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Japanese Tea Garden

One of the greatest attractions of early Pacific Grove was a Japanese teahouse built in 1904. The teahouse was part of a small project called The Japanese Tea Garden. The teahouse was built on William "Bathhouse" Smith's property at Lover's Point overlooking a newly formed beach cove. Mr. Smith formed the cove by using dynamite to blast away the rocky coastline. At that time, the citizens of Pacific Grove objected to the defacing of the natural rocky area.

The Tea Garden was financed by a Mr. Noda of New Monterey. The teahouse was constructed by Kohachi Handa who was also the architect. Handa, a carpenter from Japan, built the entire structure without a nail.

The teahouse served tea and rice cakes for ten cents. Another building had a display illustrating ancient Japanese warfare costumes. When their lease expired in 1918, the City would not renew it. The buildings were then removed and the land cleared.

22nd Annual Victorian Home Tour

Sunday April 21, 1991

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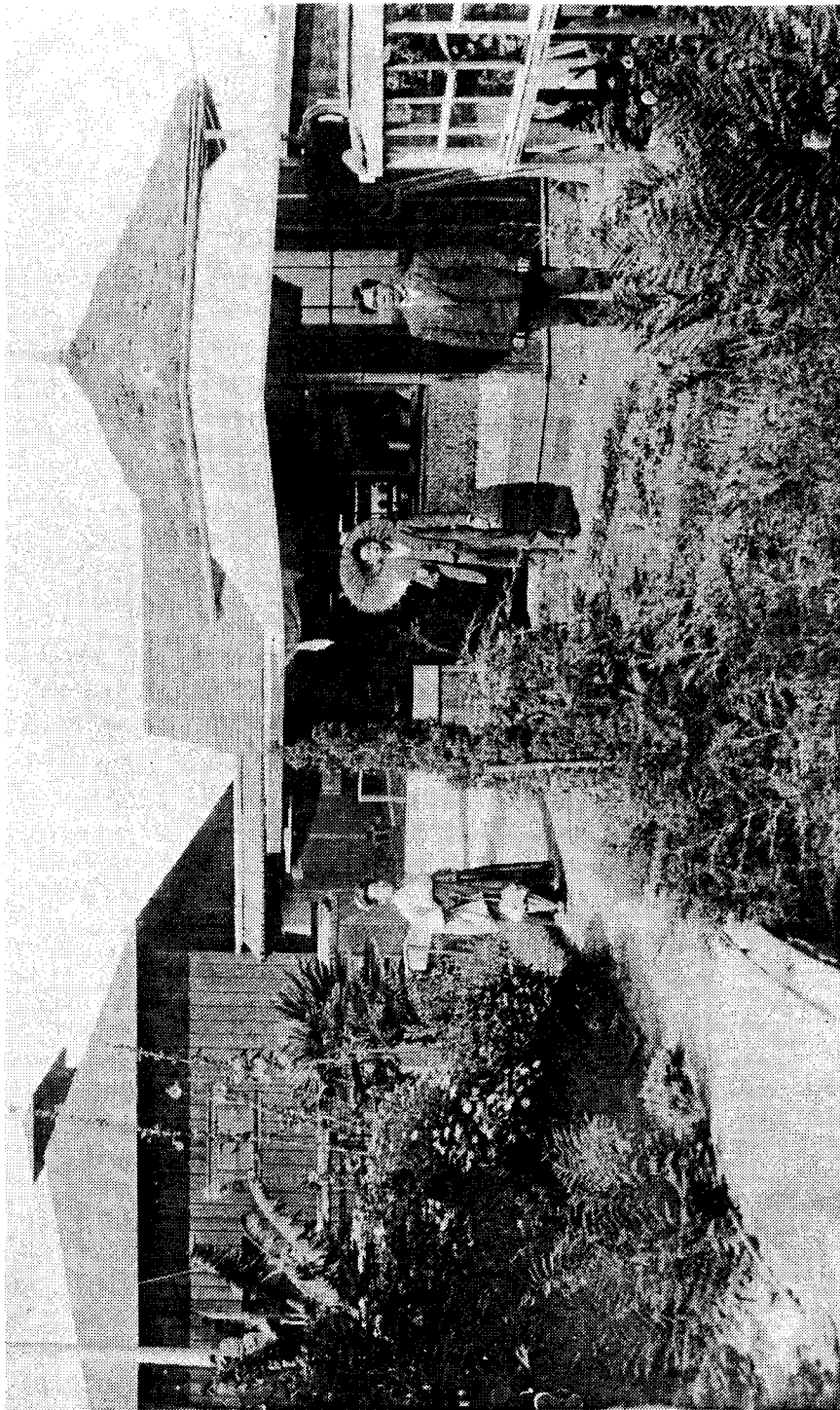


Photo circa 1907

Japanese Tea Garden (1904-1918)

Visitors at the Japanese Tea Garden

♦ by E. C. Davis

Shortly before Christmas in 1904, the Monterey NEW ERA reported that a party of fourteen Japanese visitors was expected at the Del Monte Hotel. They were to be the guests of O. Noda of Monterey. It was further reported that one of the vacationing party was Fushimuri, brother of the Mikado, a diplomat and soldier who at one time had commanded an army in Manchuria. Grove residents were told that plans had been made to tour the Pacific Grove Tea Garden at Lover's Point.

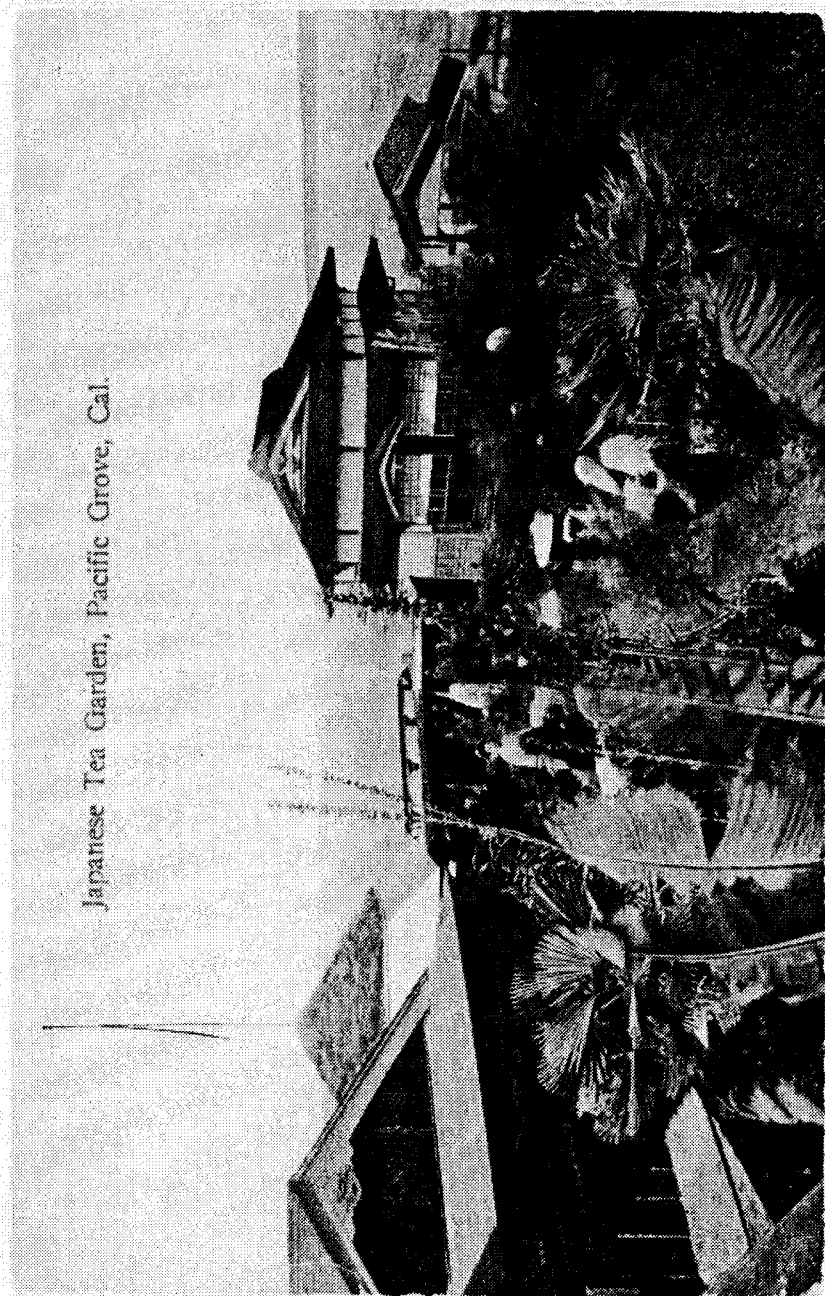
The next information to be received was that the visit had been cancelled. However, plans were again changed and the party arrived on the 28th and took the 17 Mile Drive. Half an hour was spent at the Tea Garden. At that time, the Drive included a dip a quarter mile from Lover's Point. As the party left, taking their train, there were Japanese "day fireworks".

Impressed by the standing of the visitors, several "prominent citizens" attempted to meet the party, but a meeting was declined. Those included Col. Ward of the Presidio, the Mayor of Monterey, and the head of the Monterey Chamber of Commerce. According to the Monterey paper, the party was on vacation. However, as the local papers had reported earlier that Japanese businessmen had sent \$10,000 to Japan for the furthering of the war with Russia, it is possible that fund-raising was in fact the reason for the visit.

Mr. O. Noda had previously been mentioned in the REVIEW as a Japanese "capitalist" involved in an abalone and fishing cannery near McAbee beach. He lived at 601 Laine Street in New Monterey.

Quilt Show Preview Party

The annual Quilt Show Preview Party, which marks the opening of the Quilt Show, will be held from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Friday evening, April 19, at Chautauqua Hall on the corner of 16th and Central. The ticket admission of \$7.50 includes wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres. Call Marilyn Arioto at 649- 8270 for tickets.



Japanese Tea Garden, Pacific Grove, Cal.

An early (1910) color postcard made in Germany

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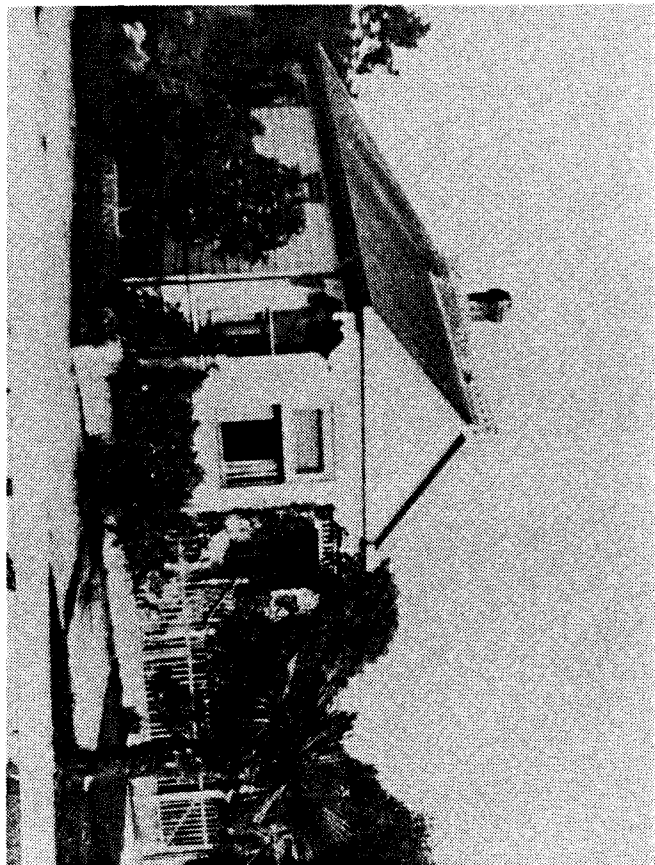
This year's home tour will be held on Sunday, April 21. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. We need and encourage your attendance. Four of the homes have never been on the tour before. Tickets are still only ten dollars and can be purchased NOW at the Chamber of Commerce office at the corner of Forest and Central during normal business hours. You can also buy them there on the day of the tour. You may also buy them at the Barn from 1 to 4 pm on Saturdays. Call 373-3304 for further information. The tour buildings are as follows:

Address	Built	First Owner
118 16th Street	1891	F. B. Chandler
122 16th Street	1891	J. Kirk
288 Central	1888	Mrs. H. A. Maynard
431 Spruce	1906	G. E. Williams
543 Spruce	1888	E. P. Wilbur
289 Lighthouse	1926	Louise Easton
712 Pine	1905	Charles S. Harris
228 17th Street	1889	H. W. Briggs
605 Pine	1906	Laura Prusia
643 Lighthouse	1887	J. F. Gosby (Gosby House Inn)
225 Central	1884	Judge Langford (Gatehouse Inn)
Central & Carmel	1896	The Christian Church

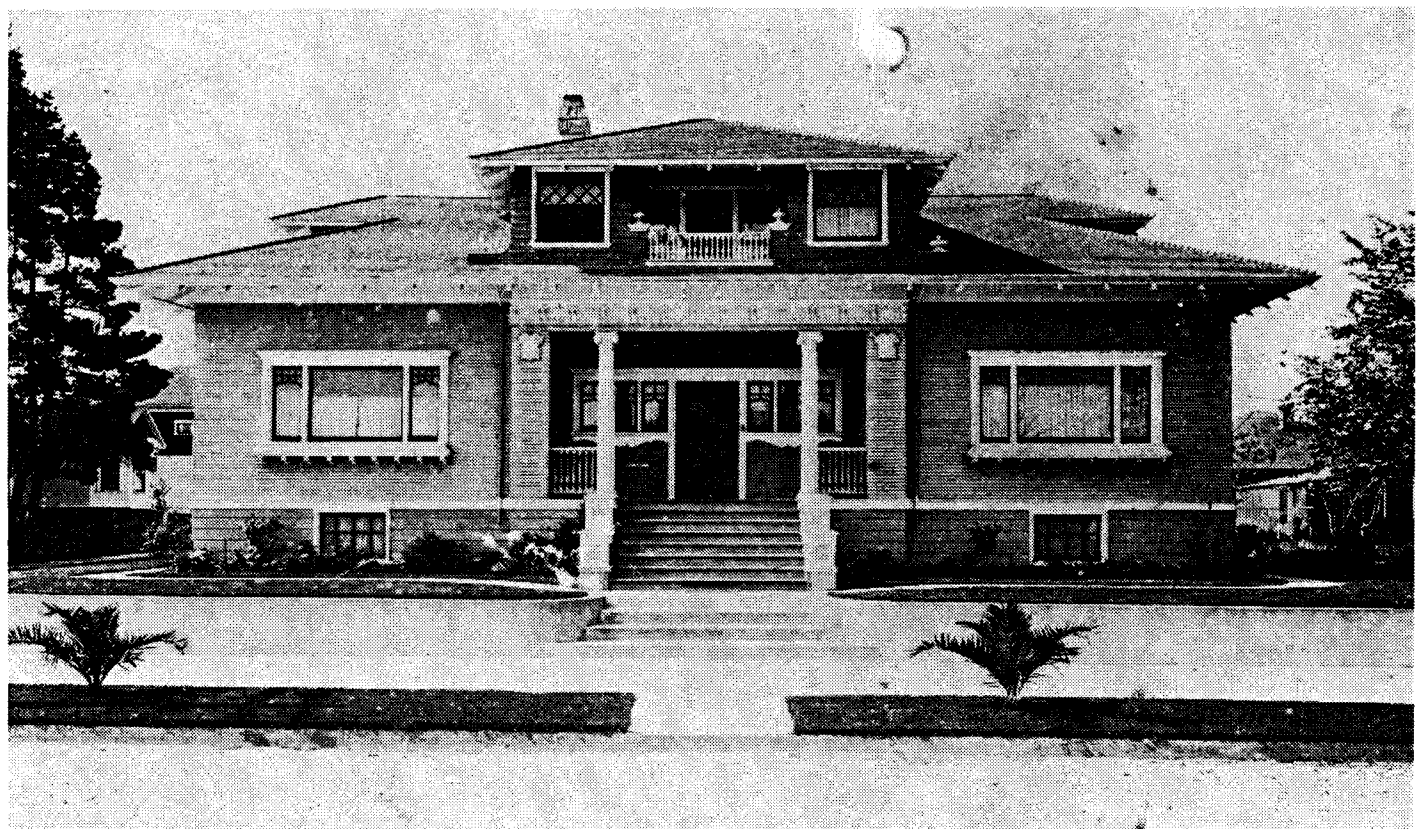
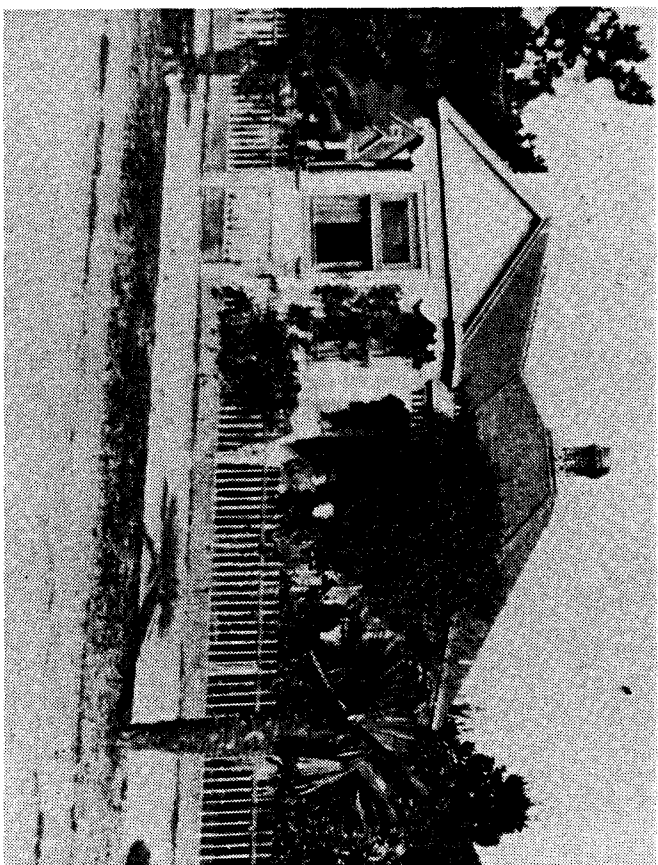
Membership Dues

Membership dues are still only \$10.00 a year for a family membership, which includes a subscription to the Board and Batten. Dues are only \$7.00 a year for senior households (you decide if you are a senior). If you haven't paid your invoice yet, please do so in the near future. For all of you that have paid, including those that sent in an extra donation, thank you very much.

Two Of The Homes On This Year's Tour



712 Pine - built in 1905



605 Pine - built in 1906 - Now the Stamp & Franklin Law Firm

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Down the Piney Path

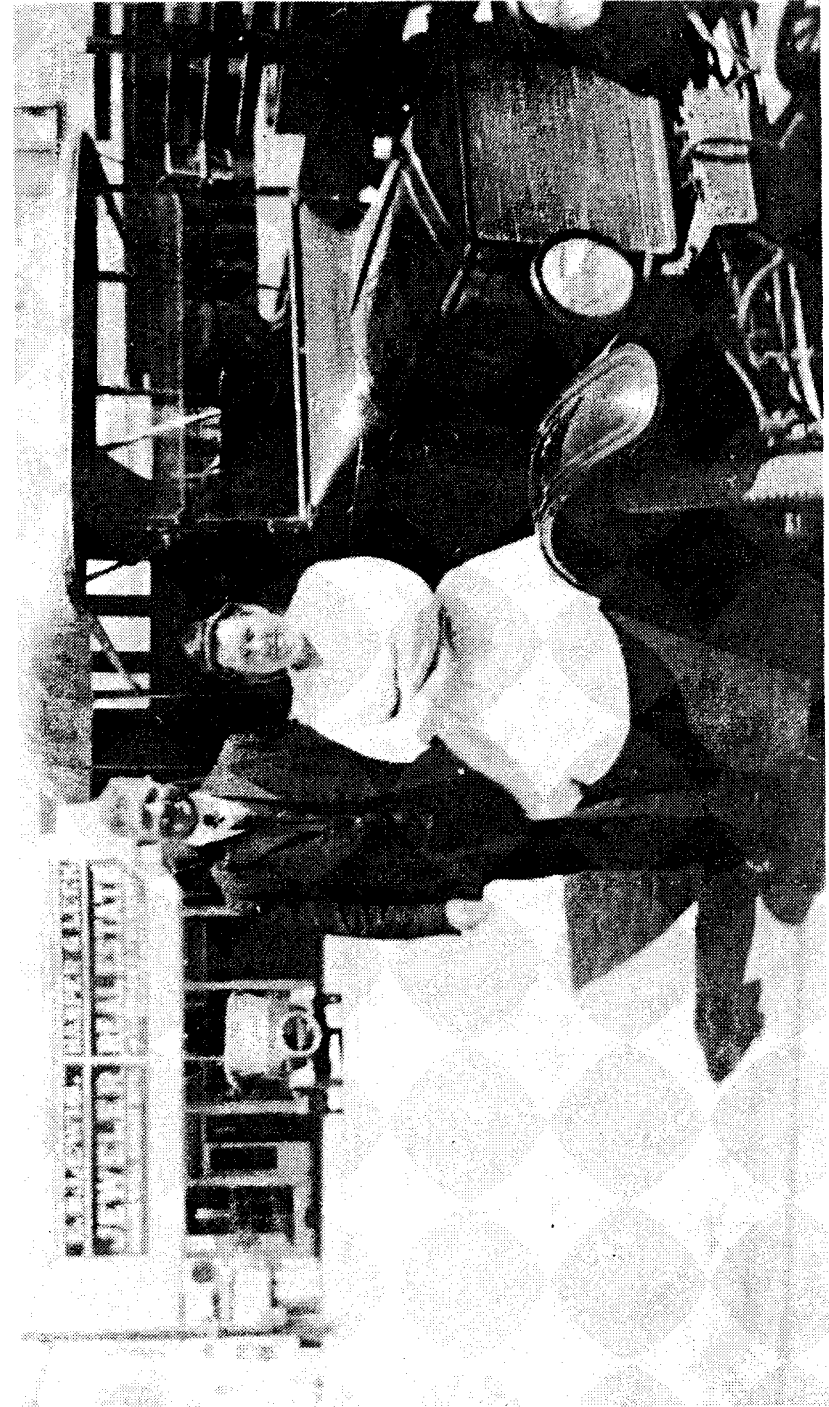
*News of Pacific Grove from the Monterey WEEKLY CYPRESS
(March-April 1890)*

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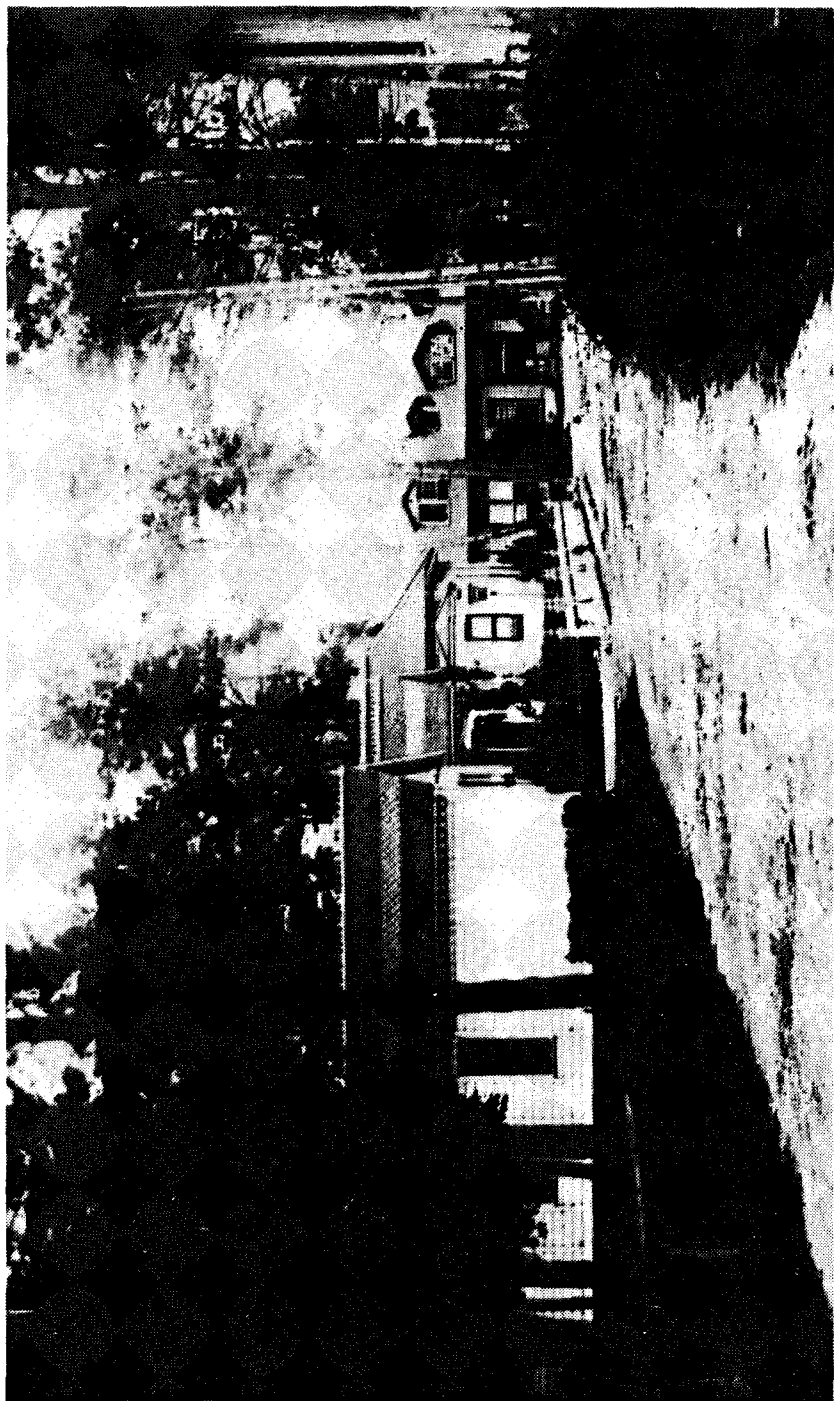
- ❑ Charles Hawes, the Grove artist, has just completed a ceiling, which for artistic display surpasses anything in the country. The ceiling is composed of 180 different patterns of paper, so neatly arranged as to make it unique and attractive in the extreme. Hawes knows how to do work when called upon.
- ❑ The concert given by the Pacific Grove Band was one of the most enjoyable features ever presented by local talent in the Grove.
- ❑ The Monterey and Pacific Grove peanut line is progressing nicely. The familiar form of the Grove's handyman, E. Z. Brokaw, may be seen perched on telephone poles and house tops most any day. He is the chief constructor.
- ❑ The Revenue cutter RUSH was in port yesterday.
- ❑ Prices of Carmel City lots have been advanced from \$40 to \$55.
- ❑ Mr. Church of Pacific Grove received a gasoline power launch by steamer Wednesday and immediately proceeded to do a land-office business conveying passengers to view the U.S. Flagship CHARLESTON. The gas gave out on one occasion and the CHARLESTON had to send out a launch to tow it to the wharf. (Note: The CHARLESTON was seen as the newest of the new. While at anchor, it fired its guns for local appreciation).
- ❑ Three sister cottages are being built on 16th Street. (Note: Two of the three are still there and are featured on this year's Victorian Home Tour.)
- ❑ Newly married couples find the El Carmelo a quiet nook in which to "coo" these days.

Heritage Awards Presentation

Mark your calendars for Thursday evening, May 16 at 7:00 pm. In celebration of National Historic Preservation Week, your Heritage Society will present the Annual Heritage Awards Ceremony. As usual, we will also have a special slide/lecture presentation. Members will receive a special invitation in the mail prior to the event.



Mr. and Mrs. Beardsley, managers of the "News Depot and Stationary" store on the south side of Lighthouse at the corner of 16th.



Standing on Central outside Chautauqua Hall (visible on right) looking east toward the restaurant of the old Pacific Grove Hotel. The first two houses on the left at the corner of 16th are still there.

Election of Officers

Lynne Harter was elected President of the Heritage Society at the February 13th Board of Directors meeting held at the Barn. Other officers elected were Bob Dease as Vice-President and Don Beals as Treasurer, with Carrol Patterson and Irene Tope sharing duties as Secretary. Other Directors on the Board are Marilyn Arioto, Sirrah Harris, Dave Korhonen, Jeanne McCombs, Shirley Palmer, Lee Purcell, Muriel Pyburn, Kathie Taylor and Adam Welland.

Prior to the regular Board meeting, outgoing President Adam Welland gave the yearly status and progress report at the annual general membership meeting. Among those in attendance were Lori Rolander, Debbie Reinstedt, Nellie Ryder, Marty Larkin, Jim Jordan, Carol Marquart, Kent Seavey, Katy Travaille, Rick & Ann Pettit.

New Members

Marian B. Buccafurni
 Diane Garrison
 Ken & Doris Petro
 Sara LaVine Service
 David G. Sellars
 Jan Anderson

Edwin & Margaret Larson
 Vicky Lewis
 Jacquelin LaVine Jones
 Michael E. Sellars
 Dr. & Mrs. Keith Rubrecht
 Clyde E. Shifley

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