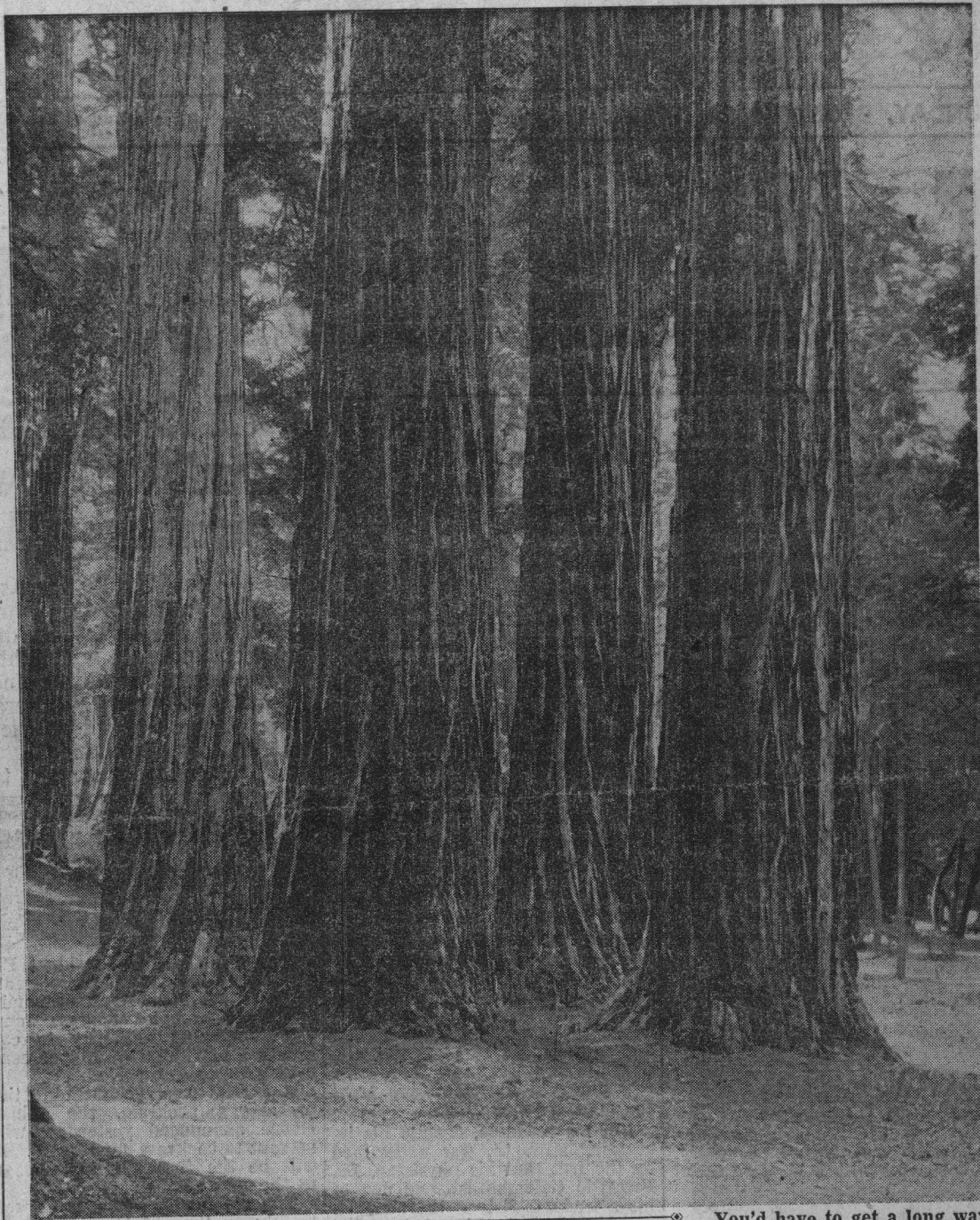


## Redwoods Are Real Monarchs Of The Forest



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### Waterfront News Notes

High waves rolled in Friday. Some of the waves went over the entire beach, reaching the steps of the casino. The sands of Cowell's beach were dampened by the wa-

automobile was parked in front of the parking meters. Some were parked between the Yacht club building and the C. Stagnaro Fish-

You'd have to get a long ways off to capture a whole redwood tree. They could hardly be mistaken since their great powerful trunks grow high and straight into the sky and cap all other trees in existence. These trees pictured here can be seen at the Henry Cowell State Redwood park. Cones on the redwoods are small and scaled.

lobsters or crayfish from the beach and 50 pounds of crabs.

## Coast Redwood Is Queen Tree Of County's Botanical Family

(Editor's note: This is another in a series of articles on the trees of Santa Cruz county.)

The coast redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*) is the queen tree of Santa Cruz county's botanical family.

Great land grants have been set aside as state and national forests to protect and display the rustic giants as a part of the natural wonders of the world.

Although there are few places in this county not blessed with the redwood, probably the best, and surely the most powerful examples can be found in the Henry Cowell Redwood state park at Felton.

These trees grow along the coast range from Oregon to the Santa Lucia Mountains and down to Big Sur.

The bark of adult trees is thick often one foot deep, and ranging in color from reddish brown to bright cinnamon. Its leaves are flat and needle shaped, rigid, dark green and shiny.

The redwood is the tallest tree in the world and its logs are the largest of all. Its normal life span is from 1000 to 1500 years. Some trees were 100 years old when Jesus was born.

Whole buildings can be built from a single tree.

Although there are ample specimens of wonderful redwoods in the Santa Cruz mountains, the tree is found growing at its best in the northern most part of the state.

When a redwood is cut down foliage sprouts from the stump and continues the growth. Shoots will also sprout from a fallen log. "So," Donald C. Peattie, author of "A Natural History of Western Trees," says, "this continuation of life makes the redwood probably the most nearly immortal thing under the sun."

One redwood, felled by the Little River Redwood company in Mill Creek, had a diameter of 20 feet and was 208 feet tall. It produced enough lumber to build 22 average-sized houses.

Early explorers were quick to

recognize the usefulness of the wood. Junipero Serra was buried in a redwood coffin in 1784. It was dug up 98 years later and found in sound condition. The Portola expedition made special mention of the great red wood trees found along the Pajaro river.

For the most part the coastal redwoods are in private hands and hundreds of millions of board feet are being cut each year.

There are other organizations working in the interest of the trees, buying land little by little to preserve the trees for vacation land.

The burl which grows on some trees is used to make bowls and trinkets sold in this county. It takes a high polish and is very hard. Why it grows on trees is not known.

### RED GENERAL DIES

Moscow (P). — The Soviet armed forces newspaper Red Star announced today the death of Lt. Gen. Sergi Galadzhnev, 52, one of the Red Army's top administrators.

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