

A 'Treasure' Hunt

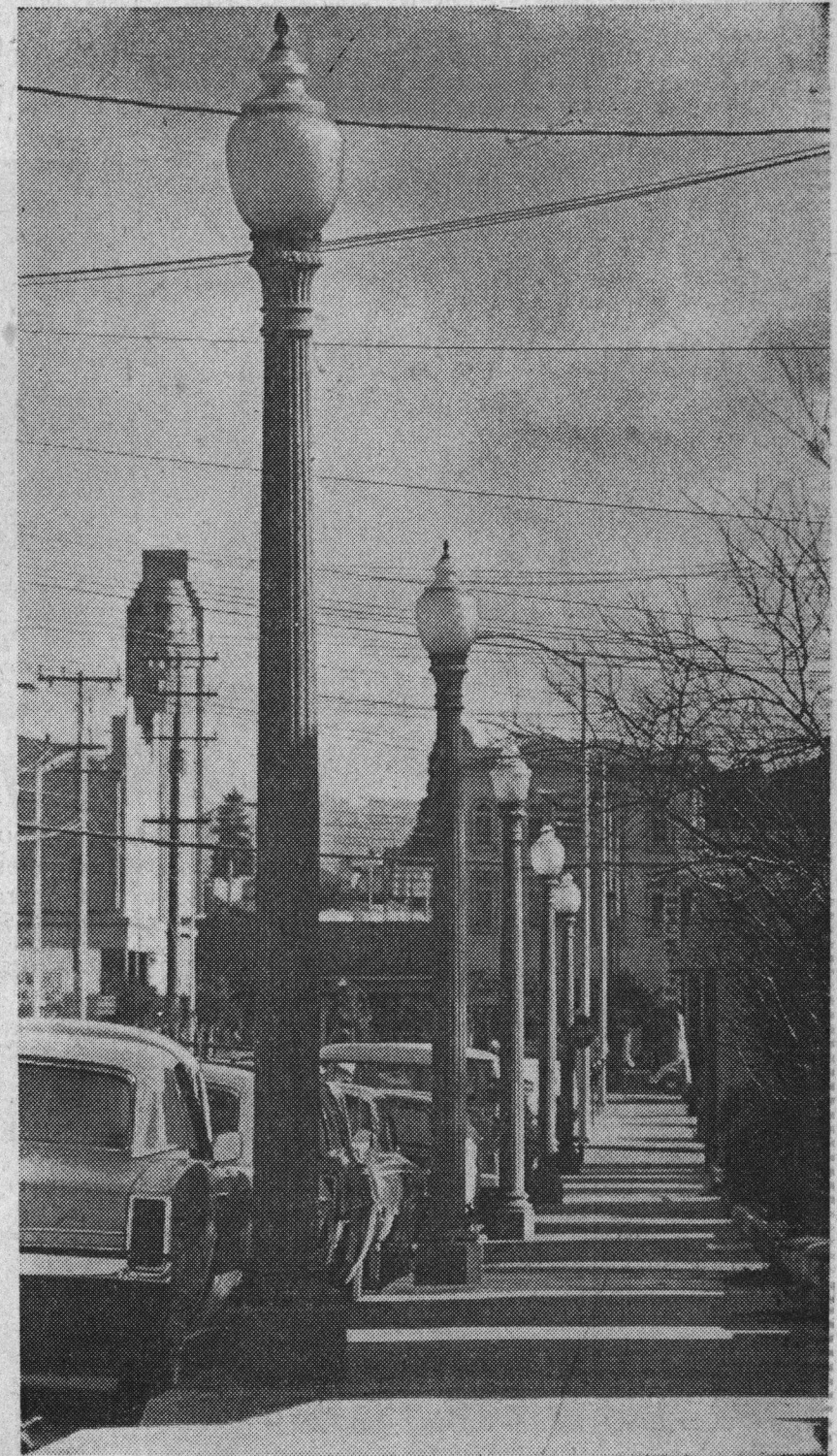
Traces of the past linger all over the City of Santa Cruz, although they are disappearing more rapidly with the passing of every year.

Old store fronts, old homes, old trees and gardens and iron fences, old light fixtures lining one side of an old street, and an old stepping stone for alighting from carriages before the day of the horseless carriage . . .

One time there were no street lights in Santa Cruz. Then gas lights were big news. When electric lights came in, the town was really getting modern. Today those first (and second) electric fixtures are curiosities—antiques. So are the stepping stones—only one or two remain, and the ornate iron fences most of which melted into World War shells and bullets or something.

The few fences, lights and odds and ends that remain are treasures of a sort.

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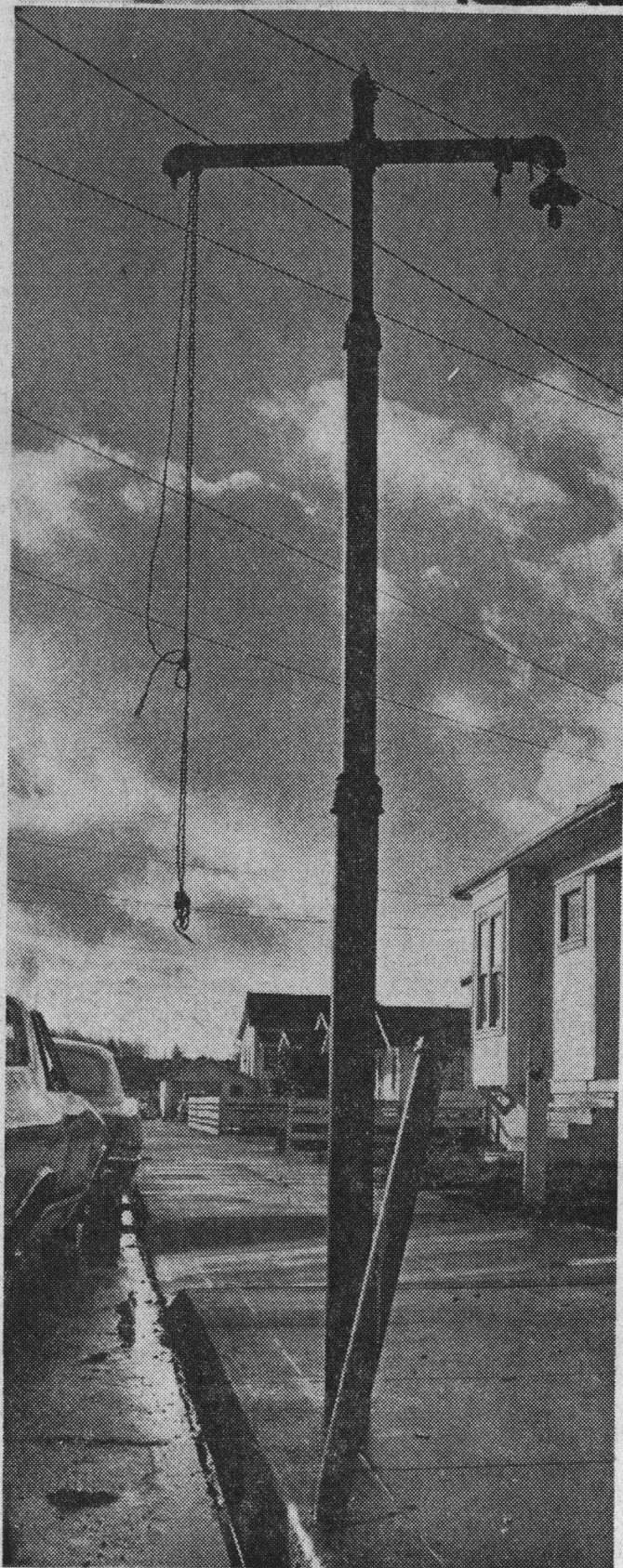
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Old entrance to Delaveaga Park, above left, where lights once shone; light fixtures march down Walnut Avenue, above right; center, closeup of old light; below right, Cliff Street still has old fixture; below, stepping stone for carriages and buggies is on Green Street, and left below, Myrtle Street light pole.

