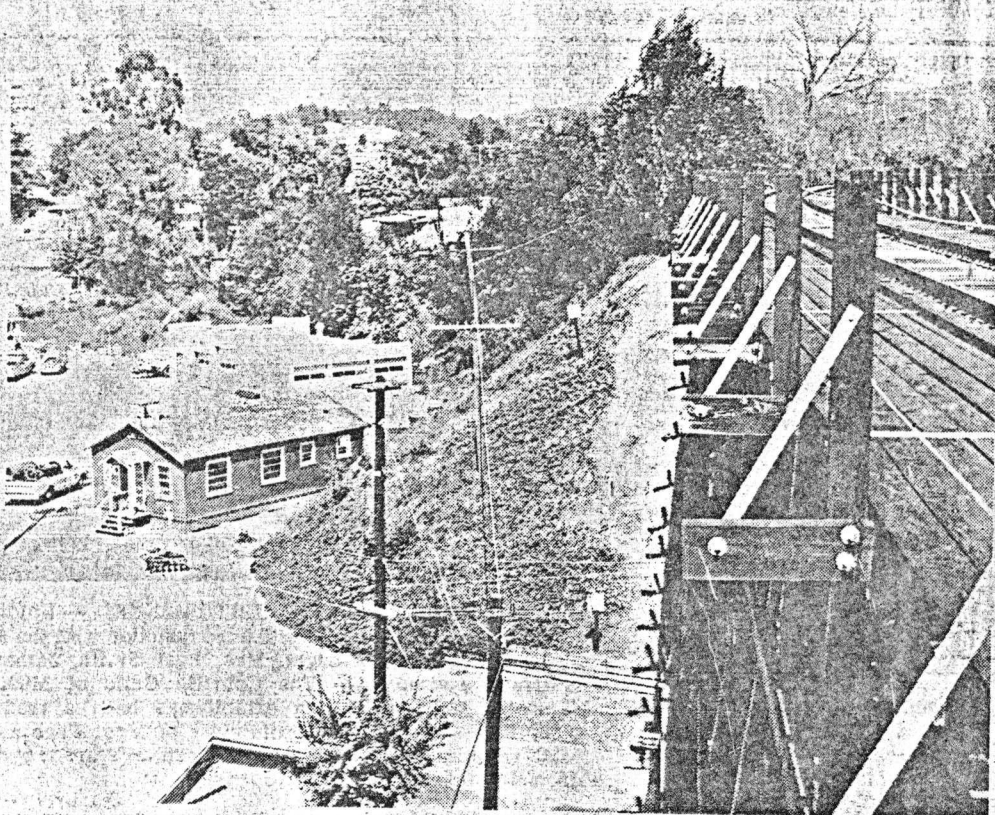
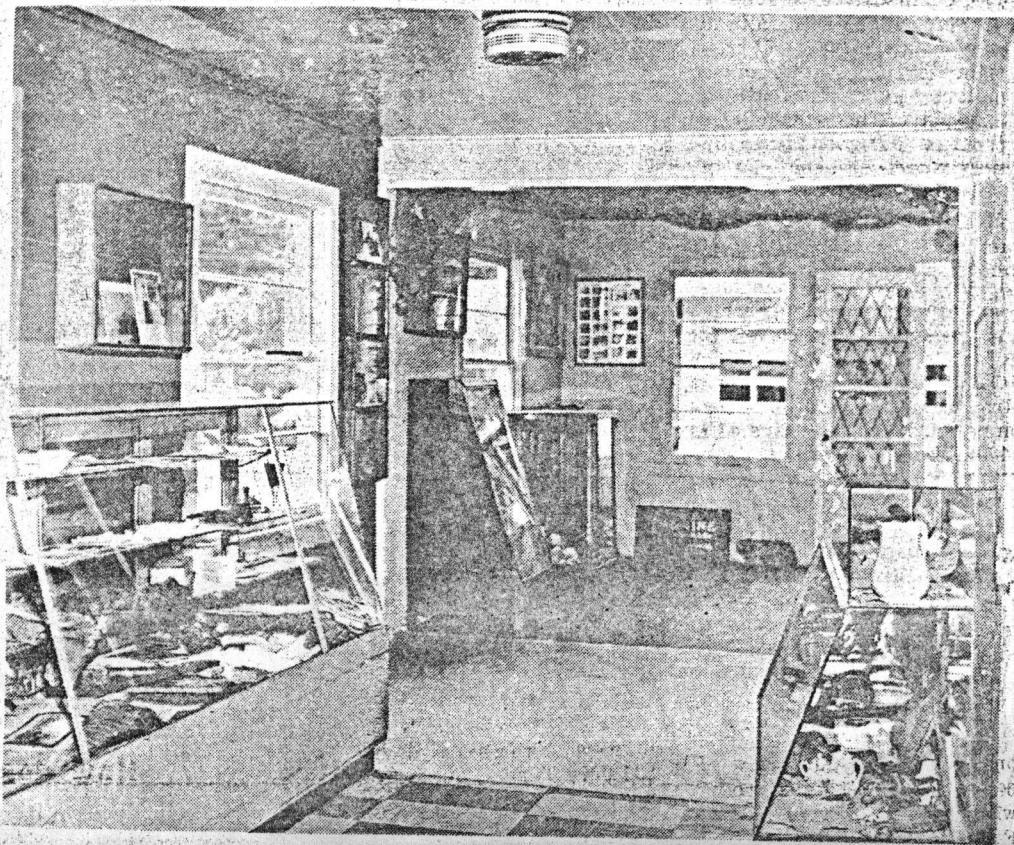


Capitola's Little Museum a historical haven for treasure



REPOSITORY OF LOCAL HISTORY -- Capitolians can take pride in having a permanent place to store and show their community's history -- a museum, all of their own. It is a city function but costs the city nothing, as the city's mayor, Philip Walker, who also founded the museum, uses his \$75 monthly salary as city councilman (and \$25 monthly salary as a member of the Capitola Sanitation district) to defray the costs of improvements and future operation. The museum is going to be opened to the public daily, from 1-5 p.m., seven days a week -- News Photo.



TIDY COLLECTION OF HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS -- Walker and fellow directors of the little Capitola museum have arranged the hundreds of items collected over the past few months like merchandise in a store, so visitors can best view them without difficulty. The museum has collected over 400 photographs of Capitola's earlier days, extending back to 1873. The museum building, once a small home in the Live Oak area that stood in way of road progress and was sold by the county (to Capitola's mayor who purchased it for \$50 with the purpose of donating it to either the city, county or state, as a historical museum). The city finally accepted the gift, but after due deliberations and much discussions -- News Photo.



MAYOR'S TROPHY -- Ed Koski, left, and the present mayor of Capitola, Philip Walker, look over one of the many gifts loaned the museum by descendents of area pioneers, a swimming trophy won by Harland P. Kessler for placing fifth in the Golden Gate Swim, September 13, 1925. Kessler was the first "mayor" of Capitola, acting as superintendent of the community for the Hihn company in 1929. The trophy given Kessler by the Dolphin Swimming & Bathing club was loaned to the museum by Mrs. Leighton Brownton of San Jose, daughter of the trophy winner -- News Photo.