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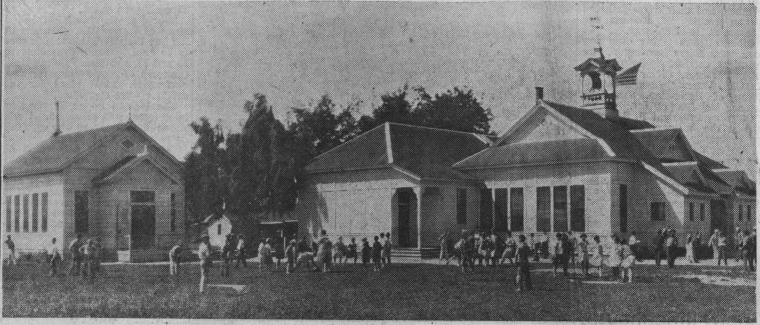
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Santa Cruz Yesterdays The Old

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road street when, in the fall of 1887, residents along it wanted a school. Forty younsters in the neighborhood were going to the old Branciforte school, on the site of the present Santa Cruz hospital.

The region was out in the county but Santa Cruz school district was greater in area than the city. A tract 200 by 250 feet was bought ident; Dick for \$1050 from Calvin Gault, who nt; Gifford had laid out the surounding coun- Angel. s: Reginald tryside in residence lots. A conjunior di-tract was given L. B. McCornick to the rear, were added. The one-room building.

Seabright avenue was still Rail- end were the latest extravagant ture was still standing on the old financed the present Mission Hill

School Opened In 1888

On January 9, 1888, young Alice
Steinmetz, daughter of County
Treasurer Charles Steinmetz, open

was moved to Gault to supplement its accommodations.

Another structure, not shown in ed the school in one of the rooms. She is still a resident of Santa Cruz, Mrs. Alice B. Hobbs of 524-B Ocean View avenue. The second teacher was Nora Oliver of Soquel. who later became Mrs. Horatio V.

In 1907 two atached rooms, at it still does service.

The one-room building at the The structure he put up was the left, was a relic of the old Branci- street. It was kept in use as the front part of the building pictured, forte school. Two years after the with the little gables and the bell present Branciforte building was present building was erected, factorial backed to the curb, afforded a ling Seabright avenue, in 1931. out tower. The six windows on each erected in 1912 the one-room structof a \$330,000 bond issue which also cross the street.

word in lighting. McCornick's con-tract figure was \$2780.

Soquel avenue site, although the old two-story Branciforte building Edith Fikes, count had been razed. The little building

> the picture, was built in 1927 by the high school carpentry class under C. V. Stewart, which served as kindergarten room in the morning and as cafeteria at noon. In 1931 it was moved to the present Branciforte school grounds, where

Faced Effey Street

The old Gault school faced Effey

Edith Fikes, county superintendent of schools, began teaching at Gault in 1910, when its attendance was increased to take in six grades instead of four. She continued, as principal, until her appointment to

her present position. One of the stories of early days at Gault is of the ditches down either side of unpaved Seabright avenue. In heavy rains water from the whole area south of Soquel avenue drained deep and swift down them to the bay. On occasions a horse-drawn express wagon had to be sent to the school which,