

Courthouse

They Built A County . . .

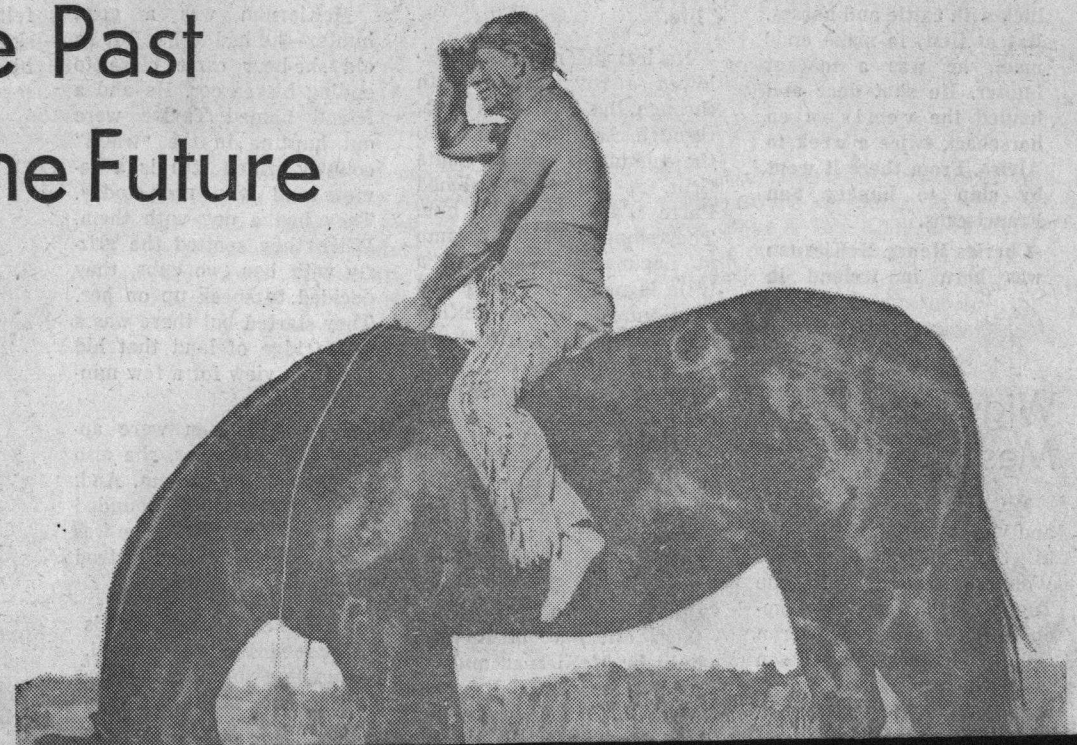


Tribute To The Past As We Look To The Future

One-eyed Charlie Parkhurst might have blushed (being a woman) if she knew her days as a stagecoach driver would be recreated half a century after her death for the dedication of a new county courthouse.

Many another county pioneer would have been surprised at the same idea, just as some citizens would be surprised today to learn they will not be forgotten in the future.

On this page are some of the characters whose deeds are still remembered here, and who come alive through the clothes and person of someone else. Some, like blacksmith Fred Wagner, actually lived through



Captain Harry Love captured the notorious Joaquin Murietta, "the Robin Hood of the El Dorado," who had terrorized Californians in the 1850s. Actually, this is Deloss Wilder of Coast road who seems to have guns at the ready for the Indian at the right of the page.

changing names. Others are descendants of county founders, or simply play the roles of past personages.

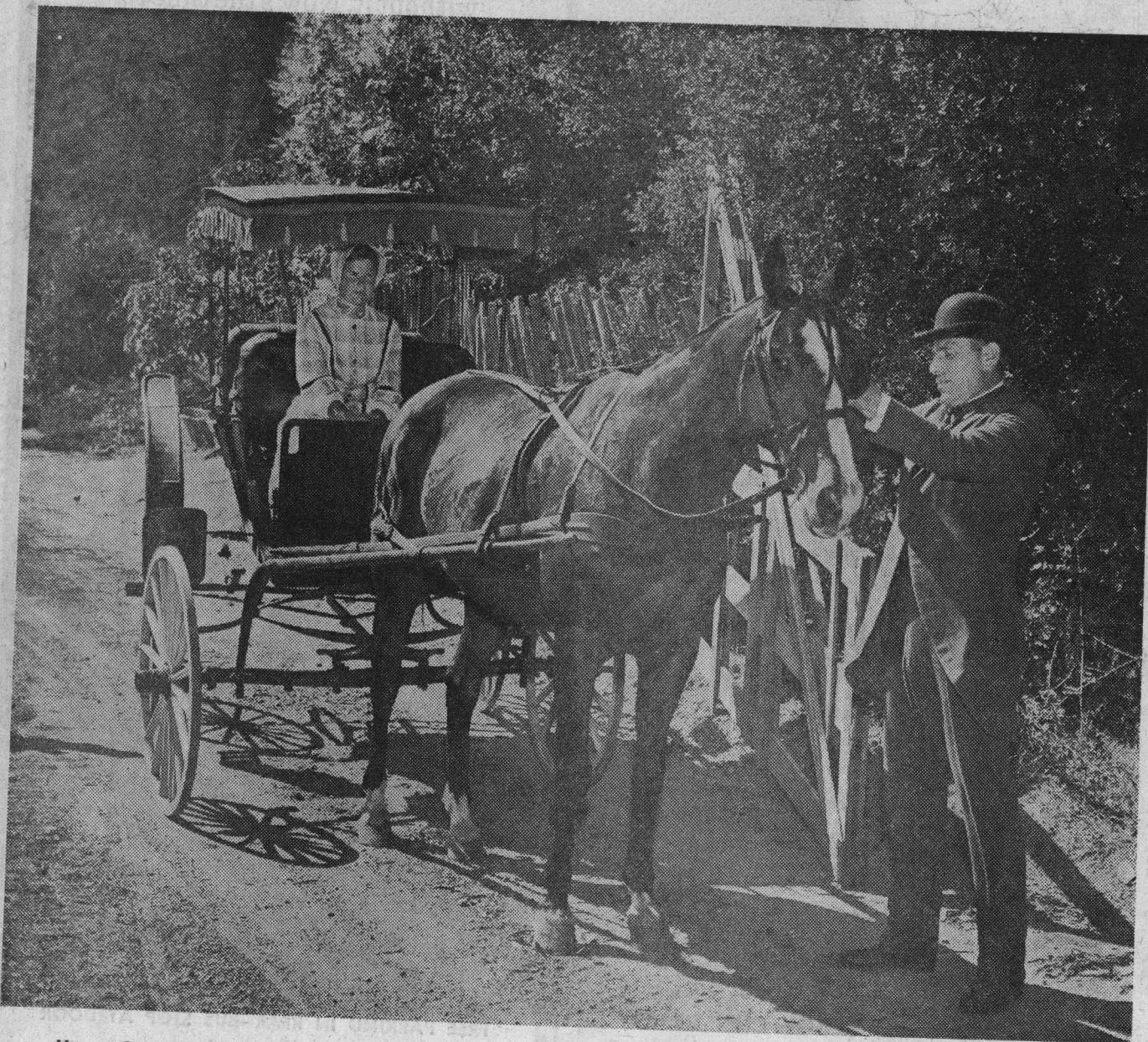
In all, there will be 38 of them riding in the "Pageant of Pioneers" parade at the new structure. It is part of an open house day and dedication, next Saturday.

Each of the persons who helped make this county during its early life will be recalled by Warren W. Littlefield, head of the dedication committee.

As for one-eyed Charlie, she may well have been the first woman voter. Parkhurst voted regularly long before women's suffrage, and her secret was not discovered until after her death.

"End of the Trail" might be an apt caption for this picture of Malio Stagnaro, looking very much like the 123-year-old Indian Roxas. Roxas helped build Holy Cross Mis-

sion in 1792 and in the recent past was made a "chief" by county supervisors. Malio may be greying at the temples, but has an eagle eye for the army captain at left.



Henry Cowell was a forceful man who built an empire of limestone and cattle, and helped build a new university on his empire after his time. Frank "Lud" McCrary

of Big Creek reincarnates the Cowell personality while McCrary's wife, Barbara, portrays Cowell's daughter, Isabella.

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Fred Wagner, nearly 90 years old, is a pioneer blacksmith himself. He still plys his trade, and is checking horse-drawn vehicles to be used during the celebration. He will portray Elihu Anthony, pioneer blacksmith who built the first Santa Cruz wharf in 1853.