

# Bulldozer On March In State, Says Dr. Aubrey Neasham; Urge Preservation Of Landmarks

"The bulldozer is on the march in California," said Dr. Aubrey Neasham last night when he addressed a dinner meeting of the Santa Cruz Historical society, held at the Riverside hotel.

"Things we hold dear are likely to disappear," the speaker added, who, as historian of the department of natural resources, state division of beaches and parks, was featured at an outstanding meeting of the five-months-old, and growing local society.

Dr. Neasham's topic was "Preservation of California Historical Sites." He stressed the fact that the tremendous influx of new people into this state; the fast-mounting increase in population, is creating vast development projects, building booms, new highway and freeway building—to keep up with the demands of new growth.

Already some landmarks worthy of preservation have literally been "bulldozed" out of existence. "Such groups as your society must work to preserve, and to mark, historical landmarks of our glorious state, before it is too late." He cited a proposed dam project near Coloma which would erase the famous site of Marshall's gold

discovery in 1848, as an example of danger to the state's mementos of her colorful background.

Dr. Neasham stated there are 519 state historical landmarks registered in his department—four of them in this area; Santa Cruz Mission, Villa Branciforte, Glenwood and the "Glass House" near Watsonville.

Committees were named as follows: Publicity—Preston Sawyer, chairman; Elsie Jameson, Ernest Otto; program—Geraldine Work, chairman, Callista Dake, Margaret Koch; reservations and transportation—Mamie Cassidy chairman, Ruth Baldwin, Marie Pratchner; photo and transcription—Fred Wagner, chairman, Hulda MacLean, Robert Burton Preston Sawyer; historical markers, two chairmen, John Strohbeen and Harry Black, Mrs. Fred Wagner Phyllis Patten, Arnold Baldwin, William Davenport, Fred McPherson, Lucille Trine.

Through the hospitality of the Fred Wagners the society will hold its July meeting at Wagner's park, end of Evergreen street. It will be a potluck dinner picnic Monday, July 13, starting at 6 o'clock, with coffee and rolls furnished. Mr. and Mrs. Wagner volunteered to take charge of the coffee making.

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