



PRIZE POSSESSION of John Bradley, who marked his 90th birthday February 5, is this photograph of the Cowell oxen taken during a Fourth of July parade. The photograph, taken on Sylvar street by the upper Plaza, shows the old Walti home in the background and Montgomery hall. Bradley is one of the men on the wagon. Drivers are Joe Netto and Manuel Lima. James Leask is boy on the ox and man on the horse is Jesse Hall.

Cupid Vie



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Special holidays, why not add a note of simple festive fare.
Celebration of the birth of Abraham Lincoln with logs and rail splitting—

And don't forget that Sunday is Valentine's Day—and time to bake a—

Cupid's Cake

1 1-pound, 1-ounce package

He Remembers When...

Uncle John Bradley, who was born in Soquel and has lived his entire life in Santa Cruz county, did a little reminiscing the other day on the occasion on his 90th birthday.

He remembers when the horse cars ran from the beach to the Pope House on Mission street, and later when the street cars came, these same horse cars were transferred to Soquel avenue running to the top of Arana Gulch hill.

When he was a boy, he recalls, most of East Santa Cruz was a grain field.

He and his sister, Mrs. Lydia Jones, 88, who lives two doors away from him, both attended the old Branciforte school, now the site of the Santa Cruz hospital.

He was 19 years old when the fire of '94 swept downtown Santa Cruz and burned the courthouse and he was there when it happened.

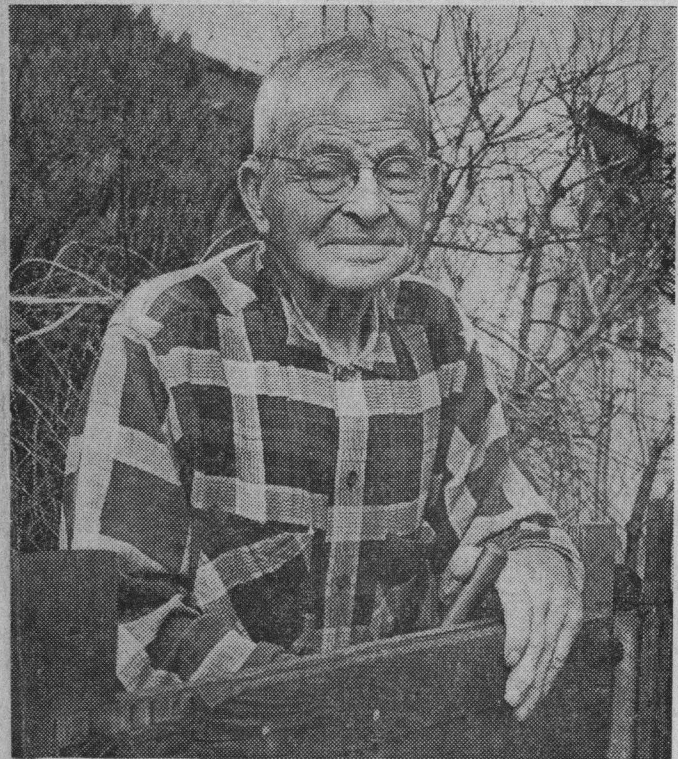
Uncle John's mother was Lydia Bradley who was born in a covered wagon at Devil's Gate, Wyo., when her parents were trekking to California from South Bend, Ind. His dad, Elias Bradley, came to California from Ohio, driving an eight-mule team.

While in his teens young John Bradley was a swamper on an eight-horse team lumber wagon for Frealon Grover at the Grover mill above Soquel. Then in 1910 he went to work at the Cowell ranch (now the site of the University of California), working for 16 years as a stableman and handy man.

And he took part in many a Fourth of July parade, riding behind the Cowell oxen.

Uncle John has made his home with his niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Porter Roberts at 1830 Soquel avenue since 1940. He likes to weed the garden but admits mowing the lawn has become a bit strenuous lately. He is a member of the First Christian church and the Independent Order of Redmen.

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JOHN BRADLEY . . . new nonagenarian