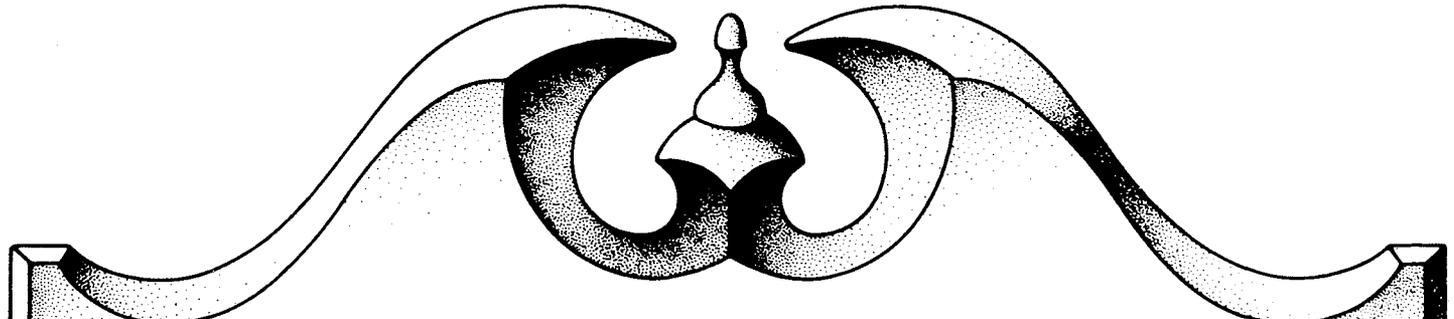


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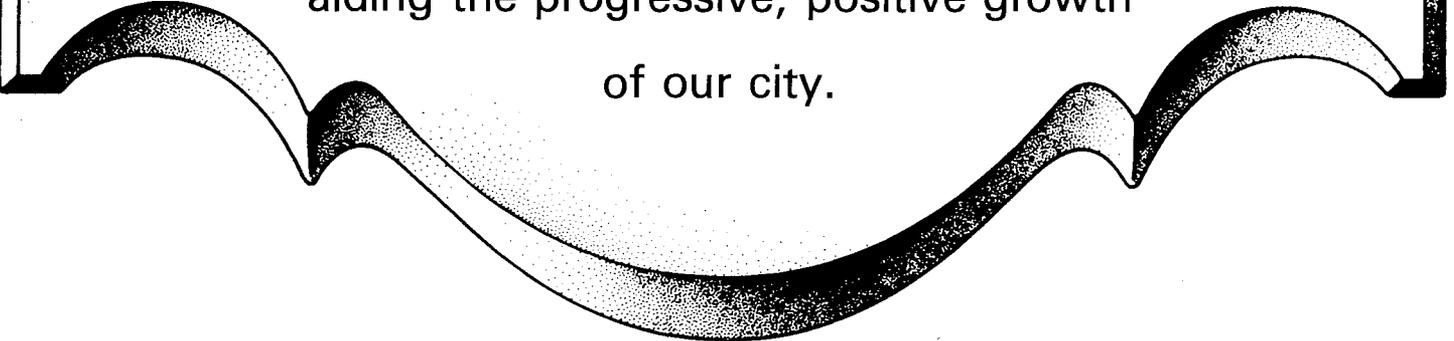


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INTRODUCTION

This brief undertaking is a sharing of thoughts and pictures of the expansion of an area through the 1800s and early 1900s. The exploration and settlement of the West Side of Stanislaus County, the towns, ferry, train and the growth of Newman - by those who lived it, and had enough foresight to record it. Those early historians gave to our generation an opportunity to learn from their past.

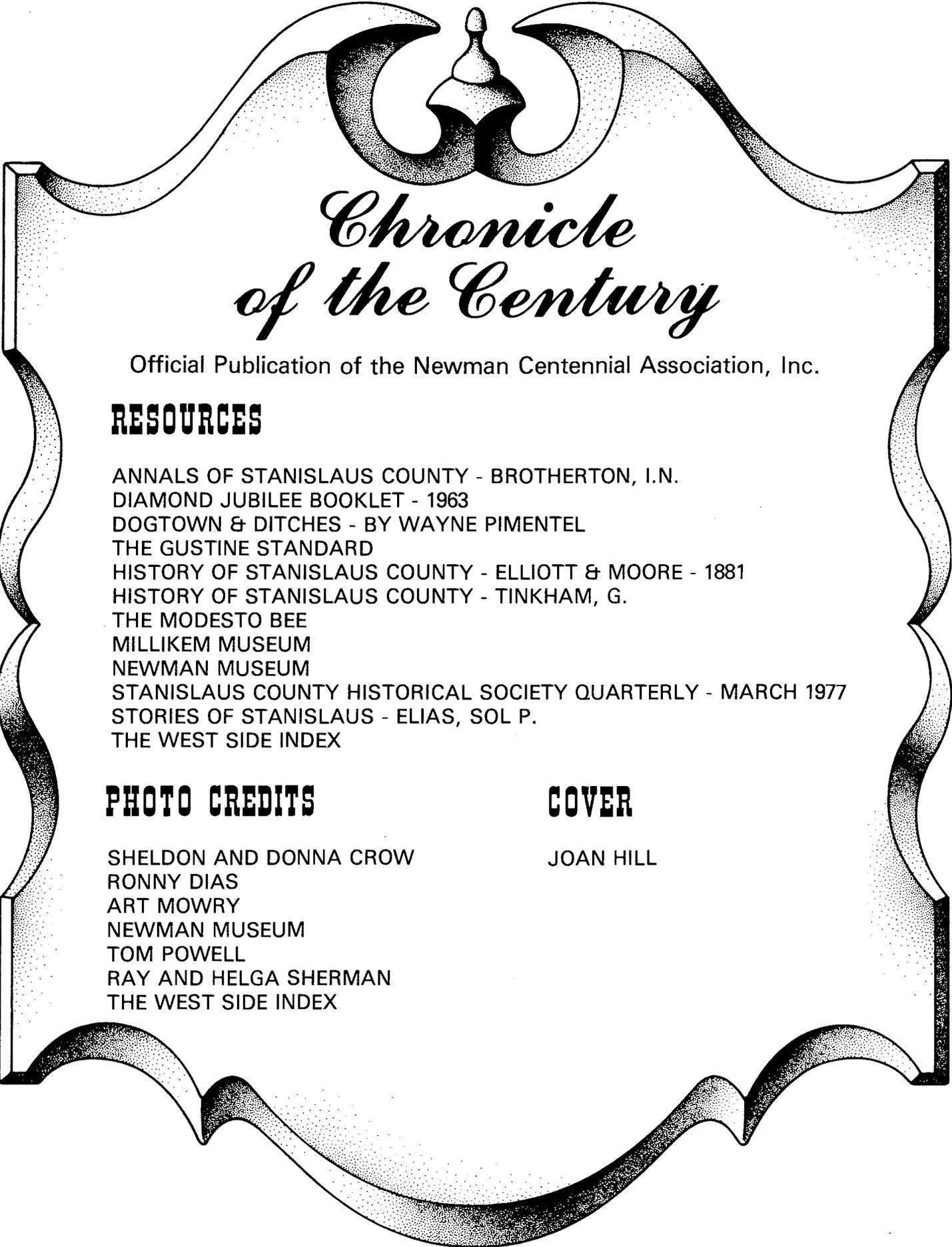
In 1963, Newman's history was recorded in its Diamond Jubilee booklet. "CHRONICLE OF THE CENTURY" is meant to be a review of Newman's beginnings, an enhancement of what has been previously written with the continuation of information to the present.

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Johnnie Rose	1908	Albert Rose	1913
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Mary Krogh	1910	Carl Petersen	1913
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PICTURE OF LOUIS J. AND LORAINNE NEWMAN



Newman is grand marshal for parade

Former Newman resident Loraine Newman, the daughter-in-law of founding father Simon Newman, has been honored as grand marshal for the Centennial parade.

The parade begins at 11 a.m. on Sunday morning, May 15, kicking off the final day of Newman's 100th birthday celebration.

The grand marshal was the wife of Louis J. Newman — Simon Newman's son. She resided in the community from the time of their marriage until 1962, when the couple assumed full-time residency in San Francisco.

Newman, now 90, is the last member of the oldest surviving generation of the Newman family.

As a tribute to her husband, who served for 20 years as mayor and was an active businessman, Newman built the L.J. Newman Memorial Center after his death in 1971. That building was dedicated in 1973.

The grand marshal said that she was honored to receive the Centennial honor.



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HONORED GRAND MARSHALS OF NEWMAN'S FALL FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS

1972 Frank A. Patchett
1973 Frank McGinnis
1974 Rev. H. J. Von Renner
1975 Martha Thompson
1976 Bill Miller Sr.
1977 William "Bill" Sherman
1978 Paula Davis
1979 Domenic Matteri

1980 Tom Yancey
1981 Edna and Richard Smith
1982 John Mowry
1983 Hurd Barrington
1984 Alfred Rose Sr.
1985 Ben Arnhold
1986 Julia Asselstine
1987 Bill Brunette

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY

- 1888** In January, the Modesto newspaper printed an article telling of the new station of Sanger on the West Side, was renamed Newman Station by the railroad company.
- 1896** New Era Creamery built.
- 1902** First bridge over San Joaquin at Hills Ferry.
- 1903** Simon Newman founded Bank of Newman. Officers: E.S. Wangenheim, president; T. Yancey, vice president; W.W. Giddings, cashier; G.H. Crow, assistant cashier.
- 1904** Demolition began of Fisher's Opera House, originally the store building of the Simon Newman Company at Hills Ferry, and older than the city of Newman.
 Manager McDonald of the electric light company returned to the city with orders for 350 more lights. Arrangements were almost completed for extension of the line to the New Era District. Crows Landing was scheduled to be next to receive electric lights.
 First cars seen in Newman. Charles Hubbard bought a bright red Cadillac. Ben Levy a Pope-Tribune car.
 McDonald Brothers, Newman Light and Power Co. had arc type street lights — illuminating store fronts and electric signs. You paid for the amount of light bulbs you used.
- 1905** Fire destroyed The West Side INDEX on July 4. All files from 1890 to the middle of 1904 were destroyed.
 Mr. C.M. Hatfield, the "Rainmaker," arrived on Dec. 20. He set up a 20' high structure that resembled a water tank. In 1907 he was still around and had added three more tanks.
- 1906** San Francisco Earthquake. The "quake" was felt in Newman. The water tank near the Southern Pacific railroad tracks destroyed; Newman Water Works tank destroyed; Levy and Dobzensky store destroyed, was rebuilt; interiors of many businesses and residences were filled with fallen debris.
- 1908** Newman incorporated as a town of the sixth class in June. City Council: E.S. Wangenheim, chairman; Al Levy, T.C. Schmidt, Charles Shank and J.N. Stuhr.
 Newman Woman's Improvement Club founded. This club is responsible for the Carnegie Library building built on lots they purchased for \$500.
 Long distance telephone line put in by phone company for Newman, was said the Phone Exchange was located in The Russ House on Front Street.
 First 24 hour telephone service available. Charles Newsome, a high school student, worked from 8 p.m. until 8 a.m. taking messages.
- 1909** First carload of automobiles arrived on West Side by railroad — six EMF Studebakers for Simon Newman Co., Agency.
 Orestimba High School students moved into their new building.
 Plank crossings were put at principal corners in the business district — as a convenience during the muddy season.
- 1910** The Newman Volunteer Fire Department was organized with Dr. H.V. Armistead, president, and L. Dobzensky as chief.
 Town began laying cement sidewalks to replace wooden ones.
 Local baseball team, known as the "Lambs," changed their names to "Champs" after they won the Northern California Semi-Pro Championship. They played in communities as Napa, Modesto, Los Banos and Fresno.
 Many large business buildings were being built as well as larger family residences. Pythian Hall (known as the castle), Bank of Newman and First National Bank.
- 1911** Newman Chamber of Commerce was formed with J.H. Yancey as president.
 Preparations were being made for Newman's first West Side Fair.
- 1912** Newman's new "P" Street School opened.
 Simon Newman Company enlarged their store, making it the largest store between Fresno and Stockton.
 Oct. 8, 1912, Newman's founder, Simon Newman died in San Francisco.
- 1913** Newman's population was 1300 — the largest town on the West Side north of Fresno. Two miles of paved city streets; one and two story brick buildings; two banks; creamery, daily ships 15,000 pounds of cream, worth \$18,000; 250,000-300,000 tons of grain shipped per year; 1000 head of livestock shipped per month.
 Ford agency founded. Patchett-Hendy Company. Giovannoni to build them a garage, building still standing in the 1100 block of O Street.
 Boy Scouts organized.
- 1913-14** First school bus built in California by Patchett and Carstensen Inc. Had side seats. Transported 25-30 Newman School students.
- 1913** Chevrolet agency — W.C. Newsome, FOB \$650.
 Dodge agency — Linnear and Lorensen, FOB \$880.
 New Star Theatre built.
- 1916** Snow in January, seven to eight inches. Previous snow fell in 1888.
 Patchett and Carstensen built Newman's Fire Department their first gasoline fire truck. It had a Ford chassis, had a rotary gong and was painted bright red. It was housed at the Ford Garage.
 Tower and new fire bell were put into place on July 4. Upon completion of plans, the bell could be rung by pressing a button at the telephone office.
 First piece of permanent road completed. "The Clary Road" a mile north of Newman, known as the old Highway 33.
- 1917** World War I — men between 21 and 31 were asked to register for the draft.
 Dairyman's Association began construction of its building on Merced Street.
- 1918** November 1918, a telephone call from the Modesto Herald (newspaper) to The West Side INDEX (Newman's newspaper) brought the news of the signing of the armistice ending of WWI. One hundred and twenty-nine names of Newman men were placed on a large service flag by the Boy Scouts and was presented to Stanislaus County.
- 1919** Prohibition — Newman bars discontinued sale of liquor at midnight on June 30.
 Newman Athletic Club organized: Treft, president; Whitehurst, secretary. The beginning of boxing.
- 1920** The Carnegie Library built.
- 1921** Nearly all the streets are paved — providing Newman with more paved streets than any other town in the United States of the same size.
- 1922** W.H. Tinnin became the first mayor of Newman — this office was previously referred to as "Chairman."
- 1923** Black walnut trees planted the four miles between Newman and Gustine. Each donor was given a number and planted his tree accordingly. Two hundred cars were involved.
- 1924** John Sharp died at 88 years. It was his store that Simon Newman bought when he started business in Hills Ferry in 1869. His memorial fountain stands in Newman's city park. It was

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- originally located on Fresno Street between P and O streets, to water the horses, citizens and autos of Newman.
- 1925** Newman's official slogan was established, "The Cream Pitcher of the Pacific." Thanks to Dr. H.V. Armistead.
- 1926-29** A wig-wag signal was put up by Southern Pacific.
Newman had four blacksmiths in town: Paul Brauer, Frank Oliver, John Prien and A.S. Jefsen.
- 1928** Flagpole dedicated in Newman City Park. The city park and flagpole were gifts donated by Simon Newman.
L.J. Newman was mayor; Daisy Bell was city clerk.
Oaks Country Club Organized — This was a golf course across the river by Hills Ferry Bridge.
- 1929** Newman's airport opened in July.
First sound film was heard and seen at the Newman Theatre.
The removal of Newman city offices from the Giovannoni block to new quarters in the Pythian Building was completed.
- 1930** Town of Newman became the City of Newman. Census showed a population of 3,098.
Natural gas turned on for the first time.
- 1931** The numbering of businesses and residences began at the Chamber of Commerce suggestion.
- 1932** Southern Pacific began stopping the "Owl" at Newman for passengers.
- 1933** NRA (National Recovery Work) developed projects employing 60 people for two months.
Historical steel tower and fire bell used to summons fire volunteers were removed.
Russ House torn down.
- 1935** Highway 33 became the official name of West Side Highway.
- 1935** Patchett and Carstensen shipped 14 buses to Hawaii for city transportation.
- 1938** Golden Jubilee — Plans made for Newman's 50th anniversary.
Golden Valley Creamery accepted its first milk delivery.
WPA was approved for proposed City Hall, County Jail, Newman Fire Department.
West Side Hospital completed.
Cemetery District formed.
- 1940** Hills Ferry Hotel torn down and the 80-year-old lumber was used to build a service station, store and residence near the Hills Ferry Bridge.
- 1941-42** Observation tower manned after war was declared. Observation area was moved to a tower behind city hall.
Rationing of sugar, rubber and gas. Scrap metal drives were held. Fats and grease were saved for war time salvage.
- 1942** Navy established auxiliary air field at Crows Landing.
- 1943** Drives for War Bonds, Rationing Books issued, Boy Scouts collected newspapers.
- 1944** Newman's Parent Teacher's Association organized.
Local rationing board closed.
- 1946** Welcome Home Celebration for WWII veterans.
Delta Mendota Water Project started. By 1950, 40 percent of project completed. Official dedication and opening Aug. 4, 1951.
- 1948** Newman City Swimming Pool opened.
- 1949** Stanislaus County celebrated its 100th anniversary.
Masonic Lodge celebrated its 75th anniversary.
- 1951** Central California Irrigation District formed from the existing San Joaquin Canal Company, which had been in operation for 70 years. Founded in the days of Miller and Lux.
- 1952** Historical old Chinatown was sold at auction.
- 1953** Hatfield State Park was dedicated.
Old Methodist Church torn down.
- 1954** Simon Newman Company celebrated 85th anniversary with plans to build a feed mill and warehouse.
- 1955** Welcome to Newman sign was put up.
- 1957** Rev. Von Renner retired as Pastor of the Lutheran Church for 33 years.
House to house postal delivery began.
Youth Center donated by the Lions Club as a gift to the young people of Newman.
- 1958** The wettest season since 1870. Rainfall 20.54. By April high water had flooded parts of the city and countryside.
Observance of "Aunt Tish Day" commemorating Mrs. Letitia Ewing's 100th birthday on Feb. 6. The City of Newman held a birthday party in the Parish Hall. Mrs. Ewing lived to be 108 years old.
- 1959** Simon Newman Company retired from the merchandise business after 89 years in business. The Simon Newman Company continued operating its other business interests (feed mill, farm, store, ranches). Simon Newman Ranches were the Noxon, Winters and Linora. Louis Newman, president of the company, made the announcement.
- 1960** Newman had its first AFS exchange student.
- 1961** Newman Industrial Development Corporation was formed.
Baptist and Christian Science churches dedicated.
Daisy Bell retired as Newman's librarian. Mrs. Bell served in that position since 1938 (23 years).
Newman's telephone office closed. Long distance calls would be handled through the Modesto office.
- 1962** New Hills Ferry Bridge dedicated. Located a few hundred feet from the old bridge built in 1902 — the old bridge was torn down.
862 phone prefix became effective and direct telephone dialing started in June.
Snow in January (two to four inches).
President John F. Kennedy was at Los Banos for the dedication of the San Luis Water Project west of Los Banos. This project brought many new families into the Newman area.
Newman Police Department opened a new office.
City bought the Newman Water Works.
- 1963** Newman's Diamond Jubilee took the energies of many of the townspeople.
Work started on the 444 mile California Aquaduct Project to take surplus water from Northern California to areas in the central, coastal and southern parts of the state.
After 75 years, Newman had the following: 104 retail stores, three creameries, 863 dwellings, one finance company, one motel, one theatre, one feed mill, 19 manufacturing outlets, three processing plants, one bank, three hotels, one trailer court, one newspaper and seven restaurants. Schools: two elementary (692 pupils), one high school (303 pupils), 44 teachers.
Newman's Diamond Jubilee, May 15-18, 1963. Pageant name: West Side's Diamond in Review.
California Aquaduct — \$113 million water project started.
Plans discussed for the West Side Freeway — Interstate 5.
Plans and bids for a new Orestimba High School gym.
Mourned the death of President John F. Kennedy with the rest of the world.
- 1964** February — Construction of the high school stadium underway with the work being done by the high school classified staff. Approximately seating for 2,000 planned.

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- June 25 — A 31 acre industrial park annexation underway.
- July 4 — Fire destroys Copeland Lumber Yard. Copeland did rebuild.
- Boy Scout Troop 83 placed a marker at the site of Hills Ferry during American Heritage Day.
- Addition to West Side Hospital to be built, a south wing housing office space and labs.
- October — The first of many discussions were held on the unification of Newman's School District and Orestimba High School District and Bonita School District with Gustine School District, Romero School District, Gustine High School District or Patterson School District. The unification was an item that took many months and a lot of energy and involved most of the community.
- Another old structure torn down. October — Eli Shepard's blacksmith shop building used by John Prien from 1919 until 1934.
- 1965** Newman Chamber of Commerce began trying to persuade the State Department of Water Resources of the need of a dam on upper Orestimba Creek as a protection from the costly floods of the past.
- Bids were called on the West Side "leg" of the Interstate 5 project — a West Side Freeway was in the works!
- March — A public notice stating "Owl" will be discontinued effective April 12, 1965 appeared at the Newman depot station. Thus ending north and south bound passenger train service begun in December 1898. The "owl" provided fast and convenient overnight travel between the Bay Area and Los Angeles with only four scheduled stops at Tracy, Fresno, Bakersfield and Saugus. But passengers along the Southern Pacific line could flag the train down if they wanted to board. The closing also meant that the West Side from Tracy to Fresno would no longer have passenger train service — first provided when the railroad was built as far south as Newman, in 1888 — the year the community was founded.
- May — Ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the new highway over the Pacheco Pass, near the site of the new San Luis Dam.
- June — Toll free calling between Newman and Gustine, and Newman and Crows Landing exchanges became a reality.
- Hills Ferry Masonic Lodge honored three members with 50-year pins: Howard Hunt, Russell Hunt and Ernest Beall. They were initiated in May 1915. The Masonic Hall was moved from Hills Ferry, later sold and became known as Dania Hall.
- July — Yountville, Calif. honors "Aunt Tish" as 1st Honorary Citizen of Yountville. "Aunt Tish" lived to be 108 years old, was a resident of Hills Ferry and Newman.
- September — 1910 Bank of Newman to be torn down with two east side adjoining buildings to make way for the new First Western Bank.
- December — Vote to merge schools, effective July 1, 1966. Schools to be unified: Orestimba High School, Yolo Jr. High, Von Renner Elementary, Bonita Elementary, Gustine Elementary, Gustine High School, Romero Elementary School. All unified as Newman-Gustine Unified School District.
- 1969** PG&E plant planned for Newman, \$340 million.
- San Luis Reservoir beginning to fill at a foot a day.
- Flood waters from the Orestimba Creek and San Joaquin River caused damage to large area. 80-year-old Orestimba Creek Bridge damaged, was removed and replaced.
- New city well to be dug to augment city water system.
- Charlie Klehn Memorial Park at Driskell and Amy Drive dedicated.
- Cannon presented to Orestimba High School Booster's Club.
- Cannon was made from scratch at Patchett's Bus Co. by Milton Costa and Darrell Capps. It is present at all home football games since 1969.
- Remodeling of City Hall.
- American Hotel fire — Nov. 13, 1969.
- De-unification proceeding begun by concerned citizens — hiring of a San Francisco law firm and donation of money.
- 1971** A new Welcome to Newman sign was put into place, finalizing a project by the Newman Garden Club.
- 1974** New library for Newman planned.
- Cable TV firm makes announcement for a Newman franchise.
- Fall Festival for Newman — an annual community event held during the Labor Day Weekend. Bathtub races a fun event!
- City of Newman purchases old Orestimba High School — included in purchase, the entire city block. Buildings finally torn down when attempts to preserve them by a community committee failed.
- "Newman Tomorrow" community congress held on Oct. 19, 1974. Day long session at Orestimba High School to discuss the concerns of the town and what the citizens want to do in Newman in the future.
- Business license required if you are planning on conducting business within city limits.
- 1976** Bicentennial Year: Newman did its part to celebrate the Bicentennial Year with activities throughout the year, the annual Fall Festival in September was dedicated to the Bicentennial. Some Bicentennial activities planned for the year included: historical costume week, local sites nominated for historical markers, old time days, local historical society organized, INDEX printed historical columns of local interest.
- The City of Newman ended the year by hiring its first City Manager.
- The West Side INDEX was sold by William McGinnis to William Mattos.
- 1977** The need for adequate housing was finally being met with several housing developments starting, as well as apartments being constructed.
- 1978** The Stanislaus County Library moved to a new building at the corner of R and Kern streets in May. The Newman Woman's Club has taken over the 37-year-old museum, that was closed following passage of Proposition 13. The upstairs rooms of the old library building have been converted to house an expanded museum.
- 1979** The City of Newman was hit by three major fires in 13 months. The fires destroyed two historic landmarks, and left nearly 50 people unemployed for four months, and killed one man. The fires were the Rose Hotel, the Orestimba Presbyterian Church and the Leprino Cheese Company.
- 1980** Silveira Bros. Construction was awarded the bid to build the rectory house for St. Joachim's Catholic Church.
- All male adults born in 1960 or 1961 were to begin to register with the Selective Service System beginning July 21, 1980.
- The top bands in Northern California were invited to participate in the First Annual Band Review and Field Show held on Nov. 22. The event was sponsored by the Newman and Gustine Chambers of Commerce.
- 1980 marked the 90th year in a row that The West Side INDEX had not missed a publication date. A special 60 page, 90th year INDEX was published for the community.
- A Southern Pacific employee submitted the only bid on Newman's train depot, which Southern Pacific had closed in December 1979. The depot was moved to the Orchard Restaurant area in Vernalis.
- \$2.6 million wastewater treatment facility project was completed.

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Chronological History (Cont'd)

- 1981** Bill Sherman, Newman historian and earthquake prognosticator, correctly predicted Jan. 7 as the first possible quake date of 1981.

Written protest from Newman residents over the proposed street and water assessment by the Newman City Council caused the council to abandon their plan.

Pacific Telephone and Western Electric Technicians installed new equipment in the Pacific Telephone building on Highway 33.

Stanislaus County made plans to start a Dial-a-Ride for West Side residents.

Members of Orestimba Presbyterian Church dedicated their new church sanctuary which replaced the 90-year-old structure destroyed in a January 1979 fire.

Work at the Leprino Cheese plant is proceeding on schedule with the remodeling of the old building and completion of the new structure being built since their fire.

West Side Community Hospital's third annual "Celebrate Our Own" festival raised more than \$5,000.

The West Side communities had ambulance service. An ambulance being stationed at the West Side Community Hospital. Preparations for the first annual Gustine-Orestimba alumni football game were made.

- 1982** Newman elected Janet Carlsen, the first woman mayor in Newman's 95 year history by 61 percent.

The city population exceeded the 3,000 population mark. Greyhound Bus Company announced they would be terminating all passenger and freight service on the West Side along Highway 33 between Tracy and Los Banos.

An era in Newman's history ended when Patchett's Bus and Transportation Co. of Newman, which built the first school bus in California to transport local students and continued to transport students for 60 years, changed its name to ARA Transportation.

The 1982 Fall Festival was considered one of the best years ever — service club booths were sold out on Sunday afternoon. Promoters said the credit went to the first annual bathtub races. Simon Newman's bathtub won first place.

Local 4-H club celebrated 30 years of dairy and livestock projects, home economics, clothing, home arts. Thirty years of providing successful 4-H leadership to the youth of the community.

Newman-Crows Landing Arts Council provided Newman residents the opportunity to view a professional ballet performance by the Berkeley Ballet Company.

- 1983** School trustees terminated Newman-Crows Landing's first woman superintendent.

The new Newman Chamber of Commerce float made a successful debut in the Patterson Apricot Fiesta parade placing first in the professional class.

Department of Motor Vehicles office in Newman was eliminated as a "cost effective measure." The Newman City Council unanimously adopted a resolution opposing the closing of DMV.

F&A Cheese Company stated plans on putting down roots in Newman.

Etelvina D'Avila celebrated her 100th birthday at her P Street home on June 21, 1983. A native of San Miguel Island in the Azores, she came to Newman in 1909. President Reagan was one of the many sending her congratulations.

- 1984** A measure in the State Assembly would call on Congress to establish a national veterans cemetery in the area of Santa Nella. Veterans groups, including the local American Legion, and Newman's late Bill Sherman lobbied for many years for a na-

tional veterans cemetery in this area.

With a donation of \$33,000 from Mrs. Loraine Newman, the final funds became available to begin construction of the needed expansion of the L.J. Newman Memorial Center. Local fundraisers have been held for the past few years and donations from local organizations and the City of Newman helped to make this needed expansion possible. Construction began in July and this building was ready for Fall Festival activities in September.

F&A Cheese Company officially announced that Newman was chosen for their new cheese plant site.

It was announced that the last English speaking feature film would be shown in March at the West Side Theatre. Spanish language films would continue to run on Sunday evenings.

Simon Newman Company's retail hardware store on Merced Street announced plans to close. The company's feed mill operation would continue.

The Newman City Council adopted an official city logo. The logo was a creation of Newman resident David Shaw.

Laidlaw, a Canadian bus firm, purchased ARA Transportation.

Measure A — a tax override to help fund ambulance service passed with the support of 71 percent of the hospital district's residents.

- 1985** Newman's downtown utilities went underground. PG&E employees installed underground conduit. With completion, new decorative light fixtures replaced the old street lights.

The people of Newman had 14 restaurants to choose from in 1985.

\$200,000 was allocated by the trustees of the Newman-Crows Landing School District for major improvement at the different school sites. Three projects were proposed: locker rooms at Yolo Jr. High School, air conditioning and heating units for the district schools and a sports stadium at Orestimba High School.

Sixty new band uniforms were ordered for the Orestimba High School Band to replace their 20-year-old uniforms.

After months of opposition from West Side residents and the military representatives of Crows Landing Naval Base, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors approved the proposed Fink Road Landfill in the foothills west of Crows Landing.

In July, there were only three practicing physicians in Newman and Gustine.

Orestimba High School stadium groundbreaking was held in August. The stadium was to be a volunteer effort of the Booster's Club with equipment and many man hours donated to its completion.

Movie makers came to Newman. Newman was chosen as one of the sites for the filming of the picture "Valentino Returns." The producers liked the 1950 look of Newman's downtown area. Several businesses and 30 local residents were used in the film depicting Tracy in 1958.

California State Lottery was a huge success in Newman. Local businesses sold out of tickets several days after they went on sale on Oct. 3.

- 1986** A Centennial committee was chosen to spearhead Newman's birthday celebration in May of 1988.

Newman had a \$100,000 Lottery winner. Larry Rocha of Newman purchased the winning ticket at Mel's Liquor and Sporting Goods. Odds were 958,904 to one.

City of Newman purchased the Production Credit Association building north of the present City Hall. This building will house the city offices.

Elimination of Newman's branch of the Stanislaus County Library system was a major issue in 1986. Stanislaus County's deficit budget being the contributing factor. Measure L on the August ballot failed. This measure would have generated tax money for county libraries.

PRE-NEWMAN'S HISTORY

by Ronny Dias

Many books have been written about Newman, but no book would be complete without including its surroundings. In the early days, Newman was a small part of a large territory. The land, being hot and dry in the summer, cold and wet during the winter.

This territory consisted mostly of wild grasses, brush and gravel. It was home for many wild animals. Thousands of wild horses roamed the country in search of food.

The first human inhabitants were the Indians. Later few hunters and trappers found their way into the valley. It became a good hide-out for some bandits.

In 1832, a trapper and hunter, James J. Warner wrote, "On no part of the continent over which I have been, was so numerous an Indian population as in the San Joaquin Valley." In Stanislaus County the Indians were Modocs, sometimes called Walla Walla. They were also called the digger Indians, because of their customs for digging in the earth for edible roots. These Indians were known to scientists as Yokuts. The name Yokuts was taken from the Indian language meaning persons or people and never used in a singular form.

These Indians were thought by some of the white men as being stupid. After reading about these Indians, it is my opinion that they were a timid, not stupid, people, surviving the best they knew how. The Yokuts were all closely related by blood and language. They spoke over 50 tongues, and were peace loving people.



Bill Sherman's collection of Indian mortars and pestles.

The Yokuts were one of the few Indians who developed a medium of exchange. As Frank Latta mentioned in his book on the Yokuts, "Their money could not be counter-feited." The basketry of the Yokuts was considered to be among the world's best.

It is easy to understand the Indians being timid. Many Indians did not see a white man until around the 1830s. They were probably shocked at the sight of a gun toting, long haired man with a coonskin cap and a body draped with leather and long fringe.

About 1769 the Spanish started to occupy coastal California and build their Franciscan missions. The Spanish Crown wanted control of the land and people. The early Franciscan Fathers had worked to convert and train the Indians. Later they seized the land and the Indians, using the reason..."they were creating a Christian civilization."

The Indians had furnished the manpower for the chain of Franciscan missions, been mistreated and cruelly punished. Being oppressed, many Indians would run away. Once such Indian was Chief Estanislao.

Chief Estanislao had received his education in the missions and was said to be far more educated than most of the tribe. The Chief burned with hatred against the Fathers. After running away from the missions he incited the tribe to rob the missions and kill the "Sons of Castille."

Custer was not the only General defeated by the Indians. Chief Estanislao defeated Lieutenant Jose Antonio Sanchez and Lieutenant Mariano G. Vallejo (later to become General Vallejo). It has

Pre-Newman's History (Cont'd)

been written "no Spanish dared invade the territory of the San Joaquin Valley." The river where a battle was fought, was named Stanislaus River for Chief Estanislao. Later, the county was named Stanislaus.

When the white man came to this country few Indians remained. What had been Indian land was now in the hands of the Mexican Government. In 1810 to 1839, there was an epidemic of smallpox and measles caused by the initial contact with the Spaniards, which killed many of the natives. Sixteen years later, there were brutal confrontations with fortune seekers. The "Gold Rush" brought men who slaughtered the wild game, herded sheep and cattle over the wild grass fields; so the Indians abandoned their villages and returned to the mountains.

According to their traditions the Great Spirit had in anger driven them from the mountains in the distant past.

After the Mexican independence from Spain, Commander Vallejo was instructed to grant land for the purpose of developing the area for Mexico. Land Grants went mainly to Mexican citizens. No Land Grant was less than 1000 acres. Stanislaus County consisted of five grants. One Land Grant was Orestimba Rancho, consisting of 16,500 acres granted to Sebastian Nunez.

The flamboyant life of the rancho was but a brief period. The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ended the Mexican War. In 1846 the Bear Flag of California Republic was raised over California. Gold was discovered in 1848 and the new State of California, the 31st in the union, was created in the fall of 1850. The war between Mexico and the United States put a halt to extensive use of large acres of land by few. The land became valuable when the territory became the possession of the United States. Our government recognized all Spanish or Mexican grants.

THE GROWTH OF HILLS FERRY

In the earliest days of the river town, Hills Ferry, the main industry surrounding the town was that of grazing. During this era, sheep, cattle and wool were the principal products. The ranges were extensive in the foothills and the country was prosperous. It was the day of the cowboy and the rough vaquero. In 1865, C.G. Hubner acquired ownership of practically the entire town. It was in this year that wheat raising became important. Warehouses were erected. Hills Ferry then became a settlement of nearly 250 people, possessing two general stores, hotels and many saloons. The pioneer merchants were Simon Newman and the Kahn Brothers. Hubner always leased premises to these firms. The population surrounding the town was approximately 2,500 people on the ranches and on the ranges. The nearest railroad station was at Banta, 50 miles to the north. Navigation was possible only during the melting snow period, about four months in the year. It was thus impossible to move the grain except during this period, from April until July. Consequently the July crop was stored until the following year, the merchants always being prepared to lend money on the stored grain to the farmers to put in the next year's crop. About two out of three seasons were profitable.



Kahn Brothers Store - Hills Ferry.

Morganti Meats

P.O. Box 655
Newman, CA 95360
862-0147

Mowry's Newman Drug

1404 O Street
Newman, CA 95360
(209) 862-2931 - (209) 862-3644

Pandora's Treasures

1435 O Street
Newman, CA 95360
862-0609

The Growth of Hills Ferry (Cont'd)

Mail was received weekly from 1865 'til 1883 by stage from Banta. It took the stage a full day to make this trip. In 1887 semi-weekly service was inaugurated from Modesto. There was neither telegraph or telephonic communication with the outside world. Hills Ferry was thus an isolated community. The barges with the familiar names of Clara Crow, Ceres, Empire City, owned by the California Navigation Company of Stockton, and the most famous of all to the Hills Ferry region, the Lizzie Patterson, carried the wheat to Port Costa to be transported to the markets of the world. The Miller and Eaton boat line from San Francisco undertook at varying intervals to furnish transportation but failed because of inadequacy of equipment. A massive amount of wheat was shipped from Hills Ferry. Hills Ferry became one of the most noted agricultural localities of the county, and during the wheat growing era of this county, it was known throughout the state as a productive grain growing territory.

While wheat growing was the main industry, the raising of sheep was rapidly becoming profitable. The names of A.G. Stonesifer, Andrew Ewing and A.F. Pfitzer were prominent sheep raisers. The French shepherders came into the foothills from the various localities about 20 miles from Hills Ferry for the winter and moved onto the stubble fields in the summer.

Until about 1886, when the railroad began coming down the West Side of the valley, Hills Ferry continued to possess its reputation as an open town. There was a lot of gambling and many shooting scrapes in the town. The saloons had no control over their patrons.

The "Oasis" was one of the most disreputable. It was owned by a man named Gardner. It was the favorite dance hall of the town during the harvest from May to September. The "Jeanette" was another saloon frequented by the cowboys of the area. The coming of the San Joaquin Valley Regulators in 1884 helped to produce a calming effect on the community.

In July of 1880, the following description of Hills Ferry was described in a letter to the Stanislaus County Weekly News by John M. Newsome, then justice of the peace at that town: "The town is situated on the southwest bank of the San Joaquin River in this county, near the Merced line, and is surrounded by a fine

agricultural and stock-raising country. The town contains 20 residences, 19 Chinese houses, two very large stores, one kept by the Kahn Brothers, the other by Simon Newman, both stocking a large assortment of dry goods, clothing, groceries, hardware, and agricultural implements. There are also large warehouses connected with the stores. Kahn Brothers' warehouse has a storage capacity of 6,000 tons, and their annual shipments are around 10,000 tons. Mr. Newman's warehouse contains a storage capacity of 4,000 tons, and his shipments average about 15,000 tons. Two lines of river steamers make Hills Ferry their terminus, one line connected with San Francisco, the other with Stockton. Two lines of stage also connect with the Central Pacific Railroad at Banta. (The Central Pacific and Southern Pacific names were used interchangeably in the San Joaquin Valley in the early days).



Riverboat at warehouses at Hills Ferry.

A ferryboat connects Hills Ferry with the country on the east side of the San Joaquin. The country surrounding the town developed fast and rapidly improved with the advancements of each coming year. One landowner, a Timothy Paige, shipped over a quarter of a million feet of lumber, with which to build houses for his tenants.

Hills Ferry is owned largely by Hon. C.G. Hubner, who also owns some 100 acres of irrigated lands. The extension of the Miller & Lux Canal gave such a stimulus to farming, that farming land increased from 10 to 40 percent with the coming of irrigation.

The town contains two hotels; one restaurant; seven saloons; one tin shop; two blacksmith shops; one wagon maker; two carpenter shops; one paint shop; three livery stables; two apothecaries; two Justices of the Peace; a constable; one watch maker; one lumber yard; two barber shops; one photograph gallery; one shoemaker; two notary publics; one attorney-at-law; a fine schoolhouse and a Masonic Hall."

The Growth of Hills Ferry (Cont'd)

Among the latter day prominent residents of Hills Ferry were Charles T. Miller, druggist; C.T. Harris, lumberman; J.A. Anderson and Charles F. Miller, physicians; John Newsom(e) was a justice of the peace and a watch maker; John Harris, a blacksmith; John Gorman, constable; Sig Newman, Alfred Cahen, John C. Gambling, Simon Newman, Jules and Joseph Barnes, Pliny F. Fisk, Jake Reck, William Wilson, Pat Manning, B.A. Fisher, saloonmen; William J. Spicer, constable; John C. Green and John H. Barker were tinsmiths, with Barker filling in as deputy constable; John de Hart and Peter Townsend, carpenters; Manning was once a formidable candidate for the democratic nomination for sheriff. John P. Allen was at one time a justice of the peace at Hills Ferry, but later moved to Modesto and engaged in the contracting business.

There were two stage lines passing through Hills Ferry, one to Modesto and the other on the Stockton - Visalia route.

Stage Time Tables S. P. Co.—Sunset Route						
MODESTO AND COULTEVILLE STAGE LINE						
Leave Modesto, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays						
Returning leaves Coulterville, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays						
	A.M.	Distance	LV.....	Ar.....	P.M.	Fare
Modesto	5.00	0	Modesto	Ar. Modesto	5.00	
	5.30	15	Ar. Waterford	Lv. Waterford		\$1.25
	6.00	27	Lv. Horro's Ranch	Ar. Horro's Ranch		2.00
	12.00 M.	32	Ar. Le Grange	Lv. Le Grange		3.00
	6.00	54	Ar. Coulterville	Lv. Coulterville	6.00	5.00
	P.M.				A.M.	
MODESTO AND NEWMAN STAGE LINE						
	A.M.	Distance	LV.....	Ar.....	P.M.	Fare
Modesto	7.00		Modesto	Ar. Modesto	6.00	0.00
			Ar. Crow's Landing	Lv. Crow's Landing		\$1.50
	P.M.		Ar. Newman	Lv. Newman	1.30	2.00
	12.00					\$3.00
S.P.CO.—SUNSET ROUTE						
Stage Schedule.						

In the early days, there were approximately 2,500 people living in the surrounding area outside of Hills Ferry. The average size of the farms in the vicinity of Hills Ferry was 2,000 acres. In the absence of adequate banking facilities, the stores acted as the banking establishments for the funds of the farmers. In 1878 the Miller & Lux canal reached the vicinity of Hills Ferry and changed the farming habits of the country. Lands close to the canal began to raise alfalfa. In 1898, the farmers began to realize the value of dairying, and this industry became important in the irrigated areas. With dairying came another important business to the West Side area, the creameries. Creameries were built throughout the area. Some creameries were built at central locations, where the milk would be brought to be separated, other creameries were built at the dairies themselves. After the milk was separated, it would be taken by

wagon to the railroads and transported to the bay area.

With the coming of the railroad in 1887, the river towns began to move closer to a more reliable source of transportation, the trains. River towns, like Hills Ferry, literally moved...buildings were put on wooden planks, drawn by horses and pulled into the fast growing railroad towns. It wasn't long after the designing of a town and selling of lots, that Newman began to grow and Hills Ferry diminished.



Hills Ferry Hotel also known as the Westside Hotel run by The Russ Family.

A PLACE CALLED "ORESTIMBA"

Orestimba is one of the oldest named places on the West Side. The creek at this point is surrounded by a grove of sycamore trees. This grove, perhaps as old as 300 years, was a welcome sight to those traveling the vast dry San Joaquin Valley on horseback, driving cattle to the larger communities, or moving their families to new land.

The Yokut Indians, summer residents at the Orestimba in the early 1800s, ground meal in the Indian Rocks above the creek leaving mortar holes that have remained throughout the years.

Padre Jose Viader recorded his parties' crossing in 1810, mentioning the place called "Orestimba arroyo" near the San Joaquin River. Spanish missionaries from the coastal area held discussions with the Yokut Indians at the "Meeting Place" trying to persuade them to return to the San Juan Bautista and San Jose Mission to work for the Padres.

An old trail ran along the west side of the valley in the early 1800s. This trail was earlier used by the migrating wild game that populated the San Joaquin area. The trail grew to become a path, used by the Indians in their winter and summer moves. As the Spanish and the Mexicans became familiar with this valley, the path became the route between Los Angeles and San Francisco.

INCIDENTS ALONG THE ORESTIMBA

(Frank F. Latta, historian of the San Joaquin Valley, spent many years interviewing pioneers of the area. He wrote many articles and books of historical interest. The following is taken from an article he wrote about the Orestimba area. B. P.)

The family bible states that on September 18, 1892, at Orestimba, in Stanislaus County, California there was born to Eli C. Latta and Harmonia Campbell Latta, a son. Assisting at the birth of Frank F. Latta was Mrs. T.J. Keaton, of Stevinson.

For many years there has been much speculation about the naming of Orestimba. On an old map, it appears as Orris Timbers. This corruption appeared probably because of the sycamore grove which extended some distance from the hills and ended with a single, isolated tree, located a half mile south of the house in which Frank Latta was born. It was still known as the Lone

A Place Called "Orestimba" (Cont'd)

This route eventually became known as El Camino Viejo a Los Angeles, "the old road to Los Angeles." This road was heavily used between 1820 and 1880 by the early settlers. Cattlemen also drove herds along this route in the 1840s, as it was a direct route between San Pedro and San Antonio (East Oakland).

In 1844, Governor Manuel Micheltorena granted Sebastian Nunez a large tract of land extending westward from the San Joaquin River along the Orestimba Creek to the Coast Range foothills. This grant was known as Rancho Orestimba Y Las Garzas.

In 1850 the area known as Orestimba Creek was also known as Newsome's Bridge. This small settlement in the foothill area was approximately 10 miles west of Hills Ferry. There were several reasons for this settlement along Orestimba Creek. Hills Ferry had the reputation of being a "wide open" town and the settlers had their families with them and there was an abundance of water from natural springs along the creek. Many of the settlers, living on the border of the Spanish Land Grants, waited for the government to open up the public lands in the valley after the annexation of California to the United States.

Sycamore in 1943. In the old days it was known to the Spanish and Mexican vaqueros as Aliso Solo, meaning the same as the name, Lone Sycamore.

Henry Mills told Frank that Ythenera Corona, an old Spanish Californian, who settled on the Orestimba Creek in the 1850s had told him the creek was named from the Indian tribe which had occupied that locality before the Spanish came. Frank Mendonca, an old Orestimba vaquero, told Mills that the place was named by the Spanish Cavalry from Monterey. His grandfather, had been a member of that cavalry. Lloyd McAulay, of Crow Town, told Frank Latta that the creek had been named at a meeting of the Spanish Cavalry and the Indians. It was more than 10 years before Frank heard what he accepted as the true account of the origin of the name, Orestimba.



The old Corona home on the Orestimba — later called the "Robinson Camp"

About 1933, there passed away, a mile or so north of Newman, one of the most picturesque old Spanish Californians Frank Latta had ever met. He was a vaquero in the Joaquin Valley. His ancestors had come to California before the Declaration of Independence was signed and located in Monterey when the Spanish Cavalry first established the Presidio. His name was Jose Antonio Agulia.

"Tony" Agulia was six feet, three inches in height and weighed at the age of 80, more than 190 pounds. He was as straight as an arrow, as lythe and active as a mountain lion. He was the finest horseman and roper ever to swing a riata east of the Coast Range. Frank Latta first met Tony in 1900.

Tony was born at Aromas near San Juan Bautista around 1848 and rode a horse for more than 80 years. His father tied him in the saddle when he was 2 years of age and he rode the Coast Range from that time until about 1933.

Tony made the following statement about the name Orestimba: "When my grandfather Agulia was with the Spanish Cavalry about 1800, gather-

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ing the Indians from the Coast Range, they met opposition on what is now known as the Orestimba Creek. The Indians refused to go to the mission, and it appeared they were confident they could resist the Spanish. The priests and soldiers all argued with them, but with no result. Finally one of the priests suggested they make an appointment to meet the Indians there again the next spring. This was done, the Indians pointing to the ground and saying 'Orestimba'. This meant, we meet here again. The following spring the cavalry came in greater force and took the Indians away with them."

And so the Orestimba was named. Perhaps the best interpretation of the word is by the French word, rendezvous. In the 1870s, 80s and 90s it was a yearly rendezvous for the West Side residents, when the Crows of Crow Town held their annual picnic and get-together among the sycamores on the Orestimba.

In 1850, the Crow brothers, after whom the old river town of Crows Landing was named, settled on Orestimba Creek and used the juniper pole corals built by Sebastian Nunez. The horses they corraled were renegades from the herds of the original Spanish settlers. The Crows became the first permanent settlers at that location.

In 1870, a post office named Orestimba, was established on the lower Orestimba, one-half mile west of old Crows Landing on the San Joaquin River. Two of the Crow brothers, who lived nearby, were instrumental in bringing about establishment of the post office and in proposing the name for it. It proved confusing to have a post office named Orestimba so close to a settlement named Crows Landing, so the name was changed to the latter.

Some mystery is attached to the Orestimba post office by the following item which appears in the Mariposa Chronicle newspaper of December 15, 1854:

"POST OFFICES: Now that Post Offices have been established at Hills Ferry and Orestimba, we suppose the wants of the southern part of this county and Tulare will be attended to." The post office at Washington claims to have no record of this office of 1854.

In 1887, when the present town of Newman was laid out on the railroad, then under construction, John DeHart, of Hills Ferry, circulated a petition among nearby settlers asking that the new

town and post office be named Orestimba. This proposal was squelched through the political and economic influence of Simon Newman, with the result that the place is now known as Newman. Frank Latta was told the above information by John Gorham, whose wife was the daughter of John DeHart. Henry Mills Jas. T. Crow also related these facts to Frank.

Several articles of length could be written about the interesting pioneers who lived along the Orestimba Creek. Ythenera Corona was known as the Law On the Orestimba, and ran down, captured or killed numerous horse thieves and outlaws, including his own nephew. Once Joaquin Murrieta, the noted bandit, fled from a posse at San Luis Gonzaga, partially afoot, and stole a number of saddle horses belonging to Corona. Corona strapped on his bone handled six shooters, mounted his best saddle animal and pursued the Murrieta party, recovering all the stolen horses in Tejon Canyon back of present Tejon Rancho headquarters in Kern County, more than 250 miles from Orestimba.

(Frank Latta stated that the Orestimba school was established in the late 1860s. Other records state 1850s) In the late 1860s the Orestimba school was established among the sycamores and in it were held the first church services performed in that section of the West Side. In 1888 the little group moved out of the sycamores down to the present Presbyterian Church in Newman where they hoisted aloft the first church bell to be hung on the entire West Side, from Martinez to Paleta, south west corner of Kern County.

Frank Latta related that his father had trouble raising the \$1,600 to build the new church. Only half of the needed amount could be raised from the church membership. In 1888 most of the membership were prohibitionists in favor of outlawing liquor in the United States. The church members, after discussing the problem of raising funds, told Eli Latta he would have to raise the funds himself to complete the church. Eli Latta raised the \$800 needed to build the church by visiting 24 saloons in town asking for donations. Although the elders of the church were upset with the places Latta obtained the money, he was allowed to use the money to start church construction.

Rev. Eli Latta only served the church part-time. He trained horses as his other occupation. On March 23, 1890, the church obtained its first full-time pastor, a Rev. C.L. Langston of Paducah, Ky.

THE SCHOOL AT ORESTIMBA

One of Stanislaus County's first public schools was located at Orestimba or Newsome's Bridge in the 1850s. The first schoolhouse was in a private house and held about 20 students. In 1854, the settlers built a schoolhouse. There were just walls at first; it was summertime and the sycamore trees provided the shade and protection of a roof.

The first clerk at the Orestimba School was Charles Hutchings, a lieutenant of the 31st Infantry during the War of 1812. In 1818 he was a school teacher at Camp Cope in Southern Missouri. He emigrated to Hills Ferry in the 1850s. Hutchings was chosen to draw up a set of rules and regulations concerning the use of the new building. The first and primary purpose in the construction of the building was that of providing a

suitable place for the education of the neighborhood children. Under the rules the school was to have priority over other meetings during school hours, except on election days. Secondly, the building was to be free to all religious denominations as a "preaching house," at all times except during school hours. It could be used for all election days; and last, but not least, "... it may be used for public meeting of the township or precinct, for political, religions, literary, charitable, and of all other township or neighborhood meetings, whatever, of a moral and orderly nature..." This was truly a multi-purpose building, and was, no doubt, the first of its kind in the county.

In May 1869, the school was taken into the county school system when the Orestimba School District was organized.



CHARLES HUTCHINGS



Orestimba School 1892 - (L TO R) Albert Yates, James Yates, George Wilson, Albert Jones, Carrie Wilson, Elsie Jones, Minnie Wilson, Dee Eastin, Mamie Yates, Maggie Eastin, Josie Barnes. Teacher: Miss Byron.

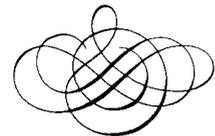
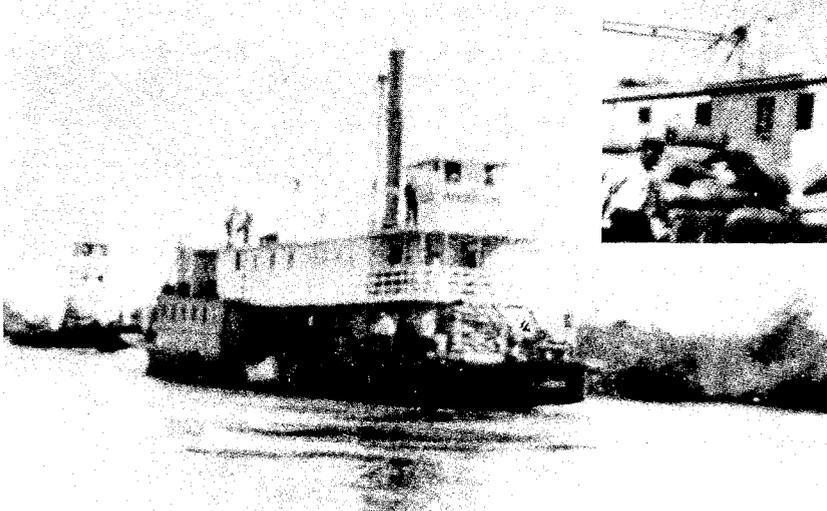
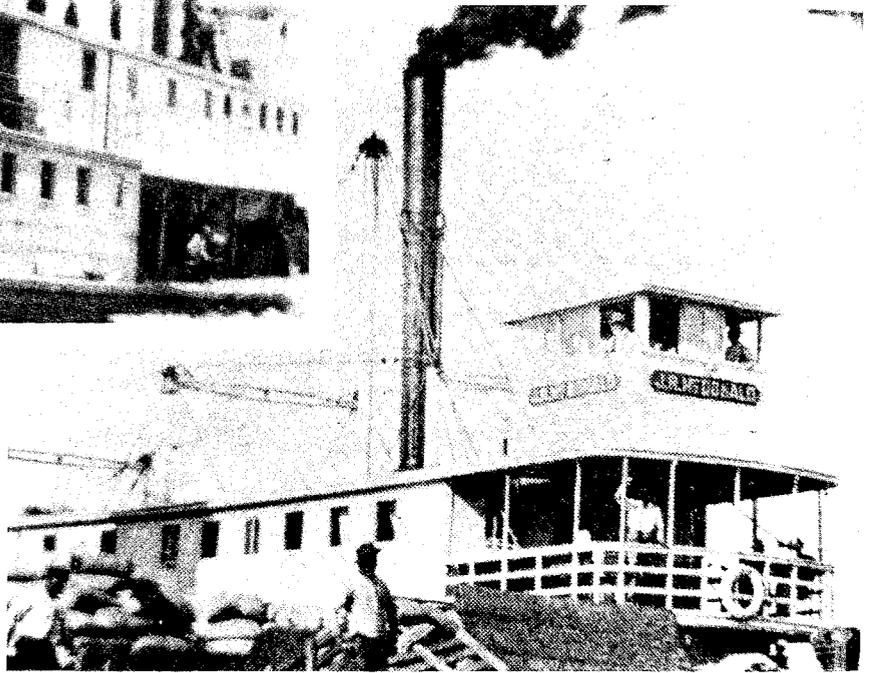
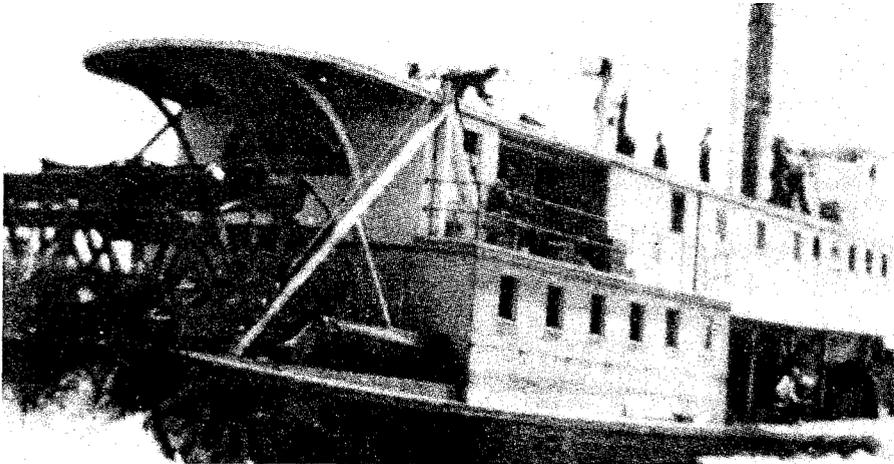
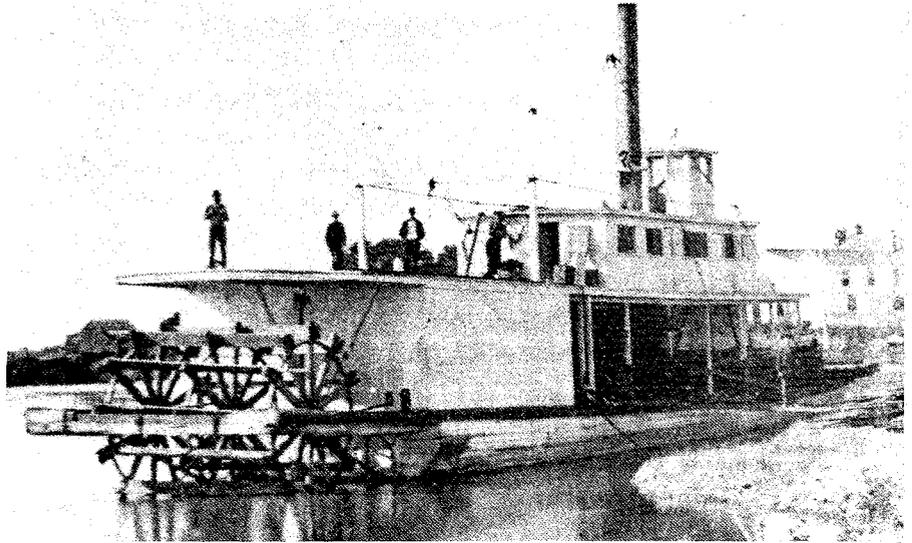
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There are stories of the killing of grizzly bears which infested the Orestimba and Garzas Creek; of how the Crow brothers settled on the first creek north of Orestimba and changed its name from Arroyo de Los Fardos (Creek of the bales or packages) to Crow Creek; of A. Stonesifer, the pioneer philanthropist and father of Mrs. Lizzie Maze Newman...(There are two different spellings for the same family, "Maze" or "Mays," depending upon the dates of articles. On the stone entrance to their original home place, there is the spelling "Mays." "Mays" is also the spelling used for the last name of their decendents.) There was R.B. Fentem, South, Bob Davis, Clary Chas. Miller all living on the plains near where the Orestimba leaves the foothills at a time when herds of antelope still ranged in that territory.

In 1855 Mr. Hutchings stated in a letter that a Mr. Bonner was conducting church services in the school on Sundays. A congregation of Presbyterians, under the leadership of Rev. Eli Latta, was organized in 1876 and used the school until they moved to Newman in 1888.



RIVERBOATS



Perry's Restaurant
1446 O Street
Newman, CA 95360
862-0169

Newman Travel
1245 O Street
Newman, CA 95360
(209) 862-2824

Novoa Jewelers
Since 1973
862-2680

SIMON NEWMAN

Simon Newman, born in Germany in 1846, came to America at the age of 15. In 1863, at the age of 17, he enlisted in the Union Army and fought against the South until his discharge in 1865.

Coming to California at the close of the war, he first worked as a clerk in mercantile business houses in the Mother Lode. Simon Newman took the train to Tracy. He met Joseph Sparks (who had family on the West Side) on the train and they traveled together by stage the rest of the way to Hills Ferry.

Simon Newman was 26 years old when he arrived at Hills Ferry in 1869 to begin a career that would lead to the development of the West Side. He bought the mercantile business of John W. Sharp, well-known pioneer resident, who moved to a foothill ranch to raise sheep and spend his remaining years.

In 1874, E.S. Wangenheim first visited Hills Ferry as a youth.

The mercantile business prospered under Simon Newman's management and soon outgrew its quarters. A new store was built to house the business in 1875. Simon Newman's new store was erected by Hubner, father of the Milt Hubner who was later to become the first constable when the township headquarters were located in Newman. Hubner had acquired most of the property in the Hills Ferry town-site and he was apparently always willing to erect new buildings for tenants.

It was in this same year that Simon Newman bought a dwelling in Hills Ferry, although his family continued to reside in San Francisco near the modern school facilities of the day. The house Newman bought was later moved to Newman, and part of it is the former J.H. Beall home, which stood just west of the old Yolo Grammar School building.

Newman started his merchandising career in Hills Ferry in a modest way, but by 1881 he had enlarged his store to include dry goods, groceries, hardware and agricultural implements. He had also expanded into the farming industry, particularly following the construction of the Miller & Lux canal through the area in 1878, the ditch running to the junction with Orestimba Creek. Besides farming, sheep and cattle raising were some of his interests. Simon Newman built a large



warehouse at the Hills Ferry steamer landing, with a storage capacity of 4,000 tons. He engaged in the commission business in shipping grain and his annual average tonnage shipped by steamer was around 15,000 tons. He had a one-fourth interest in the steamer "Centennial" which ran between Stockton and San Francisco. His chief competitors in the mercantile business were the Kahn Brothers, Jules and Charles. As was customary the Kahns and Simon Newman also served the community as bankers.

It was Simon Newman who gave land to The Pacific Improvement Company, a subsidiary of the Southern Pacific Railroad, when it was learned that they wanted to expand their lines south in 1887.

Simon Newman remained the principal businessman in Newman as the town began to grow. He was the largest landowner. The Noxon, Winters and Linora ranches belonged to him. He had a system of grain warehouses reaching throughout the West Side, from Patterson to nearly Los Banos. His store, carrying all staple lines of merchandise, was the largest mercantile establishment in town, and indeed between Stockton and Fresno. He had the only banking institution in the area.

In 1903, he was persuaded to found the Bank of Newman. The first officers were: E.S. Wangenheim, president; T.G. Yancey, vice-president; W.W. Giddings, cashier; G.H. Crow, assistant cashier.

Simon Newman established his headquarters and offices in San Francisco. His home was in San Francisco also and he took an active part in the running of the company. He was president of the Newman Bros. Grain merchants of San Francisco; president of the Pacific Vinegar and Pickle Works at Hayward; and president of the North Alaska Salmon Company.

Simon Newman (Cont'd)

Simon Newman married Pauline Strauss of San Francisco and they had five children. One son, Louis J. Newman, was the vice-president and resident manager of the Simon Newman Company in Newman. Simon Newman's other children were Mrs. Blum and Mrs. Cahn of San Francisco; S.W. and E.S. Newman.

Simon Newman died in San Francisco on Oct. 6, 1912.

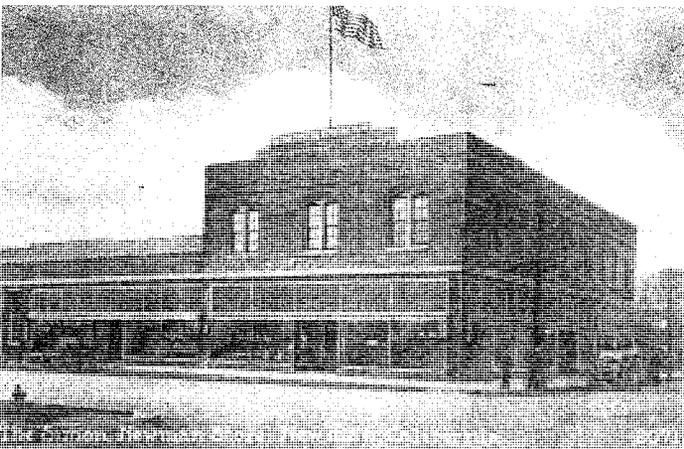
Louis Newman became president of the company in 1939. In 1959, the board of directors decided to leave the merchandise business after 89 years of operation.

Then, in 1973, the Simon Newman Co. sold out to the Wolfsen Land & Cattle Co. of Los Banos. The sale was estimated to involve 100 square miles of property at an approximate worth of \$16 million.

Included in the sale were 42,000 acres of west side non-irrigated foothill land, 8,000 acres of dry farmland, 7,000 acres of undeveloped lowland and 8,000 acres of prime agricultural land.

Included in the prime agricultural land was 400 acres of walnuts, two dairies with more than 1,700 head of cattle and farmlands growing row crops.

The end of the Simon Newman legacy was announced by then President Irving S. Rosenblatt Jr. of San Francisco.



JOHN MCNISH OF HILLS FERRY



John McNish was known in the Knights Ferry area of Stanislaus County in 1852. He had come from Stockton and gained interest in a ferry and a pontoon bridge at Heath and Emory's Ferry over the Stanislaus River.

John McNish built and also had an interest in a famous hotel on the Mariposa Road called the Lone Star House. It was situated about three miles south of the Stanislaus River and stood just north of today's Warnerville Road, one mile east of Albers Road. He had the property up for sale and had sold interest in the Lone Star House, but there is no record of the property changing hands completely.

John McNish moved to Hills Ferry where he went to work as a clerk for Simon Newman.

Hills Ferry was known to have its shooting scrapes, the same as most of the towns in the county in the 1860s and '70s. One such shooting in Hills Ferry, that was recorded, was that of John McNish and a man by the name of Hubbel.

McNish was a respected citizen of the town and one of Simon Newman's trusted employees. Hubbel, for some reasons not now clear, developed a dislike for McNish, to the point of threatening to kill him on sight. The inevitable meeting occurred finally when McNish was forced to defend himself. In the exchange of fire Hubbel was shot and killed. The body lay where it had fallen for the greater part of the day, until the coroner came over from Modesto and had it removed. The coroner's jury acquitted McNish.

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HILLS FERRY HIGHLIGHTS

by Jessie Kahrt 1998

One of the greatest pleasures of my life when I was a child was to sit and listen to the thrilling tales told by my father, John Rhea, and my uncle, Jesse Hill.

My father and my uncle came to California in the year 1852 in a covered wagon train from Fort Smith Ark., where, for the sake of safety, a large wagon train was formed of people from many states.

On arriving in California my father was sent to Sacramento to finish his schooling and his uncle, Fennis Maddux, insisted that he study the Spanish language.

In the meantime, my uncle had built a hotel and ran a ferry boat across the San Joaquin River, thus founding the town that was called Hills Ferry.

Later, my father came to live with my uncle and found much amusement in taking the ferry boat forth and back, as it transported people and teams from one bank of the stream to the other.

One of his most interesting passengers was Joaquin Murietta, usually accompanied by several of his followers. Murietta was very friendly with my father because, he said, he was the only gringo who could speak good Spanish.

After crossing on the ferry, the group could then continue on down the river to a point south, where they could cross the valley safely to their stronghold on the Cantua.

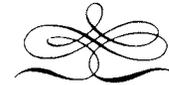
But bad luck befell Murietta when a posse got between him and his stronghold and he was killed and beheaded. A reward had been offered for his head.

His head was put in a butter tub and sent by stage to San Francisco. On the way, the stage stopped at Hill's Hotel for the driver and passengers to have lunch. The tub was set on the porch to be taken into the hotel for safe-keeping. One of the leading citizens of the town, a curious fellow, pulled off the lid, gave a gasp, and fell in a "spell."



Jessie and Henrietta Rhea Hill.

The lid was quickly replaced and the tub was soon on its way to San Francisco. The posse received the reward and thus ended the career of one of the most notorious bandits of the West Side.



Stock of a gun with Murietta's name on it — Located in the Newman Museum.

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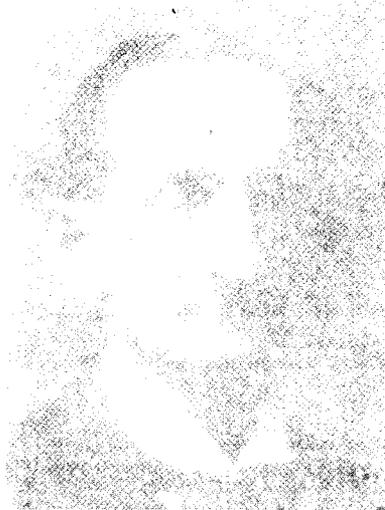
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HILLS FERRY SCHOOL



Henry Lieginger taught the first school in Hills Ferry.

William Wilson sold the Masonic Order a lot on July 21, 1874. The building erected on this property was the second of Hills Ferry's two-story buildings, the other being the Russ House. The lower floor was intended as a facility for the new school. The deed to the land also carried the stipulation that the building was to be used as a school and a Masonic Hall. In addition it carried a reversion clause in Wilson's favor in the event the building was ever used for other than its stipulated purpose. The need for the schoolhouse was created when Hills Ferry became a separate



Hills Ferry School – 1887

Top Row:

Millie Giddings, Binard, Frank Hammers, ?

Middle Row:

Nelson, McGrew, Donor, Homer, Virginia Moreno, Liz Homer

Front Row:

?, Emil Meyer, Nelson McGrew, W. W. Giddings, Walter McGrew

school district in August 1873. It was separated from the Orestimba District. In 1880 it had an enrollment of 26 pupils, with an average daily attendance of only 16.

The Masonic Hall was moved into Newman from Hills Ferry in 1888. It was later sold to the Dania Society, which organized in 1902.

W. W. GIDDINGS

William Warren Giddings was just over 4 years old in 1879 when his father, Elisha, was killed in a butcher shop accident. Elisha tried to ward off a fellow with a meat cleaver, and was cut between his thumb and forefinger. It was presumed he died from blood poisoning.

Ralph, Emily Marie (Millie) and William (the children were born in Turlock - William in 1874) were left orphans. Their mother (maiden name Cookson) had died three years earlier and Elisha had remarried a woman with a son of her own.

The children's stepmother, after Elisha's death, arranged for local families to care for the Giddings children and she and her son returned to her former home in North Dakota.

Ralph was raised by the Bledsoe family near Hickman; Emily Marie (known as Millie - there is a record of her attending school at Hills Ferry at the age of 14 in 1885) was raised by the George Perley family. Emily later married Edward Simpson of Newman. William was sent to the Stonesifer family who lived on Orestimba Creek in the hills west

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W.W. Giddings (Cont'd)

of Hills Ferry. When William became of school age, the Stonesifers sent him to live with J.C. Green in Hills Ferry.

Mr. Green, one of the early pioneers of the West Side, owned a hardware store and was a tinsmith. Willie (as he was called when a youngster) went to school in Hills Ferry and worked for Mr. Green in his store in Hills Ferry and in Newman. The Greens had come to Hills Ferry from Iowa after losing two daughters from typhoid fever.

William left the Hills Ferry area when he was about 13 and went to Modesto to work for C.R. Tillson of the Modesto Lumber Company. Mr. Tillson got William a job in Sanger at a lumber mill. He worked as a freight agent for the Southern Pacific in Atwater for a few years.

In the 1890s, William returned to Newman and went into partnership with Dr. H.V. Armistead in a drug store. Dr. Armistead's office was upstairs and William filled the prescriptions and ran the soda fountain in the drug store downstairs. William Giddings stayed with Dr. Armistead until June 1898.

June 2, 1898, President McKinley appointed William Giddings postmaster in Newman. He served as postmaster until Aug. 1, 1903. His son, William Giddings Jr., and his grandson, George Giddings of Modesto donated the framed certificate of appointment to the Newman Museum.

In 1903, Simon Newman established the Bank of Newman. The bank grew to include branches in Crows Landing, Patterson and Gustine. W.W. Giddings (William Warren Giddings) resigned his position as postmaster to become the bank's cashier.

W.W. Giddings was arrested for attempted murder while employed in the Bank of Newman. The story goes... "A man came into the bank, and reached through the window and tried to grab William. William jumped back, grabbed one of the inkwells and let the man have it right in the forehead. It was a red inkwell and the man was covered with red ink. The man swore out a warrant and William was arrested, he was bound over

to the superior court in Modesto. The trial lasted about half a day. William was acquitted."

W.W. Giddings was a stockholder in the Bank of Newman and in the Newman Realty Company. He was also Newman's first town treasurer.

W.W. Giddings was married to Julia V. Johnson, daughter of Captain James Johnson of Oakland, in Sept. 14, 1904.

Between 1905 and 1915, W.W. Giddings managed the Newman Lambs baseball team that rivaled the Modesto Reds.

W.W. Giddings was on the School Board of Trustees in 1912 when he approached Newman Ford dealer Frank Patchett, explaining the need of something to haul "kids" to school. In the early 1900s the students came to school from the surrounding countryside. They drove carts and buggies, rode horses and walked miles to get their education. It was told that the school had to erect a barn, bring in feed, unharness and harness the children's animals each day.

The Giddings family moved to Modesto Feb. 22, 1920. W.W. Giddings accepted the position of vice-president of the Modesto Bank, which later became the Modesto Trust and Savings Bank.

W.W. Giddings was an avid sportsman. He was an organizer of the Stanislaus Country Club in 1920 and again in 1945 was a charter member of the Del Rio Golf and Country Club, where he played until the age of 88. He was a founder and treasurer of Stanislaus Memorial Hospital.

W.W. Giddings passed away on April 14, 1966.



The former W.W. Giddings home on the north/east corner of "P" & Tulare Street - The McCoy residence in 1988.

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INVITATIONS

GRAND BALL!

GIVEN IN HONOR OF
Hon. J. M. Newsom, and Family,
 By their Friends and Neighbors, on the eve of their departure from Stanislaus Co.

Mr. & C. Tinsin and Ladies,
 You are respectfully invited to attend at the HILLS
 FERRY SCHOOL HOUSE, on
FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 30th, 1877,

Committee of Invitation.
 CHAS. B. BLAIR, A. J. MEANY, E. T. STONE, A. HEWEL,
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Admission Free.



Mr. & Mrs. John M. Newsome

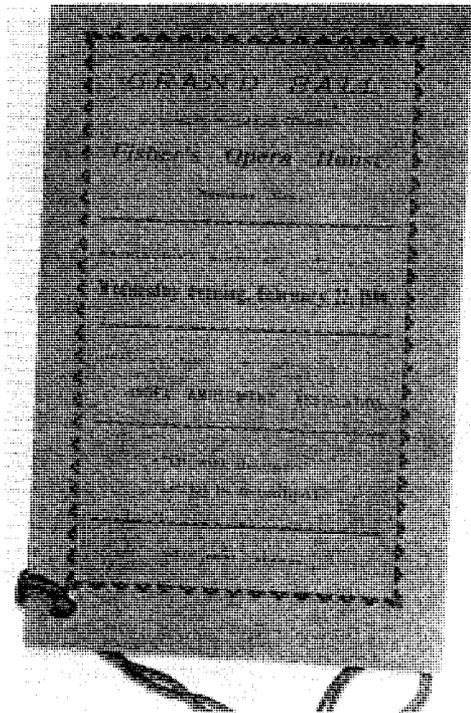
A Party held for Mr. & Mrs. John Newsome and family of Hills Ferry in 1877.

THIRD ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY West Side Lodge, No. 2409, K. of H. *Mr. Samuel Ewing.*

*Ourself and Ladies are cordially invited
 to attend a Masquerade Ball, to be held on the
 Evening of 19th of March, 1884, at the School
 House, in Hills Ferry.*

Tickets can be procured on presentation of this invitation to H. A. F. Miller, at the Post office.
TICKETS, \$2.50.

Invitation Committee.
 J. McNish, S. Ewing, C. L. Crow
Executive Committee.
 J. W. Palley, J. C. Green, H. A. F. Miller, D. W. Palley, A. Green



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DUTCH CORNERS

In 1870 the Henry Hoffman family arrived in Hills Ferry from San Francisco. They moved about two miles west of Hills Ferry and established a hotel. This establishment was run by Hoffman's son-in-law Ernest Voight and Ernest Gysin.

Three miles west of Hills Ferry on Nov. 22, 1873, Ernest Voight and H. Weitman/Widman purchased 16.42 acres of land from William Wilson for \$340. This acreage is on the present site of the road between Hills Ferry and Newman. The small settlement that grew up there was known as "Dutch Corners" because of the Dutch/German ancestry of its founders.

Dutch Corners had a store run by George DeMont; a blacksmith shop run by Judson Packard Sr.; a flour mill run by Heinrich Hill; a Chinese laundry; a school; a saloon; and later a race track. The chief business in Dutch Corners was the butchering of cattle and furnishing meat to the ranches throughout the countryside. Ernest Voight and Herman George Weitman/Widman were butchers. The delivery wagons would leave Dutch Corners at 2 a.m. All the meat had to be delivered to the cooks before sunup. If the meat wasn't delivered before the weather got hot, the

meat would spoil.

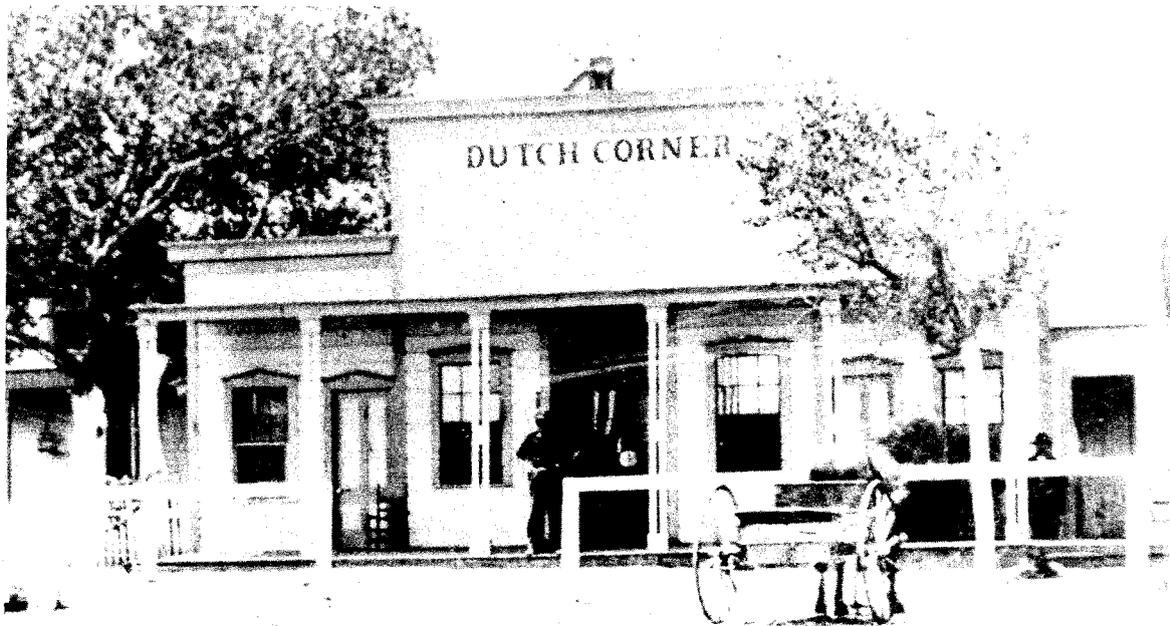
Weitman/Widman and Voight set up a race track and various other businesses catering to the local sporting crowd. It was called a summer retreat where all sports could be indulged in, in their proper season.

Henry Hoffman left Dutch Corners, moving to the Los Banos area and built another hotel.

Ernest Voight died on Sept. 18, 1885. The railroad was built down the west side of the valley and many Dutch Corner buildings were moved to the new town. The building used for the school was moved to what is now O Street in Newman. Charlie Poy opened a restaurant in the building in the late 1890s, it is still in use today as a restaurant.

The Dutch Corner Hotel was moved several times. Miller and Lux moved the hotel to what was known as "Camp 13." It was used as his sheep ranch headquarters. The building was later moved from the "Los Banos Plains" to "Dogtown" (Los Banos) and served as a hotel.

What was left of Dutch Corners was destroyed by fire, July 31, 1890.



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INVITATIONS



NEW YEAR'S BALL!

A. C. Turner

and Family are respectfully invited to attend a Grand New-Year's Ball, to be given at Dutch Barn, on Monday Evening, **Jan 31, 1877.**

GOOD MUSIC WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE.

TICKETS INCLUDING SUPPER, \$2.00



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We
Yourselves and ladies are respectfully invited to attend a Grand Ball to be given by

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At Athletic Hall, Newman, Wednesday Evening, November 28, 1894.

PLEASE PRESENT THIS INVITATION AT THE DOOR. ADMISSION 50 CENTS

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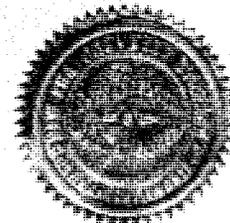
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SIGMUND NEWMAN



SIGMUND NEWMAN
 Brother of Simon Newman
 Born 1851 - Died 1917

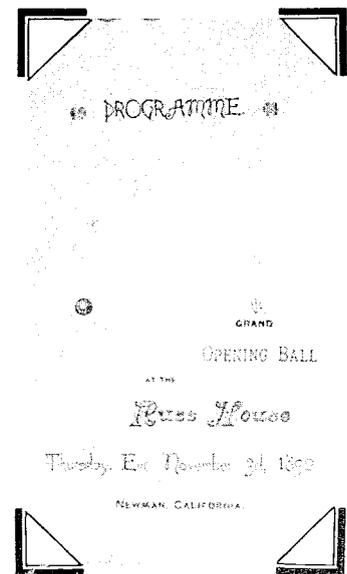
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2 QUADRILLE	13 SCHOTTISCHE
3 POLKA	14 WALTZ
4 SCHOTTISCHE	15 POLKA
5 QUADRILLE	16 QUADRILLE
6 WALTZ	17 SCHOTTISCHE
7 SCHOTTISCHE	18 VIRGINIA REEL
8 VIRGINIA REEL	19 WALTZ
9 POLKA	20 POLKA
10 SPANISH WALTZ	21 MEDLEY
	22 EXTRA

The dance program includes names of many of the town's businessmen of the 1890s.

Sigmund was Resident Manager of Simon Newman Company 1875-1895.



Sigmund Newman, wife and daughter lived at this ranch - known in the 1880s as the "Klehn Ranch" - Located on Stuhr Road.



The opening of the Russ House was an exciting event for the people in Newman.



THE OLD BAKERY

1494 "O" Street

The birth of Newman was in April of 1888 when lots were auctioned off and the dreams of many became a reality. Martin Heller purchased a bare lot, constructed a baking oven and then a one-story bakery shop around it. It was the town's only bakery and it flourished until a disastrous fire seven years later.

Heller and his family lived in the bakery, and their dog was credited with saving them. The fire burned down the entire original building, except for its brick oven. Heller put up a two-story building around the oven after the fire, and business resumed.

The story is told that as the fire got closer to the saloon next door, the saloonkeeper is said to have given up hope of saving it. So he decided, why waste good beer? He rolled out kegs of beer from inside the saloon onto the street, pouring free drinks for anyone with a thirst.

Brick ovens in those days were heated by wood fires placed inside. When bricks were hot enough, the cinders were cleaned out and trays of breads placed inside. Later, such ovens were heated by gas.



BAKERY INTERIOR
Owners: Julius/Pauline Naegle

NEWMAN'S TRAIN WRECK JULY 1899

by William R. Sherman

The long freight rolled south on the mainline to the tank at Merced Street and jerked water, then rolled south till the doghouse cleared Kern Street and the east sidings. The con had just left his post in the doghouse flipping tissue, the hogger was out front greasing the pig, the tallow pot was in the trailer cracking diamonds and the rear shack was eight car lengths back swinging the red.

At 2:30 a.m. the station boss heard the whistle, changed the semaphore from white to red to white, signifying "no orders" and a school marm's special bound from Chicago to a convention in Los Angeles barreled past the rear shack and plowed through the freight's doghouse and the boxcar ahead of it. The locomotive, being a 4-6-2, came to rest upright with 16 pair of wheels under it and started a fire which burned the doghouse, the two boxcars ahead of it and the engine cab, all of wood. The special's front sleeper, which, contrary to law, was hooked behind the tender without the protection of a mailcar or expresscar between, telescoped over and outside the tender, destroying the two lower front berths and leaving the two uppers intact with two teachers uninjured. Two were killed in the lowers, including the mother of the teacher above.



Ace Ward, a sometime wood chopper, who spent much of his time edging his double-bitted axe, lived a hundred yards west of the crash and was almost immediately on top of the sleeper chopping through the wooden roof to free the upper occupants.

The Newman Fire Department rolled out their hand hose cart, but being unable to reach the fire,

JULIUS WANGENHEIM

"THOUGHTS ON THE GROWING WEST SIDE"

Julius Wangenheim was born in San Francisco, April 21, 1866. He was one of Simon Newman's nephews and visited his uncle at Hills Ferry as well as in Newman. He, like the other Wangenheim and Newman relatives, served time working for the company in Newman. Julius Wangenheim was one of five children: Hattie, who married Jake Stern; Emil; Amy, who married Herman Waldeck; and Betsey, who married Benjamin Arnhold. (These were the parents Ben Arnhold, a Newman businessman for close to 60 years.)

In 1942, about a year before Julius' death, he wrote an informal autobiography for his children. His daughter, Mrs. George Heyneman, gave the editors of the "California Historical Society Quarterly" permission to publish parts of that autobiography.

"The most important person of all in the family group in my young life was my Uncle Juda, who lived with us. He was the youngest of mother's three brothers, all of whom had by now come from Germany to California."

"Simon Newman, the eldest, had come in 1869, and, backed by my father, had established himself in the little San Joaquin town of Hills Ferry. The business prospered, and in fact provided in time the nucleus of the whole family's modest fortunes."

Train Wreck (Cont'd)

were forced to form a leather-bucket brigade from the watering trough at the cattle corrals just over the two sidings to the east and saved the trains, which were mostly of wood.

Next day, Al Levy, secretary of the fire department, with his tongue in his cheek, wrote the Southern Pacific division of Stockton saying that they should have done a better job, but were short 600 feet of fire hose. A wire came back thanking them for saving the trains and saying that 600 feet of hose were on their way by freight.

The weakest link in the middle of the freight train gave way. A flat car at Merced Street, two blocks south of the crash, broke in two, breaking out a two foot section of rail. On my way home I loaded it into my cart. It is still in use in the ranch shop as an anvil.



JULIUS WANGENHEIM

"The two younger brothers, Sig and Juda, came a few years later while we were living on Tyler Street. Sig went at once to join his brother Simon in the country, but Juda stayed and made his home with us. I idolized him, and never in all our years of association did my feeling change, nor was there ever any reason for change. Juda was all gentleness and understanding. Father had taken him into the cannery, where he soon proved his worth. Juda interested himself in all the activities of the family and also in those of the community. He took part in the construction of a steamboat, the "Centennial," to ply the San Joaquin River, in 1876. I can still remember the banner, with "Centennial," emblazoned on it, flying from an improvised flagstaff on our house."

"The problem of what to do with the children in summer was the same in those years as it is today, except that there were no summer camps. The family usually went with mother. Our favorite place was a hotel in Santa Cruz where the swimming was good. One day, at the Big Trees there, I saw a bit of paper tacked upon a tree trunk, about 50 feet above the ground. I climbed up, and darned if it wasn't a check for twenty-five cents - the first money I had ever earned by my own endeavors."

But my vacations, particularly during high school years, were usually spent in Hills Ferry. Situated at the junction of the San Joaquin and Merced rivers. Hills Ferry was the town in which Simon Newman (my mother's brother) had started business in 1869. In summer, the only time I knew it, it was hot and dry and still and dusty,

Wangenheim (Cont'd)

and grasshoppers abounded. There were no streets; houses were built anywhere - yet out of this came a sort of pattern, the kind usually associated with mining towns."

"The first time I saw Hills Ferry was in 1878, when the whole family took passage on one of the steamers that plied the San Joaquin. It was a two-day trip for these steamers, whose principal purpose was to haul the grain barges. The windings of the river, the many stops where we docked at little towns to deliver freight, the incessant hooting to notify of our approach - all this captivated me; and when, years later, I read "Show Boat," I felt that I was once again going up the San Joaquin."

Later trips were different. We went by rail, got off at a little town called Banta(s), and took the stage. Once we had climbed in, the dusty road dragged on till we came to the river, and finally, there was the ferry that took us across. It was an open square scow, with aprons at each end for the horses to get on and off. The ferryman had a long pole attached to a cable. The pole was used as a lever to push or pull the ferry, which crossed the river at the proper angle chosen to use the current. Finally we were there. The horses, sweating and dusty, stopped at the Newman store, and passengers and mail were assembled on the long front porch. Most important of all, the padlocked green Wells Fargo box, with its aura of mystery, had arrived."

"On the side was the flowing river; around us were the various buildings of the town - mostly saloons, but some blacksmith shops, a few great long grain warehouses, and, standing alone, the Chinese laundry. Beyond, hugging the river, was the Russ House where we ate our meals - real steak for breakfast, and oyster stew for Sunday lunch."

"The roads radiated out in various directions to the country beyond, and far away one could see the dust raised by eight-horse teams slowly dragging the wagons laden with wheat. As they came nearer, one heard the bells of the harness. The grain sacks were unloaded at the warehouses, eventually to go on the barges which could be convoyed to tidewater by the regular riverboats. Waiting for the steamers was one of our excitements, and we were able to identify the various boats by the tone of the whistle.

Uncle Simon's business had been a success. He

already owned a number of ranches, and there was lots to do. Someone had to go to the various farms to buy the grain, and often I went along. We traveled on an open buckboard, At 110 degrees Fahrenheit, but who cared? We always stopped at Dutch Corners, about three miles away, for a raspberry soda - and this both going and coming."

"Though the river flowed on, the valley railroad came, and with its coming Hills Ferry dwindled away, moving bodily to the town of Newman. Named after my uncle, Newman. When years later, I traversed that section, I found a man plowing over the ground that had once been Hills Ferry. The reverse - a thriving city where once were open fields - is often seen; but wheat fields where there had once been a thriving village is less usual and, to me, quite tragic. Where the ferry had been was a fine steel bridge, and the dusty roads I had traveled were concrete. The stage and the mysterious Wells Fargo box were gone forever."

In 1888 Julius Wangenheim had attended college and was working at various jobs in the engineering field. He was receiving a monthly stipend of 65 dollars. He was working in Oakland and living in San Francisco..."I would get raise after raise, and eventually reach the top at about 250 a month. I decided to quite and to go to the Newman business which had always been open to me, to stay there five years, to save 25,000 dollars, and from then on to go into engineering on my own. With mutual good will, the Southern Pacific and I parted ways."

In the winter of 1889 Julius reported to Newman..."The scope of the business clearly justified my plans. It was divided into two types: the store on the one hand, and the outside interest - land, cattle, horses, warehouses, and loans on the other. My father gave me a quarter interest in the store profits, and my Uncle Simon gave me an eighth interest in the outside business. There were no salaries for me, or for any of the owners, nor was interest paid on the investment. But the prosperity of the business assured me a good income, and I was ready to do my best."

Julius Wangenheim married Laura Klauber on Nov. 21, 1892. They had a brief honeymoon, and then returned to Newman, which was to be their home. ..."We went to the newly built Russ House, a typical rural hotel, right across from the store. It stood directly on the street, and had no

Wangenheim (Cont'd)



Wangenheim Home - 1257 P Street

trace of a garden. We stayed there for some months, while we planned our home. Our lot, a corner 150 feet square was given to us. We hired a young architect named Mose Lyons, a friend of Laura's, and we ourselves spent considerable time and thought on the details, often going to Stockton to pick out mouldings, carvings, and metal fixtures."

"The house was a rather large one-story structure with a wide veranda on two sides. The roof was supported by columns that seemed to me as large as those of the Parthenon, but they were really only about 10 inches in diameter. The walls and ceiling of the central hall were fully paneled in redwood. The living room had a splendid fireplace and ample book shelves; the dining room an attractive built-in sideboard, decorated with carvings and metal fixtures. We had ample bedrooms and baths, including rooms for maids. It was an attractive home, seen even in retrospect, and - to give an idea of the lower cost of labor and materials in those days - the entire investment came to only 4,000 dollars."

On Dec. 8, 1893, their first child was born. They named him Richard Melville. He died in Newman on Nov. 22, 1894, of an intestinal ailment.

"After that, Laura could no longer bear to stay in Newman, and since I had completed my five years' service, we sold the house to my brother

Emil" Julius and Laura Wangenheim left Newman moving to San Francisco.

"Some 15 or 20 years after we had left. I got off the train at Newman to revive old acquaintances. But I found there was no one I knew, I was almost a stranger, until word reached a few old customers who came in to welcome me. But the whole experience was most superficial, and I never repeated it."

Julius Wangenheim moved some years later to San Diego, where he became a San Diego banker, a civic leader and president of the Alumni Association of the University of California 1926-28.



EMIL WANGENHEIM

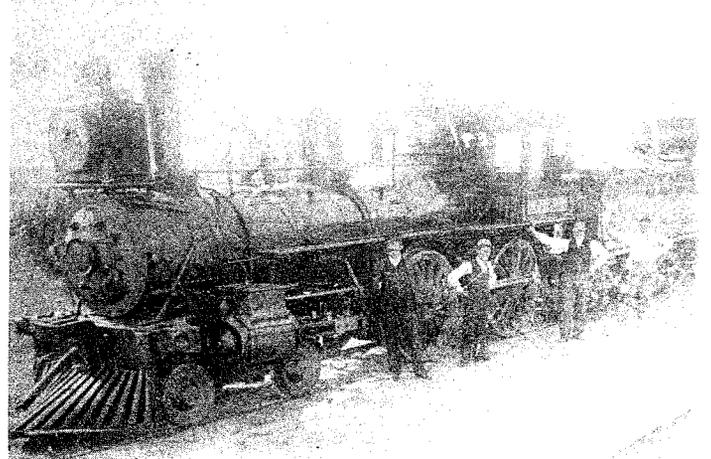
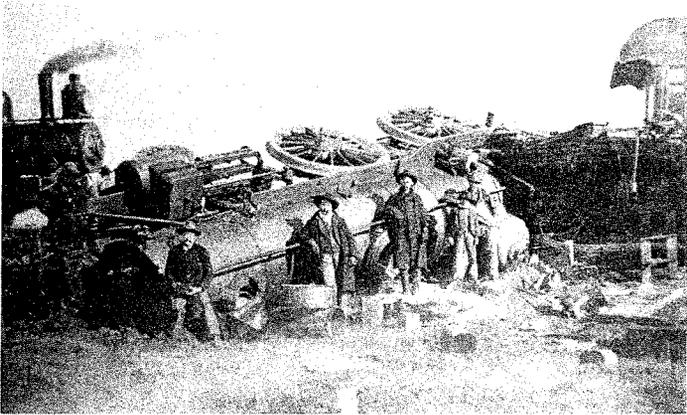
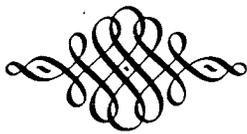
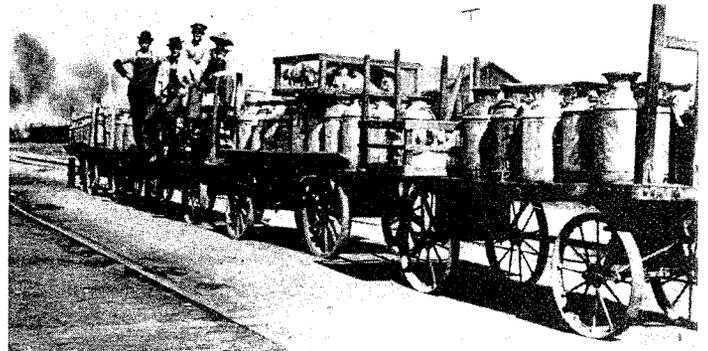
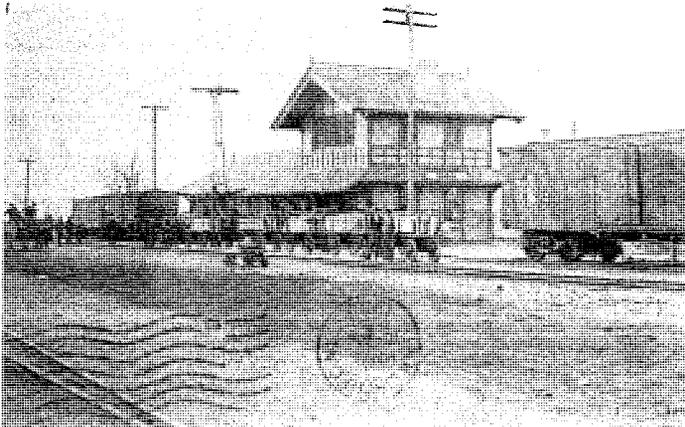
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NEWMAN'S GROWING YEARS

by Frank S. Stanley

The Golden Jubilee Winning History Story by F.S. Stanley - West Side INDEX, May 1938.

F.S. (Frank) Stanley and his brother, Charley, made their way to Tuolumne County. They worked for several years in the mines, mills and lumber camps until President Cleveland's first administration. Early in 1888 they packed their blankets and carpenter tools and struck out for the valley. Having no particular place to go, they traveled until they reached the Turlock district - that was as far as their money would permit.

"We heard that a new railroad was being run down the West Side. What was meant by the West Side or where it was, we did not know, but found out a little later."

Charley was in the proposed town of Newman when they auctioned the lots. It was at that time that Charley made the acquaintance of Henry Meier Sr., who talked of putting up a new building in the near future and might give him a few days work. In June the brothers received word from Meier to come at once and they returned to Newman.

Upon arriving in Newman, the brothers found a lumber yard with Jasper Stuhr as manager. A man by the name of Ahrens had moved his hotel and bar out from Hills Ferry, and Henry Russ had a boarding house and bar at The Old Corner. Both Simon Newman and Alf Cahen had burned a kiln of bricks out at the north end of town for use in putting up their new stores, which had not been started.

Henry Meier had the lumber on the ground for his building, which was the first new building put up in the town of Newman.

F.S. and Charley Stanley boarded at The Old Corner Restaurant and for sleeping quarters they had the "whole starry firmament and lots of company".

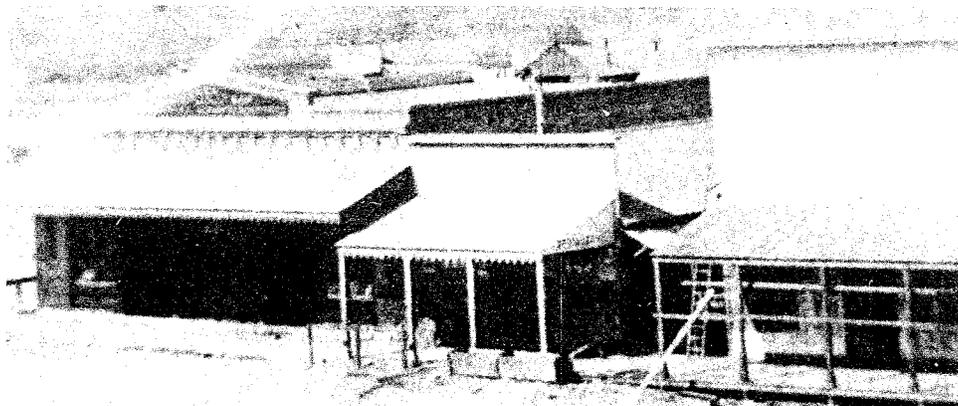
When the Meier's building was finished, they went a few miles south to what was called the Clark Ranch. They put up two big cattle sheds and a warehouse for Miller and Lux. Here during September, they experienced their first taste of hot weather in the "Joaquin" - 118 degrees in the shade and there wasn't any shade.

When they returned to town they found a Mr. Green had opened a hardware store. Two or three more saloons had opened up. Sol Benas was doing a "land office business in his line" and the two brick store buildings were making fast progress.

They helped finish Cahen's Store, also a rooming house for Louie Russ, situated on the alley back of the hotel which was built later.

Both Newman and Cahen moved into their new stores in time for the Christmas trade. The first Christmas exercises in the town of Newman were held that year in the hall, or upstairs room of Newman's store, under the auspices of the Canal School. The school was located across the canal toward the cemetery.

There was lots of rain during the winter of 1888-89. The town was filling up fast and no place to stay. A man by the name of Rasmussen put up a place with three rooms, one which was used as a shoe repair shop and the other two Charley rented, bringing his wife and little girl to Newman. They lived there until the next summer, when the brothers built four cottages across the street from the water works and moved into one of them.

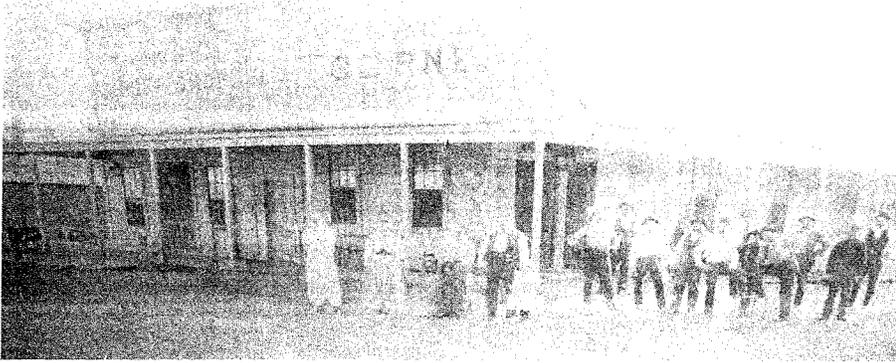


Cahen and Sons & Bank Exchange, third building unknown - Around 1900 it was said to be a Chinese restaurant.

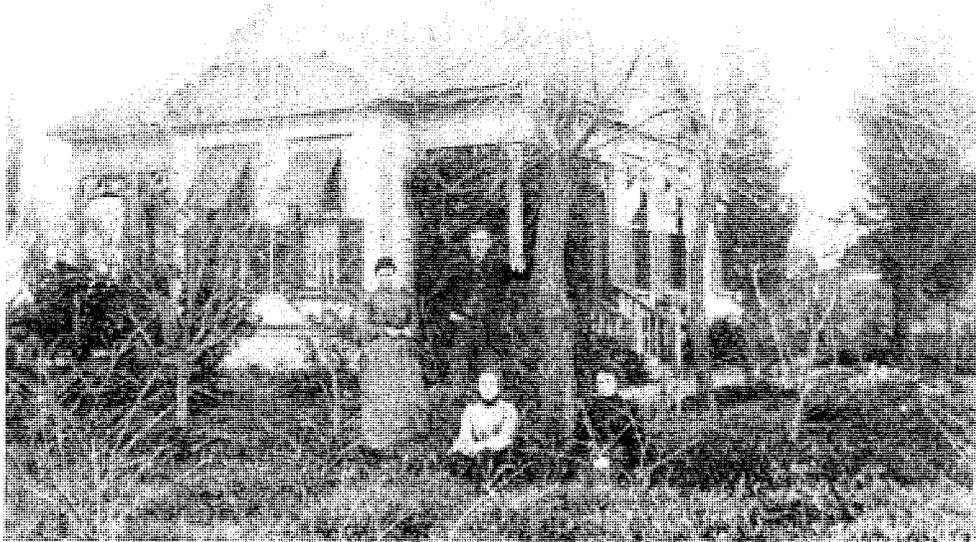

STANLEY'S STORY



**Henry Russ, Proprietor
THE OLD CORNER HOTEL**



**Tim Moreno's Barber Shop & The Old Corner Hotel
South/West Corner Merced & "O" Street**



**STANLEY HOME
East of Newman - off Driskell Ave.**

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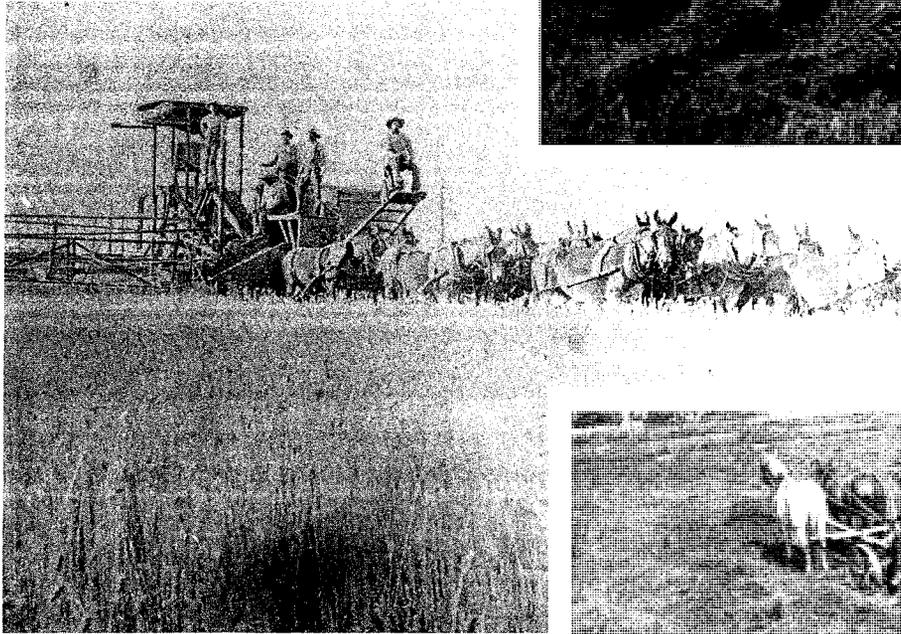
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**Bill Nunes,
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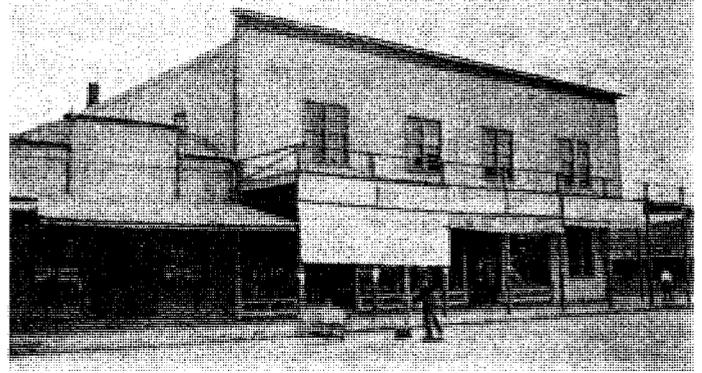
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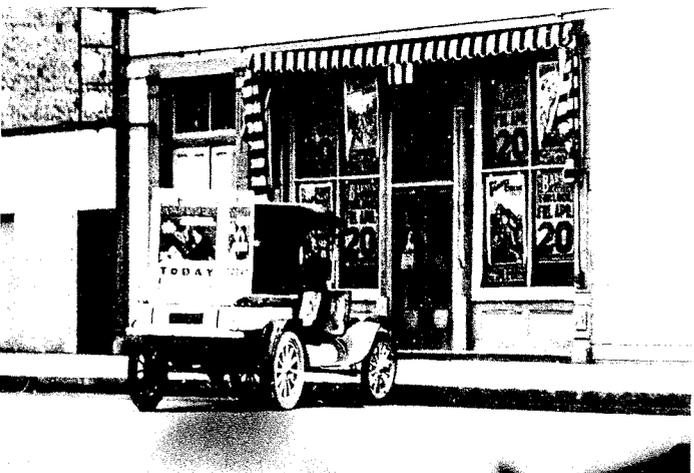
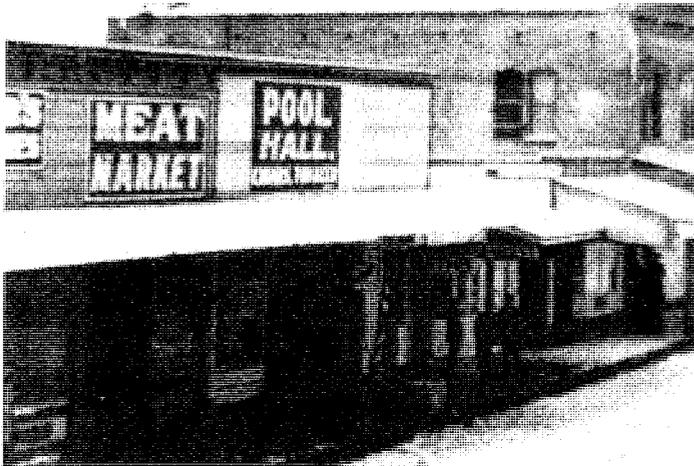
EARLY NEWMAN BUSINESSES



BEN LEVY'S JEWELRY STORE



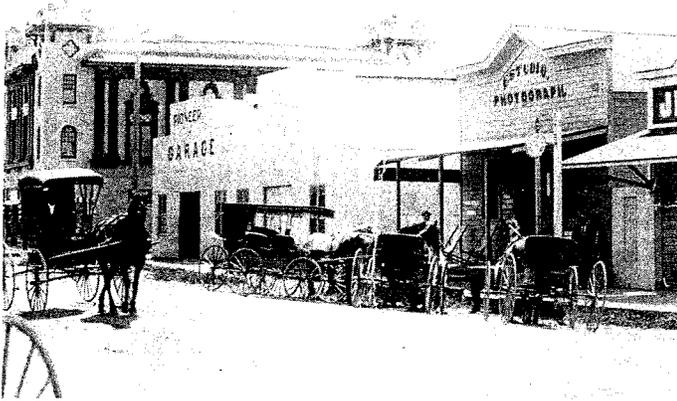
A.M. SOUZA'S STORE



FRESNO STREET STORE IN OLD I.O.O.F BUILDING



NEWMAN CITY STREET SCENES



North "O" Street between Tulare and Kern Streets.



EL DORADO SALOON
S/E corner Merced and "O" Streets looking South on "O" Street



Fresno and "O" Street looking South on "O" Street.



Looking toward the Russ House from the Train Depot.



Corner Merced and "O" looking North on "O" Street.

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25 Del Puerto Ave.
Patterson, CA 95363
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CALIFORNIA STATE GAZETTE AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY

HILLS FERRY - 1888

Established in 1868 on San Joaquin River, in Stanislaus County, 23 miles south of Modesto, the county seat, and 15 southwest of Turlock, the nearest railroad station, with which it has telephone connection. It is surrounded by a good farming country, producing largely wheat and alfalfa. Population 200. exp., W.F. & Co. Tel. at Turlock. Daily stage to Modesto, fare \$2.50; tri-weekly to Los Banos, fare the same. Mail, daily. Henry Cahen, postmaster.

Ahrens, H., hotel
Armistead, H.V, physician
Cahen, A. & Son, general store
Cahen, Henry, real estate
Draper, W.F., wool grower

Fisher, B.D., saloon
Gardiner, P., saloon
Gayson, Emil, saloon
Graham, John, justice
Green, J.C., stoves and hardware
Meier, H., saloon
Moreno, T., barber
Newman, S., general store and agt. W. F. & Co.
Rasmussen, N., shoemaker
Russ, Henry, saloon
Russ, Louis, hotel
Russell, John, wool grower
Stonesifer, A.G., wool grower
Sweeney, P., barber
Wells Fargo & Co., S. Newman, agt.

NEWMAN - 1893

Formerly called Hills Ferry, on the S.P.R.R., in Stanislaus Co., 23 miles south of Modesto, the co. seat. Two newspapers, the Banner and Tribune, are published and Presbyterian and Methodist churches are sustained. Telephone connection. Daily stage line to Modesto, fare \$2.50, Pop., 500. Mail, daily S. Benas, P.M.

Ahrens H., hotel
Benas Solomon, news agent
Cahen, A. & son, general store
Cromett, C.A., physician
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Eachus, D.B., real estate and insurance agent
Ela, A.L., carpenter
Elliot, J.W., watchmaker
Fisher, B.D., saloon
Gale, W.H., livery
Gardiner, P., saloon

Gassner L., tailor
Gift, Robert, barber
Green, J.C., hardware
Herring, C., harnessmaker
Higgins, P.H., propr: Newman Banner
Huber, M.H., constable and painter
Kahrt, Smith, blacksmith
Knudsen, P., saloon
Latta, Rev. E.C.
Lawrence House, E.H. Robinson propr.
Locke, J.B., R.R., and telephone agent
McDonald, J., restaurant
Marks, S.A., watchmaker
Meier, H., saloon
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Neff, C.L., painter
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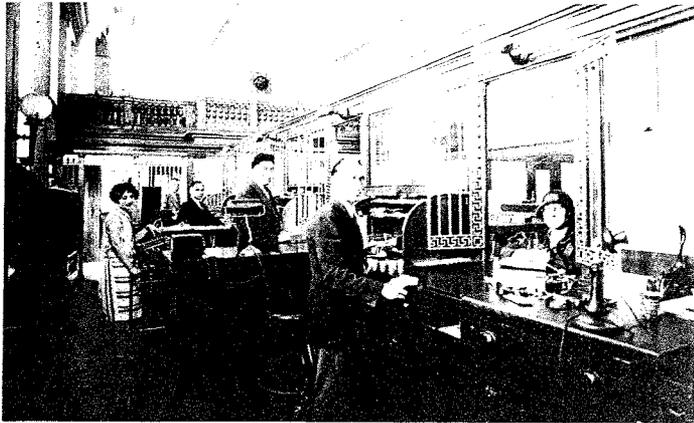
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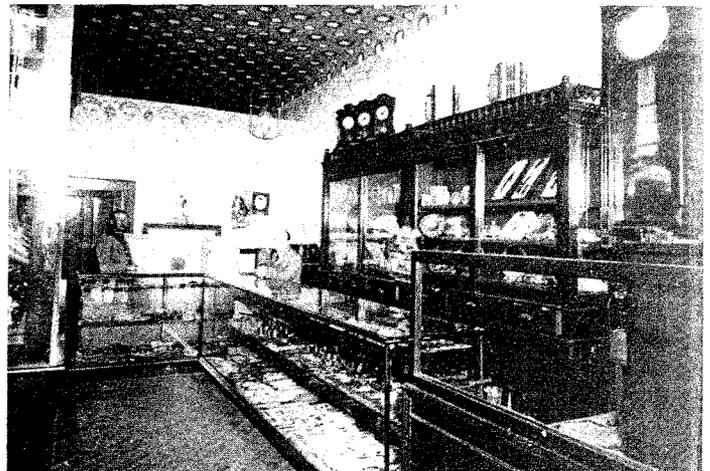
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BUSINESS INTERIORS



Bank of Newman - about 1924
L to R: Alvina Souza, Fred Powell, Jack Silva, Anthony Souza, Erhart Hansen.



L to R: Louie Meier and Ben Levy. Newman's first Jewelry Store - 1898.



Barber Shop
L to R: Missouri Gray, ?, Claude Osuna, Jenkins



Kirby's Harness Shop



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THE CROW FAMILY OF CROWS LANDING



The children of Walter Crow - Isaac Pritchett, William Henry, James Addison, Benjamin Hamilton, John Bradford, Alfred McDowell, Lewis Jacob, Clinton Pike and Susan Eleanor Crow Smith.

Walter Crow, a southerner of Scottish descent, had eight sons and a daughter. He first brought his family from Kentucky to Missouri in 1828. When the gold rush started in 1849, he continued his migration west with sons Lewis and Clinton.

In 1850, he returned to Missouri and headed west once again with four more sons, William, James, Benjamin and Alfred. It was on this return trip to California that Walter Crow became ill and died in Yuba County. His wife had died before the family started migrating to California.

Issac and John Bradford Crow, along with their sister Susan Eleanor, followed their brothers to California in 1865. They were part of what was said to have been one of the largest wagon train parties ever to cross the plains. John Bradford Crow was the wagon master on this journey.

The San Joaquin River in those pre-Modesto days was navigable most of the year, and Crows Landing, near the mouth of the Orestimba Creek, soon became one of the county's transportation centers.

Brothers Clinton and James operated two steamers on the river as far as Firebaugh before the railroad arrived. Susan Eleanor married Captain J.W. Smith and he became the brothers' manager of the steamboat office in Stockton. James later moved to Stockton where he became a director of the San Joaquin Valley Bank.

John Bradford Crow built a wharf and loading dock at the present location of River and Crows Landing roads. When the post office was established in 1870, the name was adopted. John Bradford purchased 3,000 acres along the river,

paying \$7,800 for the property in 1867.

By 1881, he had expanded his holding to more than 4,000 acres. He also had 100 head of cattle, 100 head of horses and mules and 500 hogs.

With the coming of the railroad in 1888, the town moved west to its present location along Highway 33. Many of the residents of the old community brought their old buildings to the new Crows Landing with them. The two story wooden structure where John Bradford Crow lived from around 1865 until his death in 1893 was not moved. The home sat one-quarter mile back on the south bank of the Orestimba Creek among a grove of oak trees. It was torn down in the 1950s.

The original Crow family all married and raised large families. Lewis and Ben married in California. The others all brought their wives and children with them when they came to California.

Alfred was the first of the family to die; Eleanor Crow Smith, the last.

Issac, sometimes called Ike or I.P. was the oldest. He was born in 1815. He was only 16 when his mother died. He had married prior to coming to California. He and his family of five moved to Oakland, where he died in 1921.

William made three trips across the plains. On his second trip he brought his wife and children. He opened a butcher shop in Shaw's Flat in Tuolumne County in 1855. He bought land and moved to the Ripon area many years later.

The first Crow Family reunion was attended by more than 83 family members at Orestimba Creek over 100 years ago.

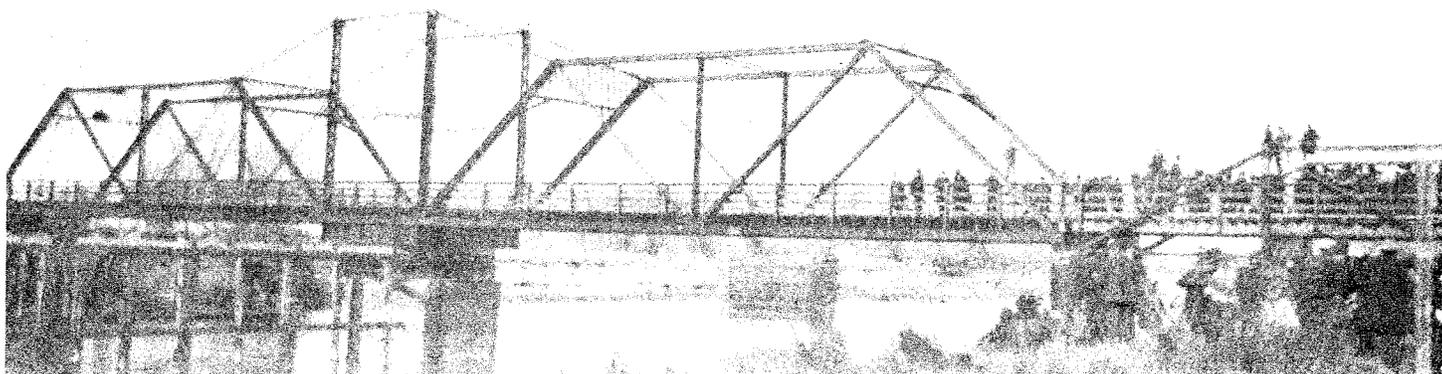
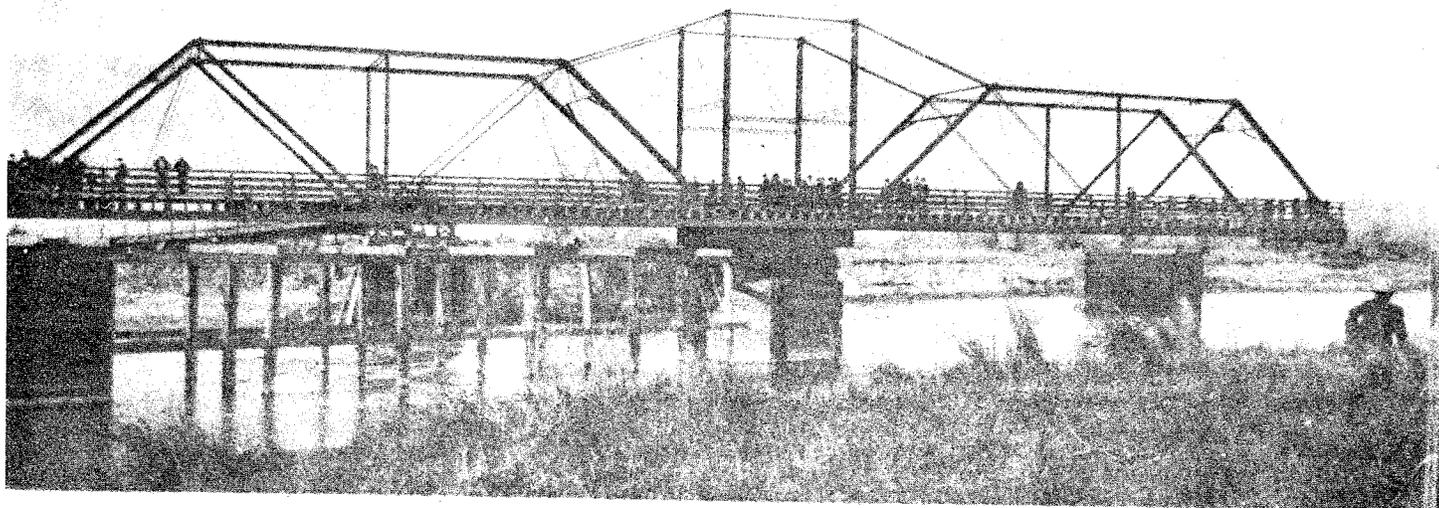
HILLS FERRY BRIDGE CELEBRATION

February 8, 1902

N.H. Wilson, of Merced County, chaperoned the Board of Supervisors to Hills Ferry on Tuesday to assist with the christening of the new bridge which spans the San Joaquin River. Mr. Wilson commented that the Hills Ferry Bridge is the finest and the best structure of its kind in the San Joaquin Valley that is now open for travel. There were about 25,000 people on the grounds. There was a barbeque, with food for everyone and The Sellers' Band provided the music during the day.

In the evening, the Supervisors from both

Stanislaus and Merced Counties were royally entertained at the Russ House in Newman. After the banquet, "speech making" was the order of the hour. Everyone in that section of the two counties were delighted over the bridge's completion. Supervisor George Whitworth, with his Stanislaus colleagues should be quite proud of their accomplishment. The Merced Express congratulated the Supervisors and the people of the area for their completion of a much needed public structure.



Dedication of Hill's Ferry Bridge
February 8, 1902

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NEWMAN'S CHINESE SETTLEMENT

The earliest Chinese community in our area was located at Hills Ferry, just south of the present day Hills Ferry Bridge on the San Joaquin River. It was known then as "China Ford" and the island in the center of the river as "China Island." The Chinese came to California during the building of the railroads and the discovery of gold. With gold mining on the decrease, the Chinese settled into being the merchants and laborers in many of the communities. The Hills Ferry Chinese population was estimated to be between 50 and 100.

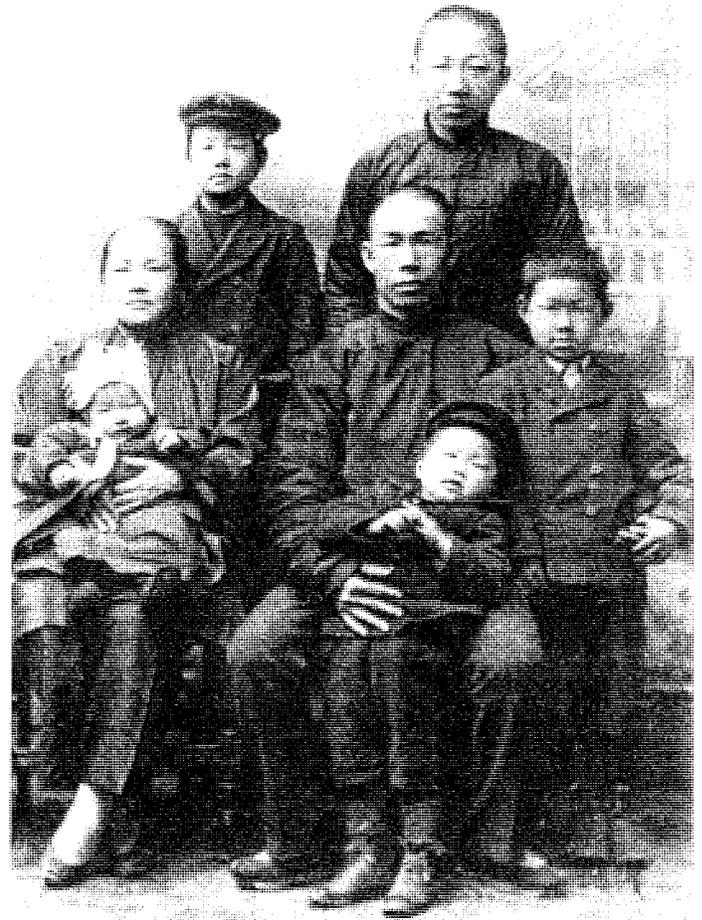
As the town of Newman developed, the Chinese of Hills Ferry migrated with many of Hills Ferry's residents to the "new" town, pursuing their same type of jobs - cooking on the surrounding ranches and for harvesting crews, growing and peddling their vegetables to the town's people, and running their laundries.

While the town of Newman concentrated its growth on the west side of the railroad tracks, the Chinese community settled on the east side. San Joaquin and L streets were the locations where most of the Chinese built their homes and businesses. The Chinatown area contained from 12 to 20 buildings. Many of the Chinese operated shops offering the Chinese workers items from their homeland.

The Ju Jug family set up Newman's first laundry. It is said that they would hang their laundry on the roof top of their business so that no clothes thieves could remove the laundry. Their laundry was located at the north east corner of Driskell Ave. and M Street.

A Chinese girl, Au Gun, was a familiar person on the streets of Newman. The legend goes that she was brought to Hills Ferry in 1872, having been won in a Chinese dice game in Carson City, Nevada.

The Chinese New Year's celebration was a big holiday each year for everyone living in Newman. Warren Giddings Jr. remembers the old Chinese janitor at the Bank of Newman, who would give him 8 to 10 packages of firecrackers every New Year. The Chinese would set off firecrackers and



JU JUG FAMILY - First Chinese Family
N/E Corner of Driskell & M Street

begin spirited chanting, which signaled the start of the week-long festivities. The Chinese would put up long wooden tables and serve candies, cigarettes, nuts and other treats to the town people.

A fire in April of 1908 leveled 12 of Chinatown's buildings. The fire was disasterous as the water main did not reach that area. The fire started in a building owned by Yin Kee and was occupied by a woman named Adams. A lamp was overturned and the flames spread and enveloped the surrounding buildings.

Avila Meat Co.

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Newman, CA 95360
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Y-Not Newman Floral

1217 O Street
Newman, CA 95360

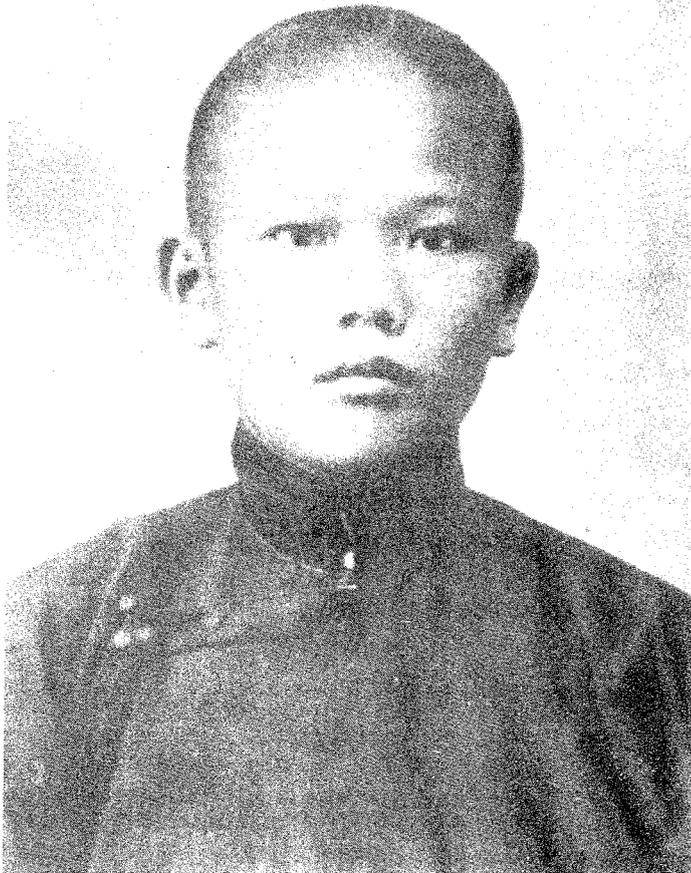
Coffee Dan's & Dan's Bar & Grille

1405 O St.
Newman, Calif.
862-2334 or 862-2372

Chinese (Cont'd)

The area of Chinatown where the fire occurred was known as the "red light district." Ella Brauer Crow related that "...the girls living in that part of town were visited by the local doctors to check for sickness once a month. If any were found sick, they would be sent to the City, and we wouldn't see them again. They would come into the post office, where I worked. The girls were always dressed elegantly with large hats. They were always very nice to me."

William Sherman recalled an account of violence linked to the tong wars. About 1910, two "hatchet men" or gunmen from San Francisco arrived on a train and proceeded to a rooming house



AH GUN - 1872



JU AH VAN - First Chinese child born in Newman 1888-1889

in Chinatown where the Chinese were known to go to smoke opium. The gunmen shot one man seven times, then caught the next train through town.

Both men were eventually caught, found guilty and sent to prison.

Headlines of another murder made news in The INDEX in the early 1900s. "Aged and Honored Lady Murdered by Chinese Cook, Mrs. Guy Kilburn Victim of the Assassin."

"The lunatic," said The INDEX was none other than Sam Louie, for 23 years the ranch cook. "Of late the cook has been acting queerly and there was some suspicion that he was losing his mind."

As her back was turned, Louie snuck up behind the lady and plunged a knife into her three times.

First Interstate Bank

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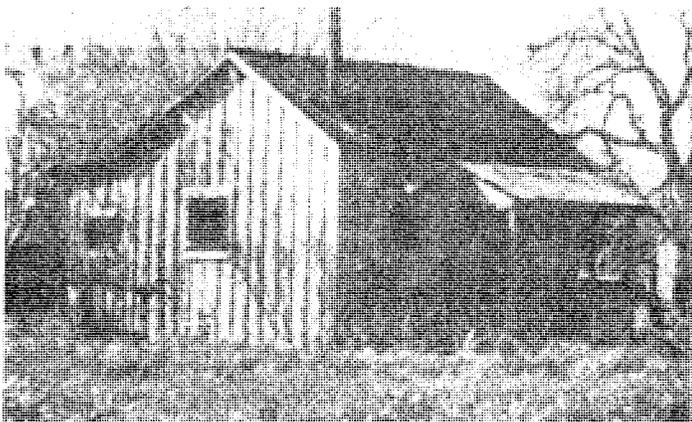
"The assassin fought like a demon and it was several minutes before he was overcome and controlled. In the struggle he was badly stabbed, probably by his own intent." The murderer was taken away to jail to await his fate.

Charlie Poy was the proprietor of the first restaurant in Newman. He had formerly followed the railroad crews and fed them from a kitchen set up in his tent. When Newman began to grow, Charlie opened his restaurant in a building moved from Dutch Corners. His building had served Dutch Corners as a schoolhouse.

The Chinese were a very important and colorful part of Newman's history. Many residents can still remember them as they walked through town in their loose fitting blouses and bulging trousers with their neatly braided long queues hanging down their backs.

Most of the structures in Chinatown were abandoned in 1935 and were torn down shortly after World War II. Yee Lung Duck, who owned a laundry, is said to have been the last Chinese resident of Chinatown. He left for his homeland of China in 1937.

Newman's historical Chinatown was auctioned off in 1952.



One of the last Chinese Buildings in 1952.

EARLY POSTMASTERS

A group of "old timers" were sitting around discussing who was Newman's first postmaster. They came to an agreement on the following facts. The name of the first postmaster, as they could recall it, was Dr. H.V. Armistead. Dr. Armistead was the postmaster in Hills Ferry when Newman was founded. The office was moved to Newman and the doctor continued as postmaster, with Mrs. Armistead as his assistant. They held that position until the couple moved to the bay area to reside for two and a half years before returning to Newman.

The "old timers" weren't sure as to the order in which they served the new community, but the group concurred in saying that Bert Eachus, Sol Benas and J.A. Stuhr held the office prior to the appointment of W.W. Giddings.



FOOTHILL CANAL

The foothill canal, proposed as an alternative to using the San Joaquin River as the carrier of irrigation water to the West Side of the valley under the Central Valley Project, is not a new idea. "The West Side," Hills Ferry newspaper, carried in its issues of April 28th and May 5th, 1877, discussions of a plan to construct a canal from Contra Costa County to this area at a cost of \$4,305,786. It was to provide both irrigation and navigation water, both badly needed that year, for this paragraph appears:

"The river has risen at last; not enough to encourage the Ark business much, or to cause our citizens to think of starting a navy yard here, but still sufficient to permit boats to come up. Small favors thankfully received."

West Side Public Scale

1558 N St.
Newman, CA 95360
(209) 862-1444

Pat's House of Beauty

417 5th Street
Gustine, CA 95322
854-2158

Ted Peters Trucking

(209) 854-6485

HISTORY OF WEST SIDE IRRIGATION

Thomas J. Mott, engineer for the San Joaquin Canal Company, traced the expansion of the companies service to the Exchange Club members.

Promoters formed a company for the construction of a navigable irrigation canal from the San Joaquin and Kings rivers, with San Francisco as its terminus. But squabbles among the stockholders of the company presented an opportunity for Henry Miller to acquire most of the shares, and it was under his supervision that the present system of canals was built.

Water for the dry lands of the west was brought as far as Los Banos by 1872; to Cottonwood in 1874; to Orestimba Creek in 1878; and to the present terminal a mile or so north of Crows Landing

in 1881. During the period 1878-85, the upper canal from Firebaugh to Los Banos was constructed; by 1896, the outside canal had reached the Sullivan extension.

Until 1898, water for the gravity flow canals was stored behind a brush dam that regularly washed away each year. Then a timber dam was built, to be replaced with the present concrete structure in 1919.

Now, the several canal systems distribute water to a crop acreage of 234,220; to grass lands totaling 233,200 acres. Briefly, Mott referred to the big storage district, formed 20 years ago, but abandoned when it was determined that it would create a bonded indebtedness of from \$50 to \$90 for each acre.

CANAL SCHOOL-CENTER OF DISPUTE

On Aug. 16, 1912, Gustine Chamber of Commerce Director R.F. Weber moved that petitions be circulated immediately to establish a high school in Gustine after it was made known that plans were being made in Newman to try to annex the Canal School District.

Students in the Canal, Enterprise, Ingomar, Clay and Occidental districts, which later became part of the Gustine High School District, lived at that time in the West Side district served by the high school in Los Banos. It was, of course, much nearer for the Canal School graduates to go to Orestimba High School. Many of the residents of the Canal School District were in favor of the proposed annexation to the Newman District.

Very shortly after it became known that Newman was trying to annex the Canal District, authorities in the West Side district offered free transportation to any student wanting to go to high school in Los Banos.



CANAL SCHOOL - Located in the later years on Hwy 33 between Newman and Gustine. Believed to be first located on Netherton Road.

Janet Carlsen
Farmers Ins. Group

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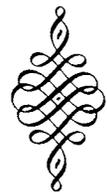
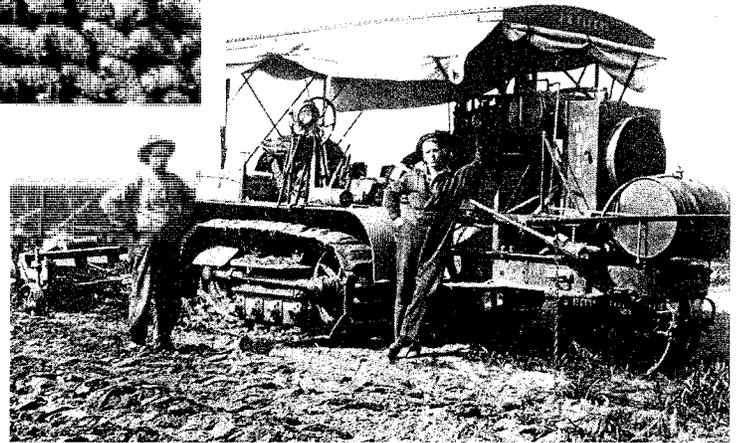
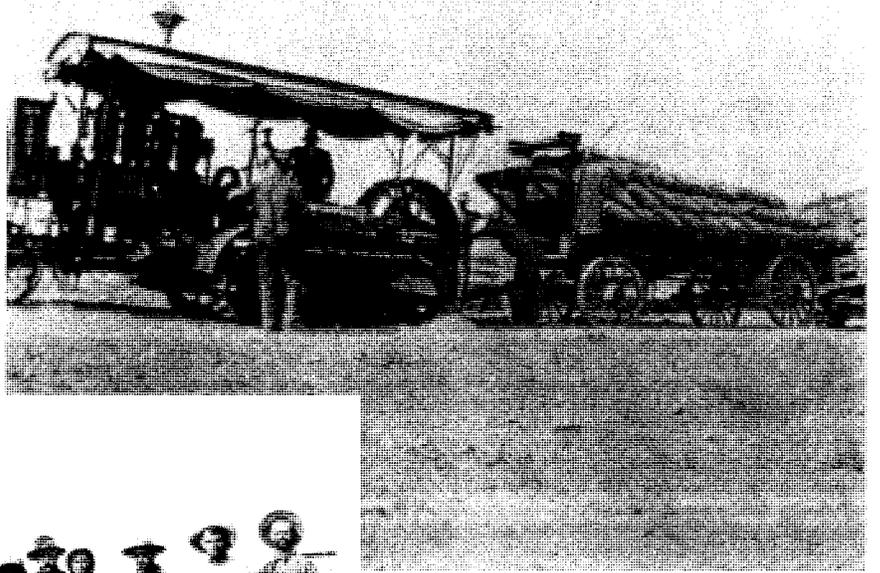
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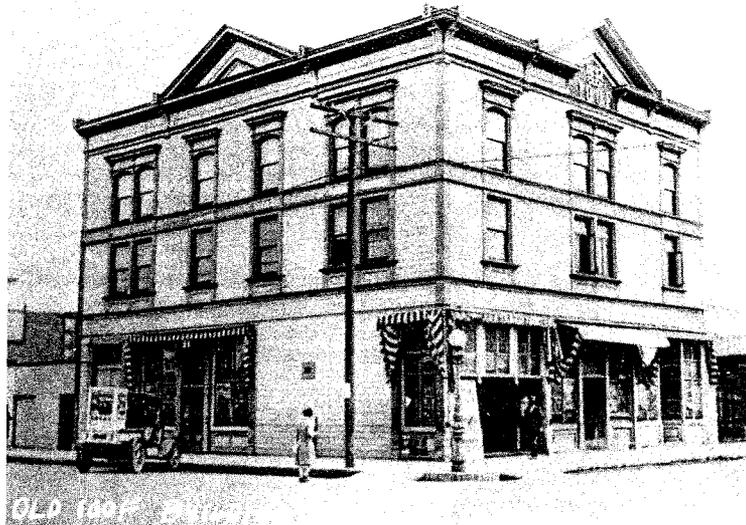
Gustine Pharmacy

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Gustine, CA 95322
854-3980


**HARVESTING
METHODS
CHANGE**



FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS



I.O.O.F. Hall Building 1892-1928

Fraternal Lodges organized at Hills Ferry

- 1873 Masonic Lodge organized at Hills Ferry
- 1886 Knights of Pythias organized at Hills Ferry

Fraternal Lodges organized at Newman

- 1889 I.O.O.F. Lodge #354
- 1899 Eastern Star
- 1896 Rebekah Lodge, Santa Rita #206
1908 reinstated as #299
- 1899 Woodsman of the World

- 1902 Women of Woodcraft
- 1902 Den Danske Forening Dania of California - representing the Danish people. (Dania Society)
- 1902 Three Branches of Portuguese Organizations established I.D.E.S., U.P.E.C., S.P.R.S.I.
- 1923 Knights of Columbus #2517
- 1929 Catholic Daughters



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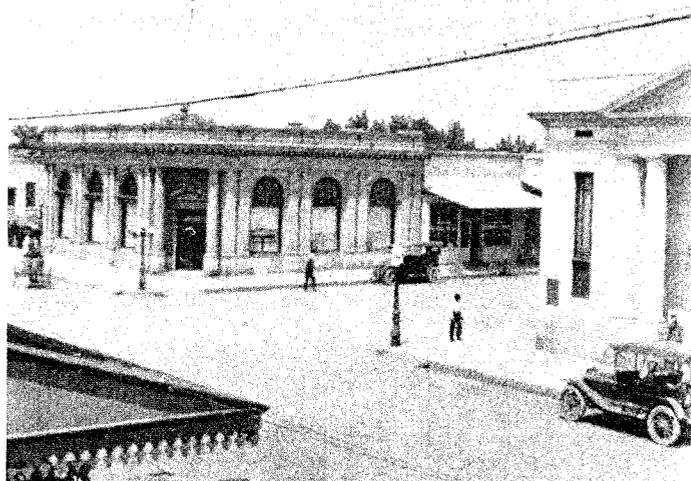
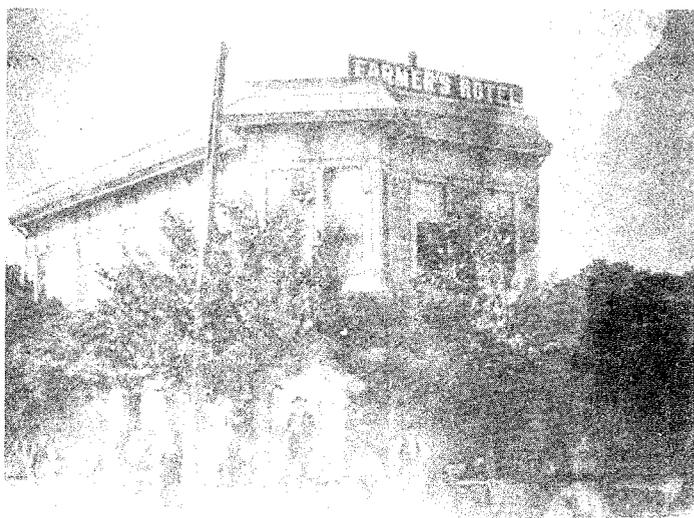
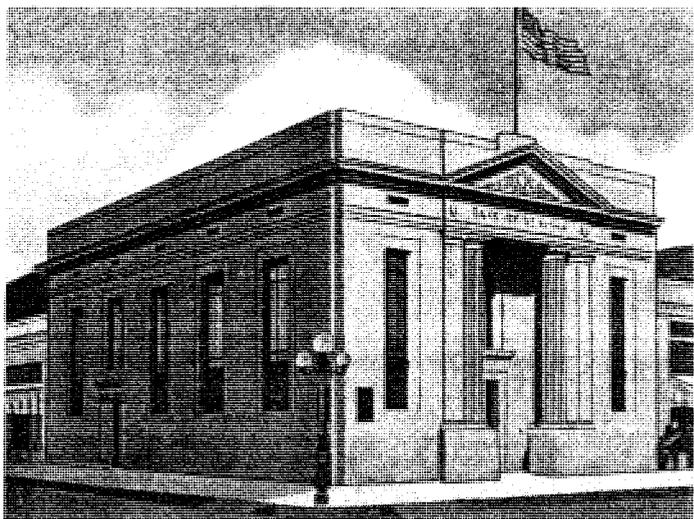
Rico/Pfizer/Pires Insurance Agency

207 5th Street
Gustine, CA 95322

Dr. Wilbur W. Linville Dr. James S. Linville

— Optometrists —
579 Fourth Ave. — Gustine, CA 95322
854-3771

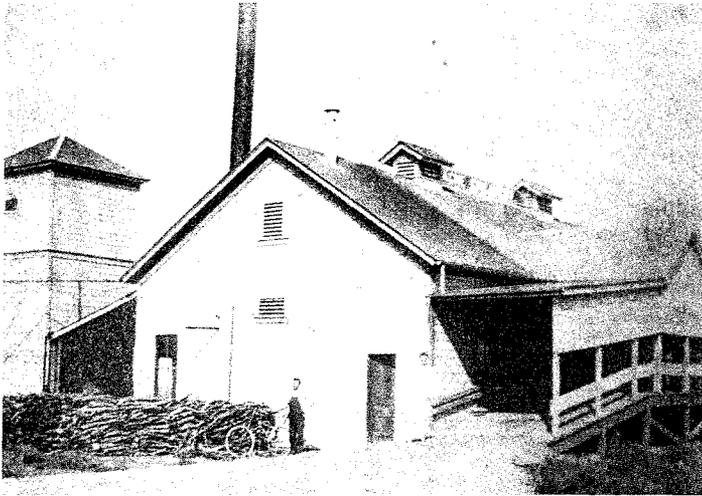
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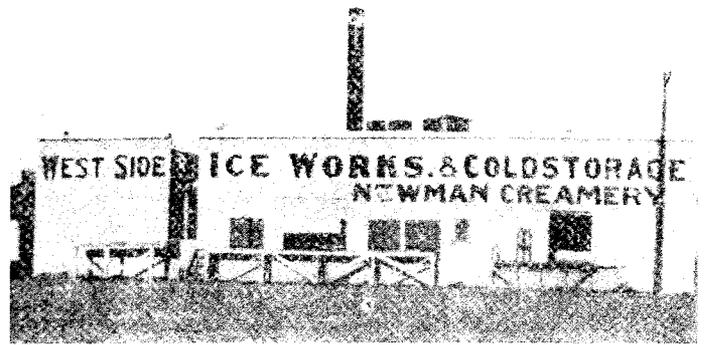
St. George Hotel

1342 O St., Newman, CA
(209) 862-3031

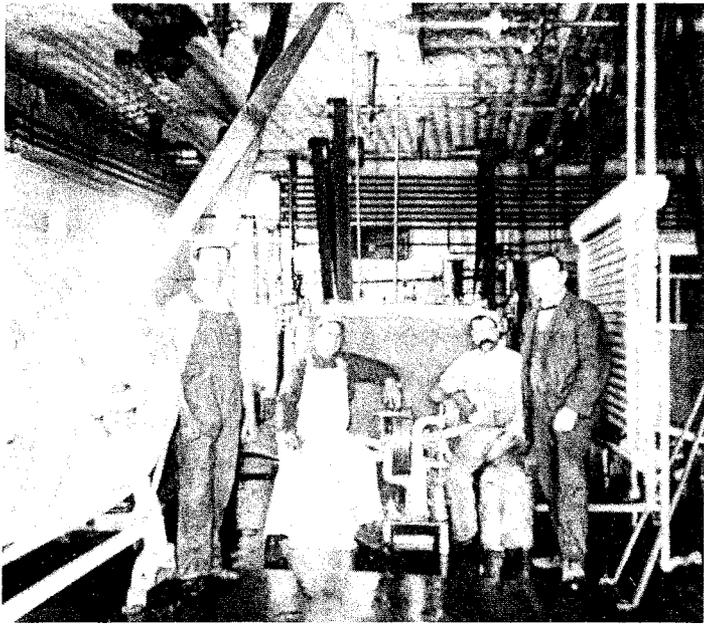
CREAMERY PICTURES



Acme Creamery
N/E side of Newman



Located East of Newman



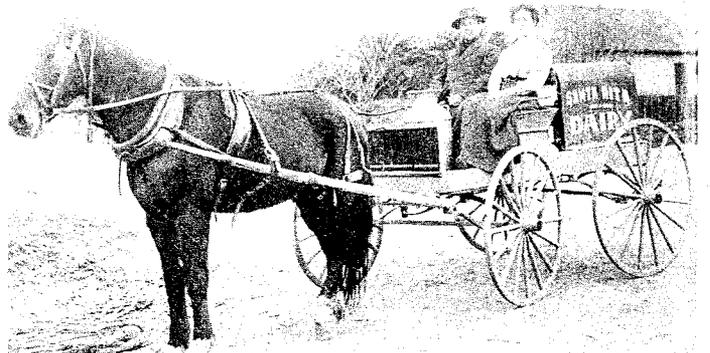
Creamery Interior



New Era Creamery - 1896
Near Canal School



National Ice Cream Co. - 1908



Heading to the Creamery

NEWMAN'S WEST SIDE FAIR

SEPTEMBER 8-11, 1911

The Newman Chamber of Commerce considered holding the West Side Fair at their June 26, 1911 meeting. D.T. Haley of Gustine, present at the meeting, expressed his opinion that the town of Gustine would give their full support to Newman's Fair.

The Chamber passed a motion made by A. Levy that the fair be held in September.

The next step was appointing the committees needed to make their fair a success. E.S. Wagenheim was chosen as chairman of the event, with Milton Dobrzensky as the secretary.

Finance - J.H. Yancey
Dairy and Creamery - D.T. Haley
Accommodations - C.C. Huber
Music - J.H. Beall
Amusement - A. Levy
Pavillion - C.H. Lewis
Races - L. Dobrzensky
Farm Products - J.H. Kaufman
Livestock - F.R. Kohrs
Domestic Products - Mrs. James Rhea
Superintendent of Grounds and Track - F.R. Kohrs

Plans for the fair kept the committee busy and the West Side Fair began to take shape. Red and yellow were chosen as the fairs' colors and the merchants were asked to display them on their store fronts and windows. Newmans' residents were asked to decorate their homes in red and yellow.

C. Hoffman, the amusement promoter, signed to have a ferris wheel and a joy wheel at the fair. Both of these machines were rarely seen in a small town. There was a vaudeville act planned as well as a stock show and rodeo.

Local farmers were requested to bring their fruits, vegetables, grains, dairy products, cattle, hogs, horses and anything in the line of exhibits to the fair. The women were asked not to forget to bring items for the household department.

Racing was one of the top entertainments of Newman. A fine race program was planned for the fair, with top runners from the area scheduled to participate. The races were planned for Sept. 7 and 9, a Thursday and Saturday. Friday the stock show would be held at the race track.

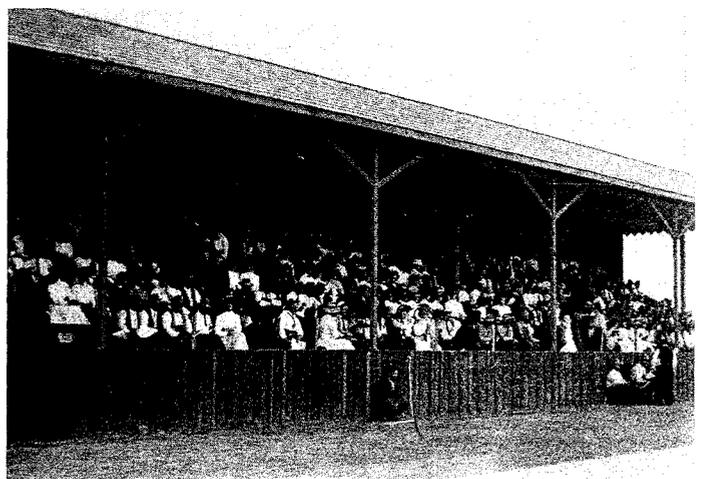
M&M
Chevrolet-Buick, Inc.
1303 N Street
Newman, CA 95360
862-2926

August 1911 saw 35 "machines," with a hundred or more residents from Newman and Crows Landing making a trip to the Turlock Melon Carnival. W.W. Giddings planned the caravan to Turlock to promote the West Side Fair in September. He also hoped that in turn, Turlock would bring a group to visit Newman's Fair.

To welcome the fair visitors to Newman, a 1,000 extra lights were strung over the business section, out Fresno Street to Union Hall to light up the approach to the rodeo.

The main attraction of the year's West Side Fair was to be the famous French aviator, Didier Masson, King of the Air, with his Curtiss Biplane, known as a "Banshee." Masson could not, or at least did not, keep his engagement to Newman. Masson's replacement, Aviator De Hart came to Newman. The INDEX reported that "Masson's understudy shows that he can fly." "Newman's first aviation meet has passed into history and the general verdict is that it was a success - not the complete success Newman would have liked - but certainly far from a failure."

The INDEX extended a hearty welcome to the guests who assembled to help Newman celebrate their second annual Fall Festival - The West Side Fair. Opening Day was a great success, the biggest day in West Side's history. 1911's West Side Fair was the largest fair ever held in the San Joaquin Valley.



Race Track Grandstands on Merced St. where most fair activities were held.

SNOW IN NEWMAN 1916



"O" Street Methodist Church in background.



Looking north on "O" Street near Merced.



Looking north, middle of block between Fresno and Merced on "O" Street.



"O" Street between Fresno and Merced Streets.

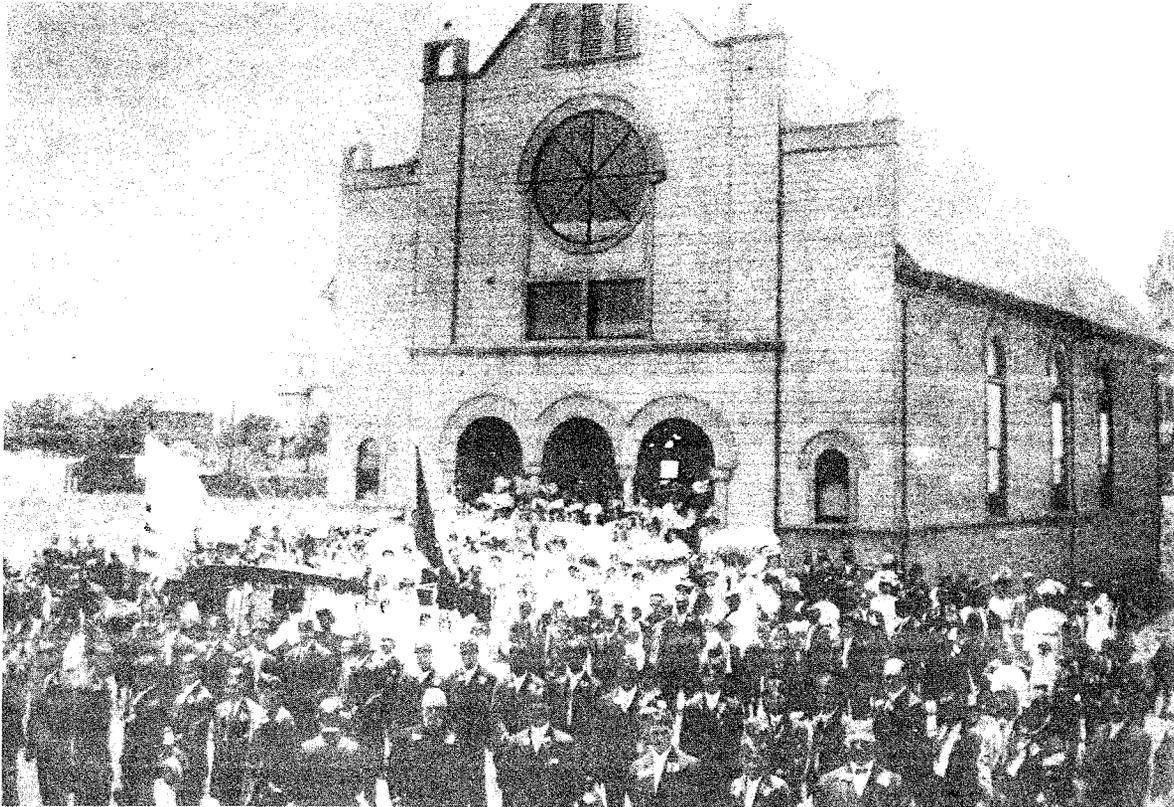


Looking south from corner of Tulare on "O" Street.

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802 Inyo Street
Newman, Ca. 95360
(209) 862-2249

The Gift Cellar
1457 O St.
Newman, CA 95360
(209) 862-3209

**Red's
Family Barber Shop**
936 Fresno St.
Newman, CA 95360
862-2025



I.D.E.S. CONVENTION 1917

The "Irmandade do Divino Espirito Santo" (Brotherhood of the Divine Holy Ghost) of the State of California was organized by a score of Portuguese farmers in Mission San Jose, County of Alameda, on the 7th day of July, 1889. In 1917 it had a 11,000 membership.

Newman was the meeting place of the 25th annual Supreme Council of the I.D.E.S., Sept. 9-15, 1917. A special train arrived at the Southern Pacific Depot with the officers, delegates and members of the Supreme Council on the 9th, with the dignitaries being escorted to the "Star Theater." A meeting was planned for the evening in Union Hall. The week was planned with meetings, parades, masses, band concerts, a special picture show entitled "The Barrier" and a barbeque in which the public was invited to attend.

On Thursday, Sept. 13 a day at the race track was planned for the afternoon with a grand ball taking place in the evening. Music was provided by the Patton Springer Orchestra. After a week of festivities, the delegates were scheduled to leave on a special train on Saturday the 15th.

Members of the convention were especially invited to visit the milk drying establishment under construction across the railroad track while they were in Newman.

The executive committee which made plans for the convention were: A.B. Joseph, T.M. Enos and L. Dobrzensky. Some of the men on the reception committee were: E.S. Wangenheim, Wm. Burris, M.F. Silva, J.M. Silva, Frank J. Lawrence and John S. Nunes.

E&M Electric

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Newman, CA 95360
862-3690

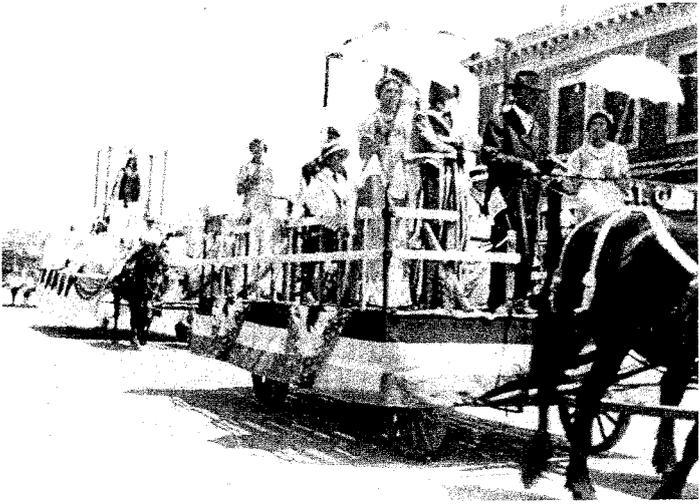
Family Video

926 Fresno St.
Newman, CA 95360
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Cerutti Bros., Inc.

26118 McClintock Road
Newman, CA 95360
(209) 862-2249

PARADES





STREET SCENES



Looking south on "O" Street from corner of Tulare.



Ford's parked for parades in front of Giovannoni Building.



Looking west on Fresno Street - Simon Newman Building on left
Russ House on right.



Yancey Lumber Company, with Chinatown in the background.



Fresno Street looking east - toward train depot.

Country Cafe

27107 Highway 33, Newman, CA
862-1393

Valley Tractor Co.

14319 N. Highway 33
Patterson, CA 95363
892-6103

BOXING ERA

In 1919 the Newman Athletic Club organized. Jimmy Quinn, from Modesto, was hired to be the instructor of athletics at the newly formed club.

One of the earlier forms of entertainment for the men of a community was to attend prize-fighting matches. Newman was no different. Prize-fighting was held in Fisher's Opera House near Front and Merced Streets. In 1904 prize-fighting was abolished by the state.

After the abolishment of prize-fighting, local residents continued to enjoy such sporting events as trotting horse races at the race track on Merced Street just east of Newman and watching the Newman Lambs baseball team.

Although prize-fighting was banned, boxing exhibitions could be held if sponsored by an athletic club using mainly amateur talent and not going more than four rounds. To finance the Newman Athletic Club, and to regain a sport similar to prize-fighting, boxing exhibitions were put on.

The first boxing match was held at the FDES Hall on R Street on Nov. 28, 1919, with six bouts planned. Officials for the first match were:

Judges: E.R. Trefts, E. Pestner, J.R. See
Timekeepers: W.H. Tinnin, A.J. Eachus
Referee: "Red" Cornett



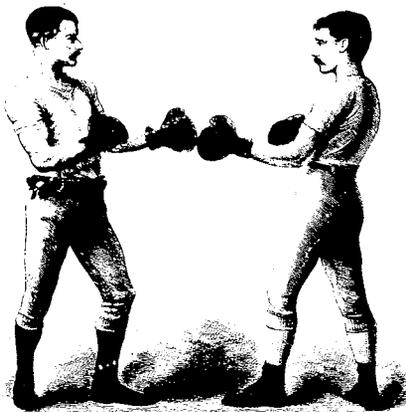
The first show was such a high success, that another boxing match was planned for Dec. 12, 1919. These boxing matches were so popular, that communities with contenders would make the round trip to Newman on special trains.

That was the beginning of a sporting event that led Newman to be called the "Boxing Capital of the State". Boxing champions from Portugal and Italy fought here.

Local resident Al Rose was the matchmaker for these events. Ten rounders were held one Friday night each month. Rose worked with timekeepers, Ben Arnhold and Frank McGinnis, (publisher of The West Side INDEX until 1976).

Bouts were first held in the FDES Hall. From 1938 through the early 40s they were held in Harry Lorenson's Garage on O Street.

Newman's Golden Days of Boxing lasted until the 1940s.



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Attorney**

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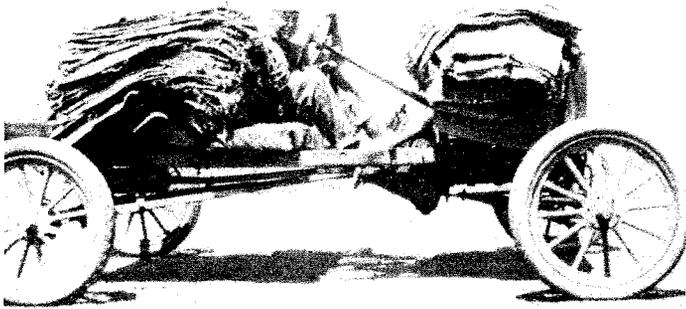
**Danny Vargas'
Service Center**

929 N Street
Newman, CA 95360
862-2748

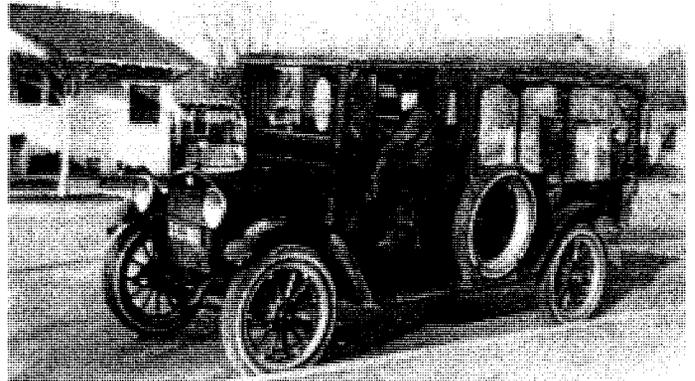
**Lloyd's
Super Market**

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Newman, CA 95360
862-2867

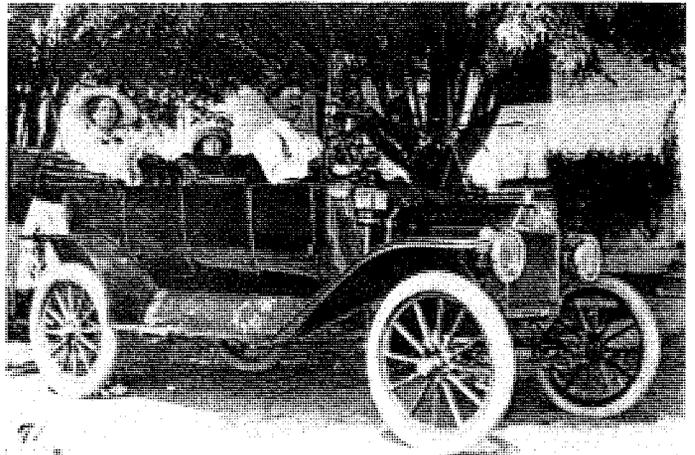
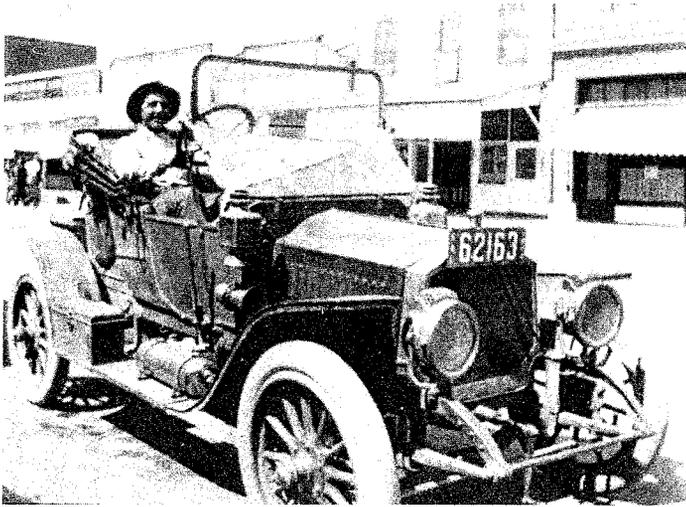
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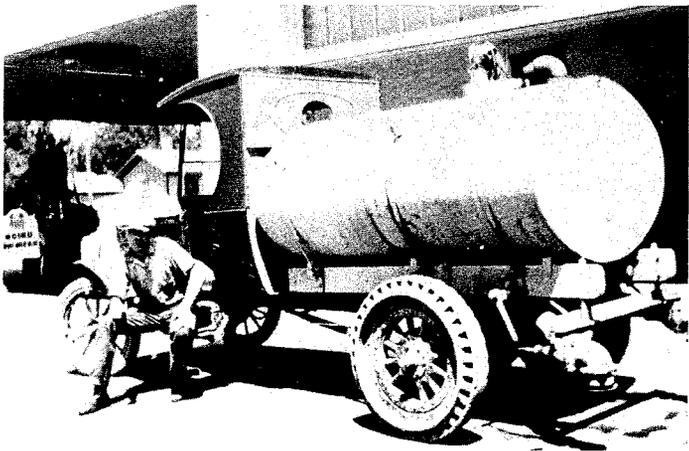
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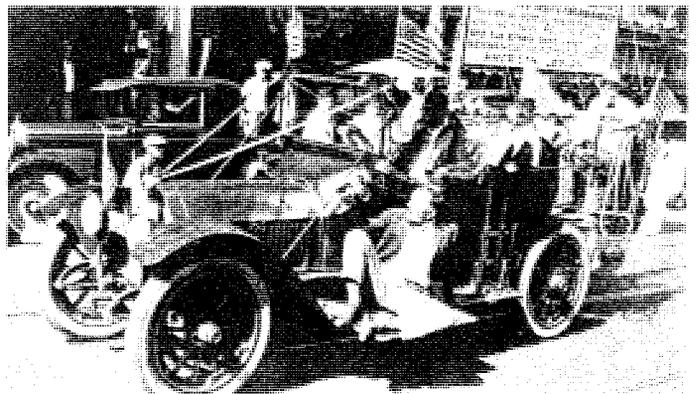
Ellsworth (Smokey) Reynolds delivering groceries for his father, Frank Reynolds Grocery Store - 1930.



Charles Huber Family



Water Tank



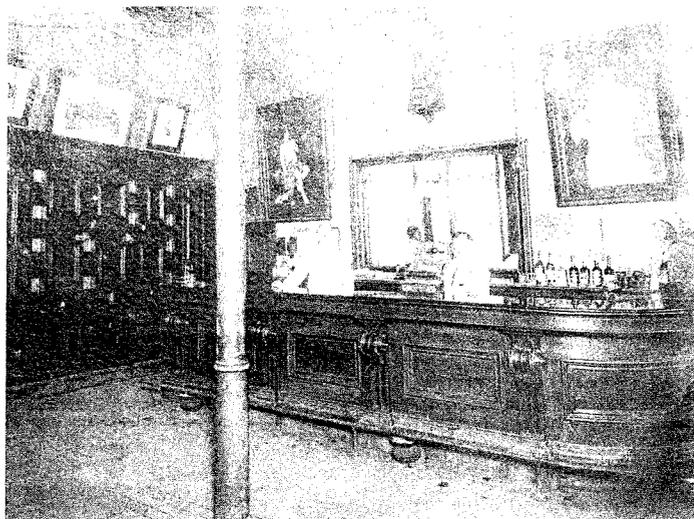
PROHIBITION

"Prohibition made more drunkards than it cured in Newman," said local historian, the late, Bill Sherman.

It was hard for a town with 18 licensed bars, four pool halls and a dozen restaurants to stay dry when prohibition was passed by the United States Government, according to Sherman. While many big cities had speakeasies where you had to knock a special code on the door or party in a hidden room or in a basement, Newman didn't do any hiding of its liquor consumption."

"Almost every bar in town had its liquor in a white pitcher that was placed next to the sink. If the bartender noticed any strangers or law enforcement come into his saloon, he would simply pour the pitcher's contents down the drain. As long as the bartender knew you, there was no trouble obtaining booze," said Sherman.

While the rest of the country was resigned to drinking ginger ale or near-beer, Newman moonshiners were making booze in every vacant

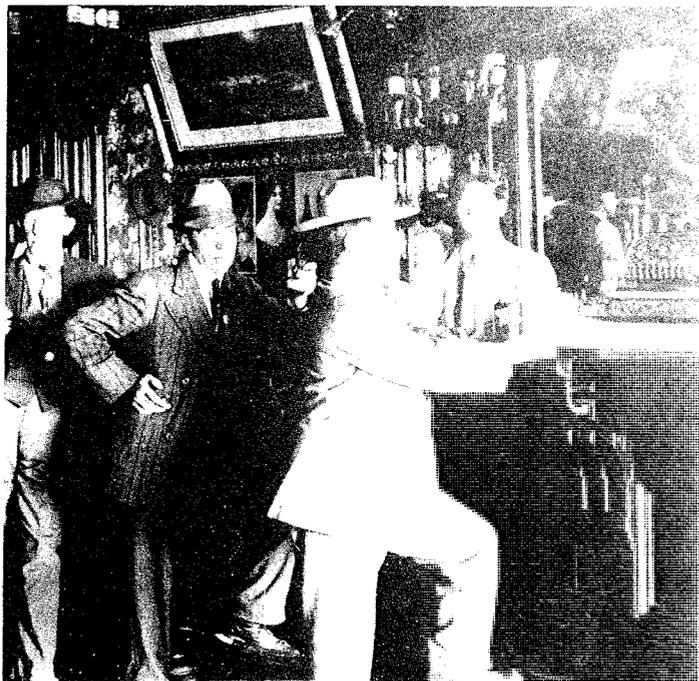


bathub they could find. The big favorites during prohibition were bootlegged beer and bathtub gin in Newman.

Most of the local stills were located along the west bank of the San Joaquin River by the Crows Landing Road bridge.

There was a public side and a private side to prohibition in Newman. The INDEX would carry editorials supporting prohibition and stories of moonshiners being arrested. The INDEX ran the following story, after the town went dry in September 1920; Newman Marshall Kernahan arrested Japanese Pool Hall owner T. Muroka for running a "blind pigging" (bootleg) operation in Newman. The article went on to boast Newman is observing the law (prohibition) better than in many towns on the east side of the county, which in olden days, looked down upon Newman as a den of iniquity because it licensed bars." The dryer towns of the east side had "blind-pigs" galore ever since prohibition was adopted.

While INDEX Publisher Alvin Fleharty would publicly condemn demon booze in his editorial pages, he was known to go next door (to the Russ House) after work for a tall, cool one, according to a local person who knew him well.



Magic Mirror Beauty Salon

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Newman, CA 95360
862-4989

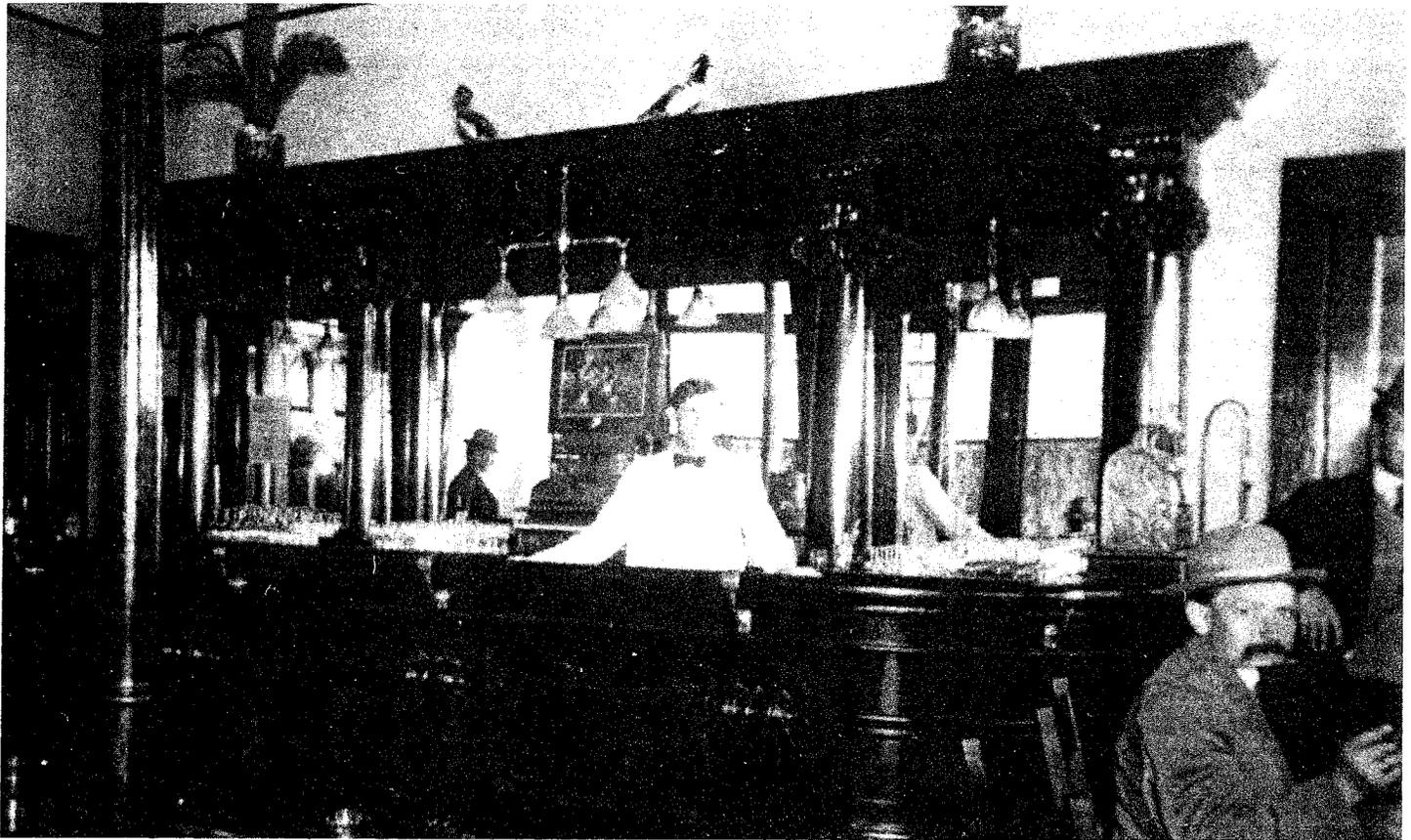
Pure Gro Newman

Rudy Ponce De Leon
Mike Crinklaw
862-2889

Newman Dairy Supply, Inc.

1030 Merced Street
Newman, CA 95360
862-2859

Prohibition (Cont'd)



The Japanese pool hall owner, Muroka, who was arrested for violating prohibition, beat the rap in court. Muroka claimed he was a Japanese Buddhist monk, who needed the booze for "sacramental purposes."

Besides homemade brew, booze was smuggled into Newman from Mossdale (near Tracy) and Watsonville. "Smugglers landed booze anywhere they could find a 100 foot long sandy beach."



Pioneer Drug

1261 O St.
Newman, CA 95360
862-2955

Pacific Gas & Electric

1221 O Street, Newman, CA 95360
862-2891

NEWMAN'S CITY PARK

When the town of Newman began to build and grow, Simon Newman gave the town one city block, to be used by its residents as a park.

The city's plans for the park included planting a tree for every country. That proved to be a huge undertaking and as the years went by, it was decided that trees would be collected for each of the United States instead of the countries. Among the trees planted were a palm tree from Hawaii, a pepper tree, a bay tree and a magnolia tree. The park at one time was densely covered by many different trees. Two rose gardens were planted in the park with many different varieties blooming through the spring and summer months.

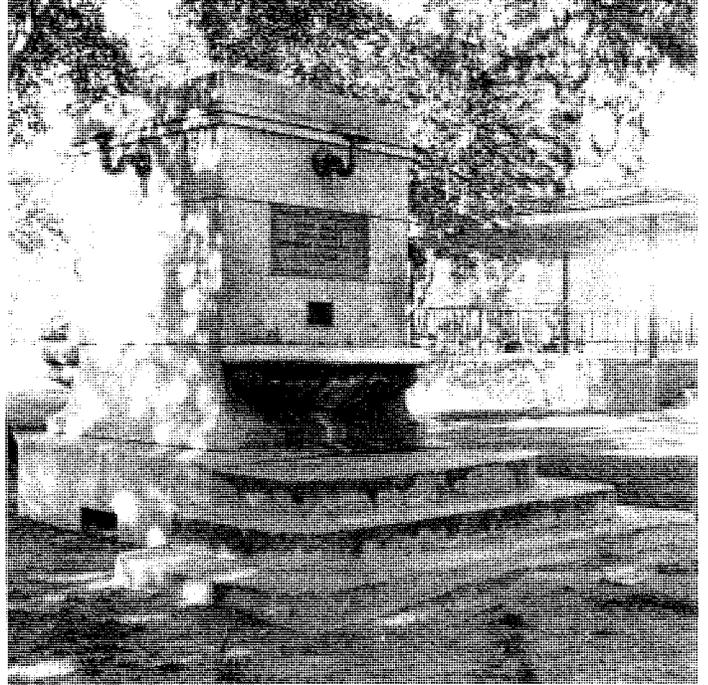
As the years went by, John Sharp's Memorial Fountain, which was located on Fresno Street and used by the horses and the people as a drinking fountain, was moved into the city park. A cannon, said to have been used by the United States Marines in the Boxer Rebellion, was donated to the people of Newman, and placed in the park. The flag pole in the park was erected as a "Symbol of Liberty and Opportunity" and to the "Memory of Simon Newman 1846-1912" by his sons and daughters. There is also a memorial to Simon Newman, placed by the town of Newman in 1927 stating, "To the Memory of Simon Newman Founder of this community and donor of this park."

In the 50s squirrels were brought into the park from Fresno. It was not too many years before these "red" squirrels could be seen scampering throughout the park and throughout the community.

A covered barbecue pit area and storage house, restrooms, children's playground and gazebo have been added to the park for the enjoyment of the community.

Many of the first trees planted have been removed as the park was becoming overgrown. One of the rose gardens was removed to make room for a horseshoe pit. There are many activities held in the park each year, one is the annual Fall Festival celebration. Civic organizations have their summer meetings and barbecues in the park and families hold picnics and parties in the park.

Simon Newman had a vision for the town of Newman — the city park has continued to be an everlasting memory to its founder.

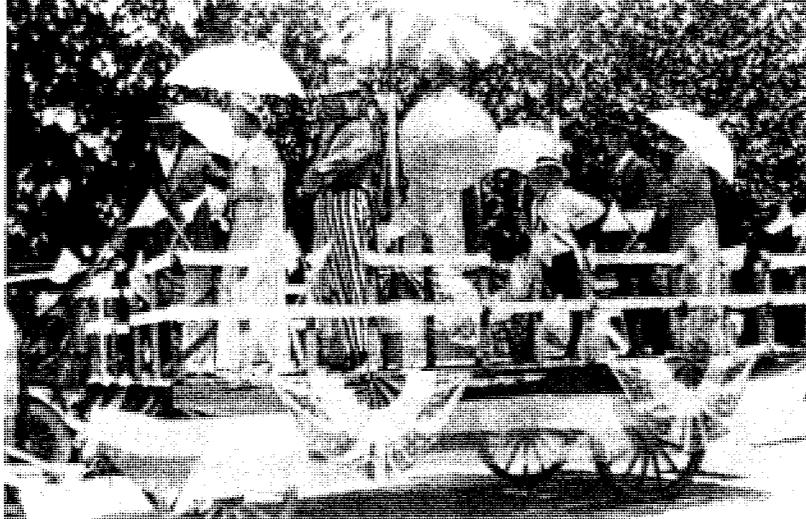


Sharp's Memorial Fountain - 1915
"Drinking Fountain and Horse Trough"



Fountain with cannon in background.

MEMORIES OF MRS. ELLA BRAUER CROW



Mrs. Crow as Miss Liberty, Frank McGinnis as Uncle Sam.

Mrs. Ella Brauer Crow's memories of Newman in the late 1800s and early 1900s are as vivid to her today as they were when she was living them.

Mrs. Crow was born in Newman, September 1893 in a home that still stands at the corner of P and Merced streets. The home was next door to her father's blacksmith shop which was located at 1027 Merced St.

Mrs. Crow's father was John C. Brauer. He was born in Germany and became a naturalized citizen April 3, 1891. (Mrs. Crow had the framed naturalization document hanging in her home in Modesto in 1987.) Her mother was Maria D. Ibs. Ella's sisters and brother were: Frieda Brauer Randle of Modesto, Anna L. Anderson of Modesto and the late Paul Brauer, who died in Newman in 1951.

John C. Brauer became partners with Manning Rowe when he moved to Newman from Sacramento some time around 1890. Manning Rowe was a wagon maker in a shop built in 1888. John Brauer built his blacksmith shop in 1891. (The shop was later owned by Stan Beaty, housed Diablo Electric and in 1988 is the location of E & M Electric.) At the time Mr. Brauer built his blacksmith shop there were three other blacksmith shops in Newman, all located on O Street. The owners of those shops were: Theodore Schmidt, Grant Schornick and A.S. Jefsen.

Mrs. Crow's brother and sisters were born after the family had moved to "lower P Street" - three houses down from the St. Clair home.

Mrs. Crow attended school in the two story, four-room P Street Grammar School. She gives

teacher Alice Root credit for helping her learn the English language as German was the primary language at home. Her second grade teacher was Florence Boggs, who later became Stanislaus County Superintendent of Schools.

John Brauer died when Ella was 12 years old. His funeral was the first funeral held in the new Lutheran Church. Ella remembers the family attending Lutheran services held in the Methodist Church until the Lutheran Church was built in 1905 and dedicated in 1906. Ella was confirmed there in 1908.

Her education ended with the eighth grade. Friends of the family knew that the post office was looking for someone to work for them, she got the job. She worked for seven years at the post office, five years with post master, Mr. Thompson who was a republican. Two years with Richard Dixion, who was a democrat. Postal positions changed with the political party of the President of the United States.

She left the post office to work for the Bank of Newman. She was hired by W.W. Giddings. She worked for Mr. Giddings many times throughout her banking career. She worked in banks in Newman, Ceres and Modesto.

The old Soda Works on lower O Street, owned by the Meier family, was an interesting enterprise. Mrs. Crow told of how she would like to visit Mrs. Meier with her mother. Mrs. Meier would always offer them sodas to drink within a short time of their arrival.

Herring's Harness Shop was located across the street from their blacksmith shop. Mrs. Crow said

Mrs. Ella Brauer Crow (Cont'd)

as a child she would go across the street and see Mr. Herring sit on a stool and work on leather. There were no cars in those days, just horses and mules. Her father built the family a surrey and spring wagon. If you didn't have a fast horse, you couldn't make a trip and back in one day to Modesto, as the road was to the hubs in dust in the summer, and mud in winter. In 1917-18, when the road was paved you could go all the way to Modesto without meeting a car. The present Hills Ferry Bridge is the second one over the San Joaquin River. When she was a child, they had to cross the river by ferry. In 1902 her father took her to the dedication of the first bridge which was used for 60 years. In 1962 the present bridge was dedicated. A gentlemen by the name of A.E. Clary was our West Side County Supervisor when the first bridge was built. He and his family lived on a ranch west of Newman.

Newman didn't have electricity until 1903. The MacDonald Brothers (Joe and Jack) came to Newman and started an electric plant at the water works. Ella remembers being sent to the plant to get distilled water for her father when he was ill, and thinking how cool it was inside the building.

Few people had telephones in those days. A long distance telephone message would go to the Russ House, where the telephone office was, from there it would be delivered to the person it was intended for. Charles Newsome, a sophomore in high school, was the night operator and was on duty from 8 p.m. until 8 a.m. when the first 24 hour telephone service was made available.

There was no limits on killing ducks. Sacks filled with ducks and geese would be shipped to San Francisco restaurants.

The arrival of the Medicine Show with the man on the flying trapeze, an occasional circus, a merry-go-round propelled by a poor old horse with a crank organ, parades and picnics on the 4th of July with homemade ice cream and water from the spigot of the old water wagon were all exciting times for the residents of Newman.

Newman's law enforcement was handled by the three Newsome brothers. Ed was the constable and J.E. and Will served in some capacity of police work.

There were three doctors - Dr. Armistead, Dr. Stratton and Dr. Dowel. There were no malprac-

tice suits and you didn't need an appointment in those days. For surgery you had to go to Modesto and hope to still be alive when you got to Modesto. Sometimes young doctors came by the way of a fast horse.

Everything in the line of food came out of a wooden barrel into a large paper sack, like rolled oats, sugar, chocolate or you got a supply in a gunny sack - it was always a delight to go to the Simon Newman Co. store and be rewarded with a bag of hard candy.

There were no banks in Newman until 1903.

When President McKinley was assassinated, "the whole town turned out for his memorial service, held in Old Fishers Hall on Front Street - people were very patriotic then."

You could buy round steak to feed a family for 25 cents. Beans and potatoes were good too. There were only root vegetables then. Money was scarce then too. Mrs. Crow remembers her father paying 10 percent on a note from Charles St. Clair. Mr. Brauer had material coming into the blacksmith shop and had to pay cash for it, so he borrowed the money. "You can bet he paid it back quickly at 10 percent" Mrs. Crow related.

The undertaker, C.W. Shank, had a hardware store and tin shop.

There were two livery stables owned by Adolph Dobzensky and Bob Kernahan. At Kernahan's stable Mrs. Crow saw her first car. Charles Huber, bartender at the Russ House, bought a bright red cadillac trimmed in bright brass.

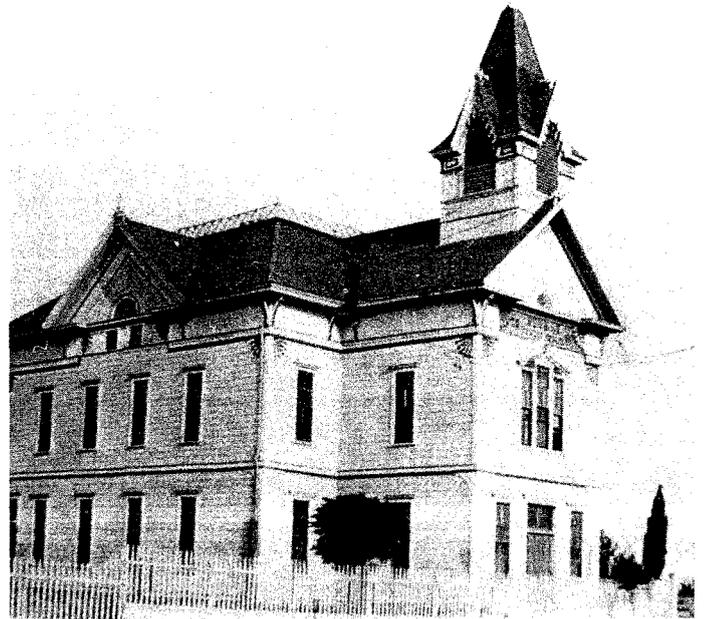
Druggists in the earlier days didn't need a State Board Exam. When an exam was required, druggists would go to Hahnham Hospital for a short time and then take the state exam.

Mrs. Crow remembers many firsts: turn on a faucet and have water; never having to walk out back to the outhouse, pull a cord from a box near the ceiling to flush the toilet; pull a cord and out of darkness receive light from a tiny bulb; have your first bath in a bathtub; get ice in a gunny sack; taste your first jello; ride in a surrey with a fringe on the top that your father made; picnic at Orestimba, the Garza's Canyon or at Willman Grove; attend baseball games between the Newman Lambs and the Modesto Reds; enjoy your first ride in a Model T over the Pacheco Pass; ride on a harvester over what is now Interstate 5.

Mrs. Ella Crow moved away from Newman, when she married, around 1927, but her memories and her roots will always be here in Newman.

NEWMAN SCHOOLS

- 1890 P Street School built (1890-1912)
Corner of P and Mariposa
- 1904 Private High School held in the Masonic Hall (later Dania Hall)
Taught by a Presbyterian minister
Located between Kern and Tulare Streets on O Street
- 1906 Petition to form a Newman-Crows Landing High School District passed.
High School opened with 20 students on the first floor of the Masonic Building (Dania Hall)
- 1908 Orestimba High School (1908-1961) (Razed 1978/79) Located on Kern Street, between R and S Streets.
- 1912 New P Street School opened (1912-1960) (Razed 1962)
- 1922 Yolo School opened to house intermediate students. Located on Yolo Street. (1922-1960) (Razed 1960)
- 1913 First school bus in California built in Newman by Patchett and Carstensen to transport Newman's rural school students.



First P Street Grammer School - 1890

NEWMAN'S PRESENT SCHOOLS

- 1960 Von Renner Elementary School
Patchett and S Street
- 1960 Yolo Jr. High School
R Street
- 1961 Orestimba High School
Hardin Road
- 1967 Unification of School Districts occurred -combining two counties and six school district;

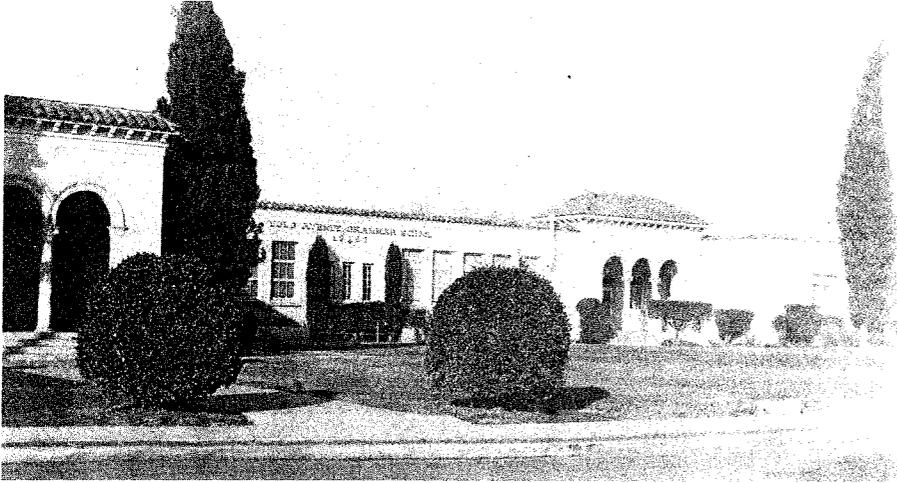
Newman Grammer School
Orestimba Union High School
Bonita Elementary School
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Gustine Union High School
Romero School District
- 1972 Voters decided to de-unify creating two districts Gustine unified and Newman-Crows Landing Unified.



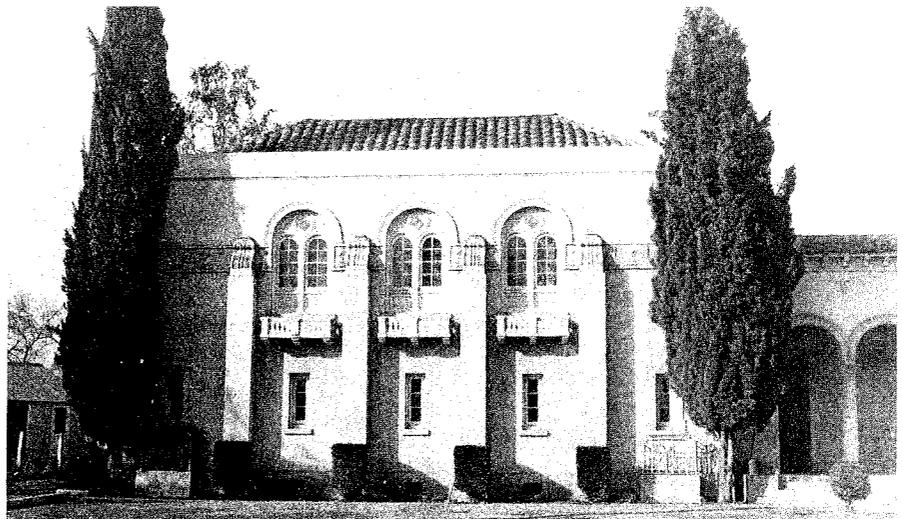
P Street School Built - 1912



SCHOOLS



OLD YOLO GRAMMER SCHOOL
1922-1959



OLD YOLO SCHOOL AUDITORIUM



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862-1037

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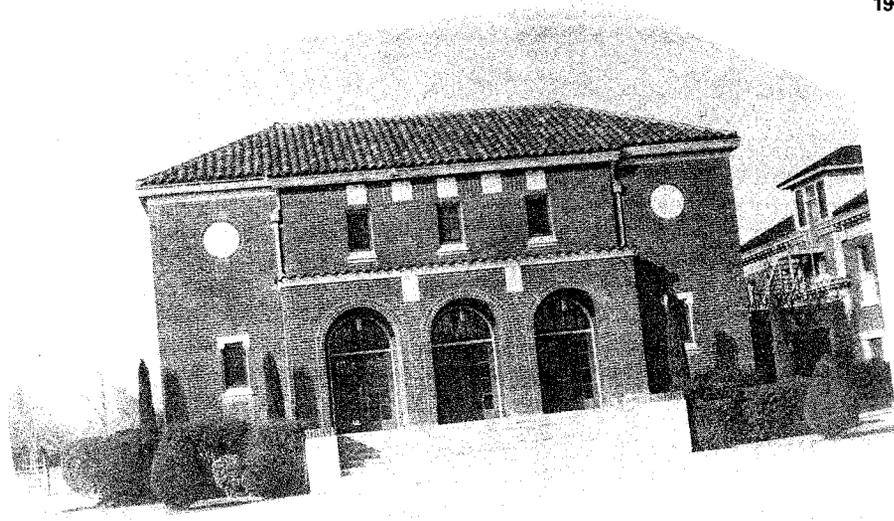
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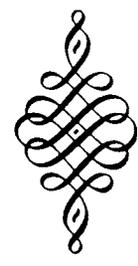
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ORESTIMBA HIGH SCHOOL
1908-1961



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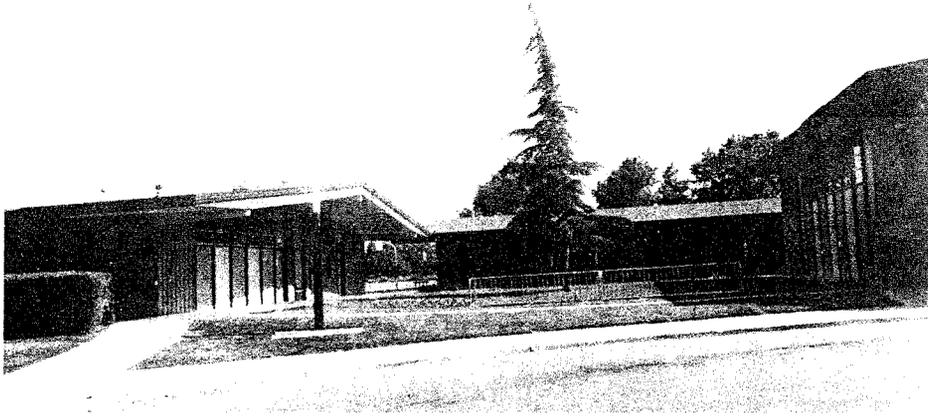


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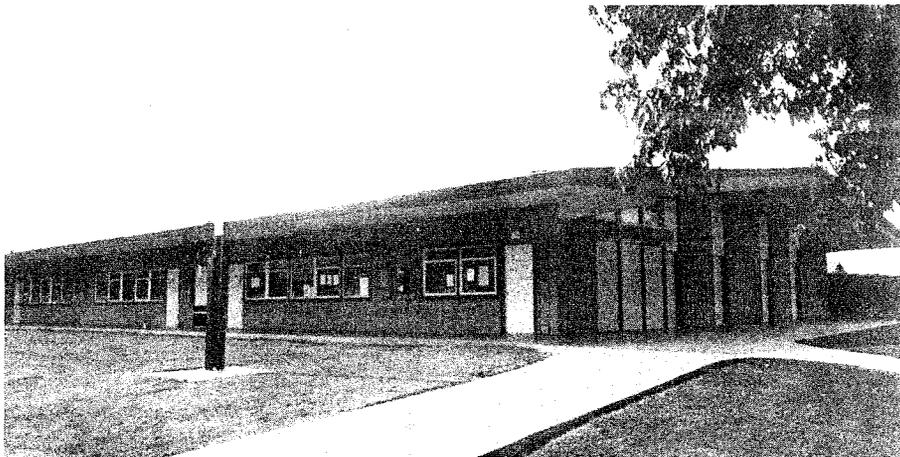
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Newman, Calif. 95360

SCHOOLS (Cont'd)



VON RENNER SCHOOL - 1960



YOLO JR. HIGH SCHOOL - 1960



ORESTIMBA HIGH SCHOOL - 1961

FRANK A. PATCHETT

Franklin Arthur Patchett left not only his mark on the West Side communities, but on the state as well. A native Californian, he was born in San Miguel (San Luis Obispo County) in an adobe house located on the Salinas River, January 1880.

He moved to Crows Landing in 1900 at the age of 20 years. He worked those first few years for Benjamin Hamilton Crow, "pitching hay and gathering wheat," and for John Stewart in his creamery. Frank Patchett, or "Patch" as he was known to his friends, managed the town's first creamery. (This plant was taken over by the Oakland Creamery in 1906, and later closed.) He set up a cream separator plant, shipping whole cream from the Crows Landing Depot via rail to Oakland. He also managed the Villa Manucha Road Creamery near Newman and the Los Banos and Dos Palos Creameries between 1900 and 1911.

Frank Patchett established one of only two Ford dealerships in California when he moved to Newman in 1911. He had the oldest Ford dealership in the San Joaquin Valley. Around 1913, W.W. Giddings, a school trustee, approached Mr. Patchett and his partner, Hans Carstensen. "Something has to be done to get these kids to school."

He built California's, and possibly the nation's, first school bus in the spring of 1914. The bus was built on the chassis of a Model T Ford and the lengthened form of a Smith Form truck. It was done by adding another axle with two more solid tires and chain drive.

The bus was built to hold 20 students. A wooden frame was installed and benches were run the length of the bus for students to sit on. Canvas with celluloid windows covered the open sides to roll up when it rained. There was soon more students wanting to ride than there was room, so a little trailer was attached to the rear of the bus.

The boys rode in the trailer while the girls rode in the bus. One day, one of the girls called the bus driver, Hans Carstensen. As he looked around he saw that the little trailer and the boys had tipped over. No one was injured, but the boys refused to ride in the trailer. Patchett built a new and larger bus. Twelve and one-half cents apiece was the fare to ride the early school bus.

Soon after Patchett took care of the Newman

school's transportation problem, Newman's fire department went to him with a serious problem of their own. They needed a motorized fire vehicle. Patchett and Carstensen set to work and they built Newman's fire department their first gasoline fire truck. It had a Ford chassis, a rotary gong and was painted bright red. The new fire truck was housed at the Ford Garage.

When the other school districts in the area heard about the school bus idea, they soon came to Patchett to order buses for their student transportation problems.

One of the first to inquire about buses was the Dos Palos High School District. Frank Marks Sr., a trustee of the district, came to Newman and bought five buses for \$500 apiece.

Turlock High School District was also an early customer of Patchett's. The trustees bought six school buses.

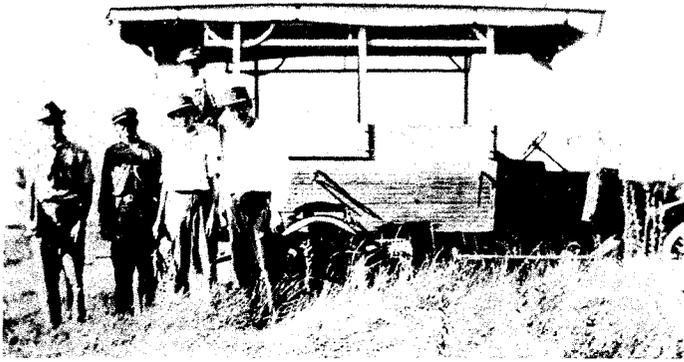
The business of building buses for transporting students soon let Patchett into the field of transporting students in other areas under a contracting system. Patchett had been serving Orestimba Union High School and Newman Elementary School on a contract basis since the first bus was built. At the time E.P. Halley was the principal of both schools.

Soon after, Crows Landing and Westley signed with the Patchett Company to transport their students.

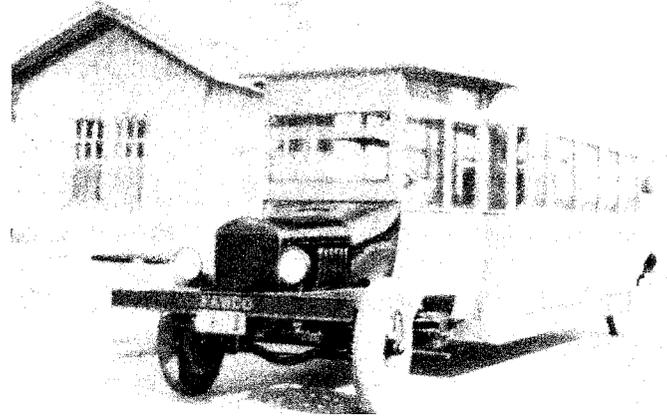
Then Halley became the principal at Patterson High School. At the time the Patterson School District was operating its own buses. They were having trouble with the equipment and the expenses were high. Halley suggested that Patterson hire Patchett's to transport the students and



Frank A. Patchett (Cont'd)



First school bus - Patchett's school bus



Bus built by Patchett and Carstenson

the Newman company was hired. Later studies showed that using the Patchett's Company was less expensive than having the schools operate their own buses.

Not only schools were interested in buying buses. Dave Walsinger held the bus franchise of the Santa Fe Trails bus company which ran between New York and Los Angeles. Walsinger bought 20 buses so that a bus could start from each city everyday. The city of Sacramento also used Patchett Buses.

Patchett's buses also went out beyond California. The city of Phoenix, Ariz., bought eight buses to use for public transportation.

In 1924 the company sold two buses in Japan. These were used as models for Japanese companies to work from in building buses.

Patchett's shipped their last buses to Oahu, Hawaii in 1933 where they were used to carry

tourists to Waikiki Beach.

After 1933, Patchett concentrated on building school buses. The company continued to build buses until 1937. Then, because the work was seasonal and men couldn't be hired all year, Patchett sold the bus building operation to Gillig Brothers. At the time, Gillig Brothers was building buses in San Francisco. Later they moved their operation to Burlingame. F.A. Patchett sold his share of the business in 1968. At the time, the company was providing bus transportation to 42 school districts. A total of 221 buses, most of them carrying 66 passengers, were in operation in 16 California counties.

Frank Patchett received a City Council Commendation in 1969, presented to him by the mayor, the late Howard Hill. Mr. Patchett served 48 years on the City Council, serving under six mayors, he was mayor for one term, and served as mayor pro-tem for many years.

BENJAMIN ARNHOLD

Ben Arnhold's first trip to Newman was after the earthquake and fire in San Francisco in 1906. Their home was damaged and in San Francisco after the earthquake, you couldn't cook or light a fire until your chimney was repaired and you had a certificate of verification. Ben's family came to Newman to visit while his father remained to repair the Arnhold home.

Ben Arnold returned to the West Side in 1917 to work for his grand-uncle, Simon Newman, in the company store. He volunteered for the service in 1918.

He was first sent to the Presidio in San Francisco. In August he was sent to Camp Hancock in Augusta, Georgia, then to Ft. Wingate, N.M. where he was stationed until 1919.

In 1914-15 he served on the border patrol of California. Keeping Poncho Villa from entering the United States was their chief responsibility.

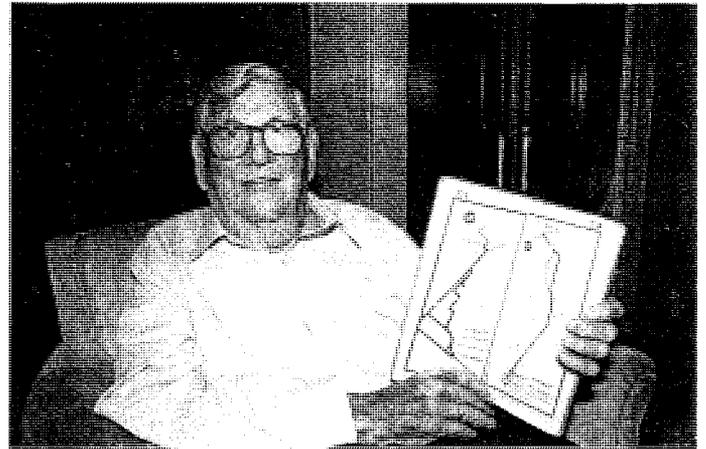
After the war, Ben returned to Newman. He went into his own auto financing business called Newman Security Company in the Russ House. From that finance company grew what eventually became his primary business, an insurance com-

Ben Arnhold (Cont'd)

pany. He combined both until 1934, when he discontinued the financing part of the business. When he retired, Ben Arnhold had been in business by himself for almost 60 years in Newman.

When the war ended in 1919, the American Legion was formed. Fifteen men signed the charter for the Newman American Legion Post No. 110. Of those 15 men, the first commander of the legion was Ben Arnhold. Ben was also a charter member of the Newman Rotary Club, and was a long-time member of Hills Ferry Lodge of Masons, Elks and Shriners.

Ben Arnhold served on the committees that organized Newman's Golden Jubilee in 1938 and its Diamond Jubilee in 1963. He was honored as



the Grand Marshal for the 1985 Newman's Fall Festival.

Ben Arnhold passed away on Dec. 28, 1985.

DAISY REYNOLDS BELL



Daisy Mary Margaret Reynolds was born near Fresno in the late 1880s to Ellen Lucinda Hill and James Reynolds. The exact year of her birth was a topic she refused to discuss. With Daisy, age wasn't an important factor. The only person who seemed to be concerned with age, as the years went on, was the county librarian. The county library system now has on its books the "Daisy Bell Law." To become a county librarian, you must show proof of birth.

Daisy Bell came to Newman from Santa Monica with her husband, W.S. Bell, in 1907 and was always active in civic and community affairs. In 1920, when women were granted the right to vote, she volunteered to serve on juries and election boards, in this way gaining experiences in the business world.

Daisy Bell joined the Woman's Club, then known as the Woman's Improvement Club, and acted as its secretary for four terms. She was a

member of Orestimba Chapter No 139, Order of the Eastern Star, served seven years as its secretary and became worthy matron in 1919.

Daisy Bell was secretary to Judge W.H. Gilbert, when he was head of the Buick Agency in Newman. She was Newman's city clerk from 1927 to 1938. During part of that time she was also secretary for the Chamber of Commerce. She resigned her city clerk's position to become librarian of the Newman Branch, Stanislaus County Free Library, a position she held until April 1961.

At one time Mrs. Bell was Newman correspondent for six newspapers. Including the San Francisco Chronicle, Fresno Republican and Modesto Bee for 23 years, and for over 30 years a correspondent for the Stockton Daily Record. She was the dean of correspondents for the Record until her resignation in January 1961. Daisy Bell wrote for The West Side INDEX and worked in the office when A. Fleharty was publisher, and for the Newman Register.

She served two years as the County Chairman of Press and Publicity for the Stanislaus Federation of Women's Clubs and was executive secretary of Newman's Golden Jubilee Celebration held May 20-21, 1938. Daisy helped to organize Newman's first and only golf club located between the San Joaquin River and Hatfield Park.

WILLIAM R. SHERMAN HISTORIAN AND EARTH QUAKE PREDICTOR

William R. Sherman's parents arrived at the community of Hills Ferry around 1879. They worked as sharecroppers for Miller & Lux, on property from the Newman Swamp Rats Gun Club location to the old slough, for three years.

In 1883, the Shermans purchased 235 acres across the road (the present Hills Ferry Road) from where they farmed. The Sherman family's Orestimba Jersey Dairy was at that ranch location for over 100 years.

The cool house built on the Sherman ranch was erected about 1890, made with chalk rock dug from an area between Orestimba Creek and Crow Creek in the Coast Mountain Range and hauled back to the ranch with a six-horse team. The chalk rock was important to the early settlers because it was extremely porous and made of diatamaous earth, which would retain the cold or heat. William Sherman told of how he would raise the shutters on the outside of their chalk house windows' at night and close them just before sun up to keep the house cool all day in the summertime. In the winter, a small wood stove would keep the house warm.

Mr. Sherman attended grammer school in Newman, but took a home study course in surveying instead of attending high school.

In 1910, Mr. Sherman surveyed two large reservoirs in Southern Oregon. Returning to California he ran levels down the Turlock main canal, from La Grange to the San Joaquin River. He obtained his surveyor's license in 1911 and was hired as city engineer for Newman, Gustine and Patterson. During World War I, he did survey work for the 115th Engineers in France for one year, working on the front line roads and mapping trenches. After the Armistice in 1918, Mr. Sherman went on detacked service in France with the Graves

Daisy Bell (Cont'd)

Daisy Bell wrote the History of the Newman Woman's Club on its 50th anniversiary, April 1908 - 1958. Daisy was also credited with writing an authentic history of Newman for the Golden Jubilee in 1938 and updating it in 1962 for Newman's Diamond Jubilee held in 1963.

Daisy Bell passed away in 1971.



Registration Service, surveyng three cemeteries for veterans who had died during the war.

In 1919 he returned to his job as city engineer for the three West Side towns. In 1920-21, he personally supervised the laying out and paving of more than half of the streets in Newman. He retired as city engineer in 1938.

Bill Sherman continued to be active throughout his retirement years. He continued to collect old artifacts and served on the Newman Museum historical committee. He continued his activity with veteran groups, working on the state level to obtain a veterans cemetary near the San Luis Dam/Santa Nella area.

Mr. Sherman made a scale model of the proposed cemetery and presented his ideas to the then Representative B.F. Sisk, of the 16th Congressional District, which includes Merced and Fresno counties. In Sherman's plans are a bell carillon to be located on top of Monument Hill, a 4,000 foot long hill which stand 200 feet about the San Joaquin Valley floor behind Santa Nella Village. It commands a view of the San Luis Dam Forebay, the mountains to the west, the south end of the valley, the summit of the Sierras to the north and east. His model showed a 400 foot curving monument wall, a seating area, flag pole and chapel with the proposed John F. Kennedy Carillon. To this end Bill Sherman began collecting bells, recording the bell's owner and history, and the bells tone.

Mr. Sherman was Newman's resident earthquake predictor. He was a life-long student of astronomy and based his temblor predictions on the alignment of the earth, moon and sun. He stated that when the sun and moon were on the same, or opposite, sides of the earth, earthquake faults were widened. That makes it easier for the land masses to slip. He would send in his predictions to the Modesto Bee, and take them into The West Side INDEX and local businesses. He predicted the Sept. 16, 1978 Iranian Earthquake

William R. Sherman (Cont'd)

and was only off two days on the July 28, 1978 earthquake in China. He predicted the date correctly for the temblor that hit Portugal's Azores Island on Jan. 1, 1980. His recordkeeping was exacting and complete. For the years 1978-79 they showed that he correctly predicted 13 earthquakes, four quakes were off one day, five quake two days off and two quakes three days off.

Bill Sherman was chosen grand marshal of the Newman Fall Festival in 1977.

Mr. Sherman shared his knowledge of early Newman and its pioneers. He was a wealth of information on Newman's growth and had factual information on subjects that would puzzle



Bill Sherman

residents over the years. Anyone with a question on Newman history or concerning an engineering problem, they just asked Mr. Sherman. Mr. Sherman passed away in December of 1983.

ERNEST BEALL

When the J.H. Beall family arrived in Newman from Sanger in 1908, Newman was considered a "wide open" town.

Ernest Beall spent his first two years of high school attending classes in the second floor of the old Dania Lodge, which was the Masonic Hall and school when it was located at Hills Ferry. He spent his last two years of school at the newly built Orestimba High School campus on the "out skirts" of town at Kern and R streets.

Following high school, he attended optometry school. He received his optometry license in 1914. Ernest returned to Newman where he opened his business and married his wife Ruth Trefts, the daughter of one of the city's pioneer families. Ruth's father was in the meat business - Threfts and Tinnin.

Ernest Beall spent a good part of his early years in Newman playing in a dance band that included himself on the violin, his mother on the clarinet and his dad on a horn. They played for dances in the Rosenthal Hall located on the north east corner of Merced and O streets. Albert Rose's gargage was located on their later, and in 1988 Don's Auto Repair was located on that corner.

Beall spent 58 years in the optometry business, first located at 1355 O St. and later at 940 Fresno St., He operated a jewelry business in addition to his optometry practice at the Fresno Street location.

Besides the optometry and jewelry business, Beall also served as a Board of Director for the Bank of Newman. His wife's uncle, Emil S.

Wangenheim, was president of the bank. Serving on the board with Ernest were Jack Osburn, William Pfitzer, Dr. Roscoe and Louis J. Newman.

Besides his business contributions to the city, Beall played a significant role in the development of city government in Newman. Beall got his start in city politics when he was appointed to the Newman City Council in 1932. Beall wound up getting elected to eight consecutive two year terms on the council, serving until 1948. During his tenure on the council, he served as the council's representative on the city's planning commission, and helped build the present city hall.

Beall also had the distinction of serving on the old Orestimba Union High School Board of Trustees. Beall was appointed to the Stanislaus County Housing Authority in 1964. He worked for the construction of the present county housing on Merced Street, next door to the Coelho rodeo arena.

In 1974-75, Ernest Beall served on a specially appointed city committee that studied if Newman should adopt the city manager form of government.

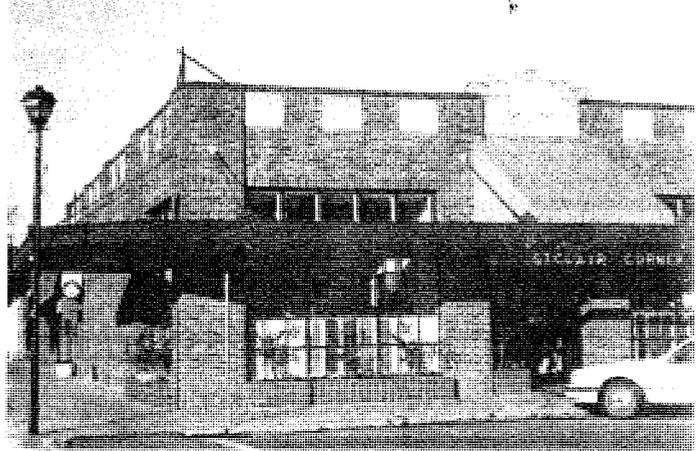
In 1971, Ernest Beall decided to reside with his daughter, Lois Schuman, and move to Vorhees, N.J., a suburb across the river from Philadelphia.

Before Ernest Beall left Newman for the last time, he donated much of his original optometry equipment to the Newman Museum. He passed away in New Jersey on March 18, 1982.

YESTERDAY AND TODAY



ST. CLAIR HARDWARE



ST. CLAIR CORNER



FORMER PIONEER DRUG STORE



EARLY I.O.O.F. BUILDING



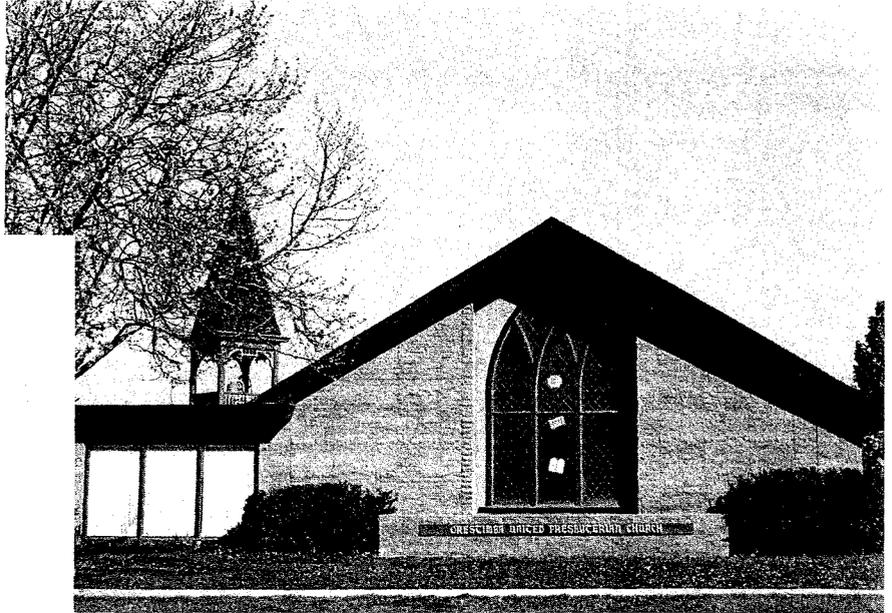
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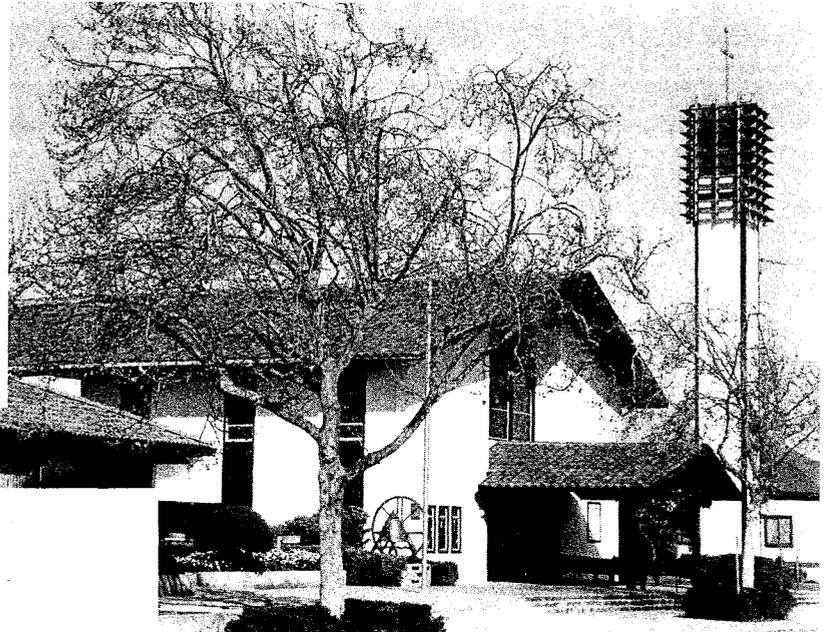
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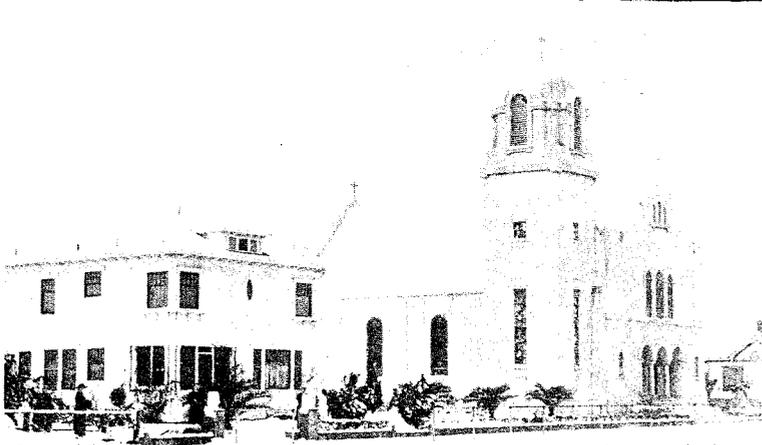
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Crows Landing Food Mart

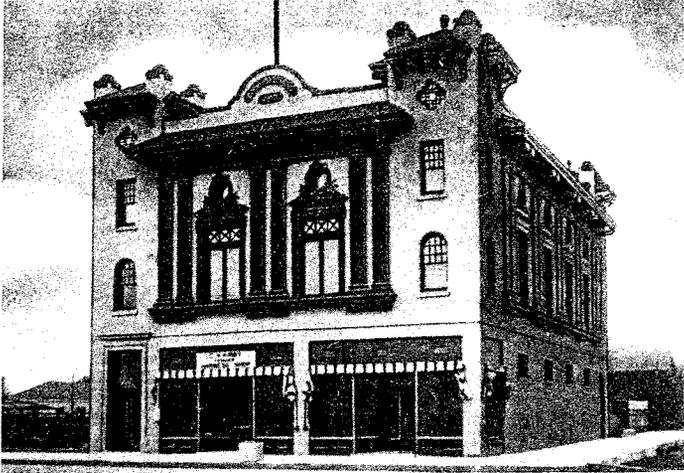
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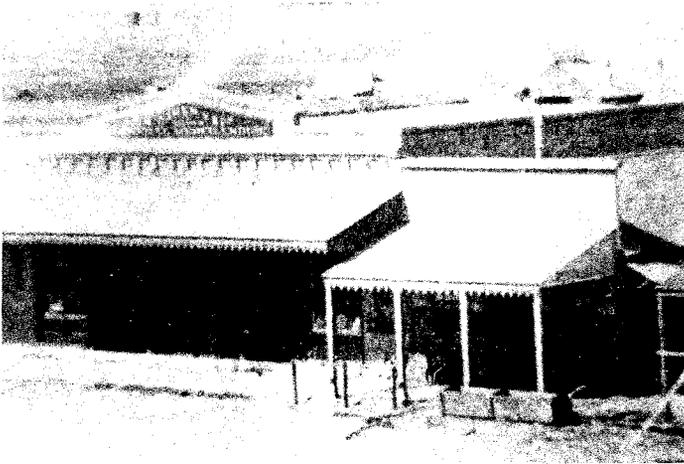
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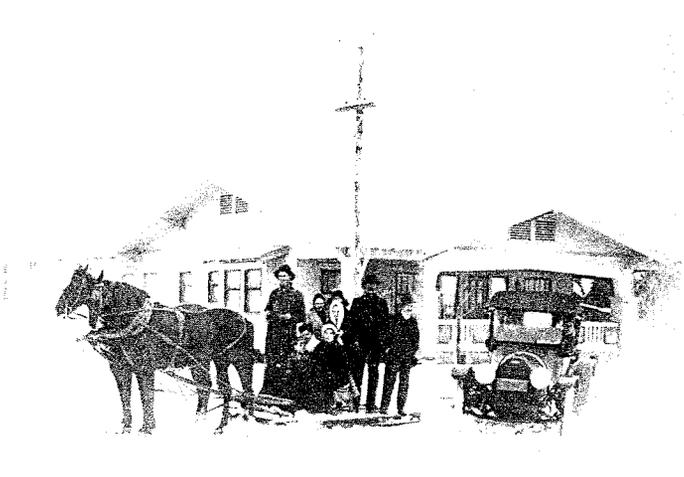
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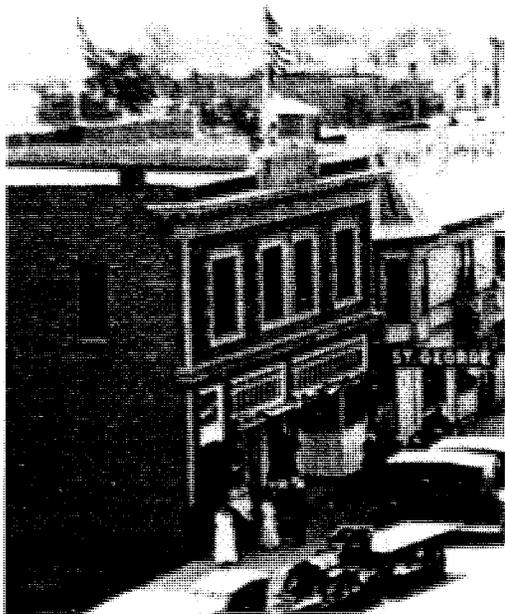


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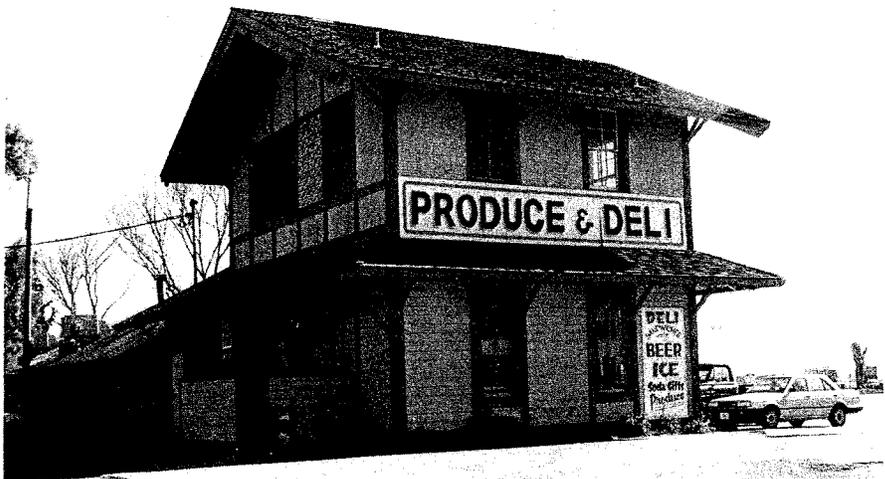


MARLEY'S HOME - 1988
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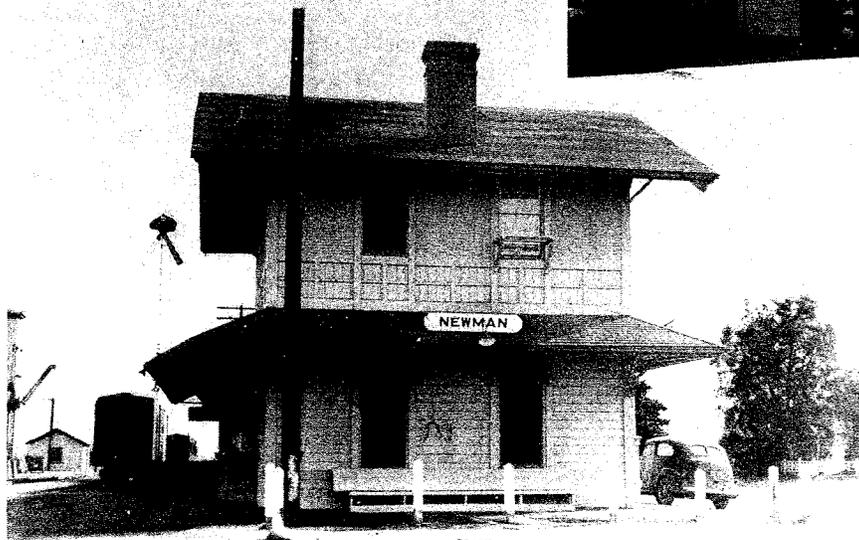
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ST. GEORGE HOTEL



MOVED TO "THE ORCHARD" ON HIGHWAY 132



NEWMAN'S DEPOT - BUILT IN 1887
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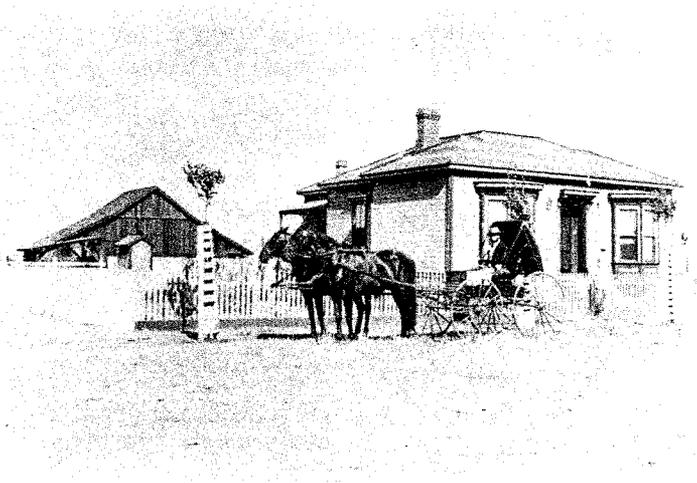
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WILLIAM SHERMAN HOME



"O" STREET AND VOLO
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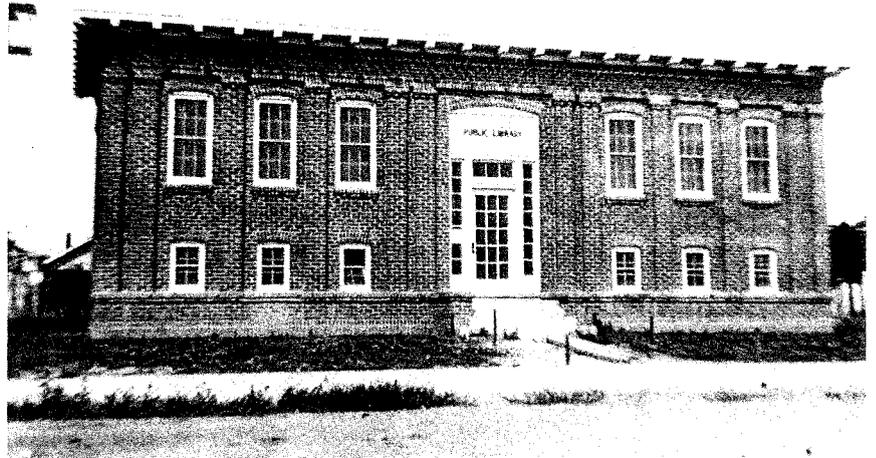


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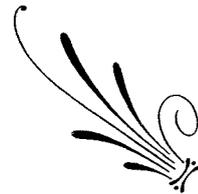


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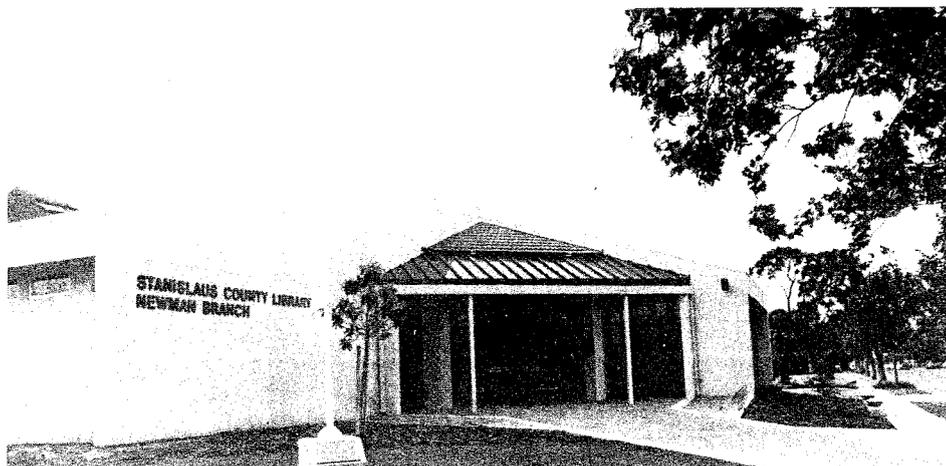

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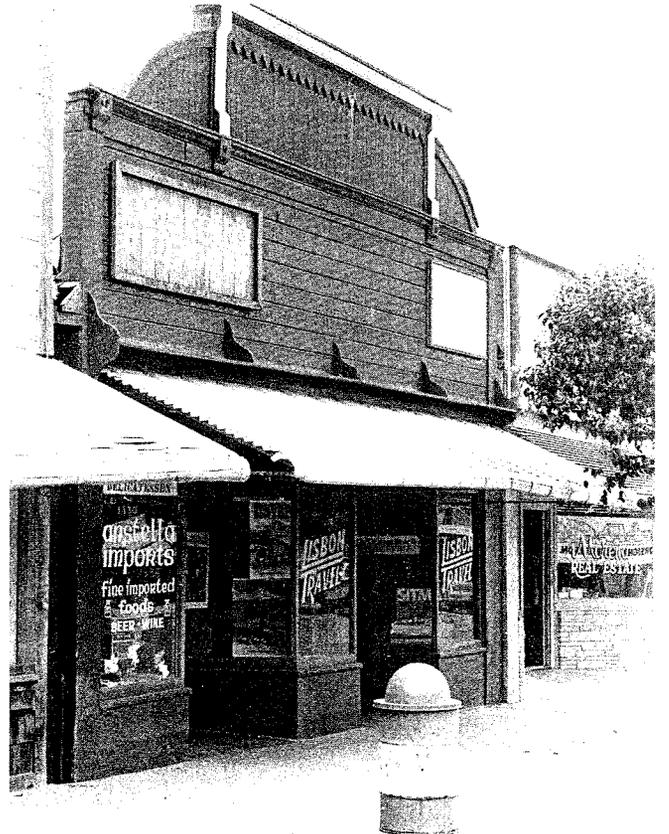
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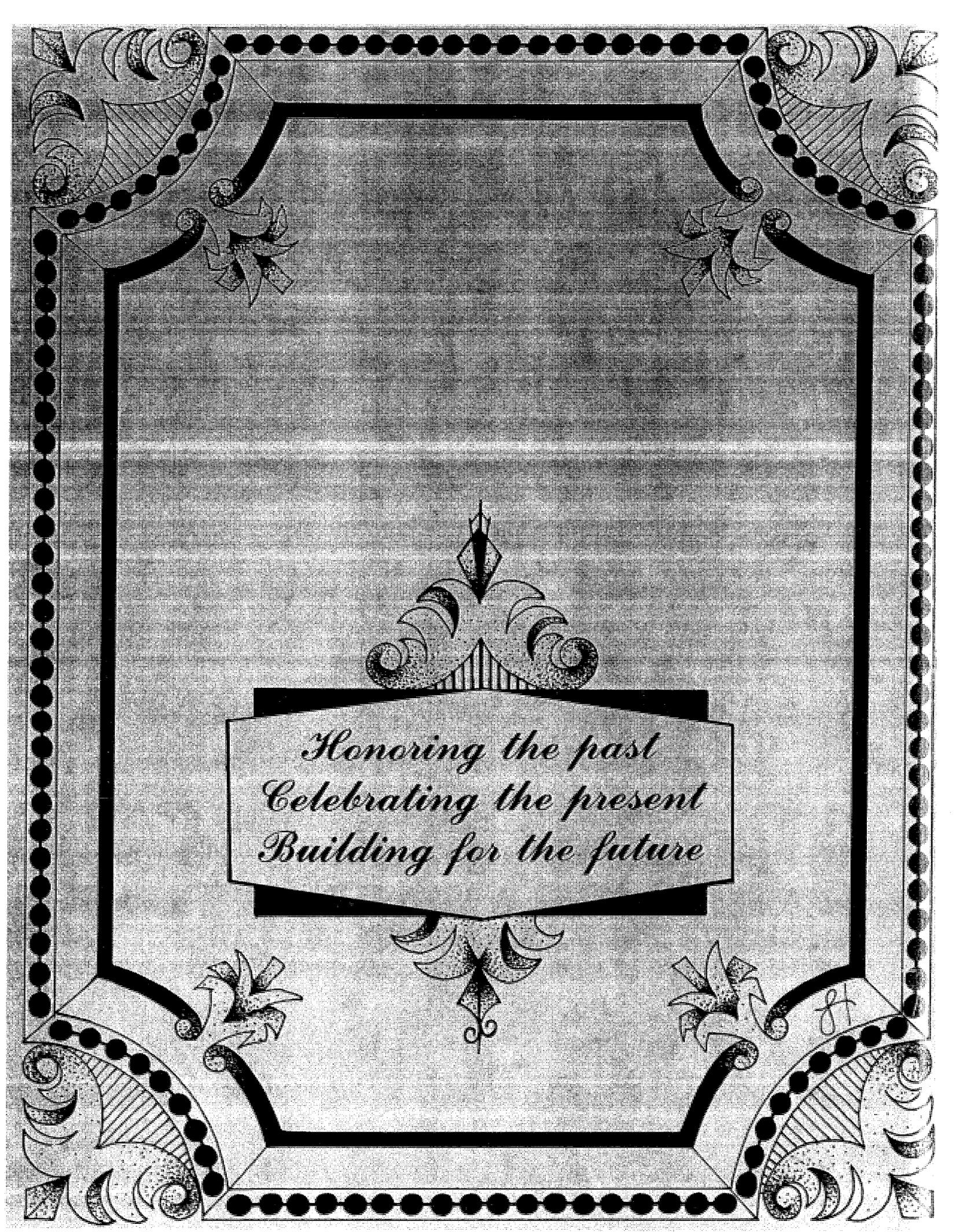
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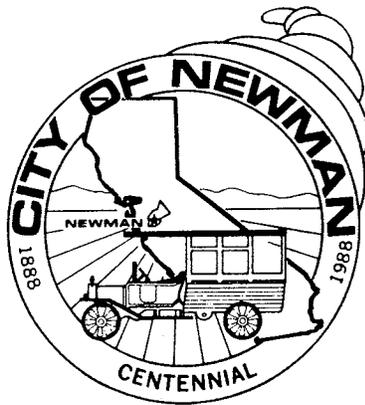


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NEWMAN CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

May 7 through 15, 1988
Newman, California



and

proudly presents

THE HISTORICAL SPECTACLE

"A CAVALCADE OF A CENTURY"



A JOHN B. ROGERS PRODUCTIONS

Produced and Directed

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A Message From The General Chairman

Dear friends,

This message comes to you with a great deal of pride and emotion. Your volunteer efforts in making this Newman celebration the best in history gives me great pride in knowing I'm living with the kindest, hardest working, most enthusiastic American citizens in the world. As you read this, it should make you proud to know that Newman is enjoying one of the biggest, most diversified and stimulating 100-year celebrations for a town its size.

A simple thank you isn't enough to show all of you the appreciation I feel for your help and the enjoyment you have given to me over the past two years. As the hundreds of days passed in preparation for Newman's 100-year birthday, we have grown to know and appreciate one another. The ups and downs any celebration endures during the planning stages help build our character and develop a celebration that has all the flavor and sophistication that 700-plus volunteers could hope for in Newman.

We should feel proud in preserving one of California's most fascinating stories: The history of Newman. We can all feel the excitement that many pioneers before us endured while building this beautiful, interesting little city. I am thankful and proud of the work of the board of directors, their committees and the many people who are enjoying Newman's birthday party.

The citizens of Newman can be excited about this party, and I hope you can enjoy it along with the thousands of visitors who will walk our streets, taste our food, dance to our music, live in our homes and hotels and sing during our concerts.

Newman is alive and well and on the way to a wonderful future. This historical celebration will help us hold on to our history, but it will also prepare us for another hundred years, a time when many of us will become the pioneers who helped build a growing, friendly community. Our grandchildren and great-grandchildren will be able to look back many years from now and feel proud of the work this entire community has done during this birthday.

I hope future generations can feel the same challenges that we have faced over the past two years and plan for a 200-year celebration that is even bigger and better than this.

Thank you, and have a wonderful time in Newman!



Sincerely,
Bill Brunette
General Chairman

The Newman Centennial Association, Inc.

— proudly presents —

1888 — "Cavalcade of a Century" — 1988

The Living History Of The Newman Area
presented nightly at the
ORESTIMBA HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM
May 9, 10, 11 & 12, 1988

Written from Historical Data
supplied by
Mrs. Barbara Powell

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Ms. Louisa Hart

Written, Directed and Produced
by
Steven E. Synowka
of
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The cast of "Cavalcade of a Century" is comprised entirely of your family and friends. The names, dates and places are correct. Some of the characters, dialogue and action has been adapted to make this presentation as entertaining as possible! Please note: The entire history of Newman could not be presented in this evening's performance! The entire story of Newman, after all, has been ONE HUNDRED YEARS in the making!

Synopsis of Scenes

Episode One: "One Hundred Years Young ... And Proud Of It." A panorama of things to come, we introduce the cast of "Cavalcade of a Century." The Newman Centennial First Lady and her Court of Honor follows in a sincere "Welcome" to this evening's performance and the Newman Centennial Birthday Celebration.

Episode Two: "The First Footprints in the Valley." The Yokut Indians were the first known inhabitants of the San Joaquin Valley. Their customs and ways of life remain a mystery. Burial mounds unearthed in 1976 answer some of the questions, but many details of their culture remain a mystery.

Episode Three: "Every Cloud is Lined with Ore of Significant Economic Value." California fights for its independence and forms "The Bear Flag Republic." Days after the treaty with Mexico is signed, the discovery by James Marshall brings thousands of people into the area ... and the "Rush" was on.

Episode Four: "What Will Happen Next?" "Popcorn! Peanuts!" ... We see that wild geese and turkeys play a big part in the development of the Newman area. Jesse Hill and John DeHart arrive at the first settlement of the area in 1850. The famous outlaw Joaquin Murrietta frequented this area and one of his last stops was Hills Ferry.

Episode Five: "1888 — We Celebrate this Sale of the Century — 1988." Simon Newman works the gold fields and arrives in Hills Ferry. The Southern Pacific Railroad and Simon Newman had great plans for a settlement four miles west of Hills Ferry. A huge barbecue and celebration was held at the depot and the auction of the lots followed.

Intermission

Episode Six: "A Description of Newman in 25 Years or Less." Eighteen licensed bars, 12 restaurants, four pool halls, two newspapers and a private high school. Later, a bus company and much more!

Episode Seven: "Now Billy, When I Was A Child ..." A grandfather and child talk of the good old days. Or were they?

Episode Eight: "Faith in Newman's Past, Present and Future." With their few precious belongings they came west. The first families gathered to hear the readings of the Bible at a neighbors home. As the congregation grew in size, the first church was formed.

Episode Nine: "A Great Depression and a Second World War." There was nothing "Great" about the 1930s as the "Alphabet Years" arrive. A second world war erupts and Sgt. Vargas of Newman commands his team in battle after battle.

Episode Ten: "A Million Memories — A Tribute to a Newman Citizen." We honor this Newman citizen whose life spanned 108 years and hundreds of lives. For Letitia Tinnin-Ewing, or "Aunt Tish," family and friends were the most important parts of her life.

Episode Eleven: "A New Age! — The Atomic Age!" Each new decade brings new additions to the English language — generation gap, peace rallies, aerobics and yuppies. Newman received a new swimming pool, door-to-door postal delivery, a Diamond Jubilee and much more!

Episode Twelve: "And, the Finale..." The cast of "Cavalcade of a Century" gathers again for a red, white and blue salute to Newman, and the next 100 years, and more!

"Cavalcade of a Century"

Cast List

Episode Five

(Square Dance)

California "Belle": *Teana Diaz*

Simon Newman: *William Brawley*

Fiddler: *Brandon Gonsalves*

Male Citizens: *Anthony J. Amaral, Eric Bradley, Boone Crow, Scott Felber, Van Felber, Gary Howard, Melvin Johnson, Robert Machado, Charles Mason, Frank L. Mendes, Tony Mendes, William S. Preuss, Roger Sherman, Dave Silveira*

Female Citizens: *Ruby Alves, Vicky Cortez, Karen Crow, Linda Crow, Sharon Fantazia, Vicki Felber, Elsie George, Linda George, Becky Harley, Fay Harley, Connie Howard, Jody Humphrey, Michelle Johnson, Deanne Katen, Celeste Mason, Yonnie Mendes, Mary Beth Moorehead, Betty Preuss, Angie Rey, Hilda Silveira, Toni Silveira*

Young Male Citizens: *Beau Moorehead*

Young Female Citizens: *Kymber Katen, Krystal Katen*

Fourth Grade: *Square Dancers — Jerry Davis, Damian DeAnda, Sara Ebbers, Scott Felber, Maria Guzman, Abraham Hernandez, Stacie Kafouras, Matt Landeros, Wesley Lindh, Robert Miller, Alvina Robles, Krisley Rocha, Elias Rosas, Pablo Samano, Lora Shoffner, Lori Silva, Jessica Smith*

Episode Six

Telephone Women: *Teana Diaz, Betty Menezes*

W.W. I Soldier: *Bob Staedler*

Episode Seven

1920s Men: *Anthony J. Amaral, Manuel Berberia, John Hart, Gary Howard, Charles Mason, Antonio Machado, Robert Machado, Paul MacMurray, Frank L. Mendes, Tony Mendes, Roger Sherman, Dave Silveira, Enos Tosta*

1920s Women: *Ruby Alves, Mary Berberia, Bernadette Cabral, Vicky Cortez, Karen Crow, Lara Crow, Linda Crow, Sara Drew Crow, Paula C. Davis, Becky Harley, Fay Harley, Connie Howard, Celeste Mason, Yonnie Mendes, Michelle Reed, Angie Rey, Toni Silveira, Marcia Slazas, Linda Stepps, Minnie Tosta*

1920s Boys: *Edward Gilbert, Matt Silveira*

1920s Girls: *Summer Silveira, Michelle Johnson*

(Charleston Dance)

Charleston Gentlemen: *Jake Avila, Mark Brown, Louie Dominguez, Zachary England, Jack Matteri, Casey Sprouse*

Charleston Ladies: *Geneveva Cirne, Tanya Cirne, Julie Henry, Sandie Howey, Maggi Jeffcoat, Corie Rivera, Kerry Olsen, Beatie Sprouse, Mindy Pettit, Jennifer Vela*

Episode Eight

Minister: *Bob Staedler*

Cast of "Cavalcade of a Century"

Episode Ten

Letitia Tinnin: *Amber Hunewill*

Minister: *Bob Staedler*

Samuel Ewing: *William Brawley*

Letitia Tinnin-Ewing: *Teana Diaz*

Charles Leslie Ewing: *Brandon Gonsalves*

"Aunt Tish" in her Golden Years: *Betty Menezes*

Episode Eleven

Swimmers: *Mike Perez, Carla Perez, Brandon Gonsalves, Adam Verhaegen*

Motorcycle Rider: *Steve DeRosa*

Vietnam Soldier: *William Brawley*

New Wave Girl: *Julia Henry*

Young Man: *Gregory Perez*

Choreographed by *Gregory Perez*

Episode Twelve

The Cast of "Cavalcade of a Century"

Horses and Wagons provided by

The West Side Saddle Club

Members include: *Lou Freeman, Mary Frias, Lila Menezes, Linda Menezes, Louie Menezes, Adam Ortega, Nellie Ortega, Kelly Selman, Nita Serpa, Ralph Serpa, Helen Southard, Leon Tillery, Joan Wilkinson*

Narrators: *Rose Smalley-Baker, Emily Faria, Linda Barrington Gonsalves, Mitch Henry, Jim Holden, Dale "Whitey" Lowry, Martin D. Lowry*

Episode One: Prologue

Cub Scout Pack #83: *Scott Felber, Shaun Felber, Zachary Nelson, Brian Walsh, Larry Walsh*

Girl Scout Troop #445: *Michelle Duarte, Karen Reppeto*

Newman 4-H Club: *Jennifer Azevedo, Shane Azevedo*

The Cast Of "Cavalcade of a Century"

The Newman Centennial First Lady Candidates (not in order of appearance): *Bernice Arnett, Bernice Fraga, Jerry Harris, Louisa Hart, Mary Moore, Alice Silva, Eleanor Vierra*

Episode Two

Father Junipero Serra: *Brandon Gonsalves*

Estanislao: *Adam Verhaegen*

Yokut Chief: *Eddie Baker*

Braves: *Chuck Jeffcoat, Jack Matteri, Anthony Souza Jr.*

Indian Women: *Paula C. Davis, Laurie Harris, Maggi Jeffcoat, Deanne Katen, Darlene Mendes, Mindy Pettit, June M. Souza, Carmina Vaz, Mary Vaz, Virginia Vaz*

Indian Boys: *Adam Harris, Chad (Pullen) Jeffcoat, Edward V. Souza*

Indian Girls: *Sarah Arnett, Julie Faria, Kamie Harris, Amber Hunewill, Stacie Kafouras, Kylene (Pullen) Jeffcoat, Kymber Katen, Kristal Katen*

Scene Sponsors: *Sanwa Bank, Newman*

Episode Three

Sam Marshall: *Scott Kuykendall*

Sam Marshall helper: *Brian Ollar*

The Miners "Forty-Niners": *Jake Avila, Derek Bagnani, Mark Brown, Geneveva Cirne, Tanya Cirne, Louie Dominguez, Zack England, Julia Henry, Maggi Jeffcoat, Jack Matteri, Kerry Olsen, Mindy Pettit, Lorie Rivera, Butch Souza, June M. Souza, Beattie Sprouse, Jennifer Vella*

Episode Four

Concessionaire: *Bill Mattos*

Jesse Hill: *Bob Staedler*

John Hart: *William Brawley*

Joaquin Murrietta: *Eddie Baker*

(*The Virginia Reel*)

Early Men: *Anthony J. Amaral, Eric Bradley, Paul Dompe, Van Felber, Melvin Johnson, Tony Mendes, Robert Machado, William S. Preuss, Dave Silveira, James E. Silveira, Roger Sherman*

Early Women: *Frances Brunette, Helen Castleman, Vicky Cortez, Karen Crow, Linda E. Crow, Barbara Dompe, Kim Dompe, Sharon Fantazia, Vicki Felber, Elsie George, Becky Harley, Fay Harley, Jody Humphrey, Yonnie Mendes, Betty Jane Preuss, Angie Rey, Hilda Silveira, Margaret Silveira, Toni Silveira, Bea G. Wilson, Vita C. Wilson*

Early Boys: *Scott Felber, Shaun Felber, Mathew Silva, Matt Silva, Mathew Silveira, Neal Silveira*

Early Girls: *Jeannette Faria, Julie Faria, Michelle Johnson, Loni Silveira, Summer Allison Silveira, Bridget Wilson*

Early Dogs: *Jake (belonging to Jody Humphrey)*

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 Alda Clare Rose
 Bush and Clare Rose
 Allen Sanguinetti Jr.
 David Santos
 Larry Smith
 Smith Chevrolet Co., Inc.
 Albert Soares
 Someplace To Go
 Russell Straits
 Amelia Tabor
 Ben Tabor
 Mrs. Lena Thomas
 C.G. Uhlenberg and Co.
 Manuel Vierra

Wednesday, May 11

Bay Valley Construction
 Rick Larson
 Frank Borrelli
 Christmas Tree Lot
 Cano's Body Shop
 Morena D. Corbin
 Don and JoAnn DeGraff
 Ron DePauw
 Mr. and Mrs. Harold
 Densmore
 DiMare Company
 Frank and Laura Dompe
 Farmers Insurance
 Bob Staedler
 Mark Fraga and Shari Rocha
 GC and SP Trucking, Inc.
 Larry Gilley
 Gustine Cap and Sportwear
 Gustine Harvesting, Inc.
 Verl and Elinor Hollister
 Jim Husman
 Dr. Wilbur W. Linville
 Lloyd's Super Market
 Kevin and Vicky McCarthy
 Adeline Mendonsa
 Jeanette Michener

Newman S and S
 Auto Supply
 Eva M. Lance Noble
 Perez Bros.
 Rico, Pfitzer, Pires
 and Associates
 Jamie Rivera
 Art and Alice Rose
 Robert Santa Cruz
 David Santos
 Alice L. Silva
 Albert Soares
 Darrell Souza
 J-Bar Realty
 Mrs. Lena Thomas
 Max Thon
 C.G. Uhlenberg and Co.
 Manuel Ed Vierra
 Mrs. Maria Vierra

Thursday, May 12

John and Elmira Alves
 Daniel and Mary Alves
 Anonymous
 from McDonald
 Dorothy Arnhold
 Azevedo Dairy
 Bank of America
 NT and SA
 Steve and Nancy Bell
 Lorraine Bettencourt
 Bettencourt Trucking
 Lionel and Ellen Brazil
 Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brunette
 Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Faria
 Scott Ball and Mia Fraga
 First Interstate Bank
 Clarence, Betty, Judd
 and Gloriann Fraga
 Freitas Fresh Eggs, Inc.
 GC and SP Trucking, Inc.
 Manuel Gonsalves

Gustine Harvesting, Inc.
 Joe and Ilene Ignacio
 Kathleen Sue Isaac
 Lyle and Ruth Jaiquot
 Celena Madruga
 Ray Medeiros
 Jeanette Michener
 Steven Michener
 Bob, Penny and Beau
 Moorehead
 Loraine Newman
 Newman S and S
 Auto Supply
 Duane and Linda Ouse
 Emily Pacheco
 Mike L. Perez
 New York Life
 Perez Bros.
 Olaf Raven
 Rico, Pfitzer, Pires
 and Associates
 Evelyn Rocha
 David Santos
 Marie Sebastian
 James, Margaret, Neal
 and Loni Silveira
 Albert Soares
 Fred and Karen Souza
 Souza's Milk Transportation
 Co., Inc.
 Mrs. Lena Thomas
 C.G. Uhlenberg and Co.
 Manuel Ed Vierra
 Mrs. Maria Vierra
 Vernon Walker
 Y-Not Newman Floral
 Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Azevedo
 Barkhausen Bros.
 Auto King

