

The annual Hallowe'en affair was started by the posse in 1946 to curb the number of malicious mischief reports and to keep the youngsters off the streets. Posse members said this year's affair was "one of the best yet."

...also booked on a disturbing the peace charge last night. Police arrested him in front of the Del Mar theater.

The only other disturbances last night were a few reports of ripped-up fences and egg, tomato, and water-filled bag tossings.

14 Years On The Job

Malcolm Sinclair, Santa Cruz Building Inspector, Retires

By Jack Rannells

"There were times when you were damned if you did and damned if you didn't. But in the long run, it has been a very, very pleasant association.

These were the comments of Malcolm Sinclair, building inspector for the city of Santa Cruz since August 1945.

The spry, good-humored Sinclair was retired from service Friday, having reached the mandatory age of 70.

He said immediate plans are not set, "but I'm going to do something. I'm not going to rusticate," he said.

Sinclair explained that the toughest part of the inspection work was strict enforcement of the codes — sometimes against friends.

Sinclair is a native of Massachusetts. However, he studied engineering at the University of California before World War I, when he served with the corps of engineers.

In 1920, he came to Santa Cruz as assistant manager of Wood Brothers company (now East Santa Cruz Lumber yard) which was involved in building, contracting, and lumber milling.

In 1935, he began a 10-year term with the federal government.

"After the war, I wanted to come 'home' to Santa Cruz," Sinclair said. He and his wife, the former Dorothy Smith of Santa Cruz, returned here and he took the city job.

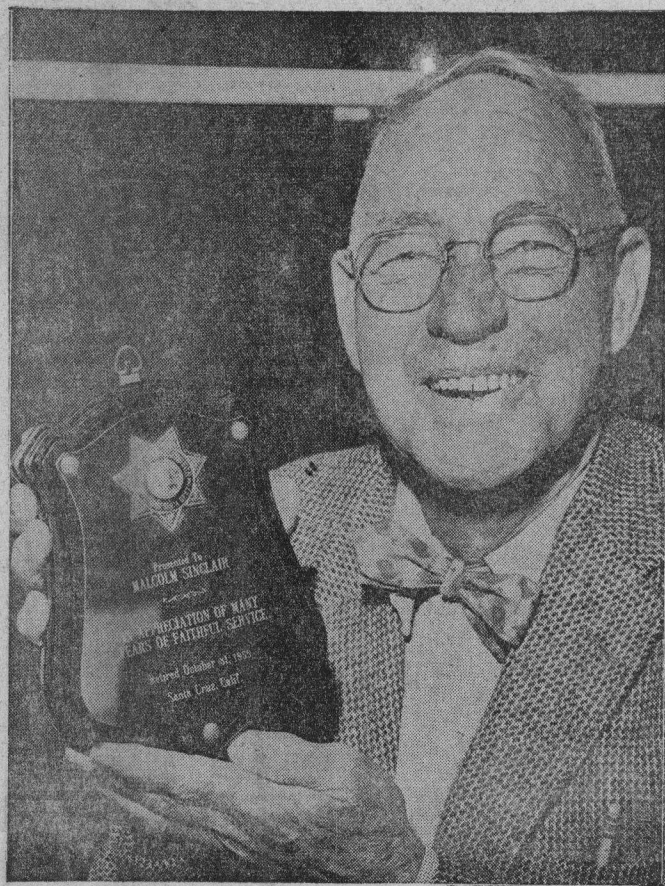
They reside at 414 Pacheco avenue.

During his tenure with the city, Sinclair has been active in code committees of the Peninsula chapter of the State Building Officials association. He is a past president of the chapter.

Sinclair also was a principal in organization of the American Legion here and he has been active in Masonic work.

Members of the city inspection staff recently finagled Sinclair's badge for him. Friday they presented it back mounted on a handsome plaque.

Presented On Retirement



City Building Inspector Malcolm Sinclair displays a plaque presented to him by fellow workers Friday, his last day of

work before mandatory retirement. Incorporated in the handsome present is the badge worn by Sinclair during 15 years of city service.

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