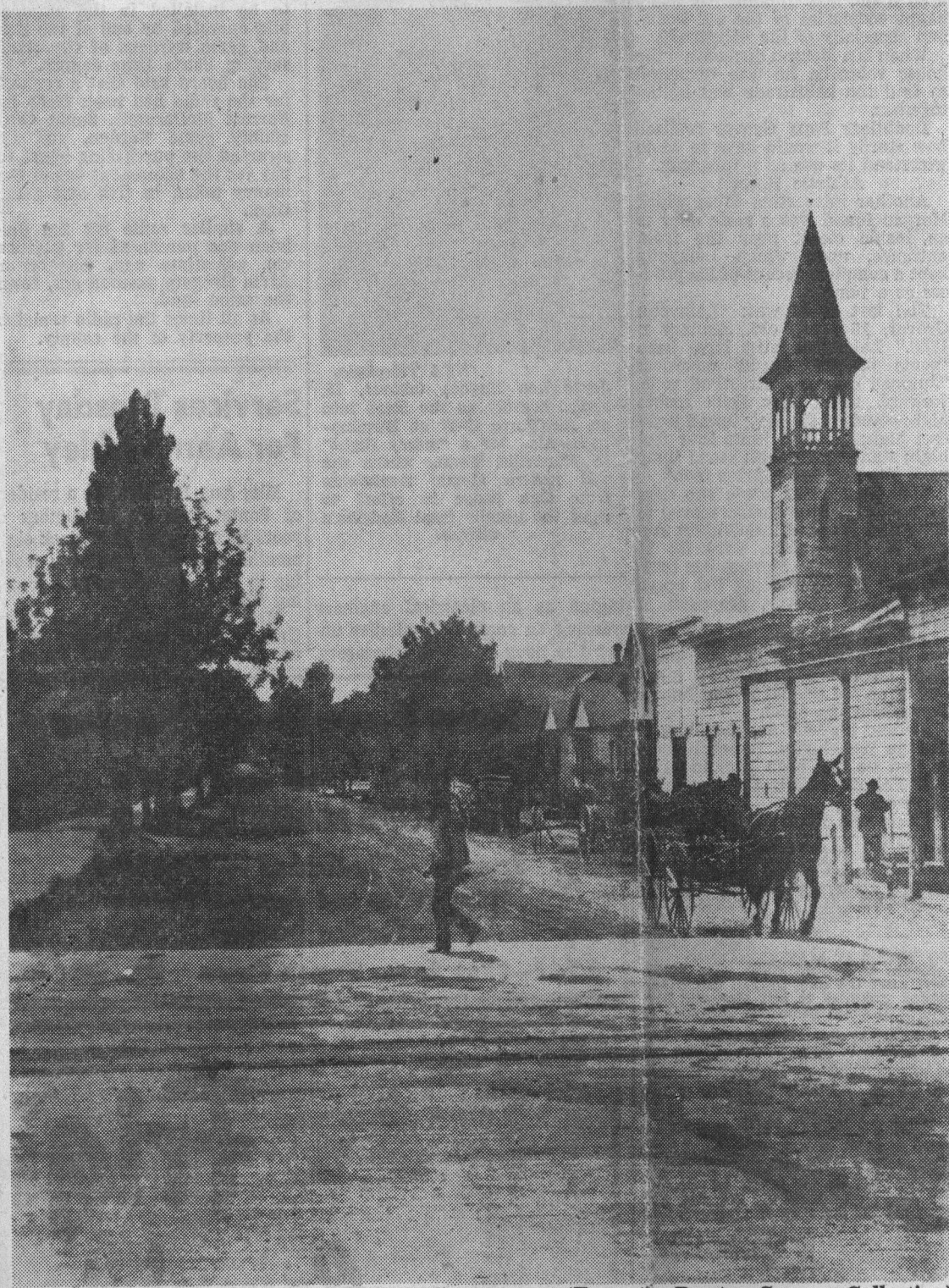


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WHEN WALNUT AVENUE WAS YOUNG

(From the Preston Sawyer Collection)

Although the camera's lens of 60 years ago tends to foreshorten distances in the accompanying picture, plenty of room existed between the rear buildings of the Williamson & Garrett store and the Scott home beyond for the front yard of the old Unity hall on the north side of Walnut avenue. The cameraman was in front of the then new Masonic Temple on Pacific avenue, looking west created in 1867 by F. A. Hihn, who bought extensive orchard lands and moved many a well-grown apple tree to lay out the first street in Santa Cruz to have an original width of 60 feet. The shade trees, some of which were walnut, had grown up during 22 years, and were thriving in 1889, but those along the south side were cut out three years later in the interests of "progress."

Pacific avenue, across the foreground, had its single track horse car line and macadam paving. It was yet to be a few years until the electric cars came, and Walnut avenue, too, had a track. Its sidewalks still were plank. The small buildings in the right foreground were the feed and hay sections of Williamson & Garrett's general store. As can be noted, it was definitely the "good old horse-and-buggy

days," with one barley motor stopped by the camera.

Church Tower Looms Up

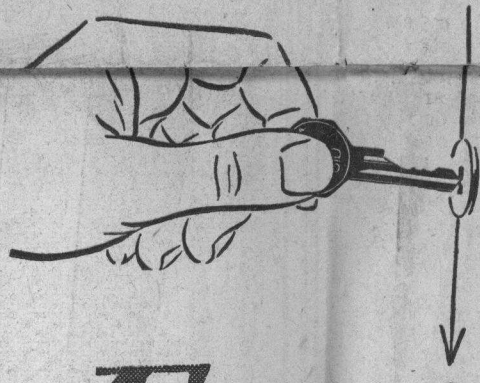
Dominating with its tall tower, Unity hall, built in 1868, sits back

from the street. It had a flourishing congregation for 10 years, then languished. The Presbyterians, organized by meetings in the Y. M. C. A. hall about the time the pic-

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