



Sgt. Lowell Rountree and his wife, Isabell, both retiring this week, have

piled up 70 years between them, working for Santa Cruz county. He started in 1923

The use of parachutes in Mars landings will be studied this summer by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Balloons and sounding rockets will loft parachute-equipped capsules 130,000 feet to simulate the landing of instrumented, unmanned capsules by chute on the red planet.

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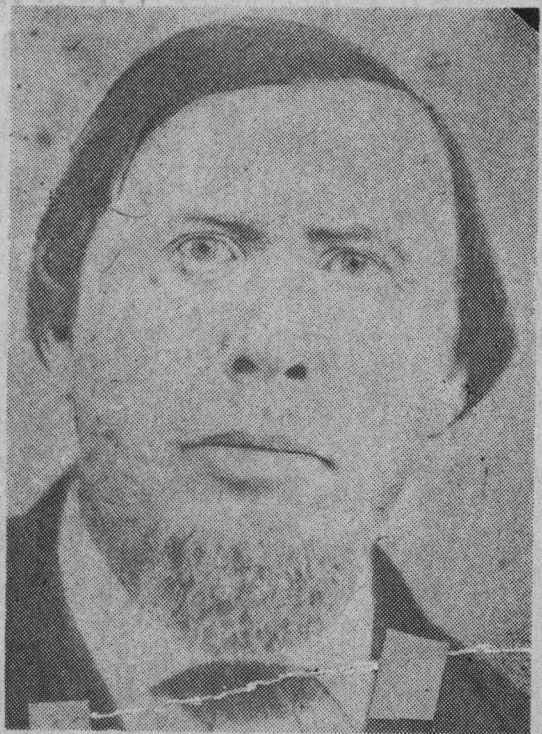
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Almus Rountree, first member of the family in Santa Cruz county. (Photo courtesy of Ed Rountree)

'Pappy' Rountree To Retire Friday

By Margaret Koch
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Sergeant Lowell Rountree, third generation of his family to serve Santa Cruz county as a "lawman," will retire Friday.

Rountree, known far and wide as "Pappy," will hang up his guns, unpin his star for the last time and become a plain citizen like the rest of us. He has served since July 5, 1923, when he was first deputized.

Pappy ends the Rountree lawman era in the county, started by Almus Rountree, his grandfather, and continued by Richard Rountree, Pappy's father.

Almus came to California in 1850 following the tragic drownings of his wife and infant daughter in a Missouri flood. He became sheriff of Santa Cruz county in the 1870s and later operated a hotel at Davenport Landing. He also served as local justice of the peace.

Richard (Dick) Rountree, Pappy's father, died in one of the county's bloodiest shooting frays. As undersheriff, he accompanied Sheriff Howard Trafton to subdue a madman living in a shack at Seaciff. In trying

to take the maniac quietly into custody, both Trafton and Rountree were fatally wounded.

Also retiring this week is Pappy's wife, Isabel, who has worked for Santa Cruz county for the past 27 years. She started when Frank Helms was tax collector, later worked with Willet Ware, and more recently as assistant auditor with George Kriz. Since 1962 Mrs. Rountree has been in the county collection department with County Counsel Bill Card.

She is looking forward to retirement as a chance to "cook and garden and do a lot of things I've been neglecting." The Rountrees live at 3196 Glen Canyon road, where they keep a couple of saddle horses; both like to ride. They have lived there for 22 years.

In searching her mind for the single most exciting event in county history that she and her husband lived through, Isabel remembers the evacuation of the coast front dwellers immediately after Pearl Harbor. She accompanied Lowell on his rounds. They were both active in civil defense during World War II.

They both remember the flood of 1955, but particularly Isabel remembers it because so many county records were ruined in the basement of the courthouse where she worked.

Now both Rountrees are putting all county business behind them and they will be planning their retirement years together.

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