

WES'S BOOK IS JUST NATURAL FOR US

"Back Door to Berlin" will be a natural for serializing in the Sentinel-News.

When a home town boy gets a book published the fact is interesting. When that home town boy goes through the Tunisia campaign as one of the Associated Presses ace correspondents his book is a "must."

Wes Gallagher wasn't born in Santa Cruz because his mother took it into her head to go up to San Francisco a few days before that interesting event in his career, and returned two or three weeks later. Otherwise Wes was a Santa Cruz boy until he finished his first year of high school and the family moved to Watsonville.

Wes did some work on the old Watsonville Register and then learned some journalism at the University of Louisiana in the last of the Huey Long days.

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WROTE 60,000 WORDS AT MARRAKECH

"Back Door to Berlin" (the title explains its theme) was written in French Morocco, where Wes took three weeks off and spent them at Marrakech, a pre-war winter resort, turning out 60,000 words.

Then, when Wes jeeped into Bizerte with the advance of the Yanks and British his jeep overturned and he went to a hospital in Algeria with his back in a cast. The last 20,000 words were done there.

"I couldn't sit up long," he relates. "I'd stay up long enough to type a hundred words and then lie down for a while. For a man who thinks on the typewriter it was a slow process."

Then Wes came home, to New York, and then to Santa Cruz, to be with his mother, Mrs. Lamar Cureton. He's still wearing an arrangement of straps and braces to support his back, but he's nearly ready to get back on the job.

"I'll leave Tuesday for New York and have some X-rays and other things. Then, about the first of September, I'll leave for London on the way to Algeria again."

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MAINLY, THAT SITUATION IS COMING

tainly Europe will be in Gallagher comments on situation. "It may come. But it won't be through bombs and occupy them but we want with Italy?"

Germany has to keep a army there and has to the Italians. If we could just take over What's the use? No Wagner military movement through Brenner pass, be no military ad-

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the invasion when maps through south- Fures did not carry his but he made no "don't rest on the above state- did on some of the information about things in Al- eria which he casually men- oned.

He did tell something that will be a blow for Fred McPherson. The cost of the war coverage, which is pro-rated down to the smallest member paper, is going to go up.

"The Associated Press had four or five millions in its treasury, and it's been coasting along on that, so far. Cable tolls out of Tunisia alone probably cost the A. a million dollars."

MAYOR PRO TEM PHIL SOUZA

When, during the next year, Mayor Roy Fulmer is absent from the city on council meeting day, the chair will be filled—according to city hall report—by Commissioner Phil Souza.

The vice regal crown, which will make Phil acting mayor in Fulmer's absence, is expected to be conferred at the council meeting tomorrow morning.

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PARAGRAPH FROM FINANCIAL PAGE

Lured by the catch-line of "build a life estate" many persons in California—including Santa Cruz—have in the last dozen years taken on themselves monthly payments toward ownership of "certificates" in some syndicate.

The syndicate promised to invest its income in real estate or stocks. The idea was that its investments would be spread so wide that the law of averages would make them safe.

The law of averages has failed to work with the Investors' Syndicate of Minneapolis, said to have been (note the past tense) largest investment company in the nation. The SEC has asked the U. S. district court in Minneapolis to appoint a receiver.

This particular syndicate gave prospective installment purchasers of its certificates a "you-can't-lose" line by promising a cash surrender value at any time.

The Minneapolis court, however, halted all cash surrenders and loans to certificate holders.

Also defendants are two subsidiaries—Investors' Mutual, Inc., and Investors' Syndicate of America, Inc.—and directors, officers and divisional sales managers of the three companies, which together operated in 43 states.

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BRANCIFORTIAN GAVE LAND FOR SCHOOL

Santa Cruzans should have taken a larger interest in the celebration last Thursday of the 75th anniversary of the founding of St. Francis school, near Watsonville.

It was a native Santa Cruzan (or Brancifortian) who donated the 145 acres out of Corralitos Rancho on which the school was established in 1869. She was Prudence Amesti, daughter of Ignacio Amesti, born in 1804 when her father was comisionado of Brancifort. Her marriage to Amesti, grandfather of Corallitos, put her in position to give the land, as by his death in 1856 it passed into her possession.

The Sentinel A Quarter

The old Foster blacksmith shop at Front and Cooper streets (Hagedorn service station site) was being razed to permit widening Front street.

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Sheriff Trafton was investigating this county's first automobile theft. A Cadillac belonging to a San Francisco woman had been stolen from the Riverside hotel grounds.

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The Coast Counties Gas and Electric Company was staging a campaign to sell its stock at \$87.50 a share.

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Three pounds of sugar per person per month continued to be the rule of the food administration. It was endeavored to regulate sugar consumption by limiting grocers' sales.

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The Union Traction company asks the state railroad commission for permission to raise trolley fares in Santa Cruz and to Capitola.

sion, and that of her three daughters.

Another tie to Santa Cruz is that the school was founded by the Rev. Apolandarius Roussel, who was the Catholic priest in charge of Santa Cruz parish as well as that at Watsonville.

The school was operated as a parish institution until 1874 when the Franciscan fathers of Santa Barbara were called to take charge, by Bishop Amat. In 1885, when Santa Barbara mission was incorporated into the Sacred Heart province of St. Louis, the priests of that order took charge of the institution.

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SOLDADOS DISTINGUIDOS

Early in 1840 Alcalde Antonio Bolcoff of Santa Cruz (he was born in Kamchatka but was naturalized a Mexican) received from the governor in Monterey request for a few young men for the cavalry company.

His list of men available, dated Feb. 13, 1843 (the original is in County Recorder Belle Lindsay's office) mentions Apolonario Lorenzana, 21; Luis Juarez, 18; and Simon Perez, 16.

Several of the Rodriguez brothers and the Castro boys were already in the Monterey company.

Today 103 years later, members of the same families are in our army or navy, all from Santa Cruz.

George Lorenzana of 21 Ocean street is in an armored unit. Raymond and Tommy Juarez of 13 Darwin street are in the navy. F. L. Perez quit high school to join the navy. Three Castros from Santa Cruz and its vicinity, Rafael, Frank and Charles, are in the army. Of members of the old Rodriguez family Alfred is in the navy and Don, Harold, Joe and Lawrence in army uniform.

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