

Capitola



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All have good time at Heritage Day fete

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In a brief ceremony at which State Sen. Donald Grunsky was the ranking politician, the founding of Capitola as California's first seaside resort community was recounted and a plaque commemorating that fact was unveiled.

The moment was the culmination of many months of painstaking research on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reding, present owners of the Hihn Building. It was they who saved the old structure, built around 1870, from destruction, restored it and did the research which uncovered the city's unique history.

The celebration was a home-grown affair, featuring bands, oratory, a six mile foot race and a lot of local color.

Despite the months of planning there were the last minute slip-ups, too, but they only added to the fun.

Several score spectators, some in old-fashioned costume, gathered around the Hihn Building to hear the music and the pleasantly brief comments from Grunsky and local city officials. A few more young spectators viewed the proceedings from the second-story windows of nearby apartment houses, probably the best seats in the house, as the Mid-County Senior Citizen Band played.

The festive air got to everyone, including some of the members of the 28th Army Band from Fort Ord, who jumped rope in the middle of the street with some of the town's small fry.

Adding to the local color was a top-hatted photographer who considered himself a latter-day Mathew Brady, and who recorded all the goings-on for posterity with a huge box camera on a tripod.

And there was a leather-hatted young man who "conducted" with great flair and drama as the bands played, particularly when he saw the

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newspaper photographers looking at him.

And there was the hip young man who rode up on a bicycle and to admonish Reding for the manner in which the California flag was hung over the dedicatory plaque. "Man, that flag's drooping all over the place," he said. "Let's get it straightened up."

Reding, with a thousand details to attend to and a state senator's late arrival holding things up, promised him it would be taken care of.

Finally, Grunsky arrived and things got underway. The Fort Ord Band, with its color guard smartly decked out in Army

uniforms of the 1800s, marched down the street and then played a concert in front of the Hihn Building.

With Terry George, president of the Mid-County Senior Citizens acting as master of ceremonies, the officials were called upon to make a few remarks fitted to the occasion.

These included Capitola Mayor Ron Graves and Councilman Michael Routh, and Santa Cruz County Supervisor Dale Dawson. Also on the speakers stand but silent was Supervisor Phil Harry.

The star of the day was Sen. Grunsky who read a brief history of the founding of Capitola and told of the Redings' efforts to save the Hihn Building from being torn down.

The plaque was unveiled and
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group endorsements

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Mrs. Doris Susanj, member of the Capitola planning commission and Capitola Historical Society, accepted it from a representative of the State Department of Parks and Recreation.

The German band and Dixie Land band from the Watsonville Band took over and entertained the remaining spectators.

Perhaps the unique event of the day was the marathon race which began at the municipal wharf in Santa Cruz and ended at the Capitola wharf.

More than 250 runners from all over central California took part, their ages ranging from five years at the bottom and 74 years at the top. The youngest of all runners was Guerin Myall, 5, of Santa Cruz, who earned a trophy for being the youngest to negotiate the six-mile route.

On the senior side was Dr. Paul Spangler, of San Luis Obispo, who, at 74, was the oldest runner in the race.

All of the runners got a little more than they had bargained for, when someone at the shore end of the Capitola pier told the arriving runners they had to run out to the end and back to finish the race. The first 19 runners did this until someone found out about it and directed the remaining runners to the official finish line on the beach by the wharf.

When winners received their trophies and plaques, they were in for another mild surprise. It

seems the trophies were engraved by someone who couldn't spell. They all came out reading "Warf to Warf Race," but that didn't dull the edge of their delight at winning for all were smiles as they got their prizes.

The top individual winner was Jack Bellah, of Los Gatos, a track man at Stanford. Bellah was also the winner in the open division, with Mark McConnell of Stanford and Emil Magallenes of Seaside coming in second and third.

Terri Anderson, Yvette Cotte, and Annie Slivakoff, all of San Jose, were one, two, three in the women's division; and Carl Martin, Tod Berg and Bill Mackely, first three finishers in the over-40 class.

Court clinic gets grant from CCCJ

The California Council on Criminal Justice has approved a \$30,000 grant for a Santa Cruz County courts diagnostic clinic.

The clinic, sponsored by the Municipal Courts, will establish a panel of qualified experts in medicine, dentistry, psychiatry, vocational rehabilitation and education.

The courts will refer persons awaiting sentence to the experts for clinical consultation.

The project will use existing county and private resources on a contractual basis, and is