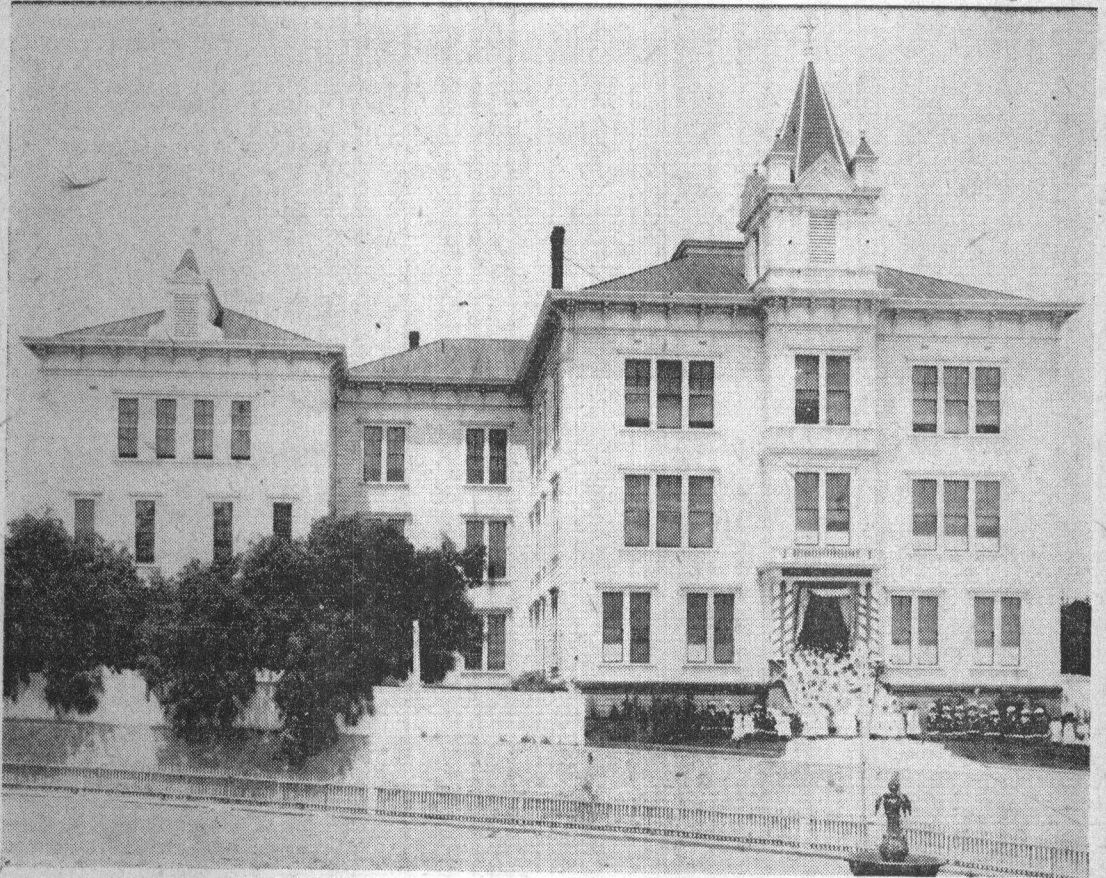


Santa Cruz Yesterdays



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL IN 1895

(From the Preston Sawyer Collection)

For 54 years on the brow of Mission Hill, stood Holy Cross school and convent.

Founded in 1862 in an adobe building on a corner of the same tract, the school continued under the Sisters of Charity until 1943 when the Dominican Sisters took over the task of teaching in the present building on High street.

Through most of the years the old school was an orphanage and boarding school for girls who came also from other points.

Sisters Came In 1862

The Sisters of Charity, sent from Emmetsburg, Maryland, came in 1862 by way of Panama where they crossed the isthmus by muleback, headed by Sister Corsina. Many of them stayed long in Santa Cruz where in the early days they took over the task of nursing in the original county hospital, which stood on the hill back of their building.

Sister Rose, an aunt of Senator

James M. Phelan, was in the group from 1867 to 1889, the last 12 years as superior, until she was sent to take charge of a hospital at Virginia City, Nevada. Sister Feliciano had been here 30 years when she left with the group in 1943.

The smaller wooden building at the left was constructed in 1865. The larger was erected in 1890, with its architect T. J. Welch of San Francisco, who had designed the brick Holy Cross church, started two years before. L. B. McCornick was the general contractor.

The stone retaining wall along Mission street was built the same year, and still survives.

The Dominican Sisters, now living in the large former residence of the Henry Willey family at Sylvar and Mission streets, and teaching in the school on High street, belong to a teaching order founded in 1233. The same order opened in Monterey in 1850 the first convent and girls' school in California,

which were later transferred to Benicia.

Dominicans Started In '43

The group of Dominican Sisters who came to Santa Cruz in 1943 from Adrian, Mich., was headed by Sister Mary Judith, who was transferred in 1949 to the Dominican high school in Detroit. She was succeeded here by Sister Richard Clare, who came from the Detroit school.

The buildings shown stood idle for a time when school activities had shifted to the more modern plant on High street. During 1944, in the period of World War II, when there was a demand for good building materials, the Mission street hill structures were dismantled for the salvageable lumber in them, together with metal and fixtures.

The picture was made in June of 1895 and shows a graduating class grouped in front, as seen across Mission street from the yard of old Mission Hill school.

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man announced today. Further announcement will be made in the near future about disposition of land, buildings and equipment of the \$600,000 plant.

The cannery is one of five which have recently gone out of business in Monterey's Cannery Row, now