy for best display, which was shown at Schipper Dillon's, was