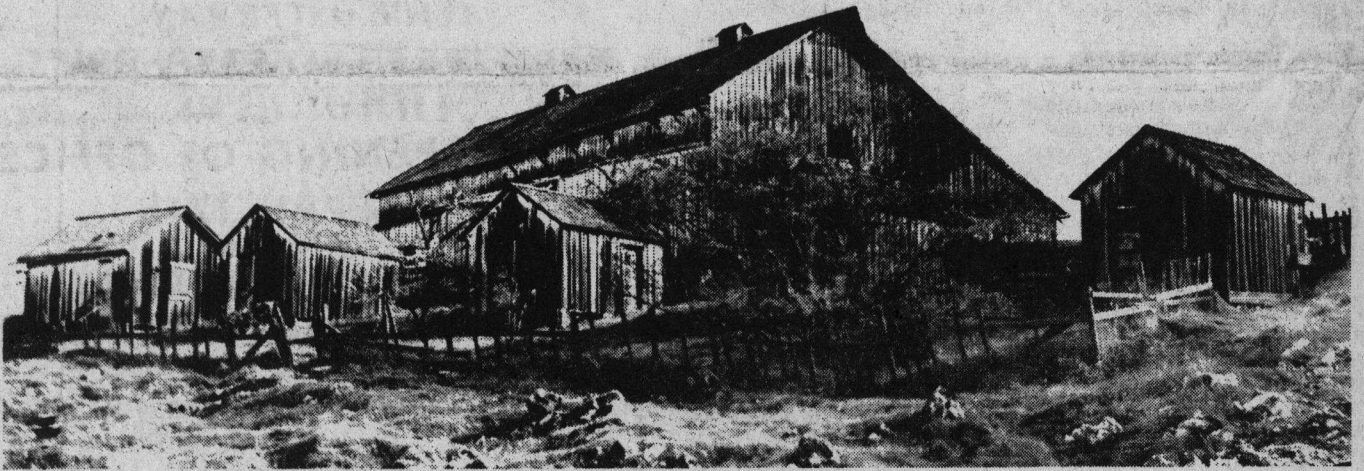


Rustic old relics of Cowell Ranch lend grace & beauty to Santa Cruz campus



CRUMBLING CABINS -- These cabins along the old quarry were used by ranch hands as late as the fifties. UCSC officials thought at one time of converting old barn into a little theater for the campus colleges -- News Photo.



COOK HOUSE -- Preserved and still used by the University as a temporary staging area for colleges under construction. Crown college now occupying -- News Photo.

Visitors to the Santa Cruz campus of the University of California are usually quite impressed with the efforts of local UC officials to preserve the natural attributes of the 2,000-acre campus. Yet, ironically enough, the most favorable comments officials at UCSC receive, regarding their construction program, is over efforts made by the university to preserve the rustic old relics of an era long past -- the old buildings that once comprised the Cowell Ranch.

Only a few of the buildings have been preserved, but they stand out like precious jewels, and stand as a testimonial to what could be done, was there money enough available.

Unfortunately, the university has neither the time nor the money to save the rest of the majestic old buildings that surround the campus entrance. And the prospect of carrying on a rejuvenation campaign grows slimmer as the proffered cutback in UC's construction budget begins to shape up into reality.

University officials attempted to interest local groups and individuals in preserving the old buildings on the campus but nothing came of it. In the meantime, a segment of Santa Cruz' historic past crumbles away to oblivion.

The buildings are a holdover from the days when a limestone quarry was operated on the site. In 1865 Henry Cowell bought a half share of what is now referred to as the Cowell Ranch from a man named Jordan, partner to a man named Davis. Their operation became known as the Davis and Cowell company, dealers in lime and cement.

In 1888 Cowell purchased the Davis holdings and the company was known as the Henry Cowell company until it was incorporated in 1899, at which time it became known as the Henry Cowell Lime and Cement company.

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