

## The Old and the New

# Things Are Cooking at the Cookhouse...

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The cook used to get up at 4:30 a.m. and breakfast was served at 6 sharp. The insistent ringing of an iron triangle — and later, a big circular saw blade, called the men to eat.

In winter, when it was dark at 6, the rooms were lit with kerosene lamps. The old black iron stove gave out warmth as well as tasty food.

Breakfast customers were the men who worked on the Cowell Ranch. They took care of the cattle and horses; they built fences and repaired what needed repairing. In earlier years, from 1865 to 1946, ranch workers tended the brimstone kilns and cut wood for fueling them.

The cookhouse, as it is still known, played a continuing important part in early, middle and late ranch history. Empty stomachs don't make for a full day's work. The cookhouse was used as such until the early 1950's.

When 2000 acres of Cowell property was sold to University of California in 1961, many of the oldtimers wondered what would become of the old ranch buildings — among them, the cookhouse.

But since the transaction, the cookhouse has come back to life and has housed a number of distinguished UCSC personages. With new coats of paint, some remodeling, electric wiring (Harry Cowell didn't want it) and more win-



Directly above, etched glass in one of the doors. Above right, old iron cook stove still stands in room that was kitchen, is now an office.

dows, the cookhouse took a new lease on life.

In 1964 the old building (no one knows when it was built) was renovated by UCSC's Planning and Construction unit. In 1965 Chancellor Dean McHenry moved into the kitchen, upstairs. His office contained a real conversation piece — the old black iron

wood stove. Downstairs served as an office for Page Smith, first provost of Cowell College.

A few months later when the Chancellor moved into Central Services new building, Charles Page, first provost of Stevenson College, moved into the kitchen.

Next to occupy what has become known as the "stove office" was Crown College Provost Kenneth Thimann.

When he moved out in 1967, UC Extension Dean Carl Tjerandson moved in, and UCSC Police took over the downstairs portion of the building.

Now UC Extension has moved out and Chief Raymond McIntyre of the police force will make himself at home in the "stove office."

Added attraction at the cookhouse: when the building was first occupied, cattle often came up to peer into the windows late at night. They also liked to invade the parking lot and rub their furry hides on the autos parked there.

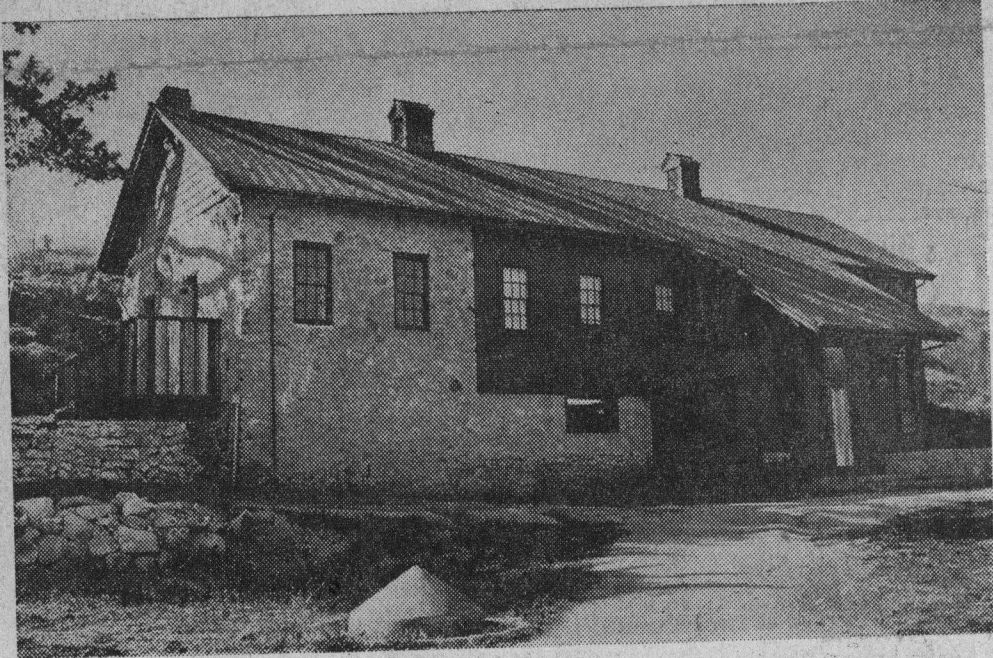
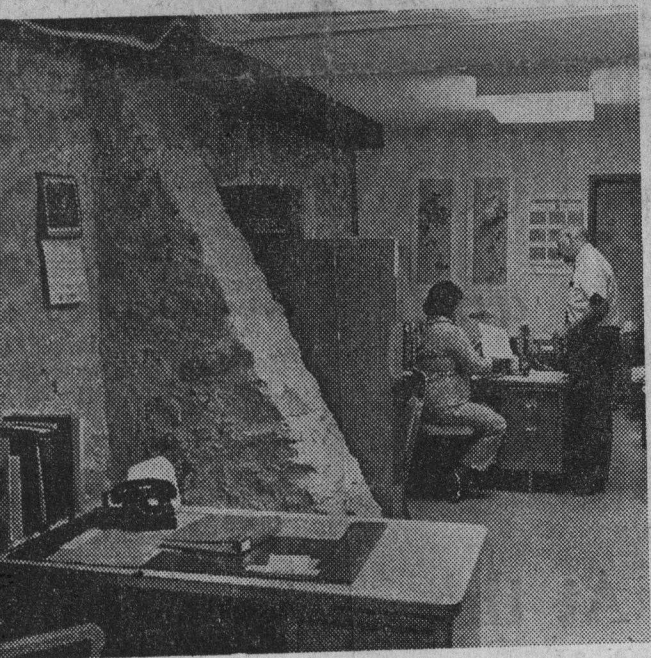
Interesting note: the cookhouse stands on the floor of the earliest limestone quarry, a pre-Cowell operation that was started in 1849 by Albion P. Jordan and Isaac E. Davis. The cookhouse was always painted red. "Garbage disposal" was out in front of the building, a pigsty where food leftovers were fed to Cowell hogs.



## Cabrillo Ceramics Show

John Bobeda, who is now teaching ceramics at Cabrillo College, has a one-man show of his ceramic art.





## Couple To Wed in Stockton

An engagement party at Beach Cliff, given by the parents of the prospective bridegroom, announced the impending marriage of Lynn Marie Osterlie and William Edward Robinson III.

Lynn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Edward Osterlie of Napa and William's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Warfield Ireland, 110 Paseo Ballena, Aptos.

Old view of Cookhouse at top also shows the equipment shed that originally stood in front of it, lean-to on South end, the cooperage (long, low building) where barrels for lime were made, and stacks of wood used for burning lime in kilns. Photo from collection of the late Frank Lazarotti. Cookhouse as it is today, below at right, with old pigsty in foreground.

