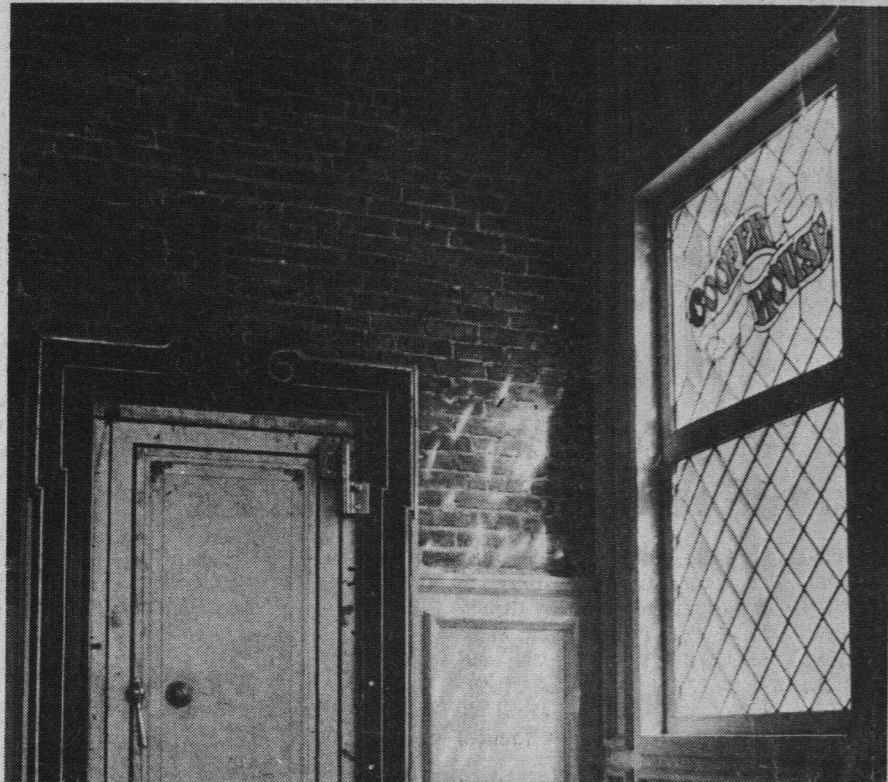


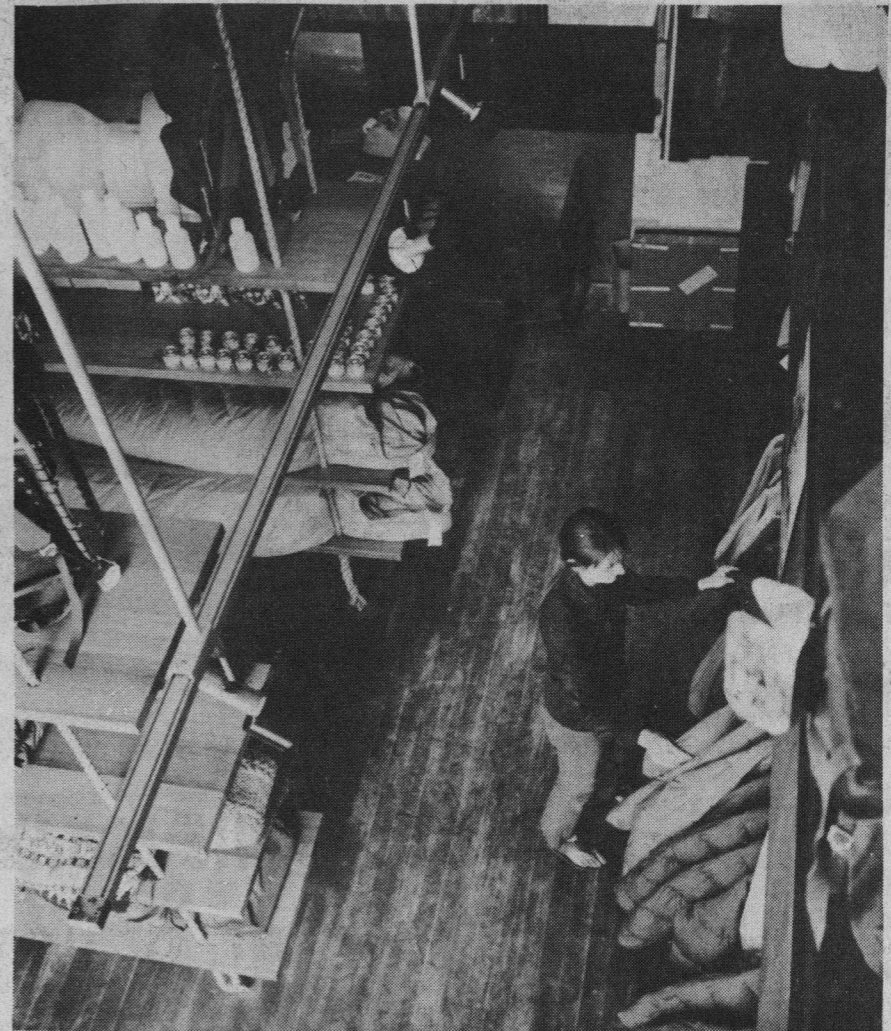
Cooper House



Sally Beehler sits in her shop (once law library) where she sells handmade clothes



Old courthouse begins a new life

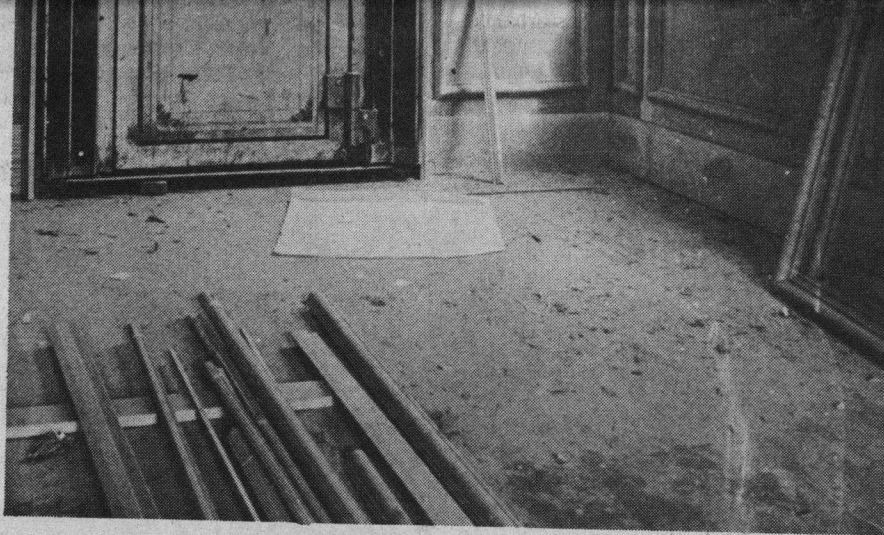


Eileen Page straightens merchandise in Wilderness store, which once served as office for county assessor

Barely saved from the wrecker's ball several times, the former Santa Cruz County courthouse is beginning to look more and more like the Cooper House it is becoming.

The 75-year-old building at Pacific Ave. and Cooper St. was several times all but ordered demolished by the board of supervisors, but was rescued by prospective purchasers. The first attempt to buy it fell through, but the second, by Max Walden who developed Los Gatos' Old Town, was successful.

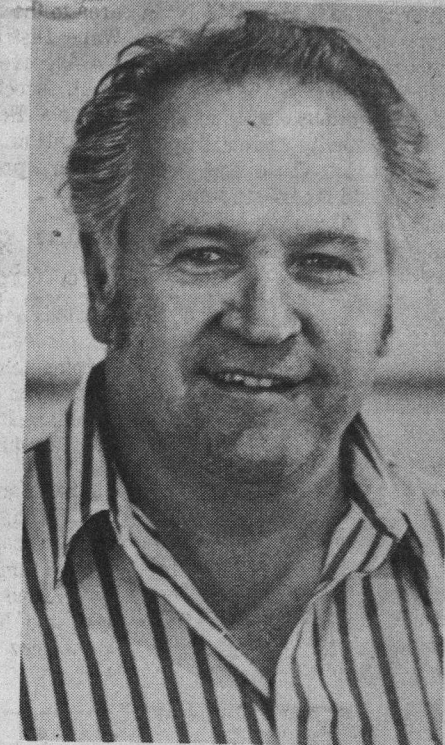
Walden hopes to create a smaller version of Old Town — a series of specialty stores — in the former collection of government offices, and as these pictures show, he's got things underway.



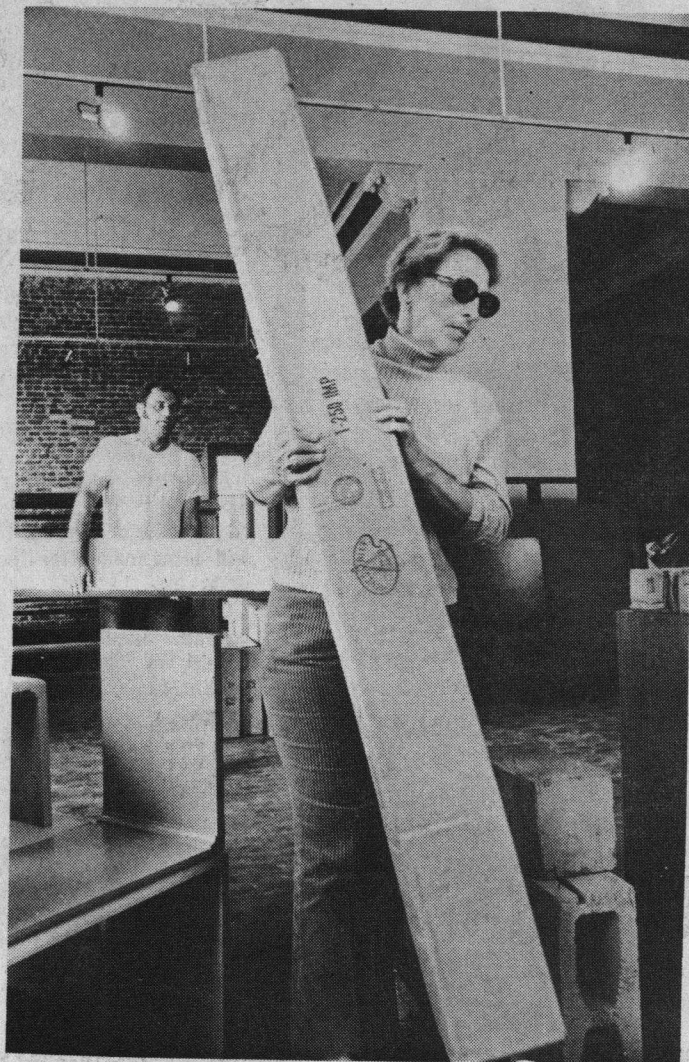
Safe door from tax collector's office serves as point of interest in what will be a restaurant; note window at right



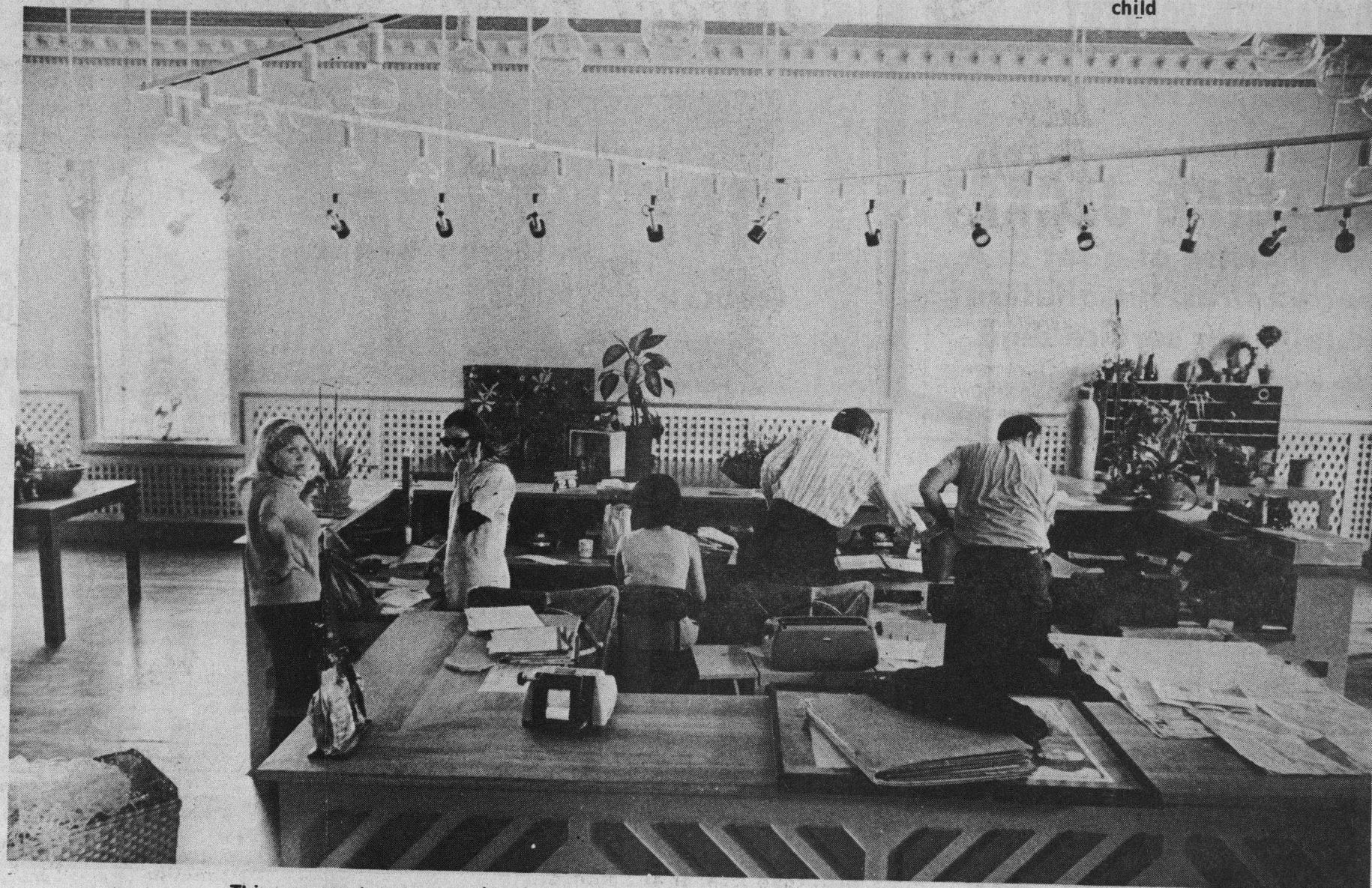
Once, this building housed county machinery



Max Walden—Cooper House was his brain-child



Barbara Hancock and Ed Ashby bring in supplies for Media Art Craft store, located in old county clerk's office



This was courtroom; now, less bench, it becomes an imported gift shop and office for Max Walden