

Santee Historical Society


HISTORICAL HAPPENINGS

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The Barn, 9200 Magnolia, which houses the Santee Museum, is open every Tuesday (except the 2nd one of the month) from 10 to noon, and also the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10 to 2 pm. Come visit... everyone is welcome!

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President's Message



Dear Friends,

Over the last three months our activities and visitors have increased. We thank you for coming in and sharing family stories and photos. Carole, Rita, Arli, Gary and I are keeping busy participating in community events, giving tours, working on the displays and archiving our records. We are very grateful for the support of Cynthia Whitney, our CPA.

Alan Thompson and Gary continue to supervise the Santana High School students working in our native garden every Tuesday. Chuck Brack has been a great host. We wish life member, Irene Holstein and volunteer Mo Wiltgen speedy recoveries, we miss them both. And we wish much success to Samantha Ryan with her new employment.

Discussions continue with Mr. Rob Hutsel and The River Park Foundation as we search for ways to help preserve the Barn and its land for the future.

1916 was the year of The Rainmaker and the Great Flood. We are now anticipating a major El Nino — and perhaps a hundred year flood. Stay safe. Become active with your Santee Historical Society and help preserve the past for the future.

Carol Crafts



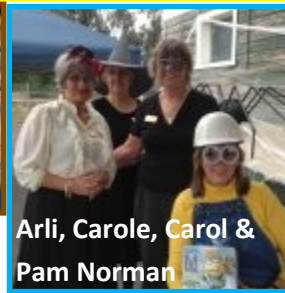
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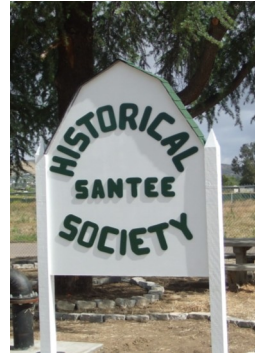
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Halloween Party



Arli, Carole, Carol & Pam Norman



Upcoming Events

Santee Tree Lighting & Christmas Open House



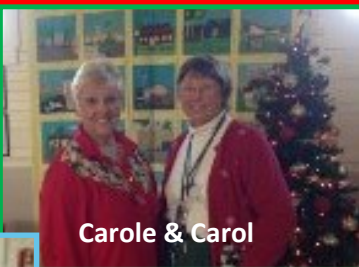
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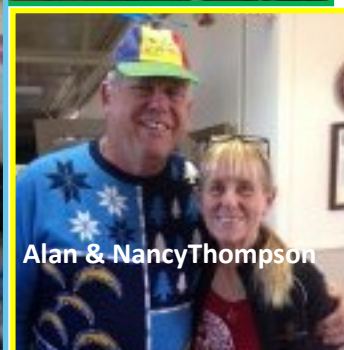
Arli, Alan & Rita



Carole & Carol



Sam Walker



Alan & Nancy Thompson

January 2016

Barn Open	Tues 5	10-12
Open House	Sat 16	10-2
Barn Open	Tues 19	10-12
Private Party	Wed 20	
Barn Open	Tues 26	10-12

February 2016

Barn Open	Tues 2	10-12
Barn Open	Tues 16	10-12
Open House	Sat 20	10-2
Barn Open	Tues 23	10-12

March 2016

Barn Open	Tues 1	10-12
River Kids Disc Day	Sat 12	10-2
Barn Open	Tues 15	10-12
Open House	Sat 19	10-2
Barn Open	Tues 22	10-12
Barn Open	Tues 29	10-12

April 2016

Barn Open	Tues 5	10-12
Open House	Sat 16	10-2
Barn Open	Tues 19	10-12
Barn Open	Tues 26	10-12

REMNANTS OF OLD SANTEE



Other than the 1913 Barn which was built on the Edgemoor Dairy and the Wagon Wheel Restaurant (now Riverview Community Church) Santee doesn't have many of its old buildings. One of the missions of the Santee Historical Society is to document as many of these old buildings as possible.

On Park Avenue, next to the Methodist Church, one block north of Mission Gorge Road, is one of our oldest homes. It is marked with an arrow on the beautiful picture above. Mr. Russell Ward (1900-1975) made hand drawn sketches of Santee from memory. He identified this place as the J.C. & Mamie Cozzens house.

The top picture on the left is an enlarged view of the house above, showing many details, the windows, roof line, and chimney.

The middle picture of the house was taken in 2015. The front porch has been enclosed, but is one of the few outside changes.

The bottom picture also taken in 2015 shows the windows on the right side with the chimney above.



As you know we are always looking for the remnants of Old Santee and will be including other "then and now" pictures in future issues of Santee Happenings. We would love to include your photos.

Dairies of Santee:

JOHN I. BRITSCHGI

John I. Britschgi, 72, of 14994 Oak Creek Road, El Cajon, died Friday in a local hospital. He had owned and operated **Britschgi Dairy** in Santee for 21 years before retiring in 1970. The dairy was an affiliate of Challenge Dairy League.

Born in Switzerland, he had been a county resident for 38 years. He was active in San Diego County Swiss Club. Surviving are his wife, Pauline, of El Cajon; A son, John Francis, San Diego; daughters Jeanne Vogel of El Centro and Geraldine Drywater of El Cajon; four brothers; a sister, and 11 grandchildren.

The Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Lakeside, with a Requiem Mass scheduled there for 9 a.m. Wednesday. Interment will be in Alpine Cemetery. Parris Mortuary is in charge of arraignments.

San Diego Union

Mon. February 20, 1978

MRS. MARY ESPINOLA REQUIEM MASS SET

The Rosary for Mrs. Mary L. Espinola, 78, of 10320 Prospect Ave., will be recited at 8 tonight in Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. tomorrow in the church, followed by burial in Holy Cross Cemetery. Paris Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Espinola, who died Saturday in a hospital, owned the **Espinola Dairy** in Santee from 1943 to 1954. A naturalized U.S. citizen from the Azores Islands, she lived in San Diego County for 33 years. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

She is survived by three sons, Joe of Santee, Albert of El Cajon and August of Escondido; four daughters, Lucile Espinola, Mrs. LaVerne Smith and Mrs. Theresa Roberts,

all of Santee, and Mrs. Carrie Touns of Lakeside; a sister; 25 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. The family suggests contributions to the Nazareth House Orphanage in San Diego.

San Diego Union

Tues. March 9, 1978

ROSARY, REQUIEM MASS PLANNED for PHILIP P. MARTIN

Philip P. Martin, 81, a county resident for 70 years and former owner of **Martin's Dairy** in Santee, died Monday in his home at 5504 Linda Paseo Drive.

Recitation of the Rosary will be 7:30 tonight in the Goodbody's Boulevard Chapel. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. tomorrow in Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Church, of which he was a member. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery. Martin was born in Hutchinson, Kan., and attended Our Lady of Peace Academy here before serving in the Army Air Corps in World War I. A charter member and past president of El Cajon Rotary Club, he was a member of the Father Serra Club, the University Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

He is survived by his widow, Anna Mae; three sons, Philip P. Jr., David and Airforce Col. John Martin, all of San Diego; a brother Paul, three sisters, Mrs. Cecilia Ruplinger, Mrs. Alice Peters and Mrs. Patricia Weame, all of San Diego; 17 grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

San Diego Union

Wed. September 3, 1975

NORTHCOTE RITES TODAY

Services will be at 11 a.m. today in Greenwood Mortuary for Barnabas R. Northcote, 76, a long time East County dairy farmer. Entombment will be in Greenwood Mausoleum.

1960-1970 OBITUARIES

Northcote, who resided at 9023 Magnolia Ave., Santee, died Wednesday in a hospital. He was a native of England and came to San Diego County 54 years ago.

In 1934, he started the now defunct **Castle Dairy Farm** in La Mesa where Helix High School is now located.

In 1940, he bought what is known as the **Northcote Dairy Farm** in Santee which he operated until about three weeks ago when he became ill.

Surviving are two sons, including John of Santee; a sister, Mrs. Belinda Bartlett of San Diego; a brother; six grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

San Diego Union

Sat. November 2, 1974

JOHN SCHEENSTRA

Services for John Scheenstra, 34, a dairy farmer of 7844 Rancho Fanita Dr., Santee, will be at 11 a.m. tomorrow in Paris Mortuary. Burial will be in Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Cypress.

Scheenstra died Thursday at his dairy when he was crushed by a tractor.

A native of the Netherlands, Scheenstra served in Indonesia with the Dutch forces before coming to San Diego County four years ago.

He was a deacon of the Christian Reformed Church and a member of the Milk Producers Council.

Survivors are his widow, Agnes, three sons, Peter, William and John; two daughters, Barbara and Thelma; his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Pete Scheenstra, and five brothers.

San Diego Union

Tues. June 5, 1960

F.B.WALKER

Services for Frederick B. Walker, 73, a long-time East County dairy farmer, will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in Paris Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be in Alpine Cemetery.

Walker, of 9112 River Ranch Road, Santee, died Friday in a hospital. He was a native of San Diego County and operated a Santee dairy farm for 50 years. He was a member of the Santee Methodist Church, Lakeside Sportsman's Club and Cuyamaca Native Sons #298.

He is survived by his widow, Marie S., of Santee; two sons, Frederick B. Jr. of Escondido and Bevan N. of Santee; two daughters; three sisters, Mrs. Lucille Schwartz of San Diego, Mrs. Jean Jordon and Mrs. Dorothy Markley, both of Alpine; three brothers, Ralph of Ramona, Donald of Grossmont and Douglas of Alpine; 12 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

San Diego Union

Sun, August 8, 1965

WALKER RITES TODAY

Service for Mrs. Marie Mason Walker, 86, of 9112 River Ranch Road, Santee, will be 11 a.m. today in Paris Mortuary. She died Thursday in a hospital.

Born in Illinois, Mrs. Walker lived in the county 81 years. She was a member of the first graduating class of San Diego High School, and a graduate of the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago. She operated the **Walker Dairy** in Santee with her husband from 1926 to 1962.

Mrs. Walker was a member of the Santee Methodist Church and the Lakeside Book Club.

Surviving are two daughter; two sons, Dr. F.B. Walker Jr. of Escondido and Bevan M. Walker of Santee; 12 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Interment will be in Alpine Cemetery.

San Diego Union

Mon. October 7, 1968

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SANTEE NOTES

Postmaster [P. J.] Layne of Santee is fencing his lot preparatory to making a nice flower garden. The next thing in order at Santee will be a station house.

Wednesday June 12, 1895
San Diego Union

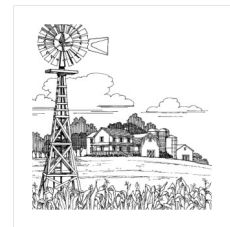
SANTEE ENJOYING BUILDING BOOM

**Extensive Improvements Being Made to
Ranch Properties in El Cajon**

1908

A considerable building boom is on at Santee, and this big grain and hay producing section is filling up rapidly.

L. I. Porter, who recently erected a residence here, is putting in extensive improvements on his ranch, and is developing some fine wells.



Harrison Bailey and J. W. Harris are among those who have built recently, and Henry Coler expects to erect a residence in the near future. E. W. Wiesner will also build.

These improvements are all of a substantial nature and there are many more who have expressed the intention of building on and improving their properties in the near future.

The immense hay and grain fields, of which Santee has a larger acreage than any other section of El Cajon valley, are all being plowed and planted to barley, oats and wheat. Big gang-plows are at work in nearly all of the fields. The recent rains have put the soil in splendid condition for the work.



Alfalfa throughout this section is looking very thrifty. The big fields on the H.D. Williamson ranch promise a big yield at the next cutting.

Fred Barrett, who purchased the Santee store from Thomas Netting early this year, reports business very satisfactory. The growth in population has made a big increase of trade, and Mr. Barrett has information which makes it certain that this growth will continue. Eight or ten new residences will be erected during the course of the next few months.

The Simpson-Pirnie Granite company report a big demand for their product, and the quarries at Santee are running full blast.

From San Diego Union published Sunday December 13, 1908

Selected Stories from:

ABOUT SANTEE & ME

By Russel E. Ward

To High School we Go.

My Freshman year at El Cajon Valley Union High School at Bostonia, Calif., would be starting in Sept. 1916, and my father, having promised I could have a horse and buggy to drive to high school, therefore during the summer we looked about for such a conveyance. Finally a outfit was located. My father then said "You have money in Cuyamaca Bank at El Cajon, therefore why don't you buy the horse and buggy?" Being the janitor of the Methodist Church at Santee with a salary of \$5.00 per month, plus sale of young rabbits, and the allowance my father gave me each month, I was a man of affairs, of sorts, so I was happy to buy the horse and outfit, and my dream of such owner came true.

Mrs. E. H. Ward, mother of Anna Ward Pittman, arranged for Anna to ride with me to high school.

A short time before high school commenced, the school board decided on having a bus pick up the kids at Holder's Cash Store and driving them to and from High School at Bostonia.

Anna and I drove to high school in my one horse shay for 2 weeks and then Anna

decided to go by bus, however I continued to drive to school, even though I had to get up earlier to get to school on time, for the very good reason that my father informed me the horse would be sold if I went by bus, so I was torn between the two modes of transportation. My mother came to my rescue stating I'd waited a long time for the horse, and had bought it with my money, so I should be allowed to keep it, which I was able to do.

I was happy to go by bus then. Mr. Shea, the driver, had a Steven Duryea 7 passenger touring (open) automobile with two additional seats welded into the wide front fenders facing towards the rear of

the automobile I might add these were premium seats, much liked by all the boys.

In January, 1916, the big rains came and water poured off the hills, and a torrent of muddy water was coming down the north side of Pepper Drive, running across Magnolia Ave. The automobile attempted to turn off Magnolia onto Pepper Drive, and stopped in the middle of the swirling water. Mr. Shea ordered us out. Anna Ward, I recall, had white slippers on. She stepped down into muddy water. Shoes changed colors. When the bus was free of passengers it proceeded to move slowly up the drive, and it's passengers got in and we got to the high school in due course, but with wet clothes and shoes. We went to the furnace room in the basement and tried to dry out. The Lakeside bus never arrived due to roads washed out, and other students not arriving either; hence we had an unexpected vacation for two weeks while roads and bridges, etc. were repaired.



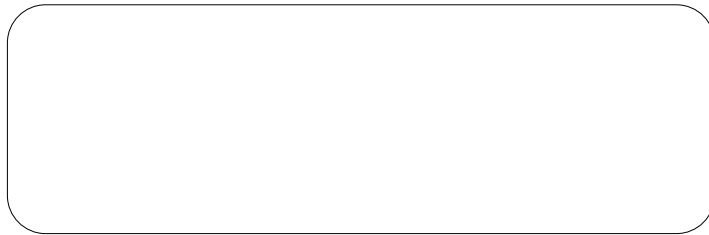
1910 Stevens-Duryea, Model T, 7 passenger touring car

Picture from: Western Reserve Historical Society website



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Looking for a good time?



The Santee Historical Society has been busy with new acquisitions, new displays, and continuing research. We have a core of devoted volunteers and are asking for your help. We are a fun group and enjoy the camaraderie that comes with working on a worthy cause. We need people to help with things like painting benches and display cabinets, archiving newspaper articles about Santee, and greeting people at events. Your help will allow us to continue participating in Santee events such as the Santee Street Fair and Tree Lighting. Please volunteer some time... even a few hours a month would be a big help. We welcome new ideas and energy. Call us at **619-449-2024**, leave a message, and we will return your call or email us at [**thesanteehistoricalsociety@gmail.com**](mailto:thesanteehistoricalsociety@gmail.com). Also, come by..... we are open 3 Tuesdays and the third Saturday of the month. If you see the 'Open' flag flying, we are here!