

# Live Oak history

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followed the route of what is now Portola Drive.

Years later, when the trolley line was removed, its path became known first as "Division Street right-of-way," and then, "Capitola Drive." Since Lower Soquel Road gradually became known as Capitola Road, the Capitola Drive was changed to Portola about 1948.

About the same time the Baptist resort was built, Corcoran Lagoon property was given to the Catholic Ladies Aid Society of California. Grand President Margaret Deane accepted the gift on April 25, 1891, and donors

were Live Oak landowners Henry Johans, who provided 2½ acres; Patrick Moran, 7½ acres; and James Corcoran of Corcoran Lagoon, who gave the society ten acres plus the site for a railroad station and right-of-way for East Cliff Drive.

Santa Maria del Mar was a 2½-story hotel set on a 50-foot cliff—which has since crumbled to a much lower height. The original hotel resembled the Bayview in Aptos, and was completed and ready for the tourist season of 1896. The Catholic Ladies Aid Society intended to rent half the rooms out at standard resort prices, while the other half were to be reserved for low-income Catholic women on holiday. Profits from the first half were used to supplement charity for the second half. In addition, all rooms were to be made available for group retreats of various Catholic orders.

Although subdivisions were built and the school enrollment increased at the start of the church resort era, Live Oak still had a few roads between the Santa Cruz-Watsonville Road and the ocean. None of those that now connect through East Cliff Drive went past Lower Soquel Road until well after the turn-of-the-century. Lands between the school and the broad-gauged railroad line remained Kinsley family pasture.

## Jobless rate shows slight rise

Unemployment in Santa Cruz County rose somewhat in November, the state Employment Development Department reported this week.

A total of 60,100 persons were employed in Santa Cruz county during November. During the same period, there were 6,700 unemployed and the unemployment rate stood at 10 per cent, up from the October figure of 9.1 per cent.