

## **PREFACE**

This is the story of Alvarado. It is told through the use of newspaper clippings and short articles, from published histories and the Internet. It covers the period from 1850 to January 14, 1959 when Alvarado became a district of Union City. It is the story of every day events and people according to the time where they took place. None by themselves are particularly earth shattering or worthy of national attention. But they are the story of Alvarado and if you are *not* consumed with an overwhelming curiosity of Alvarado's history I would suspect that it would make for very dull reading.

I grew up in Alvarado in the 1940's and I was always filled with a curiosity about what Alvarado was like 100 years before I was born (1941). I was raised on a farm on the outskirts of town near the intersection of Santa Maria Drive and San Rafael Way in the Casa Verde tract. Back then San Rafael Way was known as Fair Ranch Road and it ran from Alvarado Boulevard east to Alameda Creek. But today the only portion of *old* Fair Ranch Road still so named is between Alvarado Boulevard east to the SP railroad tracks. Santa Susanna Way and San Rafael Way are strips of old Fair Ranch Road renamed.

I remember I could step outside our back door and look for miles in any direction. To the west I could see the strip of Poplar Lombardi trees T. P. Harvey planted along Alvarado-Centerville Road in front of his home. I could also see the Southern Pacific railroad tracks behind the Harvey home as it headed south and then disappeared into the distance at Hall Station as the tracks headed for Newark. I used to like to watch the little steam trains puff along pulling their load. One day I counted over 110 boxcars pulled by a single steam engine.

Looking south I could see the George Harvey home, now a park on Falcon Drive. When I was a young lad I used to look at the tall trees that surrounded the George Harvey home and they appeared about as near to me as the moon. Even when I was at the southern end of our property on what would be today's San Andreas Drive; the Harvey home still seemed far away.

Looking southeast I could see the always-present pall of smoke pouring from the stacks of the steel mill in Niles. In the early 50's smog was a new term to us. Not many people paid any attention to the environment in those days; the steel mill was an important industry in our area and offered good paying jobs.

To the east I could see the tree-lined Alameda Creek from the south near Lowry Road all the way around me northwest to Smith Street with the sugar mill in the background. Perched on a hill due east of me I could plainly see the Masonic Home in Decoto.

To northwest I could see the giant smoke stack of the Holly Sugar mill. I can remember that at about 3:00 pm, if the wind was blowing in the right direction and the sugar mill was working, it smelled like they were making Cracker Jacks. I would stop the tractor or lean on a hoe for a moment and just savor the smell.

In those days homes were sparse in Alvarado except for downtown. The same was true for the rest of Washington Township. Between Tennyson Road to the north of Alvarado south to Warm Springs, all was open farmland or marshes except for the eight towns that made up the township. Over the decades the towns may have grown to some extent, but the farmland density remained almost unchanged. Hence, until the early 1960's the change in population density went largely unnoticed.

Washington Township was comprised of eight sister towns: Alvarado, Decoto, Centerville, Niles, Mission San Jose, Warm Springs, Newark and Irvington. There was also the Alviso District, which

was really not a town but occupied a space roughly equivalent to any of the eight regular towns. As separate towns go we were quite close, tied together by two common threads. The first and most important was Washington Union High School where the ten or so elementary schools of the township all sent their graduates. The second reason was subtler; we were a confederation of farm towns in an ever-increasing sea of urbanization, with the metro-plexes of Oakland/Hayward to the north and San Jose/Santa Clara to the south.

The impact of the high school can be shown by its geographical footprint. Washington Union High School served the township south of Rosseau Street in Fairway Park in Hayward to the Milpitas City line and from the foothills to the bay. It did so through the graduating class of 1959 until the opening of James Logan High School in Union City in 1960.

Life was certainly different in the 40's, 50's and 60's (my era) than it is today. Back then Alvarado was lucky to have 1,300 souls. Alvarado grew in small town fashion, that is, if you lived in Alvarado in the 1890's and came back to visit in the 1940's there would be a few more people and some new buildings, but it was still recognizable as Alvarado. Even if the density of people doubled in 100 years, it would be scarcely noticeable because there was still so much open room.

Living on the farm outside of Alvarado brought traveling salesmen to our door. Since a large percentage of farmers were immigrants and their wives did not drive the salesmen were welcomed. Cloverdale Creamery in Centerville delivered milk to our door as did the Peter Wheat Bakery delivered bread and bakery products to our door. Household products were delivered by the Raleigh man or the Watkins man. We had a fish man, a meat man and a guy that brought clothes and miscellaneous goods to us in the back of his panel truck. From him I got the coveralls and high top shoes I wore to school until the fifth grade. Henry Miller Dry Cleaners used to pick up and deliver. Anyone else? Yes, Dr. Guy J. Romito, a young Doctor from Centerville once made a house call when I was very sick in the early 50's. As for groceries my father would drive my mother to Centerville to shop at the Safeway store behind the SP Train Depot on Peralta Boulevard once a week.

If one looks back at old maps of Alvarado you will notice that in a 60-year period up until 1959 only one new street was added to downtown Alvarado. That was Granger Avenue next to Alvarado Grammar School. On the outskirts of town Fair Ranch Road, Hall Ranch Road and Hop Ranch Road were either added to or completed in the 1900's. At the end this preface are two Alvarado Maps dated 1899 and 1959. During that 60 year period there are virtually no changes to downtown Alvarado streets.

As you read through this work you will find recurring themes. One is the sugar mill, the second is the grammar school, the third is water (too much, or too little), and fourth is socializing amongst the people in town. By the time I went to high school in the fifties Alvaradan's were referred to, good naturedly by the denizens of our sister cities, as the "mud hens" or "country hicks."

One final note: The term "Old Alvarado" is often heard in town. What does it mean? Is it a certain decade? After completing this work I have determined that "Old Alvarado" was the town you grew up with. It could be any decade from the 1850's to the 1960's.

See the following pages for early maps of Alvarado:

### Downtown Alvarado - 1899

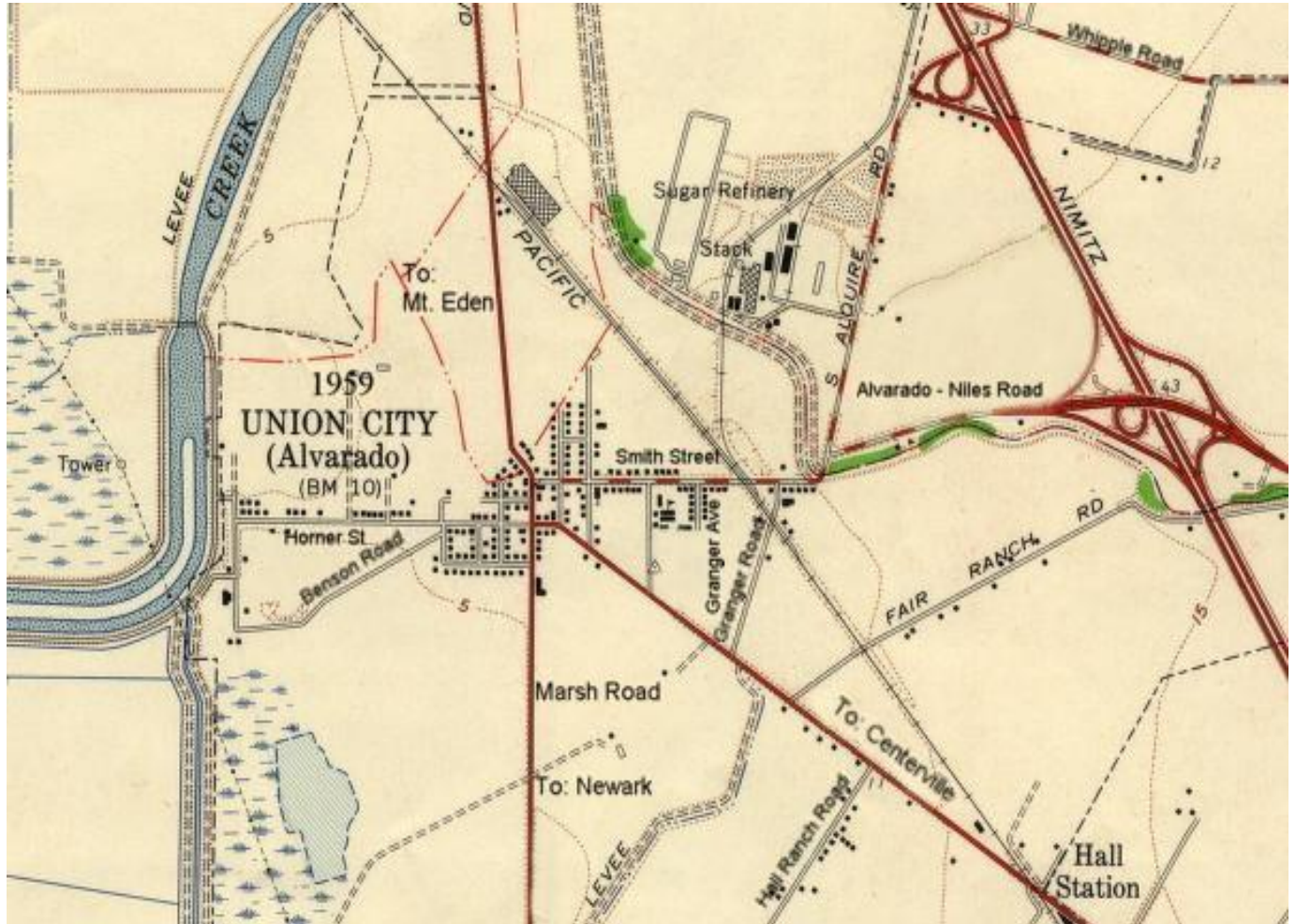


This is the basic configuration of downtown Alvarado. All the streets and roads seen here could still be found with the exception of: The two roads shown heading north from "V" Street (today's Horner Street) and the one road going west from the end of Benson Street.

The road above the label "V Street" eventually lost its status as a county road but may have continued as a gravel road for local residents.

The two heading off into the marshes lost their status as county roads and may have still existed in 1959 as Leslie Salt Company private roads.

## Downtown Alvarado - 1959



This is the configuration of Alvarado in 1959. There is virtually no change in the street layout with the exception of three roads mentioned in the previous map and the addition of the Hall Ranch Road and the addition of Fair Ranch Road and Granger Avenue near Alvarado School. The sugar mill is shown in greater detail. Note the change in the Alameda Creek, in 1899 the creek came within several yards of Maiden Lane, in 1959 it bypasses downtown altogether and is only seen at the west end of town.

Note that the map shows the addition of the I-880 Freeway (noted as the "Nimitz" on this map). The dogleg on Whipple Road has been straightened out as a freeway on ramp. South Alquire Road was closed at the freeway and picks up again as Industrial Avenue on the other side of I-880. At one time South Alquire Road ran from the west end of Smith Street outside of downtown Alvarado to Mission Boulevard in Hayward at the old Holiday Bowl.



## THE TOPOGRAPHY OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

The first recorded sighting of San Francisco Bay comes on October 31, 1769 by Sergeant Jose Francisco Ortega from a hill overlooking present day San Mateo. He was part of the Gaspar de Portola party looking for Monterey. They overshot Monterey and made the first recorded sighting of San Francisco Bay.\*

He and his men were sent to forage for game in the hills. At the top of a ridge he stared at a vast shimmering inland sea and could clearly see the opposite coast of the bay. They gave the east side of the bay the name "Contra Costa." The term Contra Costa in Spanish means "opposite coast."

Several days later they crossed the bay between Alviso and San Jose and recorded their first impression of what they saw. They looked north at Washington Township and described the east bay as a "large featureless plain crossed by an *Alameda*." The term alameda in Spanish means, "a tree lined walk or promenade." Alameda's are a much-loved feature of Spain's finer homes and gardens.

In the coming decades the Spanish would give local area names that have lasted for 240 years. These names were not based only the names of the holy saints, or the explorers of the areas and the grantees of land; but also to the topography of the land. One, the alameda, would eventually become the Alameda Creek and the name of our county. This is fitting for this creek had much to do with the success of Washington Township for the 108-year period this work covers.

The old Alameda Creek that the Spaniards first saw ran from Niles Canyon to the east to the north of Alvarado. But the beginning of the creek is in the hills beyond the foothills you see to the east. The watershed of the Alameda Creek is over *630 square miles*. This includes Dublin-San Ramon, Livermore, Pleasanton and south all the way to the east slope of Mt. Hamilton in San Jose. When it rained Alameda Creek could become a raging torrent. Today the San Antonio and Calaveras Reservoirs and the flood control levees built in the late 50's and 60's control much of the power of the power of this watershed.

Throughout this history you will run across major floods, minor floods, and sometimes a drought. The Alameda regularly poured out its silt onto the alluvial plain known as Washington Township during flood season. Where there was regular flooding the soil was the richest. Where there were no floods the ground was hard and clay-like. A good example of this is the land between Whipple Road and Industrial Parkway.

Another feature of this massive movement of water is the Niles cone water basin and the Alvarado Artesian wells. For many decades (1870's – 1920's) the Artesian waters that flowed on the west end of Alvarado were thought to be inexhaustible. Mr. Dingee from Oakland bought up water rights in Alvarado and his 35 wells pumped over 5 million gallons of water daily to Oakland and its suburbs. Eventually the water table started to fall and local farmer's wells began to fail. The Township had to fight to get their water back, and then they realized that Alvarado was pumping away most of the Township water.

Decades ago the importance of the percolation ponds in Niles as a ground water recharging device began to be realized. Water is now limited and conserved to serve our large population base. Our largest users of water, the farmers, are gone.

For those of you who grew up in Washington Township, this next revelation is not surprising. Below is a table of elevations. A quick review of this table will show why most frequently Alvarado and Newark bore the brunt of the floods

<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Elevation (in Feet)</u></b>
The City of Niles	74
The City of Decoto	56
Fremont Blvd. & Thornton Ave.	52
Fremont Blvd. & Washington Blvd.	52
Hesperian Blvd. & Jackson St., Mt. Eden	36
Fremont Blvd. & Decoto Road	33
Alvarado Blvd. & Lowry Road	19
City of Newark	16
Alvarado Blvd. & Dyer Road	15
Union City Blvd. & Lowry Road	13
Union City Blvd. & Smith Street	13

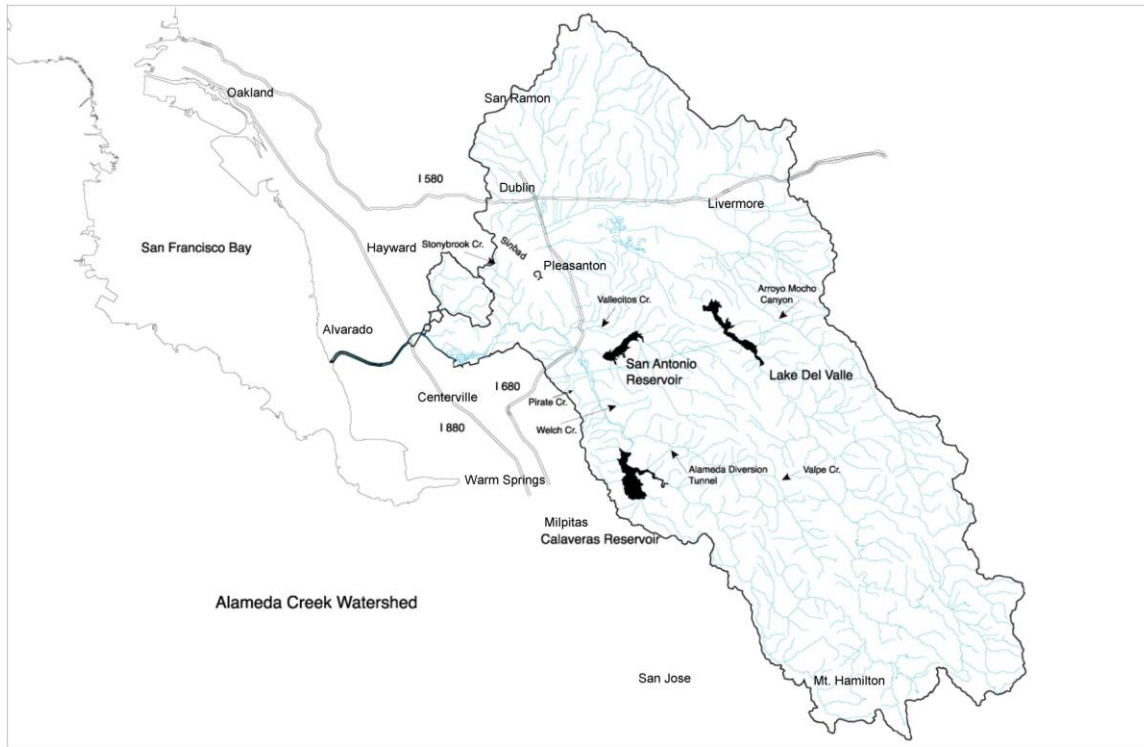
The course of the creek has changed and been changed since it was first recorded by the Spaniards. Remnants of the old Alameda Creek can still be seen at intersection of Dyer Road and Smith Street. The old creek runs south along Alvarado Niles Road, under I-880 and onwards towards Hop Ranch Road. Near the end of Hop Ranch Road the old creek bed ends and the Flood Control Channel takes over Alameda Creek.

The flood control channel runs west from Hop Ranch Road under the I-880 overpass, under the Alvarado Boulevard overpass, then along the south side of Lowry Road towards the bay.

South of Decoto Road (at the Bell Ranch Bridge) towards Niles the creek has been widened and straightened making its course quite tame. North of Decoto Road (at the Bell Ranch Bridge) towards Alvarado, the course of the creek has been straightened and at Hop Ranch Road the course has been entirely diverted into the Flood Control Channel west to the Bay.

On the next page you will a map showing the Alameda Creek watershed. The heavy black line crossing I-880 heading into San Francisco Bay is the new Flood Control Channel. The old creek bed snaked further north through Alvarado as shown on the map of Washington Township dated 1857 as shown in the next section.

\* In 1579 Sir Francis Drake discovered a wonderful bay while sailing along our Pacific Coast. He described it as a wonderful natural harbor. However, the coordinates he gave us for this harbor puts the location much further up the coast between San Francisco and Oregon. No definitive proof has ever been found that Drake ever entered San Francisco Bay.



***From the Internet Site of the "Alameda Creek Alliance"***

To view with greater clarity increase the zoom rate on the Windows Toolbar (At Top) to 200%.

## EARLY CALIFORNIA HISTORY

### **The Dedication of Mission San Jose, June 11, 1797:**

Father Fermin Lasuen dedicates the site of the new mission to St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, under the authority of the King of Spain. It is founded at the base of the foothills and becomes the first white settlement in Washington Township.

### **Mexican Independence from Spain, August 24, 1821:**

Mexico ends more than 300 years of rule under Spanish colonialism with the signing of the Treaty of Cordoba. The revolution started on September 16, 1810 and did not end until 1821, when the Spanish yoke was finally cast off. Mexicans (in Mexico) celebrate their independence day on September 16<sup>th</sup>, the day the revolution against Spain started, and not the "Cinco de Mayo" celebration we have here in the U.S.

This also ended Spanish rule in the U.S. and its territories in the west and southwest. With the exception of Texas, under which some colonialism under Stephen F. Austin was allowed, all other territory was under Mexican rule. Mexico undid the influence of the Spanish Missions and allowed land ownership to government favorites under the generous land grants of the era. Vast ranchos were established under the leadership of the grantees. Even non-Mexicans were allowed to own land if they swore allegiance to Mexico and converted to Catholicism. An excellent example of this was Robert Livermore who was given the Rancho Las Positas grant, which made him a contemporary of Bernal, Sunol, Vallejo, Estudillo, Alvarado, Alviso, Pacheco, Peralta and others.

The Mexican government did not fully recognize the importance and wealth of California, and the inhabitants (the Californio's) were treated as second class Mexican citizens.

### **The Bear Flag Revolt, June 14, 1846:**

On the morning of June 14, 1846, men from the Grigsby-Ide party of settlers awoke General Mariano Vallejo in Sonoma, California demanding his surrender. This was the start of the "The Bear Flag Revolt," the first step towards California independence. A flag was needed and it was reportedly designed by William L. Todd, nephew of Mary Lincoln Todd. The flag bore a single star to signify our solidarity with the Texas revolution, a grizzly bear to signify strength, a red stripe along the bottom to signify our allegiance with the U.S. and the words "California Republic."

General Vallejo recalls that after his surrender that day the flag was raised in Sonoma and he remembered the grizzly bear more resembled a pig. Although there are representations of this flag, the original flag was lost in the earthquake and fire of 1906.





In a show of support for the Bear Flag Revolt, Captain John C. Fremont and a troop of about 60 Topical Engineers joined the revolt and helped to drive the hostile Mexican forces out of Northern California (not all Mexicans were sad to see the Mexican Government driven out nor did all of them participate in defending California against the Bear Flag Revolt).

The Bear Flag Revolt ended before the Mexican-American War, but California Independence was not established officially until February 2, 1848, the end of the Mexican-American War.

**The Ship Brooklyn, July 31, 1846:**

On July 31, 1846 the Ship Brooklyn labored through the fog of the Golden Gate and docked at San Francisco). Aboard were a group of Mormons who had set sail from New Jersey six months before. This party had left Nauvoo, Illinois to sail around the Cape, leave a small landing party in Hawaii and then finish the passage to Northern California. Their leaving of Nauvoo coincided with Brigham Young's march from Nauvoo to Salt Lake City.

According to some local accounts of the time their coming was part of a "Mormon scheme" to colonize northern California as a Mormon settlement. However, they arrived just in time to see California claim independence from Mexico as a dependency of the United States, thus derailing their purported plans. They were, however, an industrious and hard working group of people and had brought with them a shipload of farm tools to help them prepare for their future.

Many walked to Salt Lake City to join Brigham Young. But some stayed and left behind them pioneer names that are still large throughout our township. John Horner is among the largest, he is known as the Father of Union City and "California's First Farmer." He was also instrumental in the beginnings of Centerville and Irvington.

Others that settled in the township area from the Ship Brooklyn were John Joyce, Earl Marshall, Simeon Stivers, and Barton and Origin Mowry.

**California Independence, February 2, 1848:**

Independence for California was intertwined with the fortunes of the Bear Flag Revolt and the much larger Mexican-American War. The Mexican-American War was fought over the issue of statehood for Texas and the U. S. policy of "Manifest Destiny." Regardless of the complicity we could find with Mexico to start a war; the aim of our government was to possess all the land to the Pacific.

California's independence was an opportunistic side battle to overthrow Mexican rule in Alta (Upper) California. Surprisingly, many Mexicans (Californios) were sympathetic to the Yankee cause, which made the Bear Flag Revolt easier than it should have been.

With the taking of Mexico City, the American Forces under General Winfield Scott effectively ended the issues between Mexico and the United States. The entire west under Mexican rule was ceded to the United States for a small payment of money. The conflict ended with the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in 1848.

### **Gold Discovered in California, January 24, 1848:**

On January 24, 1848, James W. Marshall discovered gold at Sutter's Mill in Sacramento. In March of 1848, Samuel Brannon (of the Ship Brooklyn) strode through the streets of San Francisco holding aloft a vial shouting, "Gold! Gold! Gold from the American River!"

On August 19, 1848, the New York Herald is the first eastern newspaper to report the gold strike.

On December 5, 1848, President Polk confirmed the discovery of gold to an address before congress. The Gold Rush is on!

Although there was some truth to the fact that you could pick up nuggets just laying in the streambeds without picks or panning, by the time the Easterners arrived the easy "pickings" were over.

### **California, the 31<sup>st</sup> State, September 9, 1850:**

On September 9, 1850 California is admitted into the union as the 31<sup>st</sup> state. At statehood Alameda County did not exist. It was split between Contra Costa and Santa Clara Counties at the Alameda Creek. All north of the Alameda Creek was Contra County and all south of the Alameda Creek was Santa Clara County.

### **Petition to Create Alameda County, March 10, 1853:**

On March 10, 1853, Henry C. Smith, assemblyman of the state senate from Santa Clara County petitioned the state legislature for the creation of Alameda County from the counties of Contra Costa and Santa Clara.

Since the time of California statehood, Alameda County did not exist. The Alameda Creek was the dividing line between Contra Costa and Santa Clara counties. Mr. Smith, a resident of New Haven (Alvarado), felt San Jose was too far away as a county seat and he felt the sympathies of the San Jose County seat did not coincide with those of Washington Township.

With the help of Horace W. Carpentier, assemblyman from Contra Costa and a resident of Oakland, they put through the legislature a bill to carve Alameda County from Contra Costa and Santa Clara Counties.

On March 25, 1853 Alameda County was created. A government was set up and a home needed to be found for the county seat. Mr. Smith favored his hometown, New Haven. Mr. Carpentier favored his hometown, Oakland. When put to a vote, Smith won 19 – 17. But the county seat was named after former Governor Juan Alvarado, not New Haven. The town of Alvarado was created.

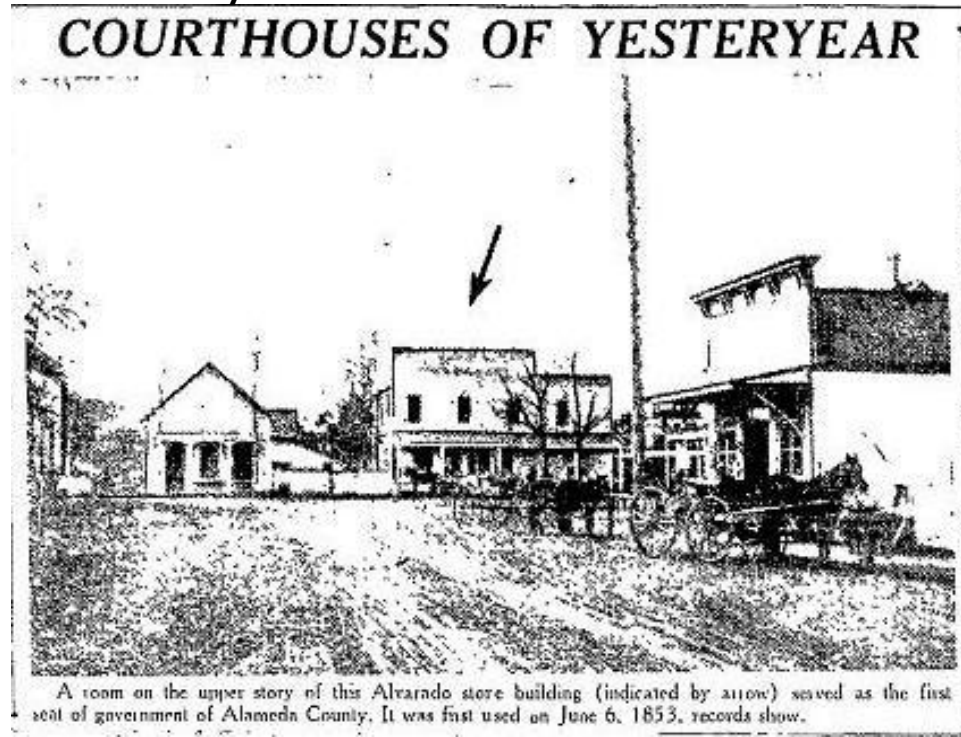
Alvarado won the county seat because at this time the bulk of the population in the county lay in the southern portion of Alameda County. Within a few years this advantage would disappear forever as Oakland, San Leandro, Alameda and other towns in the north of the county outgrew their southern counterparts.

**Alvarado Court House, June 6, 1853:**

Those that had the largest share in shaping affairs in the new county were, Henry C. Smith, Addison M. Crane, Augustus M. Church and Horace W. Carpentier. The southerly end of the county possessed the controlling influence, as it carried off the county seat and nearly, if not all, the offices.

The first regular term of the Court of Sessions of Alameda County was held in the court-room in the town of Alvarado, on Monday, the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1853, before the Honorable Addison M. Crane, County Judge; Augustus M. Church, Clerk, Andrew J. Broder, Sheriff, and William H. Coombs, Esq., District Attorney of said county.

**The First County Court House at Alvarado**



**An Oakland Tribune File Photo**

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## EARLY UNION CITY/NEW HAVEN/ALVARADO

The actual beginning of Alvarado is rather difficult to piece together. Most early dates given state a year rather than a specific date. In some cases I found conflicts in my mind as to the date when Union City and Alvarado were founded. Because of this I have decided to start the history with the biographies of John Horner, Henry Smith, and E. H. Dyer.

### **JOHN MEIRS HORNER:**

John Horner arrived in San Francisco on July 31, 1846 aboard the Ship Brooklyn, which had sailed around the horn from New Jersey. He had left Nauvoo, Illinois after the death of the Mormon prophet Joseph Smith and headed for Northern California with a group of Mormons under the leadership of Samuel Brannon. At the same time Brigham Young would lead the rest of the Mormon colony at Nauvoo to Salt Lake City.

John Horner farmed in and around the Mission San Jose and Centerville area. In 1847 he and his bride settled in Irvington, then known as "The Corners." In 1849 and 1850 he made good money raising vegetables and selling them in San Francisco and Mission San Jose to people on their way to the goldfields.

In his autobiography John Horner states: "...Thus ended our farming venture of **1850**. This year we purchased one hundred acres of land at the landing, on the Alameda River, and laid out the town of Union City upon it. We made extensive preparations for increasing our business in 1851. We started a commission house in San Francisco to sell our vegetables. We bought some excellent farm land near Union City, built upon and farmed it, in addition to improving our home farm, which was ten miles away."

"This year (**1851**) our crops were large, and a ready market was found for all we raised, though at reduced prices, since farmers had multiplied. We secured by purchase the steamer "Union" to carry our produce to market..."

"We extended our agricultural operation in **1852**, by purchasing more farmland..."

"The History of Washington Township" states that Horner started a stagecoach line in 1852 that ran between the Mission San Jose and the landing at Union City.

"...Flouring mills not being sufficient in California at this time, we built one at Union City (**1853**), with eight run of burrs, at a cost of eighty-five thousand dollars and ground our grain and that of others."

Apparently by the time Horner bought land in Union City a landing was already in existence. Whether it existed before 1850 and who owned it is not mentioned. He did however, begin farming in our area in 1851 and increased his operation in 1852. In 1851 he added the steamboat "Union" to ferry passengers and produce to San Francisco and whatever was needed to ferry back to Union City.

John Horner received several awards, one for being recognized as "California's First Farmer," and the second for having the finest ground flour in the state. Today he is known as the "Father of Union City."

John Horner died May 14, 1907 at his home in Kukaiau, Hawaii where he had spent over forty years managing a cane sugar plantation. He was born in Monmouth County, New Jersey on June 15, 1821.



John Horner was an industrious, hardworking man who was generous and trusting to a fault. His eventual failure in farming in California was largely brought about by having to pay twice for the same piece of property and the heavy debt he incurred in securing property to farm.

**Henry Clay Smith:**

Born in Fort Defiance, Ohio October 25, 1824 he eventually arrived in Sutter's Fort, California in 1845. He joined the Bear Flag Revolt in Sonoma in 1846 and served under Captain Fremont until the U. S. prevailed over Mexico. For his service General Riley, Military Governor of California, rewarded him with an appointment as Alcalde of Mission San Jose in the year of 1849.

Henry bought 800 acres of land on the Arroyo de Alameda where he later laid out the town of New Haven. In 1851 he took a trip back to Michigan to visit relatives. He returned with 19 people from Michigan and Indiana. While he was away he had a home built in New Haven.

In May 1852 Henry Smith partnered with A. M. Church in the operation of a general store on the banks of the Alameda Creek in New Haven and continued to prosper. He invested in heavily potatoes, as did many people in township. By the end of year potatoes were everywhere, the glut ruined many farmers and investors.

Friends encouraged Henry to go into politics; he did, and was elected to the state legislature for Santa Clara County in 1852.

Henry Smith became disenchanted with the representation Washington Township was given from the county seat at San Jose. He felt our needs were overlooked. In the state legislature he found a fellow representative who felt same way about his county, Contra Costa County just across the Alameda Creek from Santa Clara County. This large county included present day Oakland and its suburbs. But its representation came from Martinez. This gentleman's name was Horace Carpentier.

On March 10, 1853 Henry Smith petitioned the state legislature to create a new county to be carved out of Contra Costa and Santa Clara Counties to be called Alameda County. On March 25, 1853 the state legislature passed the bill to create Alameda County, although over the next several weeks slight revisions were made to the original bill.

Next came the task of locating the county seat. Horace Carpentier wanted the county seat in Oakland; Henry Smith wanted it in New Haven. At this time in history southern Alameda County held a larger population than northern Alameda County. The vote for the county seat went to New Haven 19 – 17.

However, the county seat was named in honor of the former governor of California, Juan B. Alvarado. The name New Haven was dropped and our town became known as Alvarado. The town name of Union City to the west eventually faded away and it just became a district of Alvarado.

The next piece of business for Alvarado was choosing the location of the county seat. The second floor of A. M. Church & Henry Smith's general store was chosen as the county seat. The store stood on Levee Street at the west end of today's Smith Street. On June 6, 1853 the first court of sessions was held in Alvarado.

Henry Smith was elected to the Board of Supervisor's for Alameda County in 1855 and was appointed as chairman of the board. In 1859 he lost in his bid for re-election. He eventually left for Nevada for a few years, returned to Alameda County to live in Livermore where he died on November 24, 1875 at the age of 51.

He will always be remembered for his service to Washington Township and the creation of Alameda County. He is known as the "Father of Alameda County."

### **Ebenezer Herrick Dyer (E. H.):**

"Coming here in the infancy of the county, E. H. Dyer was quick to see her necessities and her possibilities, and with the push, energy, and determination of purpose that have always characterized him, he has stood in the face of, to ordinary men, insurmountable difficulties, and has succeeded in raising his own limited fortune to ample proportions and in establishing an industry in our midst the possibilities of which, not only to our country, but to the whole coast, no human foresight can today set the bound," wrote M. W. Wood in his History of Alameda County.

Ebenezer (E. H.) Dyer came to California at his brother, Ephraim Dyers, urging, to help him manage his farm business. Ebenezer was manager of the farms and Ephraim Dyer was to prepare leases of acreage.

E. H. was elected surveyor of Alameda County. The County Surveyor's job was to establish township maps and check out boundaries for title claims. In 1861 he was also appointed U.S. Deputy Surveyor for the State. His brother got a similar appointment covering the boundary from Lake Tahoe to the Oregon line.

A History by E. H. Dyer, grandson of the founder, gives us this story:

"About this time the agricultural press was featuring sugar beet culture to reduce the heavy importation of sugar from Germany and the Tropics. Only 25,000 tons of America's 450,000-ton consumption was produced at home in 1867. Every effort in America... had been a failure. As E. H. studied the subject he observed that every venture had been deficient in one or more of the essentials of beets, machinery, men, or money."

So E. H. sent for beet seed from Germany and started some test plots, expanding these to 150 acres of his Alvarado farm. He found that his stock thrived on the beets.

"It happened that in 1858 a small beet sugar factory was built in Fond-du-Lac, Wisconsin... two men had left their sugar house employment in Germany and came to America in 1867," wrote Dyer. The purpose was to build a pilot beet sugar factory. A. D. Bonesteel, instigator of the project, knew about the Alvarado experiments and decided to try California for his health and for the development of a "beet sugar estate."

The net result was that Bonesteel and his experts came to Alvarado. The Dyer brothers and their neighbors, General Hutchinson, B. P. Flint, W. B. Carr, J. N. Risdon, W. T. Garret, E. G. Rollins, and E. R. Carpentier (and others) formed the California Beet Sugar Company.

"The first spade full of earth was turned on May 9, 1870" on the Dyers farm. The first ton of sugar was delivered to the market in November 1870. "Glamorous barrels of polished black walnut staves bounded by resplendent brass hoops were filled with specially refined coarse grain sugar and dispatched to Washington for President Grant."

The method for refining sugar was to process 50 tons of beets daily, which resulted in 4 tons of sugar. The beets were mashed, rasped to mush and separated into pulp and juice. The juice was filtered several times and concentrated and filtered again, and finally boiled to crystals in a vacuum pan. The fill mass from the pan was centrifuged and the sugar was washed with steam and spread on the floor to dry. When it was dry enough it was put into barrels.

"Alameda Creek, 100 feet wide and 5 to 6 feet deep at the factory, provided the only means of transportation available to compete with horse drawn trucks and dusty roads. The creek reached salt water four miles below the factory at Union City. E. H., the seafarer, built a small side wheel steamer christened 'The Rosa,' having five-foot beam and thirty length," Dyer wrote.

Due to a falling out among the Dyers and the German technologists at the factory, the Germans moved on to Soquel to produce sugar at a new site ([taking with them the machinery but leaving the plant](#)). E. H. Dyer salvaged the Alvarado buildings and "determined to abide his time until the clan of Dyer boys could achieve stature and wisdom." "(The) career sugar craftsmen included three sons of E. H., three of Ephraim, one of B. F. Ingalls (brother of the wives of E. H. and Ephraim), and certain eager members of the boy's 'gang.'" Ephraim's sons were Henry S., Hubert, and Harold. Ingalls' son was Merrel. E. H.'s sons were Edward Franklin, and twins Hugh Thomas and Guy Sawyer. In 1879, with the help of outside stockholders, E. H. Dyer incorporated the Standard Sugar Manufacturing Company. "This company made a success of the business from the start," according to Historian Wood.

The following years brought success, followed by problems caused by a sugar war with San Francisco ([cane](#)) refiners. The price was low, but the factory continued to operate (1886-1887). Then a pair of boilers blew up, causing the death of a fireman. The works shut down. E. H. liquidated the warehouse stock. E. H., E. F. and H. P., as Dyer called them, began reconstruction plans.

The Pacific Coast Sugar Company was organized in February 1886, with new equipment on a new site across the road (State Historical Landmark #768).

The year 1888 brought enough results "to attract attention," Dyer wrote. Claus Spreckels and others came to see the plant.

Later, E. H. Dyer & Company built the pioneer Utah factory at Lehi, Utah. Part of Dyers stock was sold to E. C. Burr and John L. Howard, who organized the Alameda Sugar Company. "E. F. Dyer was under contract to direct operations for the 1889-90 campaign.

"The free sugar act brought discouragement to the domestic sugar producers. The Alvarado plant shut down in 1914. "When the war came Congress not only repealed the free sugar bill but urged and assisted the home industry to expand and produce. Alvarado's plant had been closed for a year and had lost its operating staff."

J. McCoy Williams, pioneer of an operation in Oxnard, was commissioned to reopen the factory. "He brought with him Charley Fleener as superintendent and W. E. Loranger as plant engineer. The old Factory at Alvarado satisfied war demand for sugar but the cost was high. Through J. McCoy's recommendation the chronicler (Dyer) was selected to serve in the place of the Consulting Engineer who had died. (To get the plant going, the crew dug into the 'graveyard' of parts from 1887 and had those rebuilt.)

"Williams revived the old custom under which the superintendent's house on the factory grounds was a center of social activities. The ceremony of lighting the kiln a few days before beet slicing began was conducted by Mrs. Williams in the presence of the factory staff. Some little girl of the neighborhood was usually selected to apply the match. The formal opening of the factory was accompanied by a half holiday of the public schools."

In 1925 the leafhopper destroyed much of Alvarado's beet crop. The plant was "now finally doomed," people said. But they were wrong. "Holly Sugar Corporation (Colorado Springs, Colorado) purchased the two factories (Tracy and Alvarado)." (Holly Sugar already had stock in the Alameda Sugar Company.)

The Alvarado plant was started up again in 1927. Walter Zeigler was named superintendent in 1928.

The old plant was reconstructed in the late 1930's. Dyer ([one of the younger no doubt](#)) wrote: "Some of the old timbers in the factory, harking back to 1870, carried their load year after year

by the grace of Providence, and 80 years later were still stored in the 'graveyard' behind the beet sheds, outwardly sound but mealy within. At every reconstruction of the plant there was always 'something new and something old;' but always the same old plant-as grandfathers knife, fitted from time to time with new blades and new handles, always remained grand-father's knife. The final achievement in 1937 was a modern 1800-ton factory of beauty and efficiency - a credit to the Holly staff and a monument to the redoubtable E. H. Dyer."

The company operated until 1969 under the direction of Clarence V. Lesser, field engineer,  
E. H. Dyer retired in the 1890's and lived until 1906.



## INTRODUCTION

### **The Town of Alvarado:**

In the beginning all was dark and then Governor Micheltorena, Governor of Alta California, created the "Potrero de Los Cerritos" Mexican land grant for Augustin Alviso and Tomas Pacheco. The date was March 23, 1844. They were given all the land between the Alameda Creek and the Sanjon de Los Alisos. This grant consisted of 3 leagues of property (some 10,610 acres), 4,000 head of cattle, 200 horses and mares, and 2,000 sheep.

The beginning of their property is at the point where the abandoned creek bed of the "Sanjon de Los Alisos" broke off from the Alameda Creek. The old creek bed, which is no longer visible today, originated from a point between the easterly projection of Thornton Avenue and Peralta Boulevard in today's Fremont California.

The northern boundary of their grant followed the Alameda Creek from the meeting point with the Sanjon de Los Alisos north to Alvarado and from Alvarado west to the Cerritos Hills. Hence the northern boundary was the Alameda Creek and everything south of Alameda Creek to point where Alameda Creek meets the old Sanjon de Los Alisos creek bed.

The southern boundary of the property is the origination point of the Sanjon de Los Alisos, an abandoned Alameda Creek bed still visible in 1844, but is almost totally obliterated today. The Sanjon de Los Alisos begins at a point just south of a straight-line extension due east of Thornton Avenue where it would meet the present Alameda Creek. From here it heads slightly south to a point almost touching Peralta Boulevard. Thence it meanders slightly northwest to a point where it crosses Fremont Boulevard just south of Thornton Avenue. It continues slightly west by northwest into Cabrillo Park to Gibraltar Drive (Near Coronado) and then darts south before crossing Coronado near LaSalle Street. It then continues southwest across I-880 just north of the Thornton Avenue Cloverleaf. Thence it makes a slightly northwest jaunt across Newark Boulevard near Cherry, across Cedar to a point on Lido Boulevard just south of Jarvis Avenue. From here it turns southwest and empties into the Jarvis/Beard Landing Slough. Everything north of this creek bed to the Alameda Creek was the Potrero de Los Cerritos land grant.

This grant encompassed the town of Alvarado (south of the Alameda Creek) and all of the Alviso District and small portions of northern Fremont and Newark.

On the following page is a landowners map showing the area of the Potrero de Los Cerritos grant highlighted in pink. I have entered the names of streets and roads within or near (in blue) the grant district. I have labeled the areas known as "Machado's Corner and the Bell Ranch Bridge also in blue. This will enable you to see most of the actual grant and Alvarado as they existed in 1878.

You will note that Alvarado straddles both sides of the Alameda Creek from its junction with Dry Creek north through Alvarado. Only the area south of Alameda Creek is within the grant of the Potrero de Los Cerritos.



Mr. Maffey's achievements as the Principal of Alvarado Grammar School included being a member of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Alvarado PTA, and a member of the committee to incorporate Union City; he did all of this while he spent eight hours or more a day as Superintendent of the Alvarado School District. He then stayed after work to attend countless meetings, preparing analyses, budgets, and plans for a new school in 1958. But he wasn't a resident of Alvarado. As a matter of fact, when these meetings were over he had to drive home to Warm Springs and get prepared for the next day's work. Until 1957 there was no freeway to Warm Springs.

Raymond Cunha spent a lot of time in Alvarado, but he was a resident of Irvington. He was prominent in the Alvarado Eagles for many years in the 1950's. As a matter of fact some of the people mentioned are only Alvaradan's as far as their affiliation with Alvarado social organizations or their employment in Alvarado. I could not recognize them all, or even some of them, so I left most of them in.

The one exception is the Alvarado Farm Home Center. This organization apparently started out as an Alvarado group and somewhere along the line ended up being associated with Alvarado in name only.

**ALVARADO**  
**AS SEEN THROUGH**  
**NEWSPAPER ARTICLES**  
**& THE HISTORY BOOKS**



**(NOTE: There existed in El Dorado County, California, in the 1850's, a town called "Union Town," which had been incorrectly called "Union City" by Bay Area and Sacramento newspapers. I cannot differentiate the towns of Union City being either Alameda County or El Dorado County when applied to persons staying in San Francisco Hotels under the "Visitor(s) to San Francisco" byline.)**

#### **U.S. Postal Mail:**

The U.S. Postal Mail will be delivered as follows for Washington Township:

From San Francisco to the City of San Jose.

From San Jose to Stockton via the San Jose Mission and Livermore's.

From San Jose to Benecia via the Mission of San Jose and Martinez.

*The Newport Daily News, Newport Rhode Island, November 4, 1850*

#### **Postmaster of Mission San Jose:**

The Postmaster for Mission San Jose and upper Santa Clara County ([Washington Township](#)) is Jose Jesus Vallejo.

*The Milwaukee Daily Sentinel and Gazette, November 29, 1850*

#### **Cholera Epidemic in Santa Clara Valley:**

(Note: In 1850 Washington Township was part of Santa Clara County and was considered part of Santa Clara Valley)

(Originally Printed By: *The New York Sun*, November 15, 1850):

The Indians and Mexican population in Santa Clara valley have been the principal sufferers of a terrible cholera epidemic. Whole communities have been entirely swept off in the course of a few days, and the only evidence left of those who once inhabited the fertile plains and valleys, is the remains of their rancheros ([Indian settlements](#)) on the banks of the stream. In a few days ride over the plains and valley, I was myself an eyewitness to the distress of the poor Indians in consequence of this dread scourge of mankind.

Not a rancho was passed, we saw one or more bodies lying on the ground unburied, abandoned by relatives and their tribes. Sanchez, the wealthy Californian lost every Indian in his rancho in the course of four or five days, and he has collected together his cattle and taken them to the mountains near Santa Cruz.

The disease has been singularly fatal among the Indian and Mexican races, in consequence of their subsisting at this season of the year on melons and crude fruits, together with their unsanitary living conditions.

*The Daily Sandusky, Sandusky Ohio, January 10, 1851*

#### **Gold Digger Turned Farmer:**

(An account of the experiences of Mr. Doane, a subscriber to *The Sheboygan Mercury* of Wisconsin, who left home January of 1849 for California.)

"He dug some ([gold](#)) with some fair success for a raw hand, bought a drove of gaunt cattle from the states in the mines, took them down to Sacramento and sold them at satisfactory prices. He secured some very choice land in the in the delightful valley of San Jose, and will probably return in the spring to cultivate it. He has a good opinion of the agricultural expectancies of California, and thinks good farming there is a much better business than gold digging."

"He saw one man who had planted two acres of potatoes late in June, simply turning over the sward, dropping the seed in every fourth furrow, and never touching the ground afterward; and, though there has been no rain since planting, and no live thing but potatoes had started in the field, yet the owner laughed at an offer of \$1,200 for his crop just as it was. Mr. D. thinks the soil in the valleys abundantly moist without irrigation.

*The Sheboygan Mercury, Sheboygan Wisconsin, February 1, 1851*

### **A Letter From Mission San Jose:**

Mission San Jose, November 30, 1850:

Dear Blossom:

We have now been in California for something over two months, and as yet I have written to no one in Fort Wayne, except T.J. Robinson, from whom alone I have received any thing from that quarter...

I have now been in California for some two months and a half, and I flatter myself that I am a good deal better calculated to judge properly of the real character and prospects of the country than any man can be after a residence of three days or a week in the abominable streets of San Francisco, and I think I am prepared to say that California is as good a country as it has ever been reported by a responsible writer. At all events my anticipations (they were perhaps never as great as others) are fully realized. Not that I have made money here, but I mean that the chances are fully as good for making a fortune as I ever hoped for.

My brother, as soon as possible after landing in San Francisco, procured a house to live in for a short time, and went to exploring the country adjoining the Bay of San Francisco, and finally determined on locating where we are now, at the Mission San Jose. A.G. Stewart, a man by the name of Dogan and myself are boarding with him. We have leased some farming land, and the ensuing season expect to farm extensively.

Harvey has put up his home in the midst of the richest and most magnificent plain I have ever known, and we are all as happy and contented as poor humanity ever was to be. We are located on the east side of the Bay, in sight of San Francisco and about thirty miles there from. This spot is undoubtedly the garden spot of California, and if the same society were here that we enjoy in the States, I would gladly fix myself here for life. With the exception of society, everything is here that the human heart can desire.

As for mountain and valley scenery, the most romantic eye is fully satisfied. Here is a high and beautiful range of mountains on all sides surrounding the finest Bay in the world, and a plain sixty miles long and from ten to fifteen miles wide, the soil of which, for depth and richness exceeds any of our western prairies or bottom lands. You can see at any and all times, ten thousand wild cattle and horses on this plain, besides the cattle on a thousand hills in the distance. There is an everlasting abundance of all kinds of wild game, such as deer, bear, (grizzly), geese, ducks, curlew, etc., etc.

As for climate I do not believe there is a more salubrious or delightful place on the face of the round world. O, you poor Hoosiers, how you are shivering with freezing, snowy weather. One day struggling through the mud and sleet, and the next froze up, cold as Greenland; while we Californians (in the valley of San Jose) with the exception of two or three warm rainy days in the week, are enjoying the finest May and June weather. There is no mistake about this being a delightful climate. If ever I leave this place I can assure you that I have learned better than to suffer out my life in so unpleasant a clime as northern Indiana.

You have doubtless heard much of the disagreeable weather in San Francisco. Well, you have probably heard the truth. But strange as it may seem, there is as much difference between San

Francisco and this valley as there is between Fort Wayne and Lexington Kentucky. I am not only speaking of what I have seen and experienced myself, but what good and responsible men who lived here for years have told me. I tell you the truth.

Tell Dr. Sturgis that Mrs. Coomb's children have never tasted medicine since they left home, and that he would hardly know Charley and Hugh Miller Sr., apart. In fact, we are all strong, stout, hearty, and healthy. I can lift twice as many pounds as I could a year ago.

As for the chances of making money here, I cannot speak as positively, yet I feel very much encouraged with the prospect. We have leased a piece of the San Jose Mission land from Mr. Beard of Lafayette, Indiana, who together with G.B. Tingley, Esq., of Indiana and a Mr. Horner own the whole mission, on very fair terms, and we are going to risk our labor for the coming season.

You may think I am stretching the yarn a little when I tell you that Mr. Horner has made an actual profit off of 100 acres, three thousand dollars, and other men have made in the same proportion off their grounds. There is plenty of money in this country, and anyone can get it that will work for it.

Since we have finished Harvey's house and dug his well, we have been working for Mr. Horner. We walk two miles to our work and make from ten to fifteen dollars per day each...

On Sunday next I will write to someone else in Fort Wayne. It is a common remark with us all, that if Blossom and Nelson were here on this plain, we would live perfectly contented and happy. As it is we are a thousand times better contented than we were in Fort Wayne. Write to me soon, and believe me as ever your friend.

T.M. Coombs

*The Fort Wayne Times, Fort Wayne Indiana, February 6, 1851*

#### **A Visitor From Indiana:**

(Note: this is a gentlemen from Indiana who came to California and roamed through San Francisco, the gold country, the San Joaquin Valley, and finally the Santa Clara Valley. Here is his report on Washington Township.)

My trip from Livermore took me to Mission San Jose, which once was one of the richest missions in California, and is now owned by a Mr. Beard from La Fayette, Indiana. There is a fine orchard here and a vineyard. They raise an immense amount of vegetables. Here is where the big cabbages grow; I have been told they raise cabbages here measuring four feet across the head; or 12 feet around, this is a big cabbage, but I do not doubt it.

J. B. Cocanour

*The Fort Wayne Sentinel, Fort Wayne Indiana, April 5, 1851*

#### **Augustus M. Church:**

A. M. Church in partners with H. Cronkhite, George Fay and Riley Gragg hunted deer in the Alameda Hills, killing 15 to 20 a day and then from their base in New Haven ([Alvarado](#)) shipped the dressed meat to San Francisco.

*1851, The Centennial Yearbook of Alameda County, Will Halley Publisher, 1876*

#### **Early Union City/New Haven Resident:**

The first ([recorded](#)) dwelling in Union City was originally occupied by Capt. Bulmer. It stood where the buildings of the water works were once located. Capt. Bulmer ran Union City's first dry goods store. The second home in Union City is attributed to a Captain C. C. Scott in 1852. Shortly thereafter William M. Liston built the third home. Mr. Liston had come to Union City to run warehouses along the banks of the Alameda Creek for Henry Smith.

The first hotel built in Alvarado was established by A. M. Vesey, who afterwards gained prominence as county clerk of Alameda County. Contemporary with this hotel Mr. Andrew Forbes opened a second hotel, the building was added to by Joseph Ralph who later turned to farming in Alvarado.

**1851, History of Washington Township, By The Country Club of Washington Township, 1965**

### **The Clawiter Family:**

The first white child born in Union City was the daughter of Edward D. and Mary Gading Clawiter. The Clawiter's had emigrated to California from Bremen, Germany, coming around Cape Horn on the ship "Reform" and arrived in Union City in 1851. Their daughter was born on August 7, 1851. Her birth was a great event. People came from all directions to see the wee stranger, and many brought gifts. From John Horner she received a town lot (Union City), and by him was christened "Union." At twenty years of age Union Clawiter married Converse Howe of the well-known Drexler family of Southern California. She became the mother of four sons. Mrs. Howe passed away on January 19, 1890.

**1851, The History of Washington Township, 1965**

**U.S. 1860 Census**

**On-Line Clawiter Family Biography**

### **River & Harbor Boats:**

Leaving at 10:00 a.m. this morning from the Broadway & Front Wharf, the steamer "Union," Capt. Seely, bound for Union City.

**The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, September 25, 1851**

### **Classified Ad:**

POTATOES:

100 tons of California red potatoes, also cabbages, onions, beets and other vegetables, from the farms of J.M. Horner and others, at the Mission of San Jose, constantly on hand and for sale by: Horner & Co.

Front St., corner of Broadway

Also for sales 20 bales of gunnysacks.

**The Daily Alta California, October 8, 1851**

### **Agricultural Depots:**

In passing through San Francisco we were surprised to find so many establishments devoted entirely to the sale of vegetables. Each farmer's locality seems to have its depot, and the sight presented daily of huge potatoes and other vegetables of superior quality, is most gratifying to the friend of California. At least ten stores are devoted to the sale of vegetables from San Jose and vicinity alone.

Mr. John M. Horner, the prince of California farmers, has a steamboat running from San Francisco to Union City, which is, as it were, the seaport of his ranchos, to transport his own produce alone. It is one of the finest little boats in the bay, and runs three times a week. We should judge that the vegetable stores in the city numbered at least twenty-five.

**The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, October 16, 1851**

### **Commercial Advertisement:**

NEW ROUTE FOR SAN JOSE:

Union Line, through in 6½ Hours, the fine Steamer, "UNION" T.W. Seely, Master, will leave her berth in the basin between Pacific and Broadway wharves, for Union City on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, connecting with carriages for Mission San Jose and San Jose. Returning, will leave San Jose and Union City, on alternate days, excepting Sunday.

FARE:

Through to San Jose	8.00
Through to Union City	5.00

Through to Mission San Jose	6.00
From San Jose Mission to San Jose	3.00
From Union City to San Jose	4.00

For further information apply to: HORNER & CO.  
 Front St., Corner of Broadway, or to the Captain on board  
*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, October 21, 1851*

**Married:**

At Union City, November 5<sup>th</sup>: Redbon C. Horner to Miss Ann Luby by B.F. Bucknell, Justice of the Peace.  
*The Daily Alta California, November 5, 1851*

**Union City Had First Post Office in the Alvarado Area:**

The Postmaster General has established the following new post office the week ending November 8, 1851:

Office: Union

County: Santa Clara

State: California

Postmaster: B. F. Bucknell

*New York Daily Times, NYC New York, November 14, 1851*

**Transportation:**

There are now three lines of communication between San Jose and San Francisco, one daily by Messrs. Hall & Crandall's splendid line of coaches, and two tri-weekly, connecting with steamboats at Alviso ([Santa Clara County](#)) and Union City. The daily average of through passengers each way cannot be less than 50 persons.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, December 25, 1851*

**Union City Had First Post Office in the Alvarado Area:**

The first Post Office opened in Alameda County was Mission San Jose on April 9, 1850, three years before Alameda County was created. The Mission was then in Santa Clara County. The second Post Office opened was on the ranch of Robert Livermore, July 18, 1851. On the week ending November 8, 1851 two Post Offices were opened, one at Contra Costa, which later became Oakland, and Union, at Union City, which later was transferred to Alvarado. (*The Oakland Tribune, May 3, 1953.*)

**Union City Had First Post Office in the Alvarado Area:**

The Alvarado Post Office was established August 8, 1853 when the Union Post Office at Union City was abandoned. (*The Oakland Tribune, April 18, 1954*)

**The Wonders of California:**

Mr. Andrew Williams lately delivered an address in San Francisco upon the "Mineral and Agricultural Capabilities of California." Mentioned in his address were the citrus fruits grown in Southern California, salmon weighing up to twenty pounds in the Sacramento River and mighty redwoods 68 feet in circumference.

From Mr. Horner ([Union City](#)) tomatoes weighing two pounds each, pumpkins and squashes from one hundred to one hundred and forty pounds; cabbages two feet in diameter and weighing fifty pounds, onions, beets, and potatoes of enormous size, not isolated, but by the hundreds of bushels.

*The Janesville Gazette, Janesville Wisconsin, March 20, 1852*

**Horticultural Fair:**

The fourth of the series of Reports prepared for the Horticultural Celebration was on vegetables. The committee on Vegetables report, that in discharge of the duties devolved upon them, they have awarded the annexed prizes as follows:

To John M. Horner, Esq., of Santa Clara County, for the best sample of a crop of potatoes (200 bushels per acre) a silver cup, value \$25.

Also awarded to John M. Horner a \$5 prize for the best cabbage.

Joseph H. Nevett, Chairman

*The Sacramento Daily Union, October 14, 1852*

**New Arrival:**

Born to Edward D. and Mary Clawiter of Union City California, a son Edward, on November 27, 1852.

*On-Line Clawiter Genealogy, November 27, 1852*

**Union City Death:**

Lewis Voorhees, in the 24<sup>th</sup> year of his age, died in Union City California after an illness of 17 days. He was the eldest son of Peter T. and Rebecca Voorhees of Adrian Michigan.

*The New York Daily Times, New York City New York, December 30, 1852*

**Alvarado School:**

Alvarado has initiated a public school for children, with Mrs. Warren as teacher. Mrs. Warren will be "boarded around" by various families of the community.

*1853, The History of Washington Township, 1965*

**Alvarado Bridge:**

The first bridge across Alameda Creek was built and wholly paid for by the Horner Brothers. It stood on the exact location of the present bridge near the sugar refinery, and cost those enterprising citizens \$1,100. They also constructed the second bridge at Alvarado on the Mt. Eden road, but the cost of this one was later paid by the county.

*1853, The History of Washington Township, By The Country Club of Washington Township, 1965*

**The Formation of Alameda County:**

**New Haven Name Changed to Alvarado:**

LEGISLATIVE REPORT:

Benecia, California; March 16, 1853

Prayer by the Reverend Mr. Woodbridge.

Mr. Coffroth presented the petition of sundry residents of Contra Costa County, protesting against a division of said county for the purpose of forming the new county of Alameda; referred to Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

...Then proceeded some miscellaneous legislative business...

Mr. Roach reported from the Committee on Counties and County Boundaries on the Assembly Bill to create the new County of Alameda, together with several petitions in favor of the new county, and also several new remonstrance's'. The committee recommended the passage of the bill without amendment.

The Senate then went into a long and exciting debate upon the bill.

Mr. Lind opposed the passage of the bill.

Mr. Crabb stated that Mr. Grewel, the absent Senator from this district, had expressed himself as in favor of the creation of the new county.

Mr. Lind moved to lay the bill on the table. Lost Aye – 7; Noes 11.

Mr. Sprague objected to the hurrying of the bill through the Senate. A petition signed by over 1,000 persons had been presented, but he was confident that a large portion of the signers were not residents of the county. He was in favor of postponement, and that the additional petition be read to the Senate.

Mr. Keene had heard no good reason alleged against granting the prayer of the petitioners of the two counties of Santa Clara and Contra Costa division. It had been said that the Senate should not act in hot haste upon this subject. This was the old story, but in this instance without any justice asserted now. The Assembly had given the matter due consideration, and passed the bill almost unanimously. He had before him 115 important bills, which were yet to be acted upon by the Senate, and it was absolutely imperative upon this body to act with dispatch. The Senator's remarks were forcible and convincing, and were listened to with great interest.

Mr. Wanbough stated that one of the largest petitions presented was signed by men high in office and influence. He was in favor of the immediate passage of the bill.

Mr. Hubbs was in favor of laying the bill on the table until Saturday next.

Mr. Smith ([Henry C?](#)) believed that if the Senators would stop talking the bill could be passed in fifteen minutes.

Mr. Hubbs moved that the Senate proceed to the special business of the day. On this the ayes and noes were demanded

Mr. Coffroth was opposed to delaying the matter, and hoped that the bill would now be considered. Motion lost.

On motion the Senate went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Coffroth in the chair to consider the bill.

The bill was read by sections, when after a long discussion the committee rose and reported progress.

The bill was subsequently passed with an amendment changing the name of the seat from New Haven to Alvarado.

...After other legislative business the session closed.

***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., March 17, 1853***

#### **California Legislature – Fourth Session:**

Benecia, Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>:

The Senate this day passed the bill establishing the new county of Alameda and changing the name of the county seat to Alvarado. It is formed from the counties of Contra Costa and Santa Clara.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., March 18, 1853***

#### **The Steamer "Union" Becomes Mercy Vessel:**

News of a dreadful accident on the San Francisco Bay has reached our shores. The steamer "Jenny Lind" making a run from Alviso ([Santa Clara County](#)) to San Francisco suffered a terrible boiler explosion, which instantly killed 18 of 130 passengers, seven from one family. Up to 40 persons were terribly scalded and most are expected to die. The explosion occurred opposite the bay from San Mateo.

Fortunately, the steamer "Union" berthed at Union City, under the command of Capt. James Marston, appeared from the mouth of the Alameda Creek and took the survivors and the remains of the unfortunate victims to San Francisco.

***The New York Daily Times, New York City New York, May 11, 1853***

***The Alton Daily Telegraph, Alton Illinois, May 18, 1853***

### **Boat to Union City:**

Departure of River & Harbor Boats, this day:

For Union City – The Union – At high tide, Saturday Morning – The Broadway Wharf, San Francisco.

***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, May 28, 1853***

### **Fine Farmland:**

*The Santa Clara Register* says the fields of wheat and barley in this county look exceedingly fine. The best cultivated portion of the state, and that which denotes the highest and most refined agricultural condition of the people, lies between Mission San Jose and Union City, or, as we should call it by its new name, Alvarado. E. L. Beard, Esq., has here a beautiful residence ([Mission San Jose](#)), grounds, yards, orchards, flowers and fruits, cultivated with the purest taste and in the highest finish.

***The New York Daily Times, New York City New York, June 23, 1853***

### **Alameda County – 1853:**

A correspondent of the *San Francisco Herald* gives the public some interesting statistics of the new county created by the last Legislature, out of the counties of Santa Clara and Contra Costa. The soil is said to be inferior to none in the State. Three-fifths of the land under cultivation is in grain, the rest in potatoes, onions, etc. Of the grain crops at least three-fifths is wheat.

There is no political excitement.

Alvarado, the county seat, is situated on the Alameda River ([Creek](#)) about eight miles, by its meandering stream, from its junction with the Bay, and about thirty-five miles from San Francisco. It is a very pleasant place, and though small, is fast improving. As an inducement to settlers, Capt. H.C. Smith, who is largely interested in the place, generously offers to give them town lots, free of charge, if they will improve them.

Adjoining Alvarado is another small town called Union. This latter is also a flourishing place, and is considered as merely an extension of Alvarado. In Union a large steam gristmill is in process of erection. When completed it will probably be the largest and finest mill in California. It will have eight set of stones, requiring an engine of seventy-five horsepower. Its estimated cost is greatly over \$100,000. It will commence operations in about a month. The proprietor, Mr. J.M. Horner, possesses an immense fortune, which he has accumulated by untiring industry and perseverance, assisted by a moderate share of good luck. He is a man of much liberality and public spirit, and well deserves the exalted position he occupies in this community.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., August 26, 1853***

### **Setting Up House in Alameda County:**

The commissioners appointed to apportion the amount of debts of Santa Clara and Contra Costa, to be assumed by the new county of Alameda, met at Alvarado on the 15<sup>th</sup>. The commissioners, after a careful examination, fixed the amount of the public debt of Santa Clara, which Alameda County under the law of its creation is to assume and pay, at the sum of \$7,204.73

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., August 29, 1853***

### **Died in Alvarado:**

At Alvarado, Alameda County on the December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12 o'clock, midnight, Mr. Gustavus Harper, aged 34 years. He was formerly of New Orleans

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., December 5, 1853***



**Letter to Home:**

**Union City, March 9, 1854**

These are busy times and therefore I give you a short letter. Everybody is out breaking up ground, ploughing, putting in potatoes, and such other moral occupations as husbandmen have at this season. There will be twice as much wheat, only about half as many potatoes, and less barley. I will endeavor to inform you during the spring of the number of acres in the county sown and planted in all the more important fruits and grains.

There are many improvements made beside fencing and sowing grain and I can predict with confidence that this will be an earthly paradise in outward appearance in four or five years. The leading farmers are taking many steps, which return no immediate profit but aid to enrich and embellish the land in the course of time.

Horner is setting out shade trees, on both side of the strait in a level road of 10 miles from this place to the Mission of San Jose. Beard has set about 40 acres in fruit tress for an orchard, and Horner is engaged in setting out a large number of fruit trees. Indeed, nearly every farmer in the county is filling his yard with trees.

**S.**  
*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, March 12, 1854*

**Alvarado Lawyers:**

COMMERCIAL ADVERTISEMENT:

James B. Townsend, Joseph Combs, Noble Hamilton

**TOWNSEND, COMBS & HAMILTON**

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Office – Room No. 47, Montgomery Block, San Francisco, and at Alvarado, Alameda County.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., March 31, 1854*

**Potatoes:**

We learn with sorrow that our farmers are again threatened with misfortune. The potato crops are suffering terribly from the drought of the past winter, and the quantity will fall short at least one sixth. In Alameda County, although a few farmers may realize a rich yield, will not generally prove remunerative to her tillers. (*Alameda Express*)

*The New York Daily Times, New York City New York, September 8, 1854*

**Married:**

In the town of Alvarado, October 12<sup>th</sup>, by the Rev. W.N. Brown, Mr. A.H. Broder, Sheriff of Alameda County, to Miss Sarah A. Smith.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., October 18, 1854*

**Alameda County Seat:**

MR. EDITOR:

Having been present at the meeting held at Alameda on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, and having seen no report of the same, I herewith subjoin a synopsis.

There were six rival placed represented, each place being entitled to a committee of two persons, making the whole committee twelve, for Oakland, San Antonio, Alameda, San Leandro, San Lorenzo (or Hayward's) and Alvarado, which several places having been severally extolled by their respective and respectable Sachems and warriors, then and there assembled, in the grand pow-wow, a vote was taken for the purpose of uniting on some Northern and Southern points for the candidacy, and for an expression of the of the different tribes, resulting as follows:

First Ballot:

Alameda	4 Votes
San Antonio	2 Votes
San Leandro	2 Votes

San Lorenzo 2 Votes  
Oakland 2 Votes

Second Ballot:

Alameda 6 Votes  
San Antonio 1 Vote  
San Leandro 4 Votes  
San Lorenzo 1 Vote

From this, it would seem Alvarado and Alameda should be the two candidates for the honor of County Capitol. Now Mr. Editor, I decline toward Alameda. Please tell us how you decline?  
Signed: "One of 'Em"

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, Calif., November 11, 1854*

**Classified Ad:**

NOTICE

Is hereby given to whom it may concern, that I forewarn all persons from trusting, boarding or lodging Sarah A. Dulin, as I will not pay any debts of her contracting; and I further give notice to the court of pleas of Union County, Ohio, that if the said Sarah A. Dulin, my lawfully wedded wife, should make application to the court of said county, for a divorce from the bonds of matrimony now existing between her and myself, to grant the same to her as I do not wish to live with her again. I am a resident of California and she of Ohio.

J. R. Dulin

Union City, California September 25, 1854

*The Marysville Tribune, Marysville Ohio, November 22, 1854*

**Letter to Home:**

[\(Letter placed in the Editorial Section of the Defiance Democrat, Defiance, Ohio\)](#)

California Letter, Union City, October 11, 1854

Dear Brother: Our mail of the first of the month has been in for some time but it brought no letters for us, how is this? If you only knew with what anxiety we await the arrival of each mail steamer from Panama you would most certainly not neglect to write us every mail, do not fear that we will tire of receiving yours letters, if you only know what satisfaction they afforded us you would like writing twice as often as you do.

[\(Then follows many paragraphs of San Francisco chicanery and a shipwreck, now the conclusion of the letter\).](#)

Our rainy season has not yet set in, although we have had two or three fine showers within the last week, we have beautiful weather now with a prospect for fine weather for four or five weeks to come, this is a busy time among farmers, they are hauling their wheat to market or to store, our little place is sending in her shares of supplies for San Francisco and the gold mines. We ship not less than 100 tons of produce independent of the flour which is manufactured here which is from 350 to 400 barrels a day, wheat is low here, it is only 1½¢ to 2¢ per pound, flour is selling at retail at \$10 per barrel, potatoes are 2¢ per pound, barley 1¼¢ per pound, beef 12 to 15¢ per pound, fresh pork from 10 to 14¢ per pound and other articles of provision are proportionately the same.

Clothing of all descriptions is very nearly as cheap here as they are with you. Yesterday we had a ride out to the old Mission San Jose, it is situated about ten miles from here along the foot of the hills; it is a small Mexican village of about 500 inhabitants. It was established about 80 years ago by the Moravian Missionaries and built like all Mexican towns of adobe or sun dried brick covered with tile. The land in this vicinity is mostly owned by E. L. Beard of La Fayette Indiana, who recently failed in the amount of \$700,000, but most of his land is secured to his wife and father.  
John Travis

***The Defiance Democrat, Defiance Ohio, December 2, 1854***

**County Seat:**

December 30, 1854

An election was held to move the county seat from Alvarado to San Leandro. The final result of the election was 1,301 to 1,067 in favor of removing the county seat to San Leandro. Alvarado was no longer the county seat!

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**Commercial Ad:**

FOR UNION CITY:

Connecting with stages to Alvarado, Centreville and San Jose Mission.

The Steamer *Union*, Capt. Charles Thorn, will leave Broadway Wharf every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, returning will Union City on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

For freight and passage, which will be at the lowest rates, apply on board at Broadway Wharf.

***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, January 25, 1855***

**Alameda Creek:**

Mr. Buffum, from the Committee on Commerce and Navigation, reported back the bill making 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Union City the head of Navigation of Alameda River ([Creek](#)). Amended and tabled.

***The Daily Alta California, February 2, 1855***

**Robbery of the Treasury of Alameda County:**

Alvarado, Friday Evening, 10 o'clock  
February 16, 1855

Mr. Editor:

As some of your city editors seem to doubt whether any robbery of the Treasurer's Office of Alameda County has actually taken place, I deem it proper to submit the following statement of the facts connected with the transactions so far as they have transpired up to this hour. The Treasurer's books show that on the 13<sup>th</sup> there was on hand the following sums, viz.:

State Funds	1,621.48
County Funds	3,189.80
Building Funds	6,295.97
School Funds	422.27
Money due Santa Clara County	<u>245.79</u>
Making in all:	<u><u>11,775.31</u></u>

This money was last seen in the safe, near sundown, on Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup>. In addition, Sheriff Broder has \$200 in one purse and \$600 in another, deposited in the safe. Making the whole amount of money in the, \$12,555.31 ([\\$12,575.31 by my count of the individual sums](#)).

The next time the Acting Treasurer had occasion to open the safe was on Wednesday, at about 4 o'clock p.m., when he was made aware of the robbery. All the money had been taken except one purse belonging to the Sheriff, containing \$600, which was found on top of the safe, where it had doubtless been left by accident by the robber.

The writer of this resides about five miles from the county seat, and first learned of the robbery on Wednesday evening, at San Francisco, where I then was on business. Sheriff Broder and Dr. Travis had at once came over to the city for the purpose of arresting a young man who had left Alvarado the same morning, and against whom some circumstances of suspicion existed. We remained in your city until today, naturally supposing that the thief might avail himself of the *Golden Age* to escape. Having watched every arrival and departure on this morning, we observed

the embarkation of all the passengers, and Commodore Watkins lay by for us to make a thorough search, off Fort Point, which resulted, however, in no trace of the matter.

From all the circumstances, which had come to my knowledge, I strongly suspected that the money was yet concealed somewhere about Alvarado, and arriving here this evening after examining localities, etc., I ordered a search around and under the building used for a Court House. On the back of this building and some six feet under I saw an old boot, which upon drawing out with my cane, I found to contain a purse of \$1,578, mostly in \$20 pieces. Upon a search in and under the other side of the building, a small bag, made of doubled cotton cloth, was drawn out by a rake, in which were three purses, containing in all, \$2,840. So that up to this time \$4,410.00 (\$4,418.00 by my count) of the money that has been recovered. All this was found within three-fourths of an hour after my arrival. Night coming on the search has suspended until morning, and in the meantime a Sheriff's posse of a dozen men are on patrol to see that no one leaves. The amount still missing, including the \$200 of the Sheriff is \$7,545.31. Whether any portion of this will be found, tomorrow will determine.

Suspicion rests strongly upon certain persons here whose names, for the present, had better not be made public. No formal arrest has as yet been made, although the suspected persons are to all intents in custody. Should any further particulars transpire before the stage passes in the morning, I will add a postscript.

Very respectfully yours,  
A.M. Crane,  
County Judge

PS: 7 a.m., February 17<sup>th</sup>, nothing further.  
*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, February 18, 1855*

#### **Union City Birth:**

Born in Union City, Alameda County California, to the wife of Andrew J. Forbes, a daughter.  
*The New York Daily Times, New York City New York, February 26, 1855*

#### **Earthquake:**

Alvarado: About 5 o'clock this morning a very severe shock of an earthquake was felt here, preceded by a low whistling sound, which for severity and length of duration surpasses any shock felt here-to-fore in this vicinity. Slight shocks have been of frequent occurrence for the last two years; the one this morning lasted for a full fifteen seconds, and the earth vibrated from North to South; atmosphere clear and unclouded. A shock of equal severity in your city would test the firmness of your brick edifices.

*The Milwaukee Daily American, March 19, 1855*

#### **Visitors to San Francisco:**

C.J. Stevens and H.F. Jones, both of Union City, have registered at the Railroad House in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, June 7, 1855*

#### **Visitor to San Francisco:**

James Gregg, of Union City, registered at the Railroad House in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, June 8, 1855*

#### **Visitor to San Francisco:**

G.M. Goodwin, of Union City, has registered at the Railroad House in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, June 9, 1855*

#### **Visitors to San Francisco:**

#### **Commercial Advertisement:**

To The Public:

The Flour Mills formerly owned by Mr. Horner, at Union City, are now owned by J.J. Hoe, and are ready for operation. Orders for grinding wheat will receive prompt attention at the mills. Terms low. Payment taken in wheat or cash.

J.W. Cheswill, Agent  
Union City Mills

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, June 26, 1855*

**Visitors to San Francisco:**

Edwin Johnson and Richard T. Henderson, both of Union City, have registered at the Railroad House in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, June 26, 1855*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

S.P. Harper of Union City has registered at the Wilson Exchange (Hotel) in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, July 4, 1855*

**Visitors to San Francisco:**

Edward Barnes and William Warren of Alvarado and J.S. Marston of Union City have checked into the Railroad House in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, July 24, 1855*

**Visitors to San Francisco:**

Jacob Ritchie and Thomas Merry, both of Union City, have registered at the Railroad House in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, July 28, 1855*

**Writ of Mandamus:**

The *Evening Journal* says that a writ of mandamus has recently been sued out against the officers of Alameda County, requiring them to remove the archives and records of said county from San Leandro, the place selected by a recent vote of the people for the county seat, to the town of Alvarado, where it was originally fixed by the law creating the county. The writ was issued by Craven P. Hester, Judge of the Third District Court.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., July 30, 1855*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

V.W. Nutman, of Union City, has registered at the Railroad House in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, August 7, 1855*

**The County Seat Returns to Alvarado:**

August 16, 1855:

The county seat is moved back to Alvarado as the (state) legislature had ruled that only they could move the county seat, not a vote of the people. So on the above date the Board of Supervisors met at Alvarado to conduct business.

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**Visitor to San Francisco:**

Mrs. Athay of Alvarado has registered at the Railroad House Hotel in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, August 22, 1855*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

H. Thompson, of Union City, has registered at the Railroad House in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, September 3, 1855*

**Visitors to San Francisco:**

A.E. Crane, R.C. Horner and A. Jates, all of Union City, have registered at the Railroad House in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, September 8, 1855*

**Steamer Service to Union City:**

The steamer *E. Corning*, Capt. Hawkins, will leave for Union City this morning and will run regularly as per advertisement.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, September 11, 1855*

**Visitors to San Francisco:**

William Hoffman and E. Johnson, both of Union City, have registered at the Railroad House in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, September 19, 1855*

**Visitors to San Francisco:**

C.J. Stevens, H.E.W. Clark, F.B. Granger Sr., E.B. Plummer, G.W. Sherbourne and William J. Connor, all of Union City, have checked into the Railroad House in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, October 4, 1855*

**Visitors to San Francisco:**

William Woolsey, L. Granger, T. Smith and H. Gaskin, all of Union City, have registered at the Railroad House in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, October 12, 1855*

**Visitors to San Francisco:**

Recent arrivals to the Railroad House in San Francisco are A.M. Church and Lady and Joseph T. Edsall of Alvarado and J.R. Mason of Union City.

*The Daily Alta Californian, San Francisco Calif., October 20, 1855*

**Visitors to San Francisco:**

Samuel D. Jones, Dr. Travis, Benjamin Williams and M. Pearson, all of Union City, have registered at the Railroad House in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, October 24, 1855*

**Visitors to San Francisco:**

Judge Williams, D. Hamer and William Chambers, all of Union City; have registered at the Railroad House in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, October 26, 1855*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

H.C. Potts, of Union City, has registered at the Railroad House in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, October 28, 1855*

**Visitors to San Francisco:**

Recent arrivals to the Railroad House in San Francisco are G. Emerson, D. Hamer and C.W. Gleason of Union City.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, November 13, 1855*

**Alvarado to Mission San Jose Road:**

The road from Alvarado to the Mission, which is nearly a bee line, is 60 feet wide, and so raised in the center as to render it, in the rainy season, comparatively dry and pleasant traveling. Gentlemen owning farms and country seats bordering on this highway, have manifested much public spirit in planting ornamental shade trees along its margin, which will in a few years contribute greatly to the picturesque beauty of the valley and to the comfort of the noon-day traveler. There are many handsome residences on either side of this splendid thoroughfare, with grounds in a high state of cultivation, tastefully laid out and ornamented with trees, shrubs and flowers. This road passes through Centerville, one of the most attractive villages we have seen in the State, and if its enterprising citizens carry out their present design of bordering the streets with shade trees, it will be far the pleasantest point in the valley. They have already built two fine

churches, one of wood and the other of brick, a *bijou* of a church, just completed and beautifully furnished by the ladies of the place.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., November 14, 1855***

**Early Stage Lines:**

J.W. HOAG & CO.'S

San Francisco and Contra Costa Express

(Successors to W.F. Herre)

The Corner of East and Jackson Streets, San Francisco

Daily by the California Stage Company's Line of Coaches from Oakland, via Clinton, San Antonio, San Leandro, Hayward's Hotel, Mission of San Jose, to Warm Springs.

Also by the California Stage Company and Williams' Line of Stages to the Mission of San Jose, via San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Alvarado, Union City and Centreville.

We will also run a Weekly Express throughout the Valley as far as Warm Springs, calling at every ranch, thereby giving to Farmers and others the opportunity of having business transacted without the expense of a trip to the city.

We will furnish Daily Papers on either of the above mentioned Stage Routes at city prices, and Weekly Papers at a trifle advance, delivered at their doors, together with Atlantic States, and Foreign Papers and Magazines as low as can be purchased in the city, (being the sole agents for most of the Daily and Weekly Papers, we flatter ourselves that we can give entire satisfaction.)

We will also do a General Express Business, such as Collecting Bills, Forwarding Letters, Parcels and Packages to all parts of California or elsewhere, being connected with Wells, Fargo & Co., and the Pacific Express Companies.

All orders from the country promptly attended to, and a liberal share of patronage solicited.

J.W. HOAG

JOHN BAMBER

C.D. GOBLE

***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., November 18, 1855***

**Visitors to San Francisco:**

Recent arrivals to the Railroad House in San Francisco are E. Barnes from Alvarado and B. Williams of Union City.

***The Daily Alta Californian, San Francisco Calif., November 19, 1855***

**Band of Thieves Captured:**

(From the pages of *The San Jose Telegraph*)

Sheriff Broder of Alameda County, accompanied by a strong posse, arrived in our city ([San Jose](#)) last night in search of some desperate villains, who have for a long time been preying upon the people of that county. We understand that a clue has been obtained to the existence of a large band of thieves and that some of the parties implicated in the thefts committed there are now in prison at Alvarado, and two more who had escaped, were pursued into the southern part of San Clara County, were arrested yesterday, not however, without the use of fire arms. Their names are Harris and Taylor, Harris refusing to surrender was shot in the eye, but we understand he is not dangerously hurt. The two men were brought to this city and lodged in jail last night.

***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, November 22, 1855***

**Visitors to San Francisco:**

Ed Barnes of Alvarado and S. Salmon of Union City, have registered at the Railroad House in San Francisco.

***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, November 25, 1855***

**Fifteen Men to be Hung:**

We learn that twelve or fifteen men have been arrested in Alameda County for stealing stock and were to be hung at Union City, after a trial by the people. A strong guard was placed over the prisoners and in all probability they will be summarily dealt with by the excited populace of that county. The county has suffered much from these cattle thieves, and has become somewhat famous for its prompt administration of justice by the people to these villains.

Two others, supposed to belong to the same gang were arrested near Stockton who, it is said, will share the same fate. An effort was made to bring the two from Stockton to Union City to dispatch them all together, but the citizens of the former place declined to surrender their prisoners, preferring to deal with them themselves.

The accused are all Spaniards, and if swung up at the same time and place, will be the most extraordinary lynching ever witnessed in this State. It almost makes the heart sick to contemplate such wholesale lynching.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, November 28, 1855*

**Fifteen Men to Be Hung:**

On Wednesday we published what proved to be an exaggerated account of the excitement, which prevailed at Union City, Alameda County, in relation to proceedings for lynching some ten or fifteen men who had been arrested for cattle stealing.

By a gentleman who arrived last evening from Union City, we learn that four cattle thieves had really been arrested, two American and two Mexicans, and lodged in prison for trial. On Wednesday night the Mexicans succeeded in breaking out of prison and making their escape, but the American prisoners were so closely secured that they could not get loose.

Yesterday morning, the people of Union City were greatly exasperated at the escape of the Mexican prisoners, and under the plea that the two Americans might soon escape if suffered to live, it was determined to give them no chance. At an early hour in the day the two prisoners were accordingly brought forth and hung, after the normal style of lynch proceedings in California. The Mexicans, who escaped, are being pursued, and if arrested they will be hung forthwith.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, November 30, 1855*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

S.D. Warren of Alvarado has registered at the Railroad House in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, December 1, 1855*

**The Lynching at Alvarado:**

From the *Oakland Leader* of Saturday evening we learn the following particulars of the escape of two Mexicans, who were recently arrested on the charge of cattle stealing, and the Lynching for the same offense of two notorious individuals names John Hill and William Harris, both Americans.

These men, it appears, a day or two before their death, had an examination before Justice Millard, of Alvarado, on a charge of having stolen some eight head of cattle from a Mr. L. Gates, who resides about three miles from Union City, which resulted in their conviction. On the night of Wednesday last, about 12 o'clock, two Mexican prisoners, who occupied the same apartment (for the county has no jail) with Harris and Hill, succeeded, by some means, in effecting their escape. At the time when occurrence took place, the prisoners were entrusted to a special guard. Sheriff Broder and Under Sheriff Edmondson having become exhausted by watching and pursuing a band of cattle thieves which infest that part of the country, for several days and nights, without interruption, had retired but a short time previous for the purpose of availing themselves of a little temporary rest. Upon learning the result, the Sheriff and Under Sheriff started immediately in pursuit of the fugitives from justice.



In the meantime, the people, so long the victims of a gang of merciless pillagers, became greatly exasperated, and immediately resolved not to allow the American prisoners a similar opportunity to make good their escape. A Vigilance Committee was instantly organized; the prisoners, Hill and Harris, were quickly wrested from the guard and placed in a wagon, which was guarded by the committee, who proceeded to the ranch of Alviso, about four miles from Union City, on the San Jose Road, at which place, on the branch of a tree, at about 5 o'clock in the morning of 29<sup>th</sup>, both Harris and Hill were executed.

A Coroner's inquest was held the same day over the dead bodies, and a verdict rendered in accordance with foregoing facts. The bodies were then cut down and buried on the same spot where they were executed. Some important information was, we are informed, elicited from Hill, a few moments previous to his death, which may hereafter prove beneficial to the ends of justice.

At last accounts, the escaped Mexican prisoners had not been re-captured. The sheriff has offered a reward of \$500 for their arrest.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., December 3, 1955***

### **The Lynching at Alvarado:**

We published some days since a brief account of the lynching of the horse thieves, Hill & Harris at Alvarado in Alameda County. The *San Jose Telegraph* contains the following items in a detailed account of the affair.

There are conflicting accounts as to Hill's former residence, some say he was from Springfield, Illinois, others say he was from Michigan and was known in Berrien County, he may have lived in both places. Harris was from Michigan and lived at Little Prairie Ronde, and also at St. Joseph's, Michigan, where he worked as a cooper, for Col. Lester Olds.

After the execution of Hill & Harris, a party went in search of Stephen Jacques, who also formerly lived at St. Joseph's, Michigan. Jacques had been twice examined, and, although there were many things against him, much to excite suspicion, yet he was discharged by the examining magistrate, the proof not being sufficiently clear. No one doubts that he was really privy to, if not deeply concerned in all the robberies committed by the band in Alameda County, with all of whom that are known, Jacques was on most intimate terms.

Sheriff Broder, who is still on the search for the Sonorians, was in this city ([San Jose](#)) on Saturday morning. And from him we learn that the party had found Jacques at the Mission San Jose, and that on condition of his life being spared, that he had promised to lead them to the rendezvous of the bandits in the mountains, and to find Thomas Gear, one of the leaders, who is still at large. The party, accompanied by Jacques, had gone on their mission.

***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., December 6, 1855***

### **New Arrivals:**

Near Alvarado, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, to the wife of Mr. E. Chancy, a son.

In Union City, November 27<sup>th</sup>, to the wife of Mr. Joseph Ralph, a son.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., December 6, 1855***

### **County Election Results:**

Votes cast by Township in Alameda County in 1855:

Washington	535
Eden	388
Brooklyn (Oakland)	279
Alameda	85
Murray (Livermore)	63
Oakland	366

Of the total votes of 1,716 about 30% represented Washington Township. Early in Alameda County history the seat of political power rested in the south county.

**1856, *The Centennial Yearbook of Alameda County***

### **Stolen Money:**

Early in 1855 the sum of \$7,156.44 was found to be missing from Mr. Marston's county treasury at Alvarado. Although no one was ever held accountable for the loss, it showed Alvarado in a bad light and the Board of Supervisor's to be lackadaisical in his or her safekeeping of county valuables.

**1856, *The Centennial Yearbook of Alameda County***

### **Alvarado Lynching:**

Four individuals, two Americans and two Mexicans, had recently been arrested for cattle stealing by the sheriff of Alameda County, and were taken by him to Union City (Near Alvarado). He confined them in a house, but during the night the Mexicans escaped. When the fact of the escape of the Mexicans became generally known, the townspeople assembled together, took the two Americans, whose names were Hill and Harris, from the custody of the sheriff and hanged them. A good deal of excitement prevailed.

***The Tioga Eagle, Wellsboro Pennsylvania, January 3, 1856***

### **Visitor to San Francisco:**

A. Anderson of Union City has checked into the Railroad House in San Francisco.

***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, Calif., February 5, 1856***

### **Visitor to San Francisco:**

V.W. Nuttman of Union City has checked into the Railroad House in San Francisco.

***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, Calif., February 8, 1856***

### **Visitors to San Francisco:**

E. Everett and J. Sloss of Alvarado, and George Johnson of Union City, have registered at the Railroad House in San Francisco.

***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, April 6, 1856***

### **The Vigilance Committee (Vigilantes):**

San Leandro: June 14, 1856,

Pursuant to a call for representatives of that population of the County of Alameda, who have enrolled themselves as supporters of the Vigilance Committee of San Francisco, about sixty delegates representing 680 enrolled members made their appearance and took their seats. The meeting was called to order by A. H. Meyers, on whose motion, **Dr. Travis** of Alvarado, was called to the chair, upon taking which, he stated the object of the meeting, and ably addressed the convention upon the subject of the *crisis* in San Francisco. By the committee, the following people were nominated, and by the meeting elected as permanent officers of the convention: President, **Dr. Travis**, Alvarado; Vice Presidents: Messrs. A. Davis of Oakland and Robb of Alameda; Secretaries: Dr. J. N. McHose of Alameda and J. M. Reynolds of Alvarado. The following resolutions were adopted:

**Whereas**, the tragical events that have transpired in San Francisco within the past month, have brought about a *crisis*, in which is involved the dearest rights of freemen, and which, consequently, calls for the expression of an opinion by every true lover of his country, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, That as our government derives its powers from the *people*, and it is established for their well being; therefore, when the agents deputed to execute the enactments of Government so as to protect the citizens in their rights, *fail to do so*, the *people* from whom all authority emanates, have the right to resume the administration of justice, and to execute their own will.

**Resolved**, That we recognize the necessity which called into life and action the Vigilance Committee of San Francisco, and take this method of expressing our approval of its past course and conduct, and our conviction that its future action will be based upon the principles of right and justice, and we hereby pledge to said Committee our firm adherence, and should physical aid be required, it shall be promptly rendered.

**Resolved**, That from the developments already made, it is obvious that the administration of the municipal government of San Francisco is a usurpation, in part at least, and that we fully endorse their efforts to depose the usurpers, as well as to punish the agents and principals, through whom this usurpation was brought about, and we recommend to the Committee the punishment of the principals first, and that, if either class must escape, it be the agents.

**Resolved**, That when these developments came to the knowledge of Governor Johnson, it became his duty to aid the citizens of San Francisco by all legal means, in disposing and bringing the usurpers to punishment, and that the Governor's Proclamation and subsequent acts, were ill advised and wholly uncalled for, and which, if persisted in, a useless debt to the state will be incurred, which we citizens, feel bound to repudiate.

**Resolved**, That in as much as obedience to Governor J. N. Johnson's Proclamation involves a sacrifice of dearest rights, and a bowing at the footstool of power, unworthy the intelligence of American freemen, we will not obey it.

**Resolved**, That these preceding be published in the *Oakland Leader*, *Evening Bulletin*, *Alta California*, and *Evening Journal* and other papers friendly to our cause.

But a few days have been spent in enrolling and there is no doubt that 1,500 names could be enrolled in the county.

Respectfully yours,

J. N. McHose

J. M. Reynolds

Secretaries

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., June 21, 1856*

**Edw Barnes Stabbed:**

Mr. Edward Barnes, of Alvarado, who was stabbed in the neck six weeks since, rendering it necessary to take up the great artery, paid a visit to San Francisco a few days since.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., August 30, 1856*

**Visitors to San Francisco:**

Mrs. Hays and Ellen Barrett of Union City, and J.F. Black, William Woolsey, M. Meyerfield and M. Worthington of Alvarado, have all checked into the Railroad House in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, September 2, 1856*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

A. Hunt of Alvarado checked into the Railroad House in San Francisco yesterday.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., October 23, 1856*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

E. Emerts of Alvarado checked into the Railroad House in San Francisco yesterday.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., October 28, 1856*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

F. Hagerty of Alvarado checked into the Railroad House in San Francisco yesterday.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., October 30, 1856*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

A. A. Gragg of Alvarado checked into the Railroad House in San Francisco yesterday.  
*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., November 9, 1856*

**Escapee Caught:**

Lewis Mahoney, one of the criminals who escaped last week from the State Prison at San Quentin, was arrested by Sheriff Broder, of Alameda County, on Monday morning, about 9 o'clock, in a canyon between Haywood's and Dougherty's ranches, on the Oakland & Stockton Road. At the time of his arrest he had in his possession a horse belonging to Louis Peralta, which he had stolen. The prisoner was brought to San Francisco yesterday and lodged in the County Jail.  
*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, January 16, 1857*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

J.M. Dudley, of Union City, has registered at the Tehama House in San Francisco.  
*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, February 15, 1857*

**Married:**

Albert E. Crane, of Alvarado, Alameda County, to Miss Louisa J. Briggs, of the former place, both formerly of Western New York.  
*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., June 26, 1857*

**Small Pox In Alvarado:**

The *Alameda Gazette* reports there are two or three cases of small pox at Alvarado.  
*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, July 13, 1857*

**Brooklyn House:**

HOTEL FOR RENT – THE BROOKLYN HOUSE

Situated at Alvarado, Alameda County, on the stage route from San Francisco to San Jose, containing eighteen rooms, and being very eligibly situated for a country Hotel.

RENT LOW, TO A GOOD TENANT

Inquire of James B. Townsend, Nov 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, Armory Hall, corner of Sacramento and Montgomery Streets, San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, July 21, 1857*

**State Prisoners:**

Justo Adams and Charles H. Wilson, who were sentenced to the State Prison from Alameda County, arrived in San Francisco Thursday night, and were forwarded to their new home yesterday, in charge of Sheriff Broder of Alameda County.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, July 25, 1857*

**Drivers Duel:**

A difficulty took place on July 28<sup>th</sup>, between Cameron Duncan, of the Union City line of stages, and Lewis J. Hilt, driver on McLaughlin's mail line, in which the latter struck the former with a slung shot, and was himself stabbed by the former in the shoulder and right breast, though not seriously injured.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, August 5, 1857*

**A Matter of Honor:**

A man named D.C. Fargo, the keeper of a billiard saloon in San Francisco, was up before Judge Coon this morning on a charge of sending threatening letters. It seems that some months since Fargo kept a public house at Alvarado, in Alameda County. During this time improper intimacy sprung up between the wife of Fargo and a man named H.P. Jones, who was an inmate of the house at the time. Smarting under a sense of the serious wrong done him, Fargo attempted to "get even" by blackmailing the destroyer of his domestic peace. The sum of \$3,000 was originally demanded as the price of his wounded honor. Failing to obtain this, he offered to compromise on \$1,500; this too was denied by the graceless Jones. Not to be baffled, Fargo finally concluded that

the presentation of a horse and buggy would wipe out the stain of his wife's dishonor. Yet still the incorrigible Jones failed to "come up and make the matter right." The only recourse left Fargo was to expose the villain and threaten vengeance. This he did, and for so doing he arraigned in the Police Court. Judge Coon not fancying this way of repairing a wife's dishonor, held Fargo to bail in the of \$1,000 to keep the peace.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., August 15, 1857*

### **Alvarado**

#### **Fandango Fight:**

At a fandango fight at Alvarado on the 28<sup>th</sup>, an American named Charles Chilson and a Mexican were killed.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, December 21, 1857*

#### **New Arrival:**

At Alvarado, Alameda County, April 1<sup>st</sup>, to Mr. & Mrs. A.E. Crane, a son.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., April 14, 1858*

#### **Grand Ball:**

COMMERCIAL ADVERTISEMENT:

GRAND BALL

at the

NEWMAN HOUSE, ALVARADO

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 30<sup>th</sup>, 1858

All parties wishing to be conveyed to the above Ball, will be taken by Mr. P.B. Smith, in his coaches of the International Hotel, from their residences to Alvarado, and returned in like manner for the small sum of \$2 each. Coaches will leave by noon boat to San Antonio ([Oakland](#)).

Orders sent to Mr. P.B. Smith, International Hotel, San Francisco, will receive prompt attention.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., April 30, 1858*

#### **Marriage:**

In Alameda County, William Poinsett of San Pablo to Miss Annie Horner of Alvarado.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, October 31, 1858*

#### **Stage Line to Fort Yuma:**

We learn from an authentic source that Hosmer & Co., who have a line of stages running from Oakland to the Mission of San Jose, are about to establish a coach line from Alvarado, Alameda County, to Fort Yuma direct, the first stage to start next Monday. The inducement to immediate emigration seems to be the invitations contained in a letter to Henry Smith, of Alvarado, in relation to what are said to be the prolific yields of gold, and the agricultural resources lately spoken of in advices from that quarter. A great many have secured passage. (*S.F. Call*)

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., November 8, 1858*

#### **Reward for Murderer:**

Governor Weller has issued a proclamation for the arrest and conviction of the murderer or murderers of one Cirivaco Sacre, who was recently killed on the Bay of San Francisco, about two miles from Alvarado, in Alameda County.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., November 17, 1858*

#### **Bankruptcy:**

Lewis W. Newman, formerly hotelkeeper at Alvarado, filed a petition for the benefit of the insolvent law, in the Twelfth District Court, at San Francisco, December 10<sup>th</sup>. His liabilities amount to \$4,000; his assets nothing.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., December 13, 1858*

#### **Alvarado Nursery:**

#### COMMERCIAL ADVERTISEMENT:

Important to Fruit Growers:

100,000 Fruit Trees

The undersigned having made arrangement with Mssrs. Winchel and Devine, proprietors of the old and well known COMMERCIAL NURSERY, San Jose, also Messrs. Brizee and McCormick of the ALVARADO NURSERY at Alvarado, and other principal nurserymen of like celebrity, in different parts of the State, to act as their exclusive agent for the sale of FRUIT TREES, will open, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at his Agricultural Warehouse and Seed Store, N.E. corner of Washington and Davis Streets, one of the largest and best selected stocks of Fruit and Ornamental Trees, Shrubbery, Grape Vines, Gooseberry, Currant and Raspberry bushes, Strawberry, Blackberry and Flowering Plants ever offered in this market, embracing all the varieties know in the State, age from one to three years.

E. FALES

Successor to S.L. PALMER

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., December 30, 1858*

#### **I.O.O.F:**

An Odd Fellows Chapter was founded in Alvarado on November 26, 1859. The following were designated as charter members: Charles S. Eigenbrodt, Albert E. Crane, James Hawley, William M. Liston, William Morrison, William Hayes, W.H. Hawthorne, George Simpson and N.B. Eldred. *1859, The History of Alameda County, M.W. Wood, 1883*

#### **Flour Mill:**

The flourmill of the celebrated Union City Mills in Alameda County is not excelled in the San Francisco market. The capacity of the establishment is over two barrels daily, they having more run of stone than any other mill in the State, and cost \$85,000.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, February 8, 1859*

#### **Benjamin F. Bucknell:**

U.S. Genweb Tombstone Project, Benjamin F. Bucknell: date of death: April 19, 1859. Interred: Centerville Pioneer Cemetery, Fremont, California.

<http://files.usgarchives.net/ca/alameda/cemeteries/centerville.txt>

#### **Married:**

In Alvarado, Alameda County, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, James W. Russell to Mary Thompson.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., June 1, 1859*

#### **Governor to Speak:**

Governor John B. Weller and Hon. Charles L. Scott, candidate for congress, will address their fellow citizens in Alvarado on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., August 5, 1859*

#### **Methodist Church:**

A new Methodist Church is in the course of erection, and nearly completed, at Alvarado, Alameda County.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., September 3, 1859*

#### **Miss Lucy Farley Dies:**

At Alvarado, September 20<sup>th</sup>, Lucy V., daughter of Ebenezer and Eliza M. Farley, aged ten month and nine days.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., October 10, 1859*

#### **Stabbing:**

On Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, a row occurred at a fandango house in Alvarado, in which a Spaniard named Augustine Alcaras was severely cut in the left side by one Nara Thada. It is thought, says

the *Alameda County Herald* that the wound will prove fatal. Thada was arrested and taken before Judge Cornell, who committed him to jail to await the action of the Grand Jury.  
***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., October 10, 1859***

### **Church Dedicated:**

The new Methodist Episcopal Church at Alvarado, was dedicated by appropriate services to Divine worship on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup>. The Rev. Dr. Peck of San Francisco, Rev. M.C. Briggs, together with the pastor, Rev. C. Cushman, conducted the ceremonies of the occasion.  
***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., December 24, 1859***

### **Two Churches:**

Mrs. Charlotte Cornell and Mrs. Julia Thompson lobbied ceaselessly for religious direction for the twin towns. In 1860 each woman's dream was fulfilled when Methodists and the Presbyterians each completed separate churches. One was known as "Charlotte's Temple" and the other as "Julia's Chapel."

The Methodist Church, by removal and death of its members, lost nearly all its congregation, and twenty years since the church was being sold. The history of the Presbyterian Church is one of prosperity.

***1860, The History of Washington Township, 1965***

### **Alvarado Salt:**

The concerns of the inhabitants of Union City (Alvarado) after the Civil War were mostly the raising of stock, grain, and orchard products and the transportation of these cash crops to market. During the 1860 to 1870 decade, the first railroad crosses the area and the railroad town of Decoto was founded. Still, the use of the Union City wharves for hay schooners, salt barges, grain and vegetable shipments daily was very important to the area.

The Union City flood plain was considered by many to be the most fertile agricultural land in the state. An item in the *Alameda County Independent*, published at Irvington, relates to this. "Last week we paid a visit in the hospital home of one of the old settlers of the county, William Whidden, Esq., who owns 250 acres of land near Alvarado."

"The ground in that district is subject to overflow every winter, the effect of which is greatly to enrich the soil and preserve its fruitfulness. Land that has been tilled each year for 20 years is just as productive now as it was two decades since."

"This is the case with this farm. Last year 15,000 bushels of onions and 3,000 sacks of beans were raised on it, the sacks averaging about 65 pounds each, while the onions were so prolific that one single acre produced 600 bushels. Carrots to the amount of nearly 600 tons, 800 sacks of barley, 250 sacks of potatoes, and 50 tons of squashes, and 50 sacks of corn were also produced."

"Two years before, 27 acres of barley brought \$1,714 cash home. Onions are sold at from 1 cent to 5 cents per pound. Of fruit trees, there are not less than 500, consisting of apples, pears, plums, cherries, crab apples, quince and peaches. The varieties of berries cultivated are blackberry, raspberry and strawberry, chiefly for home consumption; and four acres of cherry currants, yielding 3 or 4 tons to the acre. The price of these runs at 6 cents a pound early in the season."

The livestock keep pace with other products in quality if not in quantity. There are nine families of tenants on the place, and 60 to 70 workmen are employed. The lessees get two-thirds of the produce of the land, giving one third for its use to the owner, each party furnishing its own sacks."

Mr. B. Benedict and J.B. Shirk commenced the cultivation of hops near Alvarado and up to the present, have prosecuted the industry with marked success. Mrs. Blacow produces wool from a fine flock of sheep which graze the bottoms of Alameda Creek."

A growing source of cash income for those Union City farmers who lived close to the Bayshore was salt harvesting from marsh ponds. Prior to 1862 the only commercial salt production in the South County came from "a salt works of Christian Bothsaw, located on the banks of Alameda Creek and those which came from the marshes of John Quigley, below the elbow at Union City."

In 1868, J.A. Plummer and his sons, J.A. Jr., and C.A. Plummer purchased from Lyman Beard a large tract east of Alvarado upon which was established their "Turk Island" Salt Works. This was the Plummer's second salt property as they had started in 1864 the property, which took the name of the "Crystal Salt Works," which was located in the lea of the Coyote Hills.

This property consisted of a large pond and salt march in its natural condition, the improvement of which was immediately commenced by Mr. Plummer, who built vats, erected windmills and pumps, subdividing the pond into compartments for holding salt water in its different degrees of strength, the weakest water would be that just received into the main pond from the Bay of San Francisco.

The partitions for subdividing these ponds are of pine boards and driven into the bottom of the pond, edge-to-edge, thereby making the compartments water tight. When the brine reaches one hundred and five degrees, it commences to crystallize in vats and ponds especially adapted for that purpose. After a certain period of crystallization has passed, the salt is ready to be taken up and carried ashore to be put into houses for protection or piled outside when the warehouses are full.

A tramway is laid to the landing on the slough leading into the Bay, where vessels come and receive the salt brought to the wharf by cars and take it to San Francisco.

The windmills and pumps are at work all the time, lifting water and transferring it from one pond to other ponds by means of flumes and ditches. There are large pans, under which fires are kept burning to dry the salt placed thereon; when dry it is ground for dairy purposes, a 15 horsepower engine drives the mills. These works produce from 1,500 to 2,000 per year in 1882.

The salt produced at these Alvarado works is of a superior quality, and better than any foreign salt imported into this country. Analysis shows these salt crystals to be 99.62 per cent chloride of sodium. This grade of salt is largely used by meat-packers in San Francisco, who prefer it to any other.

Another of the most famous salt work was the Union Pacific Salt Company, organized in 1868 by John Barton, a San Francisco capitalist who was also on the boards of Fireman's Fund Insurance and the Sutter Street Railroad. This property spread over 1,000 acres at the confluence of the Alameda Creek and Eden Creeks. This company owned Rack Island Salt and at its plant there in 1882 employed over 100 men, produced 7,000 tons of salt per year and had invested over \$100,000 in the venture. It shipped its salt to Pacific Coast consumers from Arizona and Baja California to British Columbia.

Salt making by 1880 was the fourth most important industry in South County, being exceeded in value only by fruit growing, grain and vegetable production and stock raising. Eventually the combined works of the Crystal Salt and Turk Island Salt companies were the foundations for Southern Alameda County operations of the Morton Salt Company.



Stock raising was the oldest industry and by 1880, the third largest producer of a cash crop. The embarcadero at the "The Elbow" had been used by the Mission padres and the Mexican rancheros as the transfer point from land to sea for hides and tallow from 1800.

As soon as the American occupation occurred the early American farmers used their grazing hill pastures to mature beef shipped to San Francisco butchers. Drovers regularly came through South County to buy beef on the hoof and drive the herds to the mining camps of the Mother Lode or around the peninsula to Butchertown in San Francisco's Potrero district.

Among the early stock raising families were that of August May Sr., Philip Hellwig, William Jung, Eph.H. Dyer, F.B. Granger Sr., and Fred Wiegman. As early as 1856 Philip Hellwig came to California from his native Germany (after a seven year apprenticeship as a baker in London) via the Horn to San Francisco. He tried mining in the Mother Lode country but not making more than wages from placers, joined a cousin in Alvarado who had already set up a retail meat market.

In 1865 Philip Hellwig bought out his cousin and operated the market under his own management. In 1874 the possibilities of expanding into other retail areas and starting a wholesale butcher business and slaughtering business attracted Hellwig and so he formed a large firm called P. Hellwig & Company, with partners F.D. Wiegman and William Jung.

**Author: John Sandoval**

**1860, *The Daily Review, Hayward Calif, August 31, 1975***

#### **Died:**

At his residence near Alvarado, Eden Township, Alameda County, May 6<sup>th</sup>, Lewis F. Komph, aged 63 years, a native of Germany.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., May 12, 1860***

#### **New Township?:**

It is proposed to make a township of Alvarado and Union City, in Alameda County, and call it Madison.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., March 23, 1860***

#### **Mrs. Davis Insane:**

Mrs. Davis, of Alvarado, was examined before Judge Lent, on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, says the *Alameda Gazette*, by Drs. Payne and Green, and pronounced insane, produced from over religious excitement. Mrs. Davis, in 1854, accidentally overheard the entreaties of a man for life who was hung back of San Antonio by a Vigilance Committee, near a house where she then resided, which had such an effect on her as to completely disarrange her whole nervous system, and she was confined for several months at the Insane Asylum in consequence. Since her release she has been comparatively sane until quite recently. She was conveyed to the Asylum again.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., May 15, 1860***

#### **Methodist Church:**

The ladies of Alvarado, Alameda County, who are connected with the M.E. (Methodist?) Church of that place, will hold a festival on Wednesday, the 25<sup>th</sup>, the proceeds of which, we understand, are to be appropriated to discharging a balance of debt yet remaining due and unpaid by the church. The festival will be gotten up in the handsomest style peculiar to such affairs when conducted and presided over by the ladies of Alvarado.

***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., September 25, 1860***

#### **Reverend Mr. Seymour:**

The Presbyterian Church in Mendocino, with great unanimity and zeal, have extended a call to Rev. Mr. Seymour to become their pastor.

The Presbyterian Church in Alvarado, Alameda County, have also made a call to the same man, Rev. Mr. Seymour.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., November 3, 1860***

**Reverend Mr. B.N. Seymour:**

The call of the Presbyterian Church of Alvarado to the Rev. B.N. Seymour has been accepted. Mr. Seymour will enter upon his labors as soon as he returns from Visalia.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., November 17, 1860*

**Daily Mail in Alameda County:**

The Postmaster of San Leandro has given notice that, hereafter, there will be a daily mail to San Francisco, Oakland, Brooklyn, San Jose, Centerville and Alvarado, to and from that place.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., February 8, 1861*

**Flood:**

Flood in Alameda County: The amount of rain in Alameda County has been so great that all the arroyos are overflowing and much damage has been done. The town of Alvarado was overflowed yesterday, the water running through the streets. The San Jose stage was compelled to turn back, the road being impassable.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., March 30, 1861*

**Stage Accident:**

The San Antonio Stage capsized yester near Alvarado, and two passengers were seriously, perhaps fatally, injured.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., June 6, 1861*

**Postmaster:**

Special Mail Agent Watrous of Sacramento is authorized by the Department to establish new Post Offices and to appoint Postmasters. Mr. Watrous has appointed Azman J. Lowell of Alvarado, Postmaster.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., August 30, 1861*

**Presbyterian Synod of Alta California:**

The Ecclesiastics Body (Presbyterian N.S.) met in San Francisco on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Twenty-three members, nineteen clergymen and four elders, were in attendance. Reports were received from the Churches in the following places: Marysville, Placerville, Healdsburg, San Jose, Alvarado, Centerville and Carson (Nevada).

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., October 5, 1861*

**Salt:**

Prior to 1862 the only salt manufactured east of Mt. Eden came from the salt works of Christian Brothers, located on the banks of Alameda Creek, adjoining the salt works of John Quigley below Union City. J. A. Plummer and Sons, J. A. Plummer, Jr. and C. A. Plummer, purchased in 1869 from Lyman Beard a large tract of marsh east of Alvarado, upon which was established their "Turk's Island" Salt Works. Prior to the death of Mr. Plummer, Sr. in 1883, his interests in the salt properties were transferred to his sons, and were merged into the firm of Plummer Bros.

*1862, The History of Washington Township, 1965*

**Flood:**

The town of Alvarado is all inundated. Not a spot of ground but what is covered with water to the depth of six feet. The residents have been firing minute guns there for relief. It is impossible to get to them from this way to render any assistance.

[Alvarado is a small town on the branch of the Alameda Creek, which empties into the Bay near its Southern extremity, and is located east of Union City.]

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., January 13, 1862*

**Flood:**

Mr. Charles A. Crane informs us that after the news reached San Francisco on Sunday night of the flood at Alvarado he endeavored to charter a steamer to go immediately to their relief, but failed.

This morning he chartered the *Pride of the Bay*, which he dispatched to the relief of the town. Since her departure the schooner *Anna Whitton* arrived from Mr. Crane's (his brother's) warehouse at Alvarado and reports that the water had not risen high enough to enter the warehouse or dwelling, but the salt marsh had been flooded with from five to six feet of water.  
***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, January 14, 1862***

**Flood Relief:**

The following persons from Alvarado have contributed to the *Daily Alta California* flood relief program:

Mrs. Amos Leland, Mrs. P.J. Campbell and M.T. Carrick.  
***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, January 30, 1862***

**Mail Delivery Bids Open:**

UNITED STATES MAIL  
Post Office Department  
Washington, October 30, 1861

Proposals will be received at the Contract Office of this Department until 10 a.m. of MONDAY, March 31, 1862, for conveying the Mails of the United States for four years, commencing July 1, 1862, and ending June 30, 1866, in the State of California, on the routes and by the schedules of departures herein specified:

Route No. 14,759: From Oakland, by Brooklyn, San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Alvarado, Centreville, Mission San Jose and Milpitas, to San Jose, 48 miles and back, three times a week.  
***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., February 8, 1862***

**Flood:**

Nothing like the recent flood in California has ever been witnessed on this continent, within the knowledge of its civilized inhabitants. The San Francisco Herald says it has inflicted a blow upon the state from which it will not recover for half a century. Thousands of the citizens have been utterly bankrupted, and in round numbers may be as high as \$50,000,000. A great many deaths by drowning are reported, and probably many hundreds have met a watery grave. The town of Alvarado was six feet under water at one time, and the inhabitants fired minute guns to call attention to their distress, but it was impossible to offer them any assistance.  
***The Defiance Democrat, Defiance Ohio, March 29, 1862***

**Rev. Seymour:**

The Presbytery of San Jose met in the Presbyterian Church, Oakland, Tuesday evening, the 8<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was opened with a sermon from the Rev. L. Hamilton, which was followed by the public exercises. The Presbytery elected Rev. B.N. Seymour of Alvarado as Moderator.  
***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., April 12, 1862***

**Died:**

In Alvarado, Alameda County, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Hannah Ryan, a native of Ireland, aged 28 years.  
***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., May 28, 1862***

**Died:**

In Alvarado, Alameda County, July 24<sup>th</sup>, William Henry Madigan, son of William Madigan, aged 18 years.  
***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., July 30, 1862***

**W.W. Brier:**

We notice in the *New York Evangelist* the appointment of Rev. W. W. Brier of Alvarado as District Secretary of the Pacific Coast for the Presbyterian (N.S.) Board of Home Missions, and Rev. J.D. Strong of Oakland, Missionary in California.  
***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., August 23, 1862***

### **Mass Meeting at San Leandro:**

A few days ago a printed address to the citizens of Alameda County, on behalf of the sick and wounded soldiers of the Army and Navy, was extensively circulated by a committee of citizens, consisting of Messrs. I.A. Ammerman, J.S. Chipman, and G.F. Smith.

(In response to that article [The Daily Alta California](#) received the following correspondence.)

ALVARADO, September 29, 1862

*Friend Smith:* I very much regret that I cannot be with you to enjoy the ceremonies of today; but I trust that such a glorious free will offering will go up from the citizens of Alameda County for the cause of civil and religious liberty, as will carry dismay to all the rebels in our beloved country, and joy to the hearts of all patriots and Union soldiers. I forward to you \$50, which you will place to my credit in the Patriotic Fund, and I promise to pay \$5 per month until the last rebel is shot or returns to his allegiance.

A.J. LOWELL

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, September 30, 1862*

### **Presbyterian Synod of Alta California:**

The Synod of Alta California met in San Francisco October 1<sup>st</sup> at half past seven p.m., and was opened with a sermon by the retiring Moderator, the Rev. Hamilton, of San Jose. Attending the synod from Alvarado were Rev. W.W. Brier and Dr. Selfridge, Elder.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento, Calif., October 6, 1862*

### **Rev. Seymour:**

Rev. B.N. Seymour, stated supply of the Presbyterian Church at Alvarado, has been confined to his room for two weeks with bilious fever.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., November 29, 1862*

### **Ephraim Dyer:**

Ephraim Dyer has been appointed Captain and Commander of the Alvarado Guards. Their purpose will be the first line protection of our people and our property. His staff includes: 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, C. P. Johnson; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, Joseph McKeown; 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant, H. C. Smith, and Orderly, Sgt. Frank Gilman. The Alvarado Guards were formed in 1862.

*November 1863, The Oakland Tribune, June 12, 1960*

*The On-Line Biography of Ephraim H. Dyer*

### **Catholic Church:**

Alvarado completed the erection its Catholic Church this year and was dedicated by Arch Bishop Alemany of San Francisco in the presence of Father Fredi, the first priest in charge. The first church people were mostly Spaniards and European immigrants.

*1863, The History of Washington Township, 1965*

### **Lucy Smith Dies:**

Lucy M. Smith, wife of James Smith, of Union City, Alameda County, died on January 26<sup>th</sup>. She was a native of Maine and was 31 years of age.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, January 30, 1863*

### **Alvarado Suicide:**

Lately, at Alvarado, the wife of Ebenezer H. Dyer, County Surveyor of Alameda County, while in a state of partial derangement from the effects of a fever, took advantage of the absence of her attendants, left her house, jumped into the Alameda Creek, and was drowned before assistance could be rendered.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., February 16, 1863*

### **Died:**

Near Alvarado, February 24<sup>th</sup>, George A. Corey, aged 84 years and 9 months.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., March 4, 1863*

**Marriage:**

In San Francisco, March 15<sup>th</sup> by the Rev. T. Mooshake, John G. Westest to Mrs. Helen D. F. Funk, both of Alvarado, Alameda County.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., March 18, 1863*

**Alvaradan's Off to War:**

March 23, 1863: Charles S. Eigenbrodt has been appointed Captain of one of four battalions that marched off to join the 2<sup>nd</sup> Massachusetts Cavalry today. They marched down the streets of San Francisco to board the U. S. S. Constitution for their trip east. Joining him from Alvarado were John T. Campbell and Hiram Clark. Among the men were many from throughout Alameda County.

*March 23, 1863, Biography of C. S. Eigenbrodt by Timothy Swenson*

**New Arrival:**

At Alvarado, March 26<sup>th</sup>, to the wife of John Hana, a daughter.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., April 2, 1863*

**New Arrival:**

In Alvarado, Alameda County, April 14<sup>th</sup>, to the wife of Charles P. Johnson, a son.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., April 24, 1863*

**Teachers Meeting:**

In the register of the names of teachers, etc., attending the State institute meetings from Alvarado are: Robert B.N. Seymour and T. Orlando Hopkins, C.E.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., May 9, 1863*

**Exciting Time at Alvarado:**

In Alvarado, Alameda County, on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July, there was quite a concourse of people assembled, people who had come in from the neighboring ranchos for the purpose of jubilating over the fall of Vicksburg. Just as the enthusiasm was at its height (as we are informed) an individual, who proved to be a horse thief, rushed into town, hotly pursued by Harlow Wood, Constable of Eden Township. The excited people joined in the chase, captured the malefactor, and brought him to Judge Crane's Court in Alvarado, where an impromptu jury was impaneled, and the populace were about to hang the thief, when Judge Crane and a few other cool-headed citizens interposed and insisted that the man should not be punished except by due process of the law. Their interposition and arguments prevailed, and the horse fancier, saved yet awhile from stretching hemp, was committed to prison.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., July 13, 1863*

**Mexican Subscription:**

In July last, Alvarado, in Alameda County, subscribed \$96 to the fund for the Mexican Army.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, August 9, 1863*

**Union Meeting at Alvarado:**

Alvarado, August 18, 1863

The Alvarado Union League has purchased a splendid flagstaff and one of the largest banners in the State. They intend to hold a grand demonstration at the raising on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Distinguished speakers having been engaged for the occasion; the most imposing display of Union men held in Alameda County during the present campaign may be anticipated.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., August 20, 1863*

**Flourmill Accident:**

A serious accident occurred this morning at the Union City Flouring Mills, Union City. Mr. Lindell, one of the lessees of the mill had both of his legs broken by being caught around the main shaft, which revolves about sixty times a minute. It is feared that amputation will be necessary. Mr. Lindell has a family residing at Santa Clara.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, September 5, 1863*

**Alvarado Guard:**

The loyal legislature of California, impressed with the necessity of placing the State in a better condition for defence in these days of treason and rebellion, considered, and wisely so, that the first step taken in that direction should be to foster the military spirit of the people, by encouraging the organized militia.

With this view, a law was passed last winter, authorizing the Governor to order a Camp of Instruction for the officers and non-commissioned officers throughout the State, to take place in the spring, and an Encampment for each Brigade within its own limits in the fall; each to last for ten days. The cost of these Encampments to be defrayed by levying a poll tax of two dollars on every male inhabitant of California.

*General Orders No. 7:*

I. The assignment to regiments of unattached companies during this Encampment will be as follows: The Vallejo Rifles, Capt. Barbour, to the First Regiment; The McClellan Guards, of Vallejo, to the Second Irish Regiment; the Watsonville Guards, Capt. Porter, and Butler Guards, Capt. Haslam, to the First Regiment of artillery; the Napa Guard, Capt. Allen, the San Jose Union Guard, Capt. Owen, the Alviso Rifles, Capt. Rowley and the Alvarado Guard, Lieutenant Johnson commanding, to the First Infantry Battalion, which will be designated during the Encampment as the Fourth Regiment.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, October 24, 1863*

**Fire:**

A dwelling house was burned in Alvarado, Alameda County last week. A boy went to bed with a lighted cigar in his mouth.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., November 15, 1863*

**Fire:**

On Friday morning, November 13<sup>th</sup>, about 3 o'clock, the residence of one Smithurst, in Alvarado, was totally destroyed by fire, consuming all the earthly goods of Smithurst and family. One of the children, a boy, becoming restless in the night, arose and lighted a cigar, and went to bed smoking. This is supposed to have been the origin of the fire.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., November 19, 1863*

**Mexican Hung:**

Alvarado was the scene of a dastardly outrage on the evening of November 23, when a party of Mexican desperadoes having entered the town and fired shots at buildings and individuals, and then left the place. Chase was given to them and one of the party was arrested and brought back to town. He was placed under guard, but the guard was overpowered and the prisoner was taken to the bridge crossing the Alameda Creek and hung. The gallows was not cheated out of a victim this time, but the lawyer complained the next morning that he had lost a client.

*The Centennial Yearbook of Alameda County, November 23, 1863*

**New Arrivals:**

In Alvarado, October 12<sup>th</sup>, to the wife of Dr. J.M. Selfridge, twins, a son and a daughter.

In Alvarado, October 13<sup>th</sup>, to the wife of Peter Otsheim, a daughter.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., November 25, 1863*

**Mexican Hung:**

Last Monday night a party of Spanish desperadoes went to Alvarado, fired into a hotel, smashed all the windows in the Catholic Church, and then started off for the mountains. About a mile from town they met an American named Frank Devol, at whom they fired two shots, which passed through his coat. After a hot pursuit, one of the Spaniards was caught and taken back to Alvarado, where he had a preliminary trial. Last night, about twelve o'clock, a number of citizens of the town overpowered the guard, took the prisoner and hung him over the Alameda Bridge.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., November 26, 1863*

**Commissions:**

Governor Stanford has appointed Ephraim Dyer of the Alvarado Guards as Commissioner of Deeds.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., December 5, 1863*

**Dedicatory Ball:**

The **Alvarado Guards** held a dedicatory ball on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, in their armory ([The IOOF Hall](#)). This was considered one of the principal social events of the year.

*1864, The Centennial Yearbook of Alameda County, 1864*

**The Alvarado Guards:**

The **Alvarado Guards** took part in a military parade at San Jose and through some mismanagement or misunderstanding was not handsomely treated, and there arose a newspaper controversy there from as to who was to blame.

*1864, The Centennial Yearbook of Alameda County, 1864.*

**Capt. Charles S. Eigenbrodt:**

News of the death of C. S. Eigenbrodt, of Alvarado, was received throughout the county and state with great regret. It will be recollected that he recruited a company of California Cavalry, which was sent east and attached to a Massachusetts regiment. He was killed in an action in the Shenandoah Valley, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September 1864 while gallantly leading a charge. He had been a Supervisor for Washington Township and instrumental in the formation of IOOF, No. 93, in Alvarado. He founded a public library in Alvarado.

*1864, The Centennial Yearbook of Alameda County, 1864*

**Died:**

Near Alvarado, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, John McCormac, aged 47 years.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., February 29, 1864*

**New Arrival:**

In Alvarado, Alameda County, August 13<sup>th</sup>, to the wife of J.A. Schmidt, a son.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., August 18, 1864*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

George W. Patterson of Alvarado registered at the Cosmopolitan Hotel yesterday.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., September 15, 1864*

**Capt. Charles S. Eigenbrodt:**

The late Capt. Eigenbrodt:

On receipt of the telegram announcing the death of Capt. Charles S. Eigenbrodt, Company A, California Battalion, now serving in the Shenandoah Valley, a meeting of Crusade Lodge, No. 93, IOOF, at Alvarado, was called, at which time the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

**Whereas**, it has pleased Divine Providence to take from us our beloved brother, Charles S. Eigenbrodt, while gallantly charging the enemy at the head of his brave men, in an engagement in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 1864; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That while we humbly bow to the decrees of Providence, we can but deplore the loss of our self-sacrificing brother, who left his pleasant home and a large circle of warm friends, and nobly drew his sword in defence of his country.

*Resolved*, That in the death of Brother Eigenbrodt, the founder and first Noble Grand of our Lodge, we have not only lost one of our most active and efficient members, but the community a good neighbor, and our country a brave defender.

*Resolved*, That as a further mark of respect, this Lodge attend proper funeral services under the direction of our Chaplain; that our hall be draped in mourning, and our members wear the usual badge for thirty days.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the relatives of Brother Eigenbrodt in New York, with assurances of our deepest sympathy.

*Resolved*, That copies of these resolutions be furnished to the *DAILY ALTA CALIFORNIA* and *Alameda County Gazette* for publication.

In accordance with the above resolutions, on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, at 11 o'clock A.M., the National colors being displayed at half-mast and bells tolling, the members of Crusade Lodge, No. 93, including many sisters, together with the members of Mission Peak Lodge, No. 114, each wearing the customary badge of mourning, and the I.G., carrying the insignia of rank of the deceased, moved in solemn procession from the Lodge Hall to the Presbyterian Church, where an appropriate and patriotic discourse was pronounced by Rev. Brother B.N. Seymour, after which the procession returned to the hall.

***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, September 29, 1864***

**Married:**

Near Alvarado, November 10<sup>th</sup>, John Buchanan to Rachel Ross.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., November 19, 1864***

**Married:**

Near Alvarado, November 10<sup>th</sup>, Norton Monroe to Miss Frances Mead.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., November 24, 1864***

**Dance:**

The 17<sup>th</sup> of March was celebrated at Alvarado by a ball, the proceeds of which were donated for the purpose of paying off the debt of the Catholic Church in Alvarado.

***1865, The Centennial Yearbook of Alameda County, 1865***

**Assessed Valuation:**

The assessed valuation for Alameda County for 1864-1865 by township is shown below. Note the large increase in valuation of Oakland and the growth of other townships compared to Washington Township:

Oakland	\$1,396,910
Eden	900,820
Brooklyn	802,005
Washington	738,990
Murray	192,280
Alameda	181,105

***1865, The Centennial Yearbook of Alameda County, 1865***

**Died in San Francisco:**

Jeremiah Donohue of Alvarado, fell dead of heart disease in this city last evening.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., April 6, 1865***

**Tragic Event:**

A subscriber to the *Alta* in Alvarado writes as follows:

“In the little town of Alvarado, over the Bay, on Friday last, occurred a serio-comic tragedy, resulting in the death, by shooting of one bad cur. The owner, a butcher, not unknown to fame of some kind, keeps a savage bulldog to watch his shop and to the no small danger to limb and life of his patrons.”



"On that day a customer approached the door with fear and trepidation, to make his purchase for the evening meal. The handle turned, as quick as thought the dog jumped on him and gnawed on him as well! The frau (be thanked) then interfered, and, with strength of a male, dragged "Bully" to his house."

"The customer, not daunted, procured a pistol, a very pepper-box, six shots he fired; the dog and Madame raved the while, but doggy failed to "spoil." Prudence and pain now forced a quick retreat, to the office of a disciple of Galen, who cupped the man and made him safe from harm. During this time the owner dragged "Bully" to a safe retreat."

"Angry citizens, perceiving which, after brief thought, armed *cap-a-pie*, with mien ferocious, marched *en masse* to where the bad cur was; demand for him was made, and such refused until after an hour or so of cavil, the frau agreeing, though not relenting. The dog was got and shot, and all was once more quiet on Alvarado Creek."

***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, May 9, 1865***

### **New Arrivals:**

At Alvarado, July 9<sup>th</sup>, to the wife of John Cole, a daughter.

At Alvarado, July 9<sup>th</sup>, to the wife of Henry Cockaford, a son.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., July 24, 1865***

### **Shooting Match:**

On January 1, 1866 a shooting match took place between the Haywards Guards and the Alvarado Guards at Haywards. Thirty men from each unit fired three shots each at the target. The Alvaradan's made 985 points and the Haywardians made 1,030 points. Haywards prevailed by 45 points. In the evening the contestants were entertained by a ball at Hayward's Hotel, at which many lovely ladies were present to smile upon the gallant defenders of the state.

***1866, The Centennial Yearbook of Alameda County, 1866***

### **Jesse L. Beard Dies:**

On March 6, 1867, Jesse Beard, one of the pioneers of the county and father of Elias Beard of Mission San Jose, died at Alvarado in his 78<sup>th</sup> year.

***1866, The Centennial Yearbook of Alameda County, 1866***

### **Died:**

In Alvarado, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, T. Orlando Hopkins, in his 35<sup>th</sup> year.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., January 31, 1866***

### **Marriage:**

Michael McNamara to Mary Sheehan, both of Alvarado, Alameda County

***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., June 13, 1866***

### **Flood:**

A dispatch, dated at San Leandro, December 21<sup>st</sup> says:

Last evening, at about seven o'clock, this town was visited by a terrible storm of thunder, lightning and rain, which lasted about an hour. The lightning darted through the heavens in a very careless manner indeed, and the thunder bellowed forth its dreadful notes in a manner truly alarming, frightening the old ladies nearly to death, and the children will not grow any more for a year to come. Such a storm has never been seen in this part of the country before, not even by the oldest inhabitant. The San Leandro Creek was running bank-full last night, the water being within two feet of the high water mark of the great flood of 1862. Any amount of drift came down the creek, such as wood, fencing, trees, wagons, horses, etc.

A resident of San Leandro says:

The Alameda Creek is very full, and overflowing its banks, and runs through the streets of Alvarado.

Nearly all of the grain sowed has been washed out, and completely so on the hill slopes. The lowland between Alameda and San Leandro are submerged. The storm throughout the county has not been equaled in intensity by any which has visited this coast since 1861 - 1862.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., December 24, 1866*

#### **Alvarado Road:**

The main county road over the marsh, immediately north of the village of Alvarado ([the Mt. Eden - Alvarado Road](#)), is said to be in a villainous condition, in fact almost impassable.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., January 11, 1867*

#### **Died:**

In Alvarado, Alameda County, January 9<sup>th</sup>, Christian Spatz, aged 75 years.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., January 17, 1867*

#### **Died:**

Near Alvarado, Alameda County, May 21<sup>st</sup>, John Hankins.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., June 6, 1867*

#### **Deadly Fire in Warm Springs:**

A deadly fire broke out in the stable of the Warm Springs Hotel. Eleven horses were destroyed as well as four buggies, a stagecoach and a large amount of hay and grain. Liston & Co. from Alvarado lost an entire stagecoach team (four horses) as well as their stagecoach.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., August 27, 1867*

#### **Squirrels:**

*The Sacramento Bee* asserts that in the Alameda and Santa Clara valleys the farmers have actually been driven by ground squirrels off of some of their best lands; that their settlements, like that of the prairie dogs extend for miles, each burrow sheltering between one to six inmates; and that would hardly be an exaggeration to say that they devour one fourth of the wheat crop.

*1867, The West Eau Claire Argus, West Eau Claire Wisconsin, October 16, 1867*

#### **Chicory:**

A company was formed in San Francisco with the intention of raising chicory, a plant much used in the preparation of ground coffee. F. B. Granger sowed twenty-five acres on his ranch in Alvarado for this company, which produced an abundant crop. The same company was desirous of growing the sugar beet, which was found to do well in the same locality.

*1867, The West Eau Claire Argus, West Eau Claire Wisconsin, October 16, 1867*

#### **Died:**

In Alvarado, Alameda County, December 21<sup>st</sup>, Mrs. Mary Dwyer, wife of Andrew Dwyer, aged 45 years.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., December 30, 1867*

#### **Alvarado Guards:**

Some of the members of the Haywood Guards ([Haywood is the former name of Hayward](#)) propose, as a wind-up to their being disbanded, to have a ball and invite the Alvarado Guards.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., January 18, 1868*

#### **Alvarado Supports Union:**

In compliance with previously published notices there was held yesterday at Hayward's, in Alameda County, a Union Ratification Meeting, under the auspices of the Grant Central Club of that county. At 9:30 a.m. a delegation from San Francisco took passage on the steamer *Alameda*. Amongst the number the Grant Invincibles were on hand with their big and life like portrait of the Union Champion. The morning was clear and delightful, an invigorating but not uncomfortable

breeze from the ocean prevailing. Cars were in readiness at the Alameda wharf to carry the crowd to their destination, which was reached at half-past eleven o'clock. All along the road vehicles were passed filled with the bucolic citizens of our rich and prosperous county over the bay.

At the very moment that the passengers alighted at Hayward's their attention was attracted to a long line of coaches and carriages and buggies moving into the town from the southward. This procession, numbering some twenty-five vehicles, was composed entirely of the Union residents of Washington Township, the precincts represented being, Centreville, Alvarado and the Mission of San Jose. There were banners and flags flying, and as they passed through the street men and women joined in the patriotic air of "Sherman's March through Georgia," whilst the crowd afoot swelled the chorus.

***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, May 29, 1868***

### **Sugar:**

(From the *New York Tribune*, June 8<sup>th</sup>)

We are glad to hear that California proposes to engage earnestly in the production of beet sugar. Her valleys have a rich, immensely deep soil, her six months of hot, dry, cloudless summer insure a great growth of beets of exceedingly saccharine quality; she will have no weeds to fight after the first two of those months and we judge that very deep ploughing will obviate all necessity for irrigation. Beet sugar is the child of protection, but has outgrown the need of parental nourishment. It is destined to make the circuit of the globe, following its temperate zone and to increase largely the comfort and luxury of the poorer classes. Lower Illinois ("Egypt") will yet supply beet sugar cheaper than we can buy that condensed from the juice of the cane. Tea, silk, wine, sugar, raisins, these, with the olive, the fig, the peach, are destined to render California the Garden of the Pacific. Her valleys will yet be as populous as China.

***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, June 24, 1868***

### **Earthquake:**

A few minutes before 8 o'clock in the morning on October 21, 1868 a severe earthquake struck the east bay. From damage reports it appears that the center of the quake was near Haywards. In Alvarado the brick shop of A. J. Lattin was entirely destroyed. The store of J. J. Stokes was damaged, with great loss of goods. There were no reported deaths in Alvarado. Further south the Mission at Mission San Jose collapsed.

***1868, The Centennial Yearbook of Alameda County, October 21, 1868***

### **Married:**

In Alvarado, Alameda County, Thomas Fowler to Miss Mary Farley.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., October 31, 1868***

### **Flood:**

Haywood Items: A Haywood correspondent writes as follows:

The storm of the last few days has been very severe, and caused considerable damage in this vicinity. The San Lorenzo Creek overflowed, and carried away the bridge on a street leading to the Amador Road, so that all communication is cut off in that direction. Trees have been thrown down, and the banks along the stream have caved in, doing much damage to the landholders. Dr. Kimball's bridge, it is reported, is considerably injured. The culvert near the Castro station was partially carried away, preventing the railroad cars from reaching this side of the Castro station until today. The bridge near the Palmyra schoolhouse was also partially destroyed, and various culverts have been carried away in this neighborhood.

Communications between Haywood and Alvarado has been stopped; the flats in that direction present one sheet of water, and, by appearance, the overflow must exceed that of previous years. The damage to live stock has been heavy. From report received, most of those exposed to the weather were thin, as usual at this time of the year. Owing to the weather no cattle were gathered together in the Brighton Cattle Market pasture, consequently there were no sales.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., February 15, 1869***

**Died:**

Near Alvarado, Alameda County, February 20<sup>th</sup>, Charles L. Decoto, aged 7 years, 8 months and 14 days.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., March 10, 1869***

**Married:**

In Alvarado, May 9<sup>th</sup>, D.C. Owen to Miss Mary Liston.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., May 19, 1869***

**Married:**

At Alvarado, June 29<sup>th</sup>, Albert Lyser to Miss Alice S. Wares.

***The Sacramento Daily Record, Sacramento Calif., June 24, 1869***

**Sugar:**

Work in the new sugar company's mill, at Alvarado, commenced in 1870. The Mill was located about a half mile east of Alvarado, on the Alameda Creek on the Dyer Ranch. The building is two hundred by fifty, three stories high, with a large tower, and was built of wood at a cost of \$20,000. The following well-known gentlemen composed the company: General C. L. Hutchinson, Benjamin Flint, W. T. Garrett, T. G. Phelps, J. N. Risdon, P. Spreckels, E. R. Carpentier, E. H. Dyer and Bonesteel, Otto & Co., who are formerly of Wisconsin. The capital stock was \$250,000 all owned by the gentlemen above. The building and machinery cost \$150,000. The rest of the capital was kept for the purchase of more lands, and for the expenses of the plant. The factory will use up to fifty tons of beets every twenty-four hours and will employ about 150 hands. The company plans to have between 300 and 400 acres of beets growing in 1870. The species of beets, which will be used and produces the most saccharine and is called the white Silesian. They require a light loamy soil, with a clay subsoil to bring out the greatest capacity. The machinery in the establishment will be of the latest invention and most perfect construction. It will all be made in San Francisco at the Union Iron Works, except for the centrifugals, which will be imported from Germany, where every contrivance for making sugar from beets has been thoroughly tested by the most scientific experiments. The whole business is under the management of Messrs. Bonesteel, Otto & Co., who have had large experience in similar undertakings in Wisconsin.

***1870, The Centennial Yearbook of Alameda County, 1870***

**Foundry:**

Geo. H. Tay & Co. will establish an iron foundry in the building previously used by John Horner to mill flour. The building will be moved up the street from its present location to a new site. The business manager and superintendent for the new foundry will be Mr. Charles R. Nauert of Alvarado.

***1870, The History of Washington Township, 1965***

**Alvarado Drowning:**

A brother-in-law of John H. Ralph, aged 17, procured a boat for a row in Alvarado Creek on Sunday. In getting into the boat he was upset, precipitating the young man into the water, and before any assistance could be rendered him he was drowned. He was lately from Germany.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., January 10, 1870***

**Died:**

In Alvarado, January 31<sup>st</sup>, Mrs. Sophronia Ingalls, wife of B. F. Ingalls, aged 37 years and 5 months.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., February 11, 1870***

**Sugar:**

The Alameda (California) California Beet Sugar Company is cultivating nearly 400 acres in sugar beets. Their capital is \$250,000. The building for manufacturing is nearly completed, and will cost \$20,000 and the machinery about \$120,000. All the stock is taken up.

***The Northern Vindicator, Estherville Iowa, July 9, 1870***

**Alvarado Items:**

From Alvarado:

The following is a short letter to the *San Leandro Gazette*, written July 25<sup>th</sup>:

The crops in this vicinity are turning out better than was expected. Several of the farmers have already finished thrashing. Most of them are storing their whole crop, and the grain is rolling into the warehouses very fast.

The sugar beet crop is looking very promising. The factory is almost completed, and will be ready to commence operations by the time the crop is harvested.

F.B. Granger has a fine crop of chickory again this year.

Our old well borer, W.B. Curren, has just finished boring a well for William Cashman on the Mariposa Farm. When the workmen first struck the stream, at a depth of 184 feet, the water flowed so fast that they feared an inundation; but, finally, after much difficulty, they succeeded in mastering the raging flood and now it is thought that this is the largest and best flowing well in the county.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., August 2, 1870***

**Anti-Chinese Sentiment:**

A rumor has come from San Leandro to the effect that the anti-colleites made an attempt to drive away the Chinese from Alvarado and other places in that section.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., August 10, 1870***

**Flax:**

There are about 450 acres of flax now under cultivation in Alameda County, the most of which is grown in the Amador valley, not over ten acres of which will be utilized for fiber. The yield of seed, however, will undoubtedly be good. F. Malton, near Alvarado, has thirteen acres that will yield finely. He cultivates the Russian variety. It stands at thirty inches high in the field.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., August 20, 1870***

**Sugar:**

E.H. Dyer, one of the stockholders in the Sugar Factory, says the *Alameda County Gazette*, recently purchased of W.C. Blackwood the tract of land known as the "John Hanna Rancho," about one mile east of Alvarado, and gives notice that he will give situations in the new Sugar Factory to all who purchase a few acres of land of said tract, if they so desire.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., September 12, 1870***

**Man Dies in Alvarado:**

Richard Harris, a colored man, fell from a wagon and broke his neck at Alvarado on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September. Coroner Yates, of Centerville, held an inquest, at which it was testified that the turning sharp around a corner of the team and wagon threw the deceased off his balance and precipitated him to the ground, the fall causing instant death.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., September 19, 1870***

**Sugar:**

The Alvarado Beet Sugar Company made a trial of its machinery yesterday. It proves in every respect to be perfect. It will take a day or two to cleanse the pans, etc., and on Tuesday of next week we may hope to see the first sugar made by a regular sugary in California. We have no doubt of its perfect success, for the owners understand their business. Excepting the centrifugals, everything in the sugary was made in San Francisco.

***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, November 12, 1870***

**Sugar:**

One hundred barrels more of beet sugar from the Alvarado mill was placed in the market today. A large quantity is now lying at the factory in bulk, waiting for a supply of barrels in which to transport it to market. A load of barrels will be sent over tomorrow by steamer.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., December 23, 1870***

**Sugar:**

A group of businessmen from San Jose propose to form a company with \$200,000 in capital, for the purpose of entering into the business of making sugar from beets. They sent a committee to examine the Alvarado sugarie, and that committee reports that the beets delivered at the factory cost \$3.50 per ton, the exhausted pulp is worth \$1 a ton for cattle feed, and the company has stalled oxen to eat it up. There are seventy hands employed, half of whom are Chinamen. The Asians are paid 80¢ a day and the Europeans \$1.50 a day, both without board. The average yield of the beets was 15 ton to the acre, and the cost of seed, cultivation and rent on the land is \$6 per acre and raising and delivering the beets was \$80 per acre.

***1870, The Mountain Democrat, Placerville California, December 31, 1870***

**Sugar:**

The sugar beet in California:

(From the *Illinois Farmer*, December 24<sup>th</sup>)

Most of our readers will remember an account of the sugar beet works near Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, that appeared early the present year. Successful as was the enterprise then, the proprietors, from experiments made upon beets sent them from the Pacific Coast, concluded that still better success awaited a similar enterprise in California. Consequently the Wisconsin concern was disposed of, and Messrs. Bonesteel, Otto and Kleinan, of Wisconsin, united with General D. J. Hutchinson; Flint, Bixby & Co.; T.G. Phelps; EB H. and Eph H. Dyer; E.R. Carpentier; W.T. Garratt; P. Spreckels; W.B. Carr; H.G. Rollins; and Risdon & Co., all of California and purchased 150 acres of rich land on the Alameda Creek near Alvarado, Alameda County. They also sent to Germany for choice sugar beet seed; sank an artesian well, and put up a sugar works, all at a cost of about \$125,000. They grown a crop of beets the past season and commenced working it up on the 17<sup>th</sup> of last month. The sugar produced is pronounced most excellent in quality, and is produced in a quantity that gives the highest promise to California as a beet sugar producing state.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., December 31, 1870***

**News Note:**

A number of new houses are in the process of erection near the sugar mill at Alvarado.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., January 6, 1871***

**Sugar:**

The beet sugar made at Alvarado is in such favor that the demand is four times as great as the supply. The mill will run until the middle of April on a supply of beets now on hand using fifty tons a day. Small orders for the sugar have come in from Oregon, Washington Territory, Nevada, Utah and Montana.

***The Morning Oregonian, Portland Oregon, January 12, 1871***

**Sugar:**

The successful commencement of the manufacture of sugar in great quantities from beets, in California, is justly dwelt upon by the press of that state as fact of very great importance. It is not an experiment; it is an accomplished fact. The Alvarado mill is now turning out about four tons of sugar per day. It is not ascertained yet at precisely what rates this sugar can be produced; but it is believed it can be manufactured at a profit to labor and capital. Duties on foreign sugar have been somewhat reduced lately, but they are still high enough to discriminate in favor of the American product.

***The Morning Oregonian, Portland Oregon, January 16, 1871***

**Sugar:**

Whenever any new manufacturing interest is started in this city or vicinity, there is always a hard fight made by jobbers and importers to crush out the new industry. Of course, the Beet Sugar enterprise has been no exception. The first attack upon that was in a material reduction of the price of the class of sugar manufactured at Alvarado; but the people were greatly benefited by that move, and the Alvarado Company can well afford to manufacture at the reduced price.

The next attempt was to frighten capitalists from investing in the numerous projects for other manufactories, which were set on foot as soon as the success at Alvarado was made known. A statement in detail of the cost of manufacturing beet sugar was widely circulated in several of our leading papers; but its authors overdid their work by the extravagance of their figures, which were so arranged as to show an annual loss of about \$30,000 to an establishment of the capacity of the Alvarado works. The fallacy of the unfriendly figures has been fully shown; and thus that matter rests for the present.

The gentlemen who have initiated this business, in Alvarado, are perfectly conversant, not only with the manufacturing details thereof; but with its economical details and value as well. They have fully counted the cost, and are prepared to put their home grown article upon the market at as low, and, if necessary, at a lower figure than the same quality of sugar can be afforded by those who depend upon a foreign market for the raw product.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, January 21, 1871*

**Alvarado Fire:**

A gentleman arrived at San Leandro February 6<sup>th</sup> who stated that while on the road from Alvarado he noticed a dense smoke arising from the direction of the beet sugar factory and believed it to be on fire. A later arrival stated that it was not the factory but a large neat that town.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., February 8, 1871*

**Fire:**

On Sunday night, February 5<sup>th</sup>, a fire broke out in Louis Helbing's boarding house, located a few rods distant from the Sugar Factory at Alvarado, which speedily consumed the building and household furniture; loss \$800, insurance \$500. It is supposed that the fire was the work of an incendiary.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., February 11, 1871*

**Alvarado Drawbridge:**

Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors:

The Board met Monday at San Leandro. The President stated that, in accordance with the expressed intention of the members, they had visited and examined the Alvarado drawbridge Saturday last, having employed a gentleman competent to investigate the work thoroughly and report upon it. Mr. G.F. Allandt's report was then read.

He found that according to the plans, specification and contract, a number of sills, derrick-posts, chains and ring-bolts were wanting; pulleys in the derrick-posts and stringers were deficient in dimension; most of the flooring planks and diagonal braces (evidently being in use for years, and fastened in many places with spikes, which had been used before), were old and many of them quite rotten; as to the workmanship, it was simply execrable; the piles and the posts were out of plumb and out of place; and, to make the bridge passably safe, will cost \$440 by an approximate estimate. The report was adopted; the previous report of Captain Cady was rejected.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, March 15, 1871*

**Died:**

At Alvarado, March 30<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Maria Gregg, wife of James Gregg, aged 55 years.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., April 4, 1871*

**Died:**

At Alvarado, April 5<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Sarah M Kennedy, wife of J.F. Kennedy, aged 20 years, 10 months and 21 days.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., April 12, 1871*

**Patent:**

Messrs. Dewey & Co., Gentlemen:

I am happy to acknowledge the receipt of my letters patent on Mop Holder. I am entirely satisfied with the manner in which you conducted my case. I can assure you that I shall not fail to recommend your method of business to all other having patents to obtain.

Yours,

John Brizee

Alvarado, March 13, 1871

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, May 6, 1871*

**Sugar:**

How to Raise Sugar Beets:

Deep ploughing is essential, but it involves certain other conditions, without which its benefits are perverted. The Alvarado Sugar Company has proved that it is necessary, after ploughing fifteen inches deep, to roll the land heavily, and, after seeding, to roll again. If this is not done, the young plant has not sufficient hold to resist a north wind. The company's agriculturist has had long experience in Germany, and he is carefully studying the peculiarities of our soil and climate. So far as his observation goes, it appears to him that compression gives to the loosened ground better retention of moisture, without impairing its penetrability by the growing plant, while the top crust made by a heavy roller acts as a mulcher, and also resists the windblast. If the soil is sandy and unrolled, the northers take up the loose sand, and, driving it over the field, it cuts off young plants like a mowing machine. A lamentable instance of this kind we witnessed at the Sacramento Beet Sugar Plantation on the American River. In an hour the sand drift mowed off 200 acres of beets, putting the crop beyond redemption!

So far as experience goes, you gain nothing by planting beets before April. Side by side at Alvarado may be seen wide stretches of beets planted in February and April. There is little difference in size on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May, while the later planted show the greatest vigor and promise a better crop. It seems as if the early planted suffer from cold spells and make no compensating growth when Spring time comes, the root growth appears to be stunted, and probably no root stunted in its first growth ever recovers to healthy expansion.

It may be stated here that the scanty rainfall will shorten the crop of beets at Alvarado. In that rich, dark loam, bordering the Alameda Creek, such perfect cultivation should certainly give an average yield of 25 ton to the acre. In view of the drought, the Company has put in 500 acres. We saw their beet field at this date last year, and now we have seen them also, and we pronounce this year's superior. We estimate their beet crop of 1871, at an average of 15 tons to the acre, 7,500 tons at 8 per cent to 1,200,000 pounds of sugar; at 12½ per cent to \$150,000; at ½ per cent to \$50,000 net profit.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., May 26, 1871*

**Sugar:**

It is known that importers of foreign fabrics are not particularly friendly to the home industry. Instances are quoted where combined opposition has often broken up the domestic factory. Occasionally it is tried on parties who are too strong in the back to be broken; and then the enemy's guns are often turned against themselves. The enemy went after the Beet-Sugarie of California. By a show of artful figures it made public proclamation that it was a losing business, and many new companies were scared off. To return the compliment the Alvarado sugar men went after the refineries. When the stock of beets was worked up, they turned their raw sugar mill into a refinery, and with such success as to break up the ring, which has had a monopoly.



So far, they have made only granular sugar. But they have preparations for making also loaf sugar on a large scale. If the loaf sugar process proves successful, we may add a new sugar refinery to the list of our home industries. This new refinery, being on the tidewater, is as well located for economy of production as the sugar works in town. It will greatly cheapen the production of raw sugar, that the works, after the beets are converted, are no longer idle, but kept very profitably busy in refining; which is something not hitherto attempted.

There was an opposition of a different kind offered when Alvarado went into market for a stock of bone charcoal. It found that the refineries had corralled all there was, and all the bone-coalers make ahead. This was promptly met by Mr. Otto's establishment of a new bone-factory. Fifteen dollars a ton brought old bones from all quarters in unlooked for abundance; and we have seen no such bone charcoal before in this market. Thus we add another factory and other incentive to utilize the waste that has been so long neglected. To turn to use what was formerly wasted is more meritorious than to introduce a new cultivation. It is turning evil into good. Thus we have well illustrated that "opposition is the life of trade."

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., May 26, 1871*

### **Alvarado Curiosity:**

Among the curiosities at the reading-room at Alvarado is a rattlesnake three feet and a half in length and having seven rattles. It was caught in the Livermore valley.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., June 29, 1871*

### **Ducks:**

A.W. Gregg of Alvarado has a brood of ducks now laying eggs, and it is just two and a half months since they came out of the shell. He also states, says the *Alvarado Advocate*, that the old hen, which hatched them, takes care of them and watches over them just the same as she did the first month they came out.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., July 4, 1871*

### **Prolific Oats:**

Mrs. Pierce Wiggins, of Alvarado, has presented us with a stool of oats numbering 136 stalks from one seed. The stalks are from three to four feet high, and grew as volunteers on a piece of 15 acres of uncultivated salt marsh land, which Mr. W. is reclaiming. His method is by means of floodgates placed in the ditches, which are closed during high tide. The tract is flooded with fresh water by an Artesian well, and drained at low water by opening the floodgates.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, July 8, 1871*

### **Mop Head Patent:**

Mop Head Holder: J. Brizee, Alvarado Cal. This invention consists in employing strong wires or rods, which are secured to the mop handle and bent so as to lock over one another and bind the mop cloth between them. Another wire is arranged to slide upon these so as to hold them tightly or to release them. The device is very simple, cheap and durable.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, July 15, 1871*

### **Marsh Reclamation:**

The *Haywood Advocate* has the following interesting paragraph upon the subject of marsh land reclamation: "About a year ago Pierce Wiggins came down from the mountains and purchased from N.L. Hastings a tract of salt land between Alvarado and Union City, upon which he bored an artesian well and erected a fish nursery. The well-furnished water for his nursery and at the same time is available for the overflow of the surrounding marsh. Wiggins adopted the theory that salt marsh could be easily reclaimed, and that when reclaimed it would be the most productive land in the world, and he immediately put his land in process of reclamation, and today he has growing upon it wheat and rye, and a variety of vegetables, all of which look healthy."

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., July 25, 1871*

### **New Arrival:**

In Alvarado, July 20<sup>th</sup>, to the wife of George Beebe, a son.  
*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., July 26, 1871*

### **Torchlight Parade:**

The citizens of Alvarado, Alameda County, participated in a large and enthusiastic torchlight procession at that place Saturday night, September 9<sup>th</sup>, when it was announced that Booth was elected by a handsome majority. The town was illuminated and a fine display of fireworks set off. The procession was under the marshalship of E.H. Dyer.  
*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., September 13, 1871*

### **Masquerade Party:**

A sheet and pillowcase masquerade is to be held at Alvarado on Wednesday evening, September 27<sup>th</sup>.  
*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., September 26, 1871*

### **State Fair Premiums:**

John Hall from Alvarado won the following premiums at the California State Fair:

Class I. Thoroughbreds:

#### Stallions:

Best three-year-old and over: John Hall for Norfall, \$50

Best one-year-old: John Hall for Alic, \$30

Best colt under one year: John Hall, (name not specified), \$20

#### Mares:

Best four-year-old and over with colt: John Hall for Peggy Ringgold and colt, \$60

Best two-year-old: John Hall for Abi, \$30

Best thoroughbred dam with not less than four of her colts, all thoroughbred: John Hall for Peggy Ringgold, \$60.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, September 30, 1871*

### **Passengers from the East:**

The following passengers left Ogden October 2<sup>nd</sup> and arrived in California October 4<sup>th</sup>:  
Miss H. Pratt.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., October 5, 1871*

### **Foundry:**

The foundry of Tay, Brooks & Backus, at Alvarado, will when completed, be an extensive establishment, occupying three buildings, each about 100 by 125 feet in dimensions, besides much ground outside as a yard. When the concern is in full operation from 200 to 300 hands will be employed.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., October 18, 1871*

### **Foundry:**

The Alvarado foundry is nearly completed, and the first smelting will take place on Christmas.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., October 25, 1871*

### **Sugar:**

The beet sugar of the crop of 1871 is in beautiful crystals and has a delicate flavor, suggestive of rock candy. The Alvarado mill is now working up fifty tons of beets daily.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., November 4, 1871*

### **Church Turned into a Saloon:**

A church at Alvarado, Alameda County, has been turned into a bar room, the spirits being dispensed from the pulpit, which serves as a counter.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., November 25, 1871*

### **Sugar:**

The *Oakland News* says: The sugar beets raised near Alvarado this year do not keep, and in some cases they commence to decay before they can be worked up.

***The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, December 2, 1871***

### **Frightful Runaway Accident:**

A frightful accident occurred last Tuesday to Miss Agnes Barron, daughter of Captain James Barron, of Union City. It appears that the young lady, who is about fifteen years of age, after returning from school, went riding on horseback, using a man's saddle. The horse became frightened at Alvarado, and ran to Union City, a distance of half a mile. The unfortunate young girl was thrown from the saddle, but her leg having caught in the stirrup she was dragged the full distance, her head striking against the road. When rescued, she found to have several severe cuts and bruises about the head and face. Physicians were at once called upon, who attended to her closely and did everything in their power for her, but she remained unconscious for two days. Although dangerously injured her physicians entertain hopes of her recovery.

***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, December 15, 1871***

### **Marshland Reclamation Scheme:**

How to make the large tracts of salt marsh lands, which abound in our State render an income to their owners and revenue to the State, is a question of considerable importance to us all. English capitalists have shown recently great interest in this matter, and some large establishments are report on the *tapis*.

One of the intelligent and enterprising of our land speculators located, under the provisions of the State laws, in 1868, twenty-one thousand acres of the marshlands in Alameda County, commencing near Alvarado and running south along the Bay to the Coyote Creek. He has adopted the plan of reclamation so successful in New Jersey. The Alameda Creek, which passes through the town of Alvarado, during period of heavy rain, empties into the Bay immense quantities of water heavily charged with earthy matter.

During the Christmas holidays of 1867, the flood was so great that water the stage roads and filled the streets in the town ([Alvarado](#)). The residents were obliged to go about in boats, and in that manner they attended the Christmas Ball. In some places, where an eddy was formed, many acres of new land were formed from the rich alluvial deposits.

The gentleman, of whom we are speaking, as soon as he had acquired a vested right in the marshlands, immediately commenced operations. Embankments were thrown up around the entire tract, and a method for flooding the low land from the waters of the Alameda and Coyote Creeks was devised. In this way it is expected that the still waters covering a great expanse of country will deposit their freight of rich soil, and the clear water will flow off over the embankments, or through floodgates.

Unfortunately the two past years have been so dry that the experiment could not be proved. Now, however, we hope to hear something different. The present rains will pour down from one to two hundred miles of drainage, and the low lands will be charged to their utmost capacity.

It is reported that in New Jersey lands reclaimed in this way are the most valuable in the State. The fresh water soaks up and washes out a great quantity of the salt and leaves a foot or more of virgin soil.

By sowing this in clover and turning in stock upon it, in three years the reclamation is complete. If this experiment proves a success in Alameda County, where adjoining lands are worth from seventy-five to two hundred and fifty dollars per acre, the fortune to the owner will be proportionately the wealth of the State in the product of increased taxable property.

***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., December 20, 1871***

### **Flood:**

The rains have thoroughly saturated the ground in every locality of the State. In many places the rainfall has far exceeded that of any preceding season during the same space of time within the memory of the "oldest inhabitant." The grass has sprung up in every part and is growing vigorously. If the usual frosts only keep off a short time until the tender shoots become strong with toughened fibre, the stock will fare well on the abundant herbage. It is, likewise, to be hoped that a season of sunshine may follow, so that the soil may be in fit condition for ploughing, which, at present, can only be done on rolling or hillside lands.

Across the Bay all that portion of Alameda County lying on the western slope of the Coast Range is peculiarly favored. Most of the county roads, which formerly, under similar conditions, used to be at this season of the year almost impassable by reason of the tenacious quality of the adobe mud, have been within late years macadamized with rock or gravel. Travel is thus but little impeded. The railroads, though somewhat damaged at present, also offer facilities for all the farmers for speedily commencing their work.

In the vicinity of Alvarado and Centreville the waters of the Alameda Creek have, in places, overflowed their banks and occasioned temporary inconvenience. The marshes have been successfully flooded under the system of dykes arranged to catch and spread the flood, and in consequence thereof the value of the speculations entered into in that direct have greatly been appreciated.

***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., December 26, 1871***

#### **Salt:**

We published yesterday a statement of damages occasioned by the recent floods to the salt works near Alvarado. We have since received further information on the subject. The loss of salt at the Plummer Works will not prove as great as reported, although it is indeed quite serious. The railroad of the company has been easily repaired and is now in good condition. That this information may not mislead the public as to the extent of the damage suffered by J.A. Plummer, Esq., we will give further facts.

The damage reported has only been sustained by him on the tract of land purchased about a year ago and in the vicinity of Alvarado. In this new branch of his enterprise he is only one-third owner. The Crystal Spring Salt Works, of which he is the sole owner, is situated about eight miles further south, and are perfectly secure against the encroaching floods. At the latter place he has stored in his magazine two thousand tons of prime salt, worth from ten to twelve dollars per ton. About twenty thousand dollars' worth of improvements have been made on the place and this business is in a flourishing condition.

***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., January 3, 1872***

#### **New Arrival:**

In Alvarado, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, to the wife of Newton Gregg, a son.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif, January 12, 1872***

#### **Sugar:**

The Alvarado Beet Sugar Company reports but a meager business, and declines giving a full report until the season is over. From the best data at our disposal we are inclined to believe that the Sugar Beet experiments upon this coast, at least at Alvarado, have not been altogether successful, and some disappointment is felt at the result. Go slow, but sure, should be the watchword.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., January 13, 1872***

#### **New Arrival:**

At Alvarado, January 18<sup>th</sup>, to the wife of Oliver Southwick, a son.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., January 29, 1872***

#### **The Notorious Procopio:**

Last Saturday afternoon the notorious desperado, Tomaso Rondino, alias Procopio, alias Red Dick, was arrested in San Francisco by Sheriff Morse of Alameda County and other officers on a charge of Grand Larceny. As Procopio's name is prominent in the crime annals of our state, a brief account of his crimes will be read with interest.

He was born in Sonora, Lower California, in 1811 and, as his name indicates, is of Mexican parentage. His mother was a sister to the notorious Joaquin Murietta, who for year's kept California in terror, and who was finally shot by Harry Love. In 1853 Procopio's parents moved to Los Angeles County. Here, when a boy, he became initiated into crime, and in 1859, when but eighteen years of age, he murdered a man named John Raines on the Cucamonga Ranch.

Finding it convenient to leave, he came northward, and commenced operations in Alameda County. He organized a gang of bandits, whose residence was in the Livermore Valley, and of whom he was chosen Captain. This gang for a year or more were a terror to farmers, whose cattle they ran on and whose property they appropriated whenever opportunity offered.

It was about this time that the horrible murder of the Golden family was committed, an atrocity that sent a shudder over the whole coast. A Mexican cattle herder was suspected of this act, but he stoutly denied being the guilty man, and asserted to the last, that he saw Procopio commit the deed. Circumstantial evidence, however, was against him, and he was hung for a crime in which he was at most only a subordinate accomplice.

In 1863 Procopio and others ran off a drove of cattle from a farmer named Pope. Constable Wood of San Leandro started after him with a warrant and caught him in Alvarado. Knowing him to be a desperado, Wood covered him with his pistol and demanded his surrender. Procopio threw up his hands and said he would surrender, as he was unarmed. Wood put back his pistol, when quick as thought Procopio drew out a revolver and shot Wood through the arm and escaped in the excitement. He was followed by a posse of citizens, and his further escape across the bridge was cut off. But he was equal to the emergency, and taking his pistol into his mouth he plunged into the river ([Alameda Creek](#)) and swam across. He ran for the salt marsh, closely followed by the citizens. Finding that they were gaining on him he turned at bay and fired at them, wounding a constable. He was captured and tried at San Leandro for stealing Pope's cattle, convicted and sent to the State prison for nine years.

Procopio served out his sentence and was liberated last March. Since then he has returned to his larcenous ways until he was captured by Sheriff Morse and now sits in the San Leandro Jail.

[\(Reprint of an article that was first printed in the San Francisco Bulletin.\)](#)

*The Idaho Tri Weekly Statesmen, Boise Idaho, February 22, 1872*

#### **Sugar:**

The most successful experiment in manufacturing beet sugar in this country is reported at Alvarado California where a factory has been built capable of handling 60 tons of beets every twenty-four hours; 500,000 pounds of sugar were manufactured in 1870 at a fair margin of profit and it is thought the sugar produced of 1871 will double that of 1870.

*The Ohio Democrat, New Philadelphia Ohio, April 19, 1872*

#### **Notary Public:**

Benjamin Williams of Alvarado, Alameda County, has been appointed by the Governor as Notary Public.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., May 7, 1872*

#### **Steamer:**

A small steamer, provided with passenger accommodations, has been put on between San Francisco and Alvarado.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., July 9, 1872*

**Sugar:**

It having been demonstrated that beets can be grown in many parts of the Pacific slope, of such good quality and in such quantity as to insure profit to both the grower and the sugar manufacturer, we are not surprised to learn that larger tracts of land are devoted to their culture this year than every before. At Alvarado, California a large sugar manufactory, capable of handling sixty tons of beets every twenty-four hours, has been built. Last year, the company owning it manufactured 600,000 pounds of pure sugar equal in all respects to cane sugar.

*Out West, Colorado Springs Colorado, August 22, 1872*

**Chicory:**

F. B. Granger of Alvarado, who has for some five years been engaged in raising chicory for the California Chicory Company, has just completed a new drying house, the one formerly used having been destroyed by fire last year. The present crop now ready to gather consists of fifteen acres, and will yield probably ten tons to the acre, which in drying will lose about three-fourths of its weight, and will furnish about thirty-seven tons of marketable product.

Mr. Granger planned for a much larger crop this year, having planted fifty-five acres, but time developed the unfortunate fact that forty acres had been planted with lettuce. The mistake was not discovered, however, until all the ground had been carefully weeded over twice, and then it was too late in the season to replant. The seed was furnished by the parties with whom he contracted to cultivate the chicory, and was procured by them part in New York and part in Europe. I believe it is not known where the mistake was made, the two seeds are identical in appearance.

The appearance of chicory in the field is similar to that of beets, although the leaf is not quite so broad and smooth, the root is white like parsnip, and on being broken or cut gives out a thick milky juice which is bitter to the taste. The plants penetrate to a great depth, many of them being from three to four feet in length.

It is too much labor to dig them out whole, so a plough is used that cuts them at a depth of about ten inches, when the top part is pulled out by hand, cleaned and chopped by machinery, and put into a hopper-shaped bin lined with brick, that will hold from three to four tons at a charge, and exposed to the heat of a furnace underneath till dry, when it is sacked and ready for market.

The further roasting, which is necessary before grinding, is done in the city where it is prepared for use. Horses and cattle are fond of chicory and fatten upon it more rapidly than when fed with either beets or carrots, but the milk of cows fed upon it has a bitter taste.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, September 14, 1872*

**State Fair:**

John Hall of Alvarado has many animals entered in this year's State fair, among which are some, which will be hard to beat. The leader of his drove is Woodburn, and in his stalls are Ironclad, Alic, two-year-old, out of Peggy Ringgold, and the mares Peggy Ringgold and Moss Rose, and others almost as noted as the one mentioned. Hall is going for every premium on the thoroughbred list, and, judging from his stock, will carry off as many as any one else.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., September 27, 1872*

**State Fair:**

Among the exhibitors of manufactured goods and products displayed for the public's pleasure was from:

John Quigley, Alvarado, Collection of various kinds of salt for dairy purposes.

John Quigley, Alvarado, Specimens of salt manufactured at the Alvarado Salt Works; sack of table salt.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, October 5, 1872*

**Letter to the Editor:**

Bleaching Almonds:  
Editors, Rural Press:

An article on this subject appeared in your paper which, conveyed erroneous directions. He who subjects his almonds to sulphur smoke for two or three hours will both ruin their appearance and flavor.

**How It is Done:**

Take a box or cask, cut a hole in the bottom large enough to admit the smoke from a stove of any size you have; insert the pipe, put a false bottom full of cracks or holes about six inches above the real bottom of the cask or box. Now put a layer of almonds, which are dried for market, one foot deep; take a small broom and sprinkle with water until they are quite wet, then another layer and sprinkle, until your box is nearly full. Cover the whole with a wet cloth and you are ready for the bleaching process.

This is accomplished in ten or fifteen minutes and requires close and constant attention. Put a quantity of burning coals into the stove, let it become quite warm so that steam appears at the top of the almonds. Now put into the stove a teaspoonful of sulphur at a time, every three minutes, so as to keep up the blue blaze. The smoke will go into the space between the two bottoms, and rise up among the almonds and bleach them.

Every few minutes remove the cover and examine the condition of the almonds. When they assume a bright straw color, pour them out at once, and let them dry one or two days and they are ready for market.

If the almonds are too much heated they will be spoiled, if they have the smoke of sulphur two or three minutes too long they assume a dark orange color and will taste of it.

Yours truly,

W.W. Brier

Alvarado, November 25, 1872

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, November 30, 1872*

**Sugar:**

COMMERCIAL AD:

**TO SUGAR MANUFACTURERS:**

Two gentlemen from Germany, thoroughly acquainted with the manufacture of Beet-root Sugar, will arrive in this State about the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, prepared with sufficient seed to supply a factory the first year. Parties desirous of engaging in this business can set information in regard to it by applying to E.H. Dyer, of the California Beet Sugar Company, at Alvarado, Calif.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, December 18, 1872*

**Glue Factory:**

Frank Fernholtz has started a glue factory in the southwest end of Union City.

*1873, The History of Washington Township, John Sandoval, 1873*

**Sugar:**

The beet sugar mill at Alvarado has attached pens for livestock fattening from sugar beet pulp refuse. Presently there are 350 oxen belonging to Miller & Lux in the fattening pens. There are two large cattle sheds, some 500 feet long, with a tramway through the center of each. On each side of these tramways stalls were arranged where the oxen are brought in and securely fastened with chain halters, and were usually kept for months, or until they were sufficiently fattened up.

*1873, The Centennial Year Book of Alameda County,*

**Sugar:**

The Alvarado California beet sugar factory daily uses 60 tons of sugar beets. Six thousand tons will be used this year.

*The Evening Gazette, Port Jervis New York, February 13, 1873*

**Commercial Advertisement:**

BRIER'S

LONGUEDOC ALMOND TREES

At reduced rates

\$20 per 100. Thrifty trees, 1 year old, from the bud.

Dormont bud trees, \$10 per 100. Send orders to:

W.W. Brier

Alvarado, Alameda County

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, March 1, 1873*

**John Hall:**

John Hall of Alvarado, Alameda County, has sold his thoroughbred mare, Alice May, to a man by the name of Samuels of Livermore Valley for \$1,500.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., March 4, 1873*

**Disgraceful Disturbance:**

*The Haywood Advocate* of March 8<sup>th</sup> gives the following account of a disgraceful disturbance of the peace at Alvarado:

On Sunday night Joseph Bryan, bookkeeper at the foundry, was told to be on his guard, that his life was threatened by Joe Smithurst who had vowed to "shoot him on sight." Bryan, who is one of the most gentlemanly and peaceably disposed young men in the community, was very much surprised, and could not believe that his life was in danger from one with whom he had never exchanged an unpleasant word. But, upon inquiry, it appeared that Smithurst had borrowed a "six-shooter" of Ed Huff, and went to the residence of a Mrs. "S", flourishing a pistol and swearing that he would shoot Bryan. This Mrs. "S" is a poor but industrious woman, who supports herself and three children by washing and sewing. Among those for whom she has been doing washing is Bryan of whom Smithurst has become absurdly, but violently jealous. What right of his has been invaded by the unsuspecting Bryan does not so clearly appear.

Yesterday morning, as Bryan was going to the foundry, he met Smithurst and asked for an explanation of his conduct. Receiving no satisfaction he passed on. At noon they met again, and Smithurst demanded the name of his informant, which he declined to give. Smithurst then began to abuse Bryan, and said, "if you want anything of me you can have it; I'm ready for you." He then went back to the saloon, quarreled with his father, shoved his hand through a window and received several severe cuts from the broken glass.

In the evening Bryan went to Centerville and got a warrant for his arrest, and Constable Trefry came down and took the warlike Smithurst into custody; but not before he had returned to the house of Mrs. "S," called that lady some pretty hard names and was knocked down and roughly handled by her brother. This morning Justice Bond came down from Centerville to "establish justice," and restore the peace. The prisoner was arraigned on the charge of threatening the life of Bryan, was found guilty and was given the alternative of going to the county jail for six months, or give bonds in the sum of \$500 to keep the peace. Not finding any one willing to become his bondsman, he was taken to the county seat. The sentence is heavy, but perhaps, not too severe.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., March 13, 1873*

**U.S. Mail Contract:**

The contract division of the Post Office Department in Washington D.C. today made the following award of a contract for the following mail route:



San Leandro to Alvarado; to William Liston, \$1,000.  
*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., March 17, 1873*

**Brizee Patent:**

John Brizee of Alvarado has received a patent for his clothesline reel.  
*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, May 31, 1873*

**Sugar:**

During the past year 83,000,000 pounds of sugar was imported to the Pacific Coast. Of this 65,000,000 pounds were consumed. There was only 1,500,000 pounds of beet sugar manufactured in the State, by the factories of Sacramento and Alvarado, so there is still room for eighty-six such factories, giving employment to 8,600 operatives for seven months of the year, from August until March, not to speak of the Chinese, numbering one hundred, on the Alvarado Company's farm, where they are employed in weeding, hoeing, etc. These Chinese are the only hands at present employed on the Alvarado farm, and are kept to cultivate the young beets.  
*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, June 28, 1873*

**The New Improved Clothesline:**

Although clotheslines are among the necessities of housekeeping appurtenances, they are, like smoking stoves, often the unconscious cause of serious domestic troubles. They always hang in the back yard in a position accurately calculated to either strangle, or injure the nose of any individual passing, and carefully prepared statistics prove that the average number of persons of the female persuasion who remember to put the lines away after using is about one in one hundred. The domestic who systematically removes them at the proper time is to be cherished and an example to be quoted. When left outside, clotheslines become grimy and dusty and are apt to leave their marks on the line suspended from them. An addition to these very forcible objections is that of their tendency to stretch at one time and tighten at another, either breaking or sagging down so as to render progress in the rear regions extremely hazardous. Then they are always carelessly fastened to a rusty nail, and every housekeeper will bear testimony that this proceeding is a dangerous one and its results provocative of emphatic language in the kitchen.

In view of these self-evident facts many devices have been invented to overcome the difficulties and render the use of clotheslines less of a nuisance than formerly. Among them is a new patent recently obtained through our agency by John Brizee of Alvarado, Alameda County, Cal. As Mr. Brizee live in a country town where Chinese laundrymen are not so plenty as in San Francisco, he has had experience of the matter and fully relies on an appreciative community for his reward. The improvements consist of an arrangement by which a single shaft is employed for winding both clothesline and weight line, thus avoiding complication, expense and the liability of the lines becoming fouled. Another improvement is the upright box support inside of which the weight moves down, which forms a part of the reel box; and lastly of an arrangement by which the clothesline may be tightened at any desired length.  
*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, August 23, 1873*

**Married:**

Near Alvarado, August 10<sup>th</sup>, Robert Parker to Emma Farley.  
*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif, August 23, 1873*

**Sugar:**

The California Beet Sugar Company at Alvarado has already begun their work. They have 500 to 700 acres of sugar beets to work from, which gives promise of good results by their excellent condition at this time. The company made 1,100,000 pounds (550 tons) of superior sugar last year, which sold readily as fast as it could be made, at good prices.  
*The Salt Lake Daily Tribune, Salt Lake City Utah, September 6, 1873*

**Sugar:**

A visit made yesterday to the Sacramento Valley Beet Sugar Factory disclosed the fact that the works are in the full tide of operation, and we gained assurances that the work of the year will be crowned with success both financially and otherwise. It will be borne in mind that at the last State Fair the Sacramento beet sugar carried off the first prize, thereby establishing its excellence over the article made at Alvarado, in Alameda County. The processes by which sugar from beets is made in Sacramento and Alvarado are different, that of Sacramento being of the latest and most improved patent, as indorsed in Germany.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., October 1, 1873*

**Christian Church:**

The Rev. E.A. Hazen, whose parish embraces Centerville and Alvarado, has but few members and no houses of worship. The Presbyterians, however, are courteously opening their churches ([Centerville & Alvarado](#)) for his use, and the people come together to hear the word. The Christians are Presbyterians and Methodists, the congregation's moderate at both places, but interested in the good work.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., November 29, 1873*

**Sugar:**

The Alvarado Beet Sugar Company would save \$30,000 per year in wood by moving the works to Santa Cruz, where wood is delivered at \$3 per cord.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, December 12, 1873*

**Sugar:**

The Alvarado sugarie is still grinding away on beets, and has enough on hand to keep it running a few months.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., December 26, 1873*

**Married:**

At Alvarado, January 20<sup>th</sup>, Charles H. Sumner to Miss Emeline F. Michael.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., January 29, 1874*

**Alvarado Drawbridge:**

It took nearly the entire population of Alvarado, Alameda County, last Saturday, to raise and lower the celebrated drawbridge in order to squeeze a steamboat through.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., February 9, 1874*

**Sugar:**

The sugar factory at Alvarado has enough beets to keep it in operation until the middle of March. The machinery will afterward be removed to Soquel, in Santa Cruz County, where B.F. Ingalls will rebuild the factory.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., February 7, 1874*

**Sugar:**

Another beet and sugar mill is to be erected at Alvarado when the present is removed to Santa Cruz.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., March 14, 1874*

**Patent:**

John Brizee of Alvarado has received a patent for a permanent faucet for beer barrels.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., March 29, 1874*

**Sugar:**

The San Francisco *Rural Press* of March 28 has the following: "Mr. S. M. Waite of Dayton, Washington Territory, whose name has been mentioned in connection with the establishment of a beet sugarie at Dayton, left for his home on the 21<sup>st</sup>."

In conversation with him in a few days since, he assured us that he had carefully examined into the matter of his mission, has visited and closely inspected the beet sugaries at Alvarado and at Sacramento and the cane sugar refineries of San Francisco, and has come to the conclusion that the plan of establishing a beet sugarie at Dayton is a perfectly feasible one.

*The Morning Oregonian, Portland Oregon, April 4, 1874*

#### **Sugar:**

A portion of the machinery at the beet sugar mill at Alvarado has been removed to the new location in San Cruz County. Bonesteel, the superintendent, is lying dangerously sick at San Francisco. The manufactory will be continued at Alvarado by another company, who has purchased machinery to replace that removed. It will be somewhat different from that employed by the old company.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., April 17, 1874*

#### **Salt:**

John Quigley and sons, at Alvarado, occupy 200 acres of marshland for crystallizing ponds, and employ several windmills for pumping. Last year 1,600 tons of salt were made at these works.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., April 20, 1874*

#### **Alvarado Cited:**

Alvarado manufacturing received recognition as a producer of willow works and stoves in contributing to Alameda County's wealth.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 4, 1874*

#### **Earthquake:**

Several quite severe shocks of earthquake were felt at Alvarado, Alameda County, last night.

*The Nevada State Journal, Reno Nevada, June 13, 1874*

#### **Sugar:**

The new beet sugar mill at Soquel was completed last week, and much of the machinery is already in place. The last lot of it will be shipped from San Francisco in a few days. The capacity, like that of the Alvarado mill ([which this mill will replace](#)), from which the machinery has been taken, is to reduce fifty tons of beets per day. Nine hundred acres have been planted by farmers who are to deliver them at the factory at \$3.50 per ton. As soon as they are ripe enough, and that will be in September, the mill will commence to run. Nothing save experience can conclusively demonstrate the relative value of Alvarado and Soquel for sugar mills, but the company is confident that the transfer will be profitable to them.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, July 13, 1874*

#### **Sugar:**

We are informed that the Beet Sugar Company, which moved its works from Alvarado to Soquel (Monterey County), find that a mistake has been made. They can scarcely get four ton of beets to the acre, while twenty bushels to the acre at Alvarado was considered a poor crop. The only difficulty in the way of success at the latter place was the high price of coal, for which the company had to pay from \$15 to \$20 a ton.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 16, 1874*

#### **Notary Public:**

D. C. Owen is Alvarado's only appointed Notary Public for the County of Alameda. He received his appointment on August 13, 1874.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 16, 1874*

#### **Road Overseer:**

William M. Liston has been appointed as Road Overseer for the Alvarado District, John Lowrie has been appointed road overseer for the Alviso District (Alameda County), and J. C. Whipple has been appointed road overseer for the Cosmopolitan District.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 17, 1874*

**School Teachers:**

Alvarado: Miss Florence Randall, Principal; Miss Laura Lynch, teacher.  
Alviso: A. J. Farley.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 22, 1874*

**The Great Register:**

The following is the list of names entered upon the Great Register of Alameda County in the years 1866 and 1867, under Section 6 of the registry Act, and which should have been canceled at the expiration of two years from the date of registration, unless certificate of naturalization had been produced, and which the late Grand Jury recommended the County Clerk to cancel. The order here is: name, nativity, profession, residence and date of registration:

Louis Camman, Germany, laborer, Washington Township, June 17, 1867.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 29, 1874*

**Santa Clara County Fair:**

Premium: Swine Division

Best pair of pig of six month or under, J.C. Mills of Alvarado, \$5

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, October 17, 1874*

**Sugar:**

The beet sugar mill at Soquel, transferred to that place last summer from Alvarado, commenced to run last week. The results so far are satisfactory in the proportion of saccharine matter, the flavor and crystallization, entirely disproving certain unfavorable rumors. It has been asserted that sugar cannot be made from beets grown near the ocean; that there is no beet sugar mill within five miles of the beach in Europe; that the beet leaves at Soquel are white with salt deposited by spray from the sea-water, which would obstruct crystallization and injure the flavor of the sugar. These ideas were probably first suggested in queries or surmises, and were next put forth as a matter of positive knowledge. The moisture in the air blown from the sea contains no salt (which is not volatile) and, although the beet fields are near Monterey Bay, yet the breezes in the Spring, Summer and Fall must pass at least ten miles over land from the ocean before they reach Soquel, which is protected on the northwest by Santa Cruz Point.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, October 19, 1874*

**Married:**

Recently married, Frank M. Ingalls, Alvarado, to Miss Medora S. Spaulding, of Oakland.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, November 20, 1874*

**Glue Factory Closes:**

The glue factory ended a two-year run, closing because the humidity in the atmosphere prohibited the manufacture of a first class product.

*1875, The History of Washington Township, John Sandoval*

**Sugar:**

We are informed that Mr. E.H. Dyer is forming a new company for the purpose of establishing a beet sugar manufactory at Alvarado, on the site of the old beet sugar works at that place. He is confident of his ability to overcome the obstacles that prevented the success of the former establishment, and we sincerely hope he will succeed in accomplishing this object.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, February 13, 1875*

**Alvarado Fire:**

We learn that on Sunday last, about 2 o'clock p.m., the residence of Benjamin Williams, in Alvarado, was burned to the ground. All the household furniture and wearing apparel were saved, except for a bedstead and a few articles of trifling value. The fire originated while the family was preparing dinner and it was caused by a defective or worn out stovepipe. The building was a total loss and uninsured.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., May 4, 1875*

**Alameda County Republicans:**

Delegates for the Alameda County Republican Convention will be elected in polls throughout the county. Alvarado will elect four delegates. The polling place officials are: W. Liston, Inspector; John Ralph and W. Whidden, Judges. The polling place will be at Fuller's Hotel.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 31, 1875*

**Good Oats:**

John H. Hall of Alvarado has a field of oats five feet high, which good judges estimate will produce over 100 bushels to the acre. That land has not been much hurt by the dry season assuredly.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., June 9, 1875*

**Estate of Joseph Ralph:**

An order fixing June 26<sup>th</sup> for hearing the petition of Mrs. Fanetta Ralph for letters of administration in the probate action of her deceased husband, Joseph Ralph.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 19, 1875*

**Horse Fall:**

A young man named James Moffit in the employ of John Hall, near Alvarado, while riding one of his race horses last Tuesday morning, was thrown off and had one of his legs broken just above the ankle.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., June 28, 1875*

**Married:**

In Alvarado, Alameda County, Charles R. Nauert to Miss Hattie A. Heyer.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., June 28, 1875*

**IOOF:**

For the current term Crusade Lodge, IOOF (Alvarado), has just been officered by D.D.G.M., Thomas Kellar of District 36 as follows: Joseph McKeown, N.G.; Daniel C. Owen, V.G.; O.P. Fuller, R.S.; John M. Ingalls, P.S.; E.C. Bragdon, L.S. to N.G.; H.W. Pomeroy, Warden; William Morrison, Conductor; A.E. Akerman, O.G.; George Simpson, R.S. to V.G.; W.F. Emery, R.S.S.; J.G. Vandeppeer, L.S.S.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, July 9, 1875*

**Candidates for Supervisor:**

The term of office for Supervisor Overacker of Washington Township expires in October, and his successor is to be chosen September 1<sup>st</sup>. Seven candidates have filed for the office, three from Alvarado. They are: Charles A. Plummer, W.M. Liston and Joseph McKeown.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, August 17, 1875*

**Write In Vote:**

At Alvarado a gallant voter desiring to cast his ballot for Mrs. Fisher for School Superintendent, not remembering her name at the moment scratched the name of Mr. Lynch and inscribed "The Woman."

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., September 6, 1875*

**Local Constables:**

E. Huff and W. Lattin, both from Alvarado, have been named as local constables for Washington Township.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 7, 1875*

**Artesian Wells:**

[\(The City of Oakland eyes Alvarado Water\)](#)

The flowing artesian wells of Alvarado are one of the features of our county. The town is supplied with them and so are all of the prominent farmers in the adjacent country. The town of Alvarado

is supplied with artesian water from a well bored by a joint stock company, and there is one at the American Exchange Hotel, to which the public has access.

The flowing well of Captain Barron is one of the most remarkable in the state. It discharges a volume of water at least ten inches square and equaling about 100 gallons a minute. The Captain having no more than domestic use for it, the water flows up and makes a lake of four or five acres in extent, whence it flows into the bay. The depth of this well is 185 feet.

E. H. Dyer's flowing well, about a half a mile from the town, is 273 feet in depth, and yields an abundant amount of water, although there are several others in the immediate vicinity, two of which are on the property of the beet sugar mill.

Eb Farley, whose property is on the south side of the creek from Mr. Dyer's, has just sunk a new well going to a depth of 283 feet, and striking a stream of pure, soft water.

John Hall, a prominent farmer and stock raiser, has three flowing wells on his farm, and those of Mr. Crane, Mr. Ingalls, and Mr. Nelson are remarkable for their abundant yield.

The deepest of these wells, is Mr. Farley's, just sunk, which goes to a depth of 283 feet, and that of the least depth belongs to Mr. Hall, which requires a pipe of only 78 feet.

The possession of this abundant supply of pure, fresh water, gives Alvarado an advantage over some of the neighboring localities, enabling its inhabitants to grow fruit and vegetables abundantly, and its farmers to produce green feed, such as alfalfa, for their cattle.

Any establishment requiring an abundance of water would do well to consider the advantages of Alvarado. Were we ([the City of Oakland](#)) to continue the present shortcomings of Oakland without the prospect of speedy relief ([such as Alvarado's water](#)), we could do no better than lay a line of pipe to the flowing wells of our first county seat.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 16, 1875*

#### **Married:**

Thomas Henry Jones of San Francisco, to Miss Zue Clark Curragh of Alvarado.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., October 16, 1875*

#### **Harvest Ball:**

The annual Harvest Ball at Alvarado passed off last Friday evening. The attendance was large, being upwards of sixty couples. The music was furnished by the Willis' Band from San Francisco, and an elegant supper was given by the proprietor of the Brooklyn House. The occasion was a most enjoyable and delightful affair.

This annual ball was a great success financially and it is to be hoped they will come to pass regularly, for the good of some worthy object. The net proceeds were donated to the Trustees of the Hall Association of Alvarado, for the procuring of more conveniences for their hall.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, September 20, 1875*

#### **Real Estate:**

Real Estate sold: 20 acres on the road from Alvarado to Centerville from J.M. Selfridge to John Lowrie; part of Cerrito's Rancho, \$5,500.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 1, 1875*

#### **Hops:**

Messrs. Benedict & Shirk have been cultivating hops the past two years on a valuable spot of ground of about twenty-five acres near Alvarado. It is on the road of John Whipple's land on the old road from Alvarado to Decoto ([today's Alvarado-Niles Road](#)). The work of picking has kept them busy for nearly five weeks, with a gang of 150 Chinamen in their employ, and they have

just finished the heaviest part of their labors. They have already baled 65,000 pounds of hops, and have about 5,000 pounds more to bale yet, making this year's crop amount in all to 70,000 pounds. Last year the yield was only about 31,000 pounds so that they have more than doubled that amount this year, actually averaging 2,800 to the acre; which is certainly a very extraordinary yield anywhere. As these gentlemen are men of means, they are not forced to put their crop upon the market at once, and take what they can get just now, while prices are low. They will store away their hops in safety, and await a better market.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, October 9, 1875*

### **Plummer's Salt Works:**

A visit to the Crystal Salt Works near Alvarado this week has enabled us to father a few items of interest to our readers concerning the manufacture of this article. Some time we gave an account of Quigley's Salt Works, and then declared our purpose, as soon as possible, to gain and give further information about other salt works in our county.

These Crystal Salt Works were first started in the year 1864 by J.A. Plummer. Only three hundred tons were made that year, as the whole matter was now, and the experiment a venture for the owner. In 1865 the labor began in real earnest, improvements were established, and the enterprise began to assume all the characteristics of a permanent and profitable undertaking. Since that year the manufacture has been steadily advancing in activity and success, until it now stands equal, and probably superior, to any salt manufactory in the Bay.

The present year not less than two thousand tons of choice packing salt will be manufactured by this establishment, and this kind of salt meets with ready sale among the beef and pork packers of San Francisco and elsewhere.

There are two separate branches of this enterprise, one under the charge of J.A. Plummer, Jr., and one under the direction of C.A. Plummer, while the general business is managed in San Francisco by J.A. Plummer, Sr.

The quantity of salt required for family use is far beyond what those unacquainted with the business would anticipate. Thus, this establishment grinds twenty-four tons of table salt, twenty-five tons of dairy salt and fifty tons of pork-packing salt weekly. And a double gang of men is employed, so that the work may go on by night as well as by day in the mill and drying-house. A steam engine and regular driers are connected with the works. The salt is put into large bags when ground, and shipped to the packinghouse in San Francisco, where it is repacked in small sacks and baled for market.

There are nine vats, all built of Oregon pine, in the branch under J.A. Plummer, Jr. Only lumber is used, and that of the best kind, there being no earth divisions between vats, and for them no less than 150,000 feet of the above lumber were found necessary. There are six warehouses for storing the salt, and a tramway connects them with the landing, where there is also a large storehouse as well as coal sheds.

The branch established under Charles A. Plummer is called the Turk's Island Salt Works, and is situated about a mile directly west of the town of Alvarado. Here there are five vats, which have also turned out this season 1,000 tons of choice rock salt. These vats, too, are built exclusively of Oregon pine, which experience shows to be the best material for the purpose. A tramway connects these works also with the landing, running a distance of about 1,500 feet. Only park-packing salt is ground here, and 300 tons have been ground thus far this season. A schooner of fifty-five tons burden belongs to the company, and is kept constantly running to San Francisco to transport the salt from both of these branches. The latter Salt Works were first started by Plummer & Sons in 1868.

Thirty men are kept constantly at work during the busy season, that is, the salt making season, which is during the hot and dry weather. Wooden and steel hoes are used to rake up the salt, which is first drawn into windrows, then into piles and in straight rows. A portable track is laid down between the piles, upon which a car is placed, and the salt put into it and then run down to the shore, where it is washed and stored. In washing, ammonia, nitric acid and limejuice are employed, after which the salt is considered ready for use in the market, or for sale. To show the purity of the article, as here manufactured, we may mention that the State Chemist, Mr. Hewston, analyzed it, and found the salt stood at 97 per cent, or only three per cent below absolute perfection or free from the admixture of all foreign substances.

Truly these Salt Works furnish abundant evidence of what an important and extensive industry has grown up along our Bay shore from very small beginning, an industry that is still further capable of almost indefinite expansion and enlargement.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, October 26, 1875*

### **Divorce Granted:**

Yesterday, the Third District Court, Judge McKee, granted the plaintiff in the following case a decree of divorce: Amos Leland vs. Jane Leland.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, November 1, 1875*

### **Rubber Paint:**

Alvarado California

June 10, 1875

Pacific Rubber Paint Company

Gents:

We the undersigned interested parties in the Odd Fellows Hall of Alvarado feel it a duty as well as a pleasure to say to you that we are highly pleased not only with the appearance of the Rubber Paint on our hall but think it at least twenty per cent cheaper than any paint we could have used and we recommend it to all as superior to any other paint as regards its covering and spreading capabilities.

WILLIAM MORRIS LISTON

D. C. OWEN

F. B. GRANGER

W. F. INGALLS

JOSEPH M MCKEOWN

Trustees, Hall Association, Alvarado

Alameda County, California

O. P. Tuller, Painter

*The Morning Oregonian, Portland Oregon, November 3, 1875*

### **Road Rage:**

An Alvarado road case has come in the Supreme Court under the following form: Ingalls Vs. Board of Supervisor of Alameda County. The references in the printed briefs to the sections of the codes supposed to be involved are found to be so confused and unsatisfactory that they afford us no assistance in the investigation of the question in hand. A re-argument of the case at the January term next is therefore ordered.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 12, 1875*

### **Regains her Sanity:**

Ella F. Dyer, daughter of E. H. Dyer of Alvarado, has recovered her reason. The young lady was taken to Stockton a short time ago, on account of insanity, caused by ill health. We understand she has been restored to perfect physical and mental health.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 4, 1875*

### **Champion Squash:**

W. F. Emery of Alvarado has produced the champion squash of the season, weight: 140 pounds.

*The Daily Nevada State Journal, Reno Nevada, December 9, 1875*

### **Grand Juror:**



William Morrison of Alvarado has been appointed a seat on the Alameda County Grand Jury.  
*The Oakland Tribune, December 16, 1875*

**Odd Fellows:**

Crusade Lodge, No. 93, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Alvarado, will have an installation of officers on Saturday evening next, to be followed by a social dance.  
*The Oakland Tribune, December 28, 1875*

**I.O.O.F.:**

The following officers of the Crusade Lodge, No. 93, I.O.O.F., of Alvarado were installed on Saturday evening last: James Hawley, N.G.; Eben C. Farley, V.G.; Joseph McKeown, R.S.; John M Ingalls, P.S.; Abel W. Gragg, T.; Farley B. Granger, W.; Asman J. Lowell, C.; William Wills, O.S. & O.G.; Weston Emery, R Emery, R.S. to N.G.; John Lowrie, L.S. to N.G.; Edward A. Anderson, R.S. to V.G.; Henry Lanz, L.S. to V.G.; David Lowrie, L.S.S. After the business of the lodge was concluded, the officers and members joined their friends in a dance.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 5, 1876*

**Flood:**

The Alameda *Independent* says: "The continuous fall of rain in the forepart of this week caused all the creeks and streams to rise rapidly, and some of them to overflow their banks to no small degree in various parts of the county. Thus the Alameda Creek rose very high at Niles, and below there spread its waters over a large expanse of level country, below Decoto, and near Mt. Eden and Alvarado. The plains that extend from these last two named places towards the bay, looked more like one vast inland sea, than the productive stretches of land, interspersed with cultivated farms and gardens, as they are in fact no inconsiderable extent."  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 8, 1876*

**Pound Master:**

A petition was presented from residents of Washington Township asking the Board to set apart Alvarado School District as a Pound District and appoint R. Nauert as Pound Master. The petition was granted.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 11, 1876*

**Alvarado Drowning:**

A man named William Davis, a native of Liverpool, England, aged about thirty years, and a member of Metropolitan Lodge No. 27, I.O.O.F., of Leavenworth Kansas, was drowned in Alameda Creek near Alvarado on Thursday afternoon last. Davis and a sixteen-year-old Alvarado boy named Henry Vandenakker were sailing down the river when the boat capsized. Both clung to the boat for some time, but finally Davis struck out to swim ashore, when he was seized with cramps and went down to rise no more. The boy was rescued off the foundry wharf, where the body of Davis was fished out on Friday morning.  
*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, February 1, 1876*

**U.S. Patent:**

The U.S. Patent Office has granted a patent to Azman J. Lowell of Alvarado for the manufacture of teakettles, etc.  
*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, March 3, 1877*

**Another Flood:**

For the sixth time this winter the Alameda Creek overflowed its banks last Friday, and has been flowing about the valley in the vicinity of Alvarado, Centerville and Mt. Eden all this week. The other day a number of girls, accompanied by two or three gallants, went out for a boat ride over the plain. It was "bully fun" going down with the current, but when they turned back the boat went under instead of up. One of the young men took to a fence (and may be there yet for all we know), while the girls, like cousin Sally Dillard, just gathered up their dry goods and waded back home. The boys couldn't tell whether they wore barber pole stockings or not, as the water was muddy and came above the point where the stocking are supposed to terminate.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 10, 1876***

**Mt. Eden Road:**

Mr. Overacker introduced the following to the State Legislature:

*Whereas*, a petition has been presented to the Legislative Delegation from Alameda County, proposing that an Act be passed by the State Legislature authorizing Alameda County to expend \$10,000 for the purpose of constructing a road from Mt. Eden to Centerville (via Alvarado) in said county, therefore be it

*Resolved*, We do hereby recommend the passage of said act, and request such delegation to use their influence for the passage of the same.

It was discussed and voted upon and failed to pass.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 14, 1876***

**Remarkable Coincidences:**

A few years ago there resided at Mission San Jose, in Alameda County, two young ladies, between whom, although not of kin, a strong friendship existed. They were married at the same time at the same service. Then they took up their residences, one at Haywards and the other at Alvarado. In the course of time they gave birth to children on the same day, the birth of one preceding that of the other by two hours. Three weeks later both children died on the same day, the oldest dying just two hours before the other. Three weeks after the death of the children both mothers died on the same day.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 20, 1876***

**Visitor to Sacramento:**

J. Hawkins of Alvarado has registered at the International House in Sacramento on March 22, 1876.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., March 23, 1876***

**E.H. Dyer:**

Tuesday, as Mr. & Mrs. E.H. Dyer, of Alvarado, in Alameda County, were standing on the corner of Clay and Montgomery Streets, San Francisco, talking with a friend, their twin boys (Hugh & Guy), little fellows, were stolen. It could not have been but a few minutes that their attention was away from the children, but when they turned to look for them they were gone. The parents are nearly distracted. Detectives are scouring the city, but up to late in the afternoon no information had been received of their whereabouts or of their strange disappearance.

***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., March 23, 1876***

**Pound Master Corrals Calves:**

A suit has been brought before Justice Smith at Niles by Williams against Nauert, both gentlemen living in or near Alvarado. It seems that Nauert is Pound Master of the district around Alvarado, and had impounded two of Williams' calves for being where they shouldn't have been. Now Williams claims that the pound is not a legal pound, because it was not definitely by order of the Supervisors at a special place, and hence putting his stock in an illegal pound is an illegal act, and the Pound Master is liable for all damages caused by such wrongful act. The Justice decides the matter today we believe, and probably the case will be appealed not matter how he decides.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 27, 1876***

**Large Land Purchases in Washington Township:**

By looking at the real estate transaction in today's issue, our readers will see that very large purchases of land recently been made in Washington Township, and all in the name of one man, and that man is the Treasurer and also the President of our new Narrow Gauge Railroad Co., the incorporation of which was published by us last week. This does not look much as though the Company was likely to prove a future. Our own people, and the skeptics of San Jose and Santa Clara will do well to note the fact. More than four thousands acres of land in different parts of our township have been sold to Mr. (Hog) Davis, of the wealthy parties whom he represents, and the

purchase money amount to over a quarter of a million of dollars. A very good beginning for spring work in our neighborhood most certainly.

NOTE: These land purchases were made in the name of the Pacific Land Investment Company for the benefit of their railroad, the South Pacific Coast Railroad, which was to run from Oakland to Santa Cruz. It would go through Alvarado (and would later become the Southern Pacific Railroad). The Principals in this case were "Slippery Jim" Fair and "Hog Davis." James Fair started this railroad to spite Mark Hopkins, Leland Stanford, and other owners of the Central Pacific Railroad. Today's Casa Verde tract is the original "Fair Ranch," and Fair Ranch Road was named because at one time it ran east from the Alvarado Centerville Road to the Alameda Creek through the middle of the Fair Ranch. There was another large landholding by the Pacific Land Investment Company in Alvarado and it was located north of Lowry Road. And finally, Jim Fair bought the land at Newark and started selling town lots that gave birth to Newark.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 10, 1876***

### **Splendid Roads:**

"Ida," the Alvarado correspondent of the *Washington Corners* (Irvington) *Independent*, writes to that paper as follows, under the date of Wednesday last, "'Our roads are in splendid condition now for driving out for a ride, and all that is lacking here to help us enjoy this beautiful season is about twenty-three horses and buggies and the same number of good looking young men, and I do not mean schoolboys nor old bachelors either, for this is leap-year!'"

***The Oakland Tribune, April 15, 1876***

### **A Splendid Spring:**

The Portuguese in and about Harrisburg ([Warm Springs](#)) are hauling peas in large quantities to the station, and it is to be hoped that this succulent vegetable will soon be within reach of all hungry sinners.

Business seems to be lively in and around Alvarado. Merchants, mechanics and farmers alike wear smiling faces, and we doubt not that the present year will be a most prosperous one for all out people.

Everywhere throughout the central and southern parts of our county, wherever we have been, the appearances indicate one of the finest seasons for crops of grain and fruit, as well as hay and vegetables that people have ever seen around here. The trees are covered with fine blossoms and the growth of the fields are well advanced.

The Odd Fellows are going to celebrate their anniversary on the 26<sup>th</sup> at San Lorenzo by a grand gathering of the brethren of different lodges in Alameda County. The lodges of Oakland, Alvarado, Haywards, San Leandro and Livermore (and possibly other places), will unite with the lodge of San Lorenzo in having a good time on that occasion.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 15, 1876***

### **Leap Year Ball:**

A leap year ball will be given on the evening of May 1, 1876, at Armory Hall, Alvarado by the ladies of that place. We acknowledge having received complimentary tickets, and hope nothing may interfere to prevent the success of the ladies on this occasion.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 21, 1876***

### **Republican Convention:**

The Republican County Convention, called to select delegates to the State Convention to be held in Sacramento on the 26<sup>th</sup>, met at the Academy of Music in Oakland. The convention was organized by the election of W.J. Burnett, of Oakland, as President, D.C. Owen, of Alvarado, and A.W. Bishop of Oakland, as Secretaries.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 22, 1876***

### **News Note:**

The Republican State Convention last night elected Eben H. Dyer, of Alvarado, in this county, a delegate to the National Republican Convention. Score one for Blaine, Dyer is from Maine.  
*The Oakland Tribune, April 27, 1876*

**News Notes:**

The leap-year party at Alvarado on Monday evening was largely attended, and the gentlemen present voted it neat and "nifty."  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 3, 1876*

**News Notes:**

Two-bit gooseberries have appeared in our markets.  
The Alvarado Glue Factory is set to open soon.  
A shooting match is set to come off at Alvarado tomorrow afternoon, for fifty dollars, between Edward Horner and John H. Ralph.  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 6, 1876*

**Pacific Land Investment Company:**

The Pacific Land Investment Company of San Francisco is formed with \$1,000,000 in capital. The driving force behind the company is James Fair and Alfred Davis. It is their intention to run a narrow gauge railroad from Hayward through Alvarado, Newark, Alviso (Santa Clara County) and then onto Santa Cruz. On the north it will connect Oakland to San Francisco via a ferry. This will be a boon to farmers and merchants on the west side of Washington Township where no railroad now exists. Mr. Fair is currently sub-dividing land in Newark for new homes.  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 6, 1876*

**News Notes:**

The Pound Master is doing a land office business.  
The Brooklyn House at Alvarado has changed proprietors, William Morris Liston having returned to private life.  
In the course of a couple of weeks the grass along county roads in the vicinity of Alvarado if cut for hay would yield three or four ton to the acre.  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 20, 1876*

**News Notes:**

Hogg & Co. have sold out to W. C. Chapman who will, in connection with the other business, keeps an oyster stand.  
The Soap Factory continues to manufacture and retail the best soaps the market affords.  
Veterinary surgeon John C. White is convalescing after a siege of pleurisy.  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 27, 1876*

**News Notes:**

On Tuesday, the Fourth of July, there is to be a picnic at Dry Creek in Decoto.  
We learn that it is in contemplation at Alvarado to get up a social entertainment for the Fourth of July.  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 19, 1876*

**Alvarado Celebrates the Fourth:**

As was customary everywhere near San Francisco, people went there on Monday to witness the sham battle, but on Tuesday the residents of Alvarado and vicinity assembled at Dry Creek near Decoto, where it had been advertised that Judge Hamilton of Oakland, would orate, and the County Superintendent, Rev. W. F. B. Lynch, would read the Declaration of Independence. About 1 o'clock p.m., Judge Hamilton having not arrived, Mr. Lynch read the Declaration in beautiful style after which, by special request, he recited "Drake's Address to the American Flag," which was rendered in fine style. There were but a few hundred people present most of who were young, and the day was spent in dancing and pleasant conversation with friends. A cordial invitation was extended to all to come to Alvarado in the evening and witness the display of fireworks, after which a social dance in the hall would be in order. Long before 9 o'clock p.m. (the

hour at which the pyrotechnic display was to start) crowds of people came pouring into town, and so large a number had ever been seen in the place before. The fireworks were a success in every particular and all were highly pleased with them. At 9:30 o'clock dancing commenced in the hall and was kept up until 2:30 o'clock a. m. During the first two hours the hall was literally jammed with people, but after that nearly all the old folks enjoyed themselves from that time forward. There was no brass band on hand, but Griffin and Lattin with their violins afforded all the music wanted.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 6, 1876*

### **Badly Burned:**

At Alvarado on the Fourth a man was severely burned with powder from sheer carelessness on his part from firing an anvil. The anvil had been fired quite a number of times when one of the attendants, James Cameron, carelessly poured some powder on the anvil, which ignited from an unseen spark and the can burst in his hands and burnt both of his hands and face in a most shocking manner. It was at first supposed that he would die from his injuries and in any event that he would lose his eyesight, but we are pleased to learn that the injuries are less serious than were at first supposed, and that his eyes have not been injured. He was delirious during the following night, but yesterday had come to his senses, realized his condition and conversed with his friends, and seemed to think that he would be all right shortly. His physician pronounces him out of danger.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 6, 1876*

### **Local Election:**

A local election to choose four candidates from Alvarado to attend both the State and Congressional conventions to be held in San Francisco, Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 1876. The election will be held on August 5<sup>th</sup> in Alvarado.

W. Liston, Inspector; John Ralph and William Hayes, judges; the polling place will be Fuller's Hotel.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 29, 1876*

### **Chinamen:**

As consequence of disorderly conduct on their part, all the Chinamen in Alvarado were driven out of town by a mob of citizens.

*The Centennial Yearbook of Alameda County, August 4, 1876*

### **Fish Hatchery:**

Messrs. Wiggins & Taylor, a firm of piscatorial propagators, tried the experiment of trout culture in Alvarado where they purchased land for the purpose and sunk the artesian well. Hatching houses were constructed, the ponds ditched and diked, but the experiment does not seem to have been a success, as it was not continued.

*The Centennial Yearbook of Alameda County, August 1876*

### **Postmistress:**

May L. Owen has been appointed Postmaster for Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 28, 1876*

### **News Notes:**

E. H. Dyer has returned from trip east.

A concert and a variety entertainment Friday evening at Alvarado, for the benefit of the Sunday school.

The Dumbarton Railroad is now nearing Alviso ([Santa Clara County](#)). It is pronounced the best contracted narrow gauge in the United States. This is the same rail line that is slated to run through Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 4, 1876*

### **Alvarado Draw Bridge:**

W. M. Liston, Road Master of Alvarado, reported that the bridge at Alvarado was out of repairs and needed replanking. It would require about 4,000 feet of planking and the cost would be \$125. The district was unable to pay for the work.

On September 26<sup>th</sup> the Supervisors approved the expenditure of \$115.28 to replank the Alvarado Bridge.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 1, 1876*

### **Literary Entertainments:**

Literary entertainments took place Friday night at Alvarado and at the college at Washington Corners. They were well attended.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 12, 1876*

### **Polling Place:**

The polling place in Alvarado for the upcoming election of County Supervisors will be:

Polling Place: Odd Fellow's Hall, Alvarado

Inspector: A.J. Farley

Judges: H. Curragh, W.F. Ingalls

*The Oakland Tribune, October 9, 1876*

### **China Wedding:**

[\(This newspaper account is from St. Joseph, Michigan and recalls former residents which have relocated to our area\)](#)

The following is of a "China Wedding" which came off in Alvarado California. The old residents [\(of St. Joseph\)](#) will recognize every name, for they were former citizens of this vicinity and have many friends and relatives here.

On Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, we had what is styled a "China Wedding." Abel W. Gragg and his wife, of the American Exchange Hotel, concluded some months ago that on the twentieth anniversary of their marriage they would give a "Chinese Wedding," and to that end invited all their relatives in accessible distant, nearly of whom were present, including Socrates Huff and wife, Lucien Huff, N. B. Smith and family of Martinez, Captain Edward Smith of Livermore, Eli Emlay and family of Gilroy, E. Farley of Alvarado and N. L. Hastings also of Alvarado. The dinner was a splendid affair; innumerable gifts were given them, and all genuinely had a good time. In the evening we got up a little dance in the rooms of the hotel, and enjoyed tripping to the light fantastics, etc., till about 12 o'clock when we returned to our homes, much pleased with the pleasures of the day and night.

*The St. Joseph Herald, St. Joseph Michigan, October 15, 1876*

### **News Notes:**

In the farms around Alvarado we notice an abundance of a superior quality of potatoes, averaging about 200 bushels to the acre. They are not speckled nor infected in any way so as to impair or destroy their usefulness, as is the case in many other parts of the state.

The anniversary ball of the Odd Fellows at Alvarado last Friday night was a splendid and successful affair. There were about seventy-five couples present, fine music, an abundance of refreshments of excellent quality, and dancing to the satisfaction of the most ardent admirers of the art.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 13, 1876*

### **Railroad Schedule:**

In order to accommodate the people of San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Haywards, Centerville and Washington Corners (Irvington), the railroad company will put on extra trains on and after next Monday.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 20, 1876*

**Railroad Schedule:**

It is stated that next Monday an extra train will commence running between Oakland, San Leandro, Haywards, Alvarado, Centerville, etc. If this be true, only one thing more is needed to make the accommodations complete, and that is to reduce the price by one third or one half the present rates.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 27, 1876*

**School Districts:**

Alvarado District: The clerk of this district is Mr. Joseph McKeown. There are 138 census children in this district, 108 are enrolled on the school registers. There are two schools in the district, one first grade and the other third grade. The district has suitable accommodations for all pupils who may wish to attend school. School was maintained ten months in the year, and was taught by one male and one female teacher. The total expenditures were \$1,571.12, while the receipts were in excess of amount by \$200.

Alviso District: Dr. S.A. Buteau clerk, with post office address at Alvarado. There are 121 census children, 97 of whom attend school during the year. School was maintained nine months, at a cost of \$989.29 for salaries. Building improvements brought the expenditures up to \$2,777.23. The value of school property in the district amounts to \$4,175.

For the entire county there are 11,084 children within her boundaries. 10,987 of these are white, 87 are Negro, 13 are Indian and 412 Mongolian (Asian).

*The Oakland Tribune, December 13, 1876*

**Patent Issued:**

The U.S. Patent Office has issued a patent to Ambrose J. Lattin of Alvarado for his spring bed bottoms.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, December 16, 1876*

**Fire:**

A fire destroyed the principal business block of Alvarado last night. The grocery store of James Stokes, the American Hotel and several other business houses were burned. The entire block was consumed with the exception of Smither's Saloon. Cause of the fire is unknown. The loss is \$35,000.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 23, 1876*

**Spring Bed Patent:**

A.J. Lattin, Alvarado:

The invention relates to certain improvements in the construction of beds, and consists in a novel construction of the longitudinal slats, which form the bed bottoms, and also in a means of attaching them to the coiled spring at the other end, together with certain details of construction. The invention also relates to the construction and attachment of a head and foot piece, which completes the bed.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, December 30, 1876*

**IOOF:**

At Alvarado, on Saturday evening, the officers of the Crusade Lodge, No. 93 of IOOF the following officers were duly installed by Deputy Grand Master Thomas Hellar officiating: Asman J. Lowell, N.G.; Weston F. Emery, V.G.; Farley B. Granger, Sr., R.S.; Henry Lanz, P.S.; Abel W. Gragg, T.; William Wills, I.G. & O.G.; Orlander P. Fuller, W.; William H. Cockefair, C.; George Simpson, R.S. to N.G.; Edwin C. Bragdon, L.S. to N.G.; Merrill W. Ingalls, R. S. to V. G.; Samuel Sandholt, L.S. to V.G.; Mossman D. Gilman, R.S.S. to W.O.; W. O. Chapman, L.S.S.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 10, 1877*

**John Ralph Dies:**

Died on January 20, 1877, John H. Ralph, a native of Alvarado, aged 29 years.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 22, 1877*

### **Grand Jurors:**

The Board of Supervisors have selected the following individuals from Alvarado to serve as Grand Jurors for the ensuing year:

From Alvarado: John Buchanan, Henry Curragh, W.F. Emery, F.B. Granger, Sr., A.W. Gragg, John Hall, James Hawley, John M. Horner, W.F. Ingalls, John M. Ingalls, Andrew Kerr, and John Lowrie.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 12, 1877*

### **Commercial Advertisement:**

Sale of Estate:

Stock of Goods For Sale and Store to Let:

The business and stock of good of John H. Ralph, deceased, late of Alvarado, Alameda County, are offered for sale by the undersigned, Administrators of his estate, pursuant to order of Court.

A splendid opportunity is thus offered to any one desirous of engaging in the merchandise business in the country. The store will be let on reasonable terms.

Alvarado; March 3, 1877

Wm. Whidden,

George Emerson,

Administrators of the estate of John H. Ralph, deceased.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, March 7, 1877*

### **IOOF:**

The Crusade Lodge of Alvarado and Mission Peak Lodge paid an internal visit to the San Leandro Lodge, No. 231, on Tuesday night. Representing the Alvarado Lodge were William Wills, W. F. Emery, A. E. Akerman, James Hawley, Joseph McKeown, Edward A. Anderson, W. H. Cockefair, Eben C. Farley, O. P. Farley, M. W. Ingalls, M. Gilman, F. B. Granger, Sr., Charles Davis, A. Sandholdt, E. C. Bragdon, and George Small.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 29, 1877*

### **Road Overseer:**

A resolution was adopted to give the overseer of the Alvarado Road District authority to make repairs on a bridge across the Alameda Creek to be done for no more than \$100.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 31, 1877*

### **News Notes:**

The narrow-gauge railroad engineers are at work in Alvarado, locating the track, where the residents greatly rejoice.

Alvarado has a well-patronized gymnasium, and the club in charge will give a benefit ball on the evening of the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 6, 1877*

### **Alvarado School:**

San Lorenzo, Temescal, Alvarado and Livermore School Districts each have over a \$1,000 to their credit in the County Treasury, and Ocean View has over \$1,600.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 22, 1877*

### **Fire:**

At 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday night a fire was discovered in the barn of Hellwig & Co., butchers. Two employees had left the barn at 6:00 o'clock, who say there had been no smoking in the barn nor light of a lantern. Forty tons of baled hay and seven horses were consumed; four horses and one wagon were saved. Loss about \$2,500, no insurance. The country is full of men crazed by the incendiary articles published by some of our newspapers. These men have the insane idea that by burning property they will increase the demand for labor, and reduce all to the same level. One



such was arrested last Monday night near Alvarado, who had become a raving maniac, and imagined that his head had been cut off by the Vigilance Committee.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, October 11, 1877*

**Flood:**

Mr. Beard of San Jose Mission gives rather a lugubrious account of the overflow of water and sweeping away of levees in and around Alvarado. The roads are all but impassable in every direction.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., February 26, 1878*

**Flood:**

Alameda Creek near Alvarado has overflowed its banks and the surrounding country is covered with water.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, February 27, 1878*

**Non-Partisans:**

At a meeting of the Non-Partisanites in Alvarado on Monday evening, the following delegates were elected: John Whipple, August May (Sr.), and A. J. Farley.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., May 17, 1878*

**U.S. Patent:**

John Brizee, of Alvarado, has been issued a patent for his idea on Window Screens.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, August 3, 1878*

**S.P.C.R.R. Distances:**

Distances from San Francisco:

The South Pacific Coast R.R. (narrow gauge) furnished the following schedule of distances on its line from San Francisco. To Alameda Point (by fast steamer) 5 miles; Alameda, 10; West San Leandro, 10; West San Lorenzo, 17; Mt. Eden, 21; Alvarado, 24; Hall's, 25; Newark, 30; Mowry's, 31; Alviso, 38 ([Santa Clara County](#)); Agnew, 41; Santa Clara, 44; San Jose, 46; Lovelady's, 51; Los Gatos, 56; Alma, 58. This is the shortest and quickest railroad line from San Francisco to San Jose, and in several respects the pleasantest. It is also rapidly increasing in freight and passenger traffic and general popularity.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, December 14, 1878*

**Sugar:**

The Alvarado Sugar Factory is to be revived. We are glad to notice that there is an organized effort on foot to start a new beet sugar factory at Alvarado. The first thing to be done is to start the cultivation of the beets. The nature of the soil and climate and the moisture of the earth about Alvarado are admirably adapted to this cultivation. EB. H. Dyer is acting as agent for the new company that is organized; and their plan is to put 1,000 acres in cultivation. The yield of the beet in that vicinity is astonishingly great, and the price paid for the same, delivered at the factory, is \$4 per ton, they furnish the seed at first, but then deducts its price when receiving the beets. We understand that about 600 acres are already leased to parties intending to cultivate this vegetable.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, February 15, 1879*

**Vegetables:**

The first Asparagus of the season was received today in the San Francisco produce market from Andrew Kerr of Alvarado and H. Neilson of San Lorenzo.

*The Sacramento Daily Union Record, Sacramento Calif., February 21, 1879*

**Sugar:**

The proposed resuscitation of the Alvarado Beet Sugar Works shows that the beet sugar industry in this State has some life, in spite of the many obstacles and hindrances it has encountered.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, March 29, 1879*

**Sugar:**

The machinery for the Alvarado beet sugar establishment makes 30 carloads. Eight teams are engaged in hauling it from Decoto to the mill, about three miles distant. A large portion has been hauled, but a considerable time will be required to complete the job. When the apparatus is put in place the large building will be filled from ground to roof. Of the 1,000 acres of beets contracted by for the company, about 700 acres are already sown.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, May 17, 1879*

**Real Estate:**

W.M. Liston to W. Buchanan, lot 11, block 78, Alvarado, \$125.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, May 21, 1879*

**Berkeley Graduation:**

Edwin M. Hawley of Alvarado has graduated from the Berkeley Gymnasium.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, May 31, 1879*

**Sugar:**

I have visited every beet sugar factory, which has been in existence in California; I have conversed with many people who have been directly and indirectly interested in them, and have thus been able to form an opinion, which, I think, is pretty nearly correct.

I know, in giving this opinion to the public, I run the risk of stepping on some gentlemen's sensibilities, and will therefore apologize beforehand, being unavoidable in order to adhere strictly to the truth. Any beet sugar factory established in California, or in any other State of the Union, if the same had been erected in the same style, with the same machinery, in any country where the beet sugar industry flourishes, and could not have existed there, it could not have been expected to turn out anything else than a failure here. Any man who would not be entrusted with the erection and construction of beet sugar works in a country, which offers every facility for establishing beet sugar works, ought not to have been entrusted with it in a country where the beet sugar industry is new and has to overcome many obstacles unknown in old sugar districts.

To establish beet sugar works with reasonable certainty that they will pay, four things are indispensable. These are: beets, money, fuel and water. Of each of these four it requires a liberal supply; if either of them is wanting or but scantily supplied, failure certainly will be the result. Besides a liberal supply of these four articles, all of which exist in great abundance in California, it requires men who understand the business and also the English language, and know the country well enough to avail themselves of the great many advantages which the United States offer to the beet sugar industry.

The sugar factories, which so far have been the representatives of this industry in California, have been: Alvarado, Soquel, Sacramento and Isleton. Neither of these factories started on a sound basis, neither had money enough, which the first had a supply of fuel, which was worse than questionable. In 1871, the two first named factories were started, the one in Alvarado, under the management of a German on the centrifugal system, the other one at Sacramento under the management of a French count. Alvarado started a little earlier, and was estimated to cost \$75,000, while Sacramento was to cost \$15,000. No sooner did it become known that the French count could (or, better, would) build a beet sugar factory for so small a sum, displeasure and discontent were manifested by the others that they had entered into a contract requiring five times as much money. There is very little doubt, had a change to the "French" plan been still possible, it would have been made, but though that was impossible, the seed of discontent once sown grows as luxuriant as the beets, which is saying a great deal.

The Alvarado Sugar Works worked well the first year and cleared a profit of from \$15,000 to \$18,000, while the Sacramento factory failed to make any sugar at all. The French count taking French leave has never been heard from since. The authorities are conflicting as to the system on which this factory was to work; the probability is it had no system at all.

The success at the Alvarado works undoubtedly encouraged the Sacramento Beet Sugar Company, they engaged an expert beet sugar manufacturer in Germany, and imported a lot of machinery to take a new departure in the diffusion system. The machinery was badly proportioned and worse arranged. The various changes made by the seven different technical managers made only a bad thing worse, the expert sugar manufacturers were turned out, and others took the place, who understood little of the business, to be turned out again to make the place for worse ones still. The places as foremen, machinist, etc., etc., were sold by those who managed the finances, the whole undertaking from beginning to end was a combination of imbecility, dishonesty and folly, which would have ruined any other business, however, profitable and simple.

Although the factory at Alvarado worked with a profit the first year, the discord amongst the owners prevented it ever afterwards, and caused the breaking up of the works and the removal of the machinery to Soquel, where it has existed for five years longer. It is intended to work but a few months this year, and that for the last time, after which it will be removed again. During the last season (the factory worked from August till March) the sheriffs had possession of it, which does not tell well for profit; but these beet sugar factories have a peculiar "inwardness," which is next to impossible for outsiders, who are not in the "ring" to understand. The same parties, who placed the sugar works in the hands of the sheriffs, work it this year for their own joint account.

To complete this little sketch, it remains to refer to the beet sugar works at Isleton. This factory had been built on the diffusion principle, and the main part is constructed very well. The capacity of the works is, under the best of circumstances, 30 tons of beets per day. The troubles of this company began before the machinery arrived, which was embargoed in New York. This factory, like the one at Sacramento, had a great number of technical managers in a wonderfully short time. Had the works been finished in proper time, and began sugar making when finished, the company could still have done well. The beets raised on the island where the factory is located are of a very rich quality, and the crops always large and safe. But when the factory at last did begin to work, it had been in operation but a short time when a flood came, swamping the harvested beets, the beet fields which had not yet been harvested, and with it the company. The sugar made at Isleton has been of a superior quality, the trouble lying in the finances and the peculiar organization. The factory does not work this year, but the company hopes to reorganize.

The machinery once at Sacramento has been transferred to the buildings at Alvarado, and such changes are intended as are required to make it in all its appointments, a first class beet sugar factory of a European model. The factory is to begin sugar making by the first day of September, and the beet crop promises to be an extra large one, probably from 20,000 to 25,000 tons.

It is to be hoped that the company has learned wisdom from former failures, and will not commit the same follies over again. The unqualified success of the Standard Sugar Manufacturing Co. would give new life and a new start to this industry in California. But few people have a conception of the magnitude of this industry in Europe. The sugar industry, either from cane or beets, is at present the largest industry in the world, and yields larger and safer profits than any other; and a great reason for this is that it cannot be done with small sums of money or by anybody who understands nothing of it, and this is also the reason that the demand for gold and sugar has been, for the last ten years, greater than the supply, while every other industry has been languishing.

ENERST TH. GENNERT

Alvarado, Alameda County, Cal.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, June 14, 1879*

### **Ebenezer Farley Dies:**

On Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, Ebenezer Farley was found dead in the orchard he loved to tend. Born in Canada in 1811, he lived in the St. Joseph area of Michigan before moving to Alvarado. In 1840

he married Eliza Smith. Mr. Farley was an Alvarado pioneer and devoted much of his time to the politics and well being of the town. He was 68 years old.

***The St. Joseph Herald, St. Joseph Michigan, August 30, 1879***

**Sugar:**

E.T. Gennert, in the *Boston Cultivator*: W.F. Emery, of Alvarado Cal., is a farmer who owns a farm containing eight (whole) acres. On these he has an orchard, besides he raises mostly beans, potatoes and carrots. This he calls his homestead, and although he is a carpenter by trade, he has no house on his homestead, as he hires land as best he can, this year having hired from different parties 52 acres in all, including a small dwelling on it for which he pays a cash rent of \$750 per annum, and of which land he has 50 acres in sugar beets. He owns three good working horses, and has hired most the time till the crop was all in three more, for which he paid each fifty cents per day in cash, he finding the harness, tools and driver. He plowed first very shallow, then 14 inches deep, with three horses, then, shortly before planting, shallow again, doing all the planting by team and at fifteen inches apart. The thinning and cultivating he contracted for at \$1.25 per ton, which includes digging, and he thinks the beet fields will leave enough profit after rent of land and money to pay for thinning and cultivating has been taken out, to enable him to build a house on his homestead farm, and this at the rate of \$4 per ton for beets delivered at the factory.

***The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, October 11, 1879***

**Patent:**

Harris G. Cox of Alvarado, Alameda County, has received a patent on his wagon brakes dated September 16, 1879.

***The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, November 1, 1879***

**Real Estate:**

Ellen McCormick to G.W. Patterson, 122.70 acres on the road from Alvarado to Mission San Jose, \$19,000.

***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, November 4, 1879***

**Sugar:**

For the first time we find in the United States four beet sugar factories in operations, and what is more important than that mere fact, is they are in successful operation and are paying establishments. The sugar works at Soquel, have run this year, their sixth season since their removal from Alvarado, and we are glad to hear that they are making money.

***The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, November 15, 1879***

**Benjamin F. Ingalls:**

U.S. Genweb Tombstone Project, Benjamin F. Ingalls, date of death: Dec. 19, 1889. Interred: Decoto Cemetery, Hayward California.

**<http://files.usgwarchives.net/ca/alameda/cemeteries/decoto.txt>**

**Sugar:**

EDITORS PRESS:

Can the genuine sugar beet seed, the same as cultivated this year around Alvarado, Alameda County, be had in this State, if so, at what place? Please answer in the next issue of the Press. F. Leininger, Ione Valley, Amador County, Cal.

Anyone who can supply this demand is invited to inform the applicant by mail.

***The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, December 27, 1879***

**Sugar:**

Mr. E.T. Gennert writes from Los Angeles to the *Rural Press* referring to the raising of beets and the varied manufactures in operations in this State.

In Soquel California is the oldest beet sugar factory in the United States; from it 45 to 55 barrels of white granulated sugar are turned out daily with as much regularity as a baker turns out his rolls. In Alvarado California from 30 to 35 barrels of white sugar are made daily, and beet sugar prices are regularly quoted in the San Francisco market. The beet sugar factory at Isleton California, though complete, stands idle, but there is little doubt that it will work next year to its full capacity. A new sugar factory will be built in Los Angeles County, and begin work by next July; the beets for the same will be mostly planted before the expiration of the present year.  
***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., December 27, 1879***

#### **San Francisco Visitor:**

T.B. Grayer of Alvarado has checked into the Lick Hotel in San Francisco.  
***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., January 11, 1880***

#### **Snow:**

All the hills in Marin and Alameda Counties are still snow capped today.  
***The Reno Evening Gazette, Reno Nevada, January 30, 1880***

#### **Sugar:**

There are three beet sugar factories in California. One is at Isleton, Sacramento County, but has been idle for some time now. Another is a Soquel, in Santa Cruz County, which only made a short run of two months this year and is closing up. Dr. Morse says that the property is valued at \$200,000 but is considered dead property and would be sold for \$20,000 if a buyer could be found. The third factory is at Alvarado, and its future is not any brighter than the other two.  
***The Decatur Daily Review, Decatur Illinois, March 30, 1880***

#### **South Pacific Coast Railroad:**

The South Pacific Coast Railroad ([narrow gauge](#)) is nearly completed. It runs from Alameda to Santa Cruz along the tidal flats on the east side of the bay. Its route takes passengers by ferry to Oakland where the S.P.C.R.R. runs its route through San Leandro, Haywards, Alvarado, Newark, Alviso ([Santa Clara County](#)), San Jose, and over the mountains into Santa Cruz.  
***The Reno Evening Gazette, Reno Nevada, April 13, 1880***

#### **Flood:**

The levee at Crandall's Slough broke this morning, giving vent to a large body of water from the Alameda Creek. Where it crosses the country road Alvarado and Centerville it is five feet deep, and a large amount of grain will be a total loss. About a thousand acres are under water. The track of the South Pacific Coast Railroad ([forerunner to SP](#)) for nearly three miles commencing at Hall's Station is under water and some of the track is said to be washed away. A handcar with seven men started to cross but have not yet been heard of.  
***The Morning Oregonian, Portland Oregon, April 22, 1880***

#### **Sugar:**

The sugar factory at Alvarado stopped running for the season. After finishing the beets two weeks since, some work was done on the syrup, which, was brought from Sacramento with the machinery a year ago. About 300 barrels have remained waiting for the close of the season. A few days ago the lot was sold to the Pacific Distillery for making into alcohol. Work will begin again when the next crop of beets is ready.  
***The Sacramento Daily Record-Union, Sacramento, Calif., May 19, 1880***

#### **Sugar:**

The Standard Sugar Company of Alvarado California is achieving success in sugar refining by usage of the diffusion method. It produces the purest sugar, so reports the Morning Oregonian.  
***The Morning Oregonian, Portland Oregon, November 8, 1880***

#### **Flour:**

The grain crop of California has reached its present level production of forty million bushels from the first attempt to raise wheat for home consumption less than thirty years ago. The first bag of flour was made in 1853 at Horner's Mill, Union City, Calif.

*The Daily Kennebec Journal, Augusta Maine, November 25, 1880*

**Sugar:**

The first acre of sugar beets just harvested in the Puyallup Valley in Washington Territory, yielded 18 tons. The dry season cut the crop short, but the samples were splendid. Samples will soon be sent to Alvarado, Calif. to be tested.

*The Sacramento Daily Record-Union, Sacramento, Calif., November 30, 1880*

**Unknown Dead:**

The body of an unknown man was found in Alvarado today. The flesh had been eaten from the face, and the skull had been broken with some sharp instrument. There were cuts on the right hand. The shirt studs and sleeve buttons indicate a man in good circumstances. The body had been washed out on high ground by high water.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., December 20, 1880*

**Sugar:**

Mr. E. Th. Gennert writes to the *Press* from Los Angeles that the sugar mill at Soquel suffered losses this year (1879-1880), the second three months of that season due to rotten, frozen and sprouted beets. Mr. Gennert goes on to explain the great importance to drying the beets by solar heat, which, when once properly dried, will preserve them unimpaired for a number of years.

Mr. Eb. H. Dyer, of Alvarado, gives very tardy, but appropriate credit to Mr. Gennert on the importance of properly drying sugar beets by solar heat.

E. Th. Gennert,  
Los Angeles, Cal.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, January 15, 1881*

**Sugar:**

*The Grocer*, of San Francisco makes an interesting statement concerning the production of beet sugar in California in 1880. This source of supply has been an important one the last year, as will be seen by the following:

Standard Sugar Refinery (At Alvarado)	lbs.	lbs.
Stock on hand Jan 1, 1880		219,120
Standard Refinery product, 1880	1,574,233	
Isleton Factory product 1880	298,427	
Soquel Factory (estimate) 1880	<u>300,000</u>	
		<u>2,172,660</u>
Beet Sugar for Distribution		<u><u>2,391,780</u></u>

These figures are official, with the exception of those relating to the production of the Soquel factory, which is estimated by the agent of the company. The only sugarie now in operation on this coast is the Standard Sugar Refinery at Alvarado, but this one has already made a good record, and has a bright prospect for the future.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, January 15, 1881*

**Oyster Beds:**

The discovery of oyster beds extending for miles along the eastern shore of the Bay near Alvarado is reported. The bivalves were found by a sportsman from San Francisco, who says that there are million of them there, equal to the Eastern article.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., January 22, 1881*

**Sugar:**

The sugar mill at Alvarado will have about three weeks longer run upon green beets, after which it will be engaged some months upon dried beets brought from Los Angeles.

*The Sacramento Daily Record Union, Sacramento Calif., February 3, 1881*

**Stove Foundry:**

Six or seven families have moved away from Alvarado in the last month, aroused by the shutting down of the Alvarado Stove Works ([the foundry](#)).

*The Oakland Tribune, February 19, 1881*

**Release of Mortgage:**

James H. Farley to Eliza M. Farley, et. al., 29.26 acres near the town of Alvarado, release of mortgage.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, March 9, 1881*

**Sugar:**

The beet sugar works at Alvarado had an average season's work, and a fair supply of beets at a moderate price. The machinery employed is of a promiscuous nature, partly made in Europe and remodeled here, and partly made here in the first place. The quality of the beets is good, and the only apparent drawback appears to be the difficulty of keeping the beets for a sufficiently long winter campaign. If the beets are placed in silos, as is the general custom in Europe, they will heat and sprout in a wonderful short time, and if it is placed within easy reach of the factory, they are apt to suffer from frost at night and warm sunshine during the following day. This prevents the season to be carried into the spring, as it would be most desirable to ensure financial success.

Ernest Th. Gennert,

Los Angeles, Cal.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, March 12, 1881*

**Edward McDevitt Dies:**

Edward McDevitt died in Alvarado on July 7<sup>th</sup>. He was a native of Ireland and was 32 years of age.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., July 9, 1881*

**Train Accident:**

The Livermore train that reaches Haywards station at 6:30 p.m. ran over and killed Eli Huston, and badly injured Levy Hensley, both of Alvarado, at the Mount Eden crossing about one mile above Haywards station. The two men were riding in a header wagon with two horses attached. The horses escaped injury. Mr. Hensley is still living, but bleeding at the mouth. The gum trees on both sides of the road prevented the engineer from seeing the men in time to prevent the accident.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., August 9, 1881*

**Alvarado Party:**

The most *recherché*\* affair of the summer for Alvarado, was the lunch party given by Mrs. C.A. Plummer, on Tuesday last, in honor of her friend, Miss Minnie Steene of San Francisco.

\* *Recherché*: French adjective meaning exquisite, choice, exotic, rare.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., August 16, 1881*

**Sugar:**

Boiler Explosion at Alvarado:

Yesterday morning, at about six o'clock, the beet sugar factory at Alvarado was blown to atoms by the explosion of one of the boilers. The foreman, George Smith, discovered that the water in the boiler was very low. He then proceeded to pump cold water into the boiler, when it suddenly exploded. Smith was hurled with frightful force against and into an ash pile. The steam and hot water followed him, drenching him from head to foot. He got down on hands and knees and commenced crawling away, the flesh of his head, face, arms, hands, neck and chest being literally cooked and peeling off. He also contracted a severe cut on the forehead. Late yesterday afternoon Smith was suffering intense agony. His recovery is considered doubtful.

One of the boilers was shattered to atoms, and the other was damaged to such an extent as to render it useless. The roof of the boiler-room was scattered in every direction. The main building caught fire from the burning embers from the furnace. A force of men was promptly on hand, and after considerable exertion the flames were extinguished. The amount of damages cannot be estimated at present.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, Calif., September 28, 1881*

### **Gunfire in Alvarado:**

This afternoon about 5 o'clock, Constable Southwick of Alvarado, was painfully wounded through the right arm by a Chinaman whom he was trying arrest for burglary. The Chinaman fired five shots, only one taking effect. The Constable tried his luck four times, but failed to hit the Chinaman.

*The Sacramento Daily Record-Union, Sacramento, Calif., November 24, 1881*

### **Slickens Debris Case:**

(Editor: [The Slickens Debris lawsuit is of no interest here, but the testimony given by F.B. Granger on the Alameda Creek lends some light on early boat traffic on the Alameda Creek.](#))

F.B. Granger was sworn in for the defense. He lives in Alameda County, and has for 25 years, near Alameda ([Alvarado?](#)) town. Mr. Granger knows Alameda Creek. In 1853 a large steamer regularly went up to Alvarado, and up higher schooners went. Now the stream is smaller, it is filled up, and skiffs can scarcely come up now. The creek heads in Santa Clara County ([east of Mt. Hamilton](#)). It runs through an agricultural region. It began to fill up 17 or 18 years ago. In places the sediment has covered land as high as fences, in other but little has been deposited. Several thousand acres near Alvarado has more or less sediment. A small steamer manages to work up to Union City. The swampland at the mouth of the creek has largely been made fit for cultivation by the filling in from the creek deposits. The best of this made land is worth from \$250 to \$300 an acre. San Leandro and San Lorenzo creeks have filled, washed much dirt and filled in lands.

Cross-Examination: Alvarado is on an estuary and Alvarado creek empties into it; it is the mouth of the creek. Most of the freight business there is done by rail now. The wash comes mostly from the hills. The deposits there make good soil. The country has there been extensively cultivated since 1849, and the soil has been thoroughly pulverized. Potatoes, sugar beets, onions, etc., are largely raised about there. The deposits of these creeks are a benefit. Cultivation of the hills to the tops has aided the wash and deposit. The rainfall there averages twenty-two inches a year. When there is no freshet the waters of Alameda Creek are clear. Alameda Creek is about seventy-five miles long. It easily carries the sediment, some of which is so fine that it used as molding sand.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., January 18, 1882*

### **U.S. Mail:**

The following awards of star-route contracts in the State of California have been made in addition to those already announced.

Alvarado to Haywood Station: J.D. Carr; \$320

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., February 14, 1882*

### **Flood:**

The rain has fallen in torrent most of the day, accompanied by thunder and lightning. The gauge marked .76 of an inch at 6 o'clock tonight, making 3.77 inches for march, and 11.07 for the season. The wind is still in the south, and it is raining hard. Word has just been received from Alvarado, stating that Alameda Creek has overflowed it banks there, the water flooding a number of acres and extending up through the town.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., March 16, 1882*



**Sugar:**

The Standard beet sugar refinery at Alvarado, California agrees to pay several premiums to the best sugar beet growers.

*The Reno Evening Gazette, Reno Nevada, March 22, 1882*

**Don Juan B. Alvarado Dies:**

Former California Governor Juan B. Alvarado, who ruled California from 1836 to 1843, died Wednesday, at five p.m., at his residence in San Pablo, Contra Costa County. He was born in Monterey California in 1809. He is the namesake of the town of Alvarado, in Alameda County, which was named County Seat of the new Alameda County on March 16, 1853 by legislative decree.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, July 15, 1882*

**Real Estate:**

E.S. Sumner to George Althausser and wife, lots 1 to 4 and part of lot 5, block 70, Alvarado, \$1,600.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, July 24, 1882*

**Real Estate:**

Mary A. McDevitt to G. Simpson, portion of lot 7, block 35, Alvarado Grant.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, August 5, 1882*

**Sugar:**

*The Alameda Reporter*, Aug 26: According to the published notice, the farmers who grow beets for the sugar mill at Alvarado met Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, and chose two judges, and the company a third judge, to award the prizes offered. The fields of competitors were viewed, and the following awards made:

We, the undersigned committee, appointed by a farmer's meeting, held at the Standard Sugar Refinery's office, Alvarado, August 12, 1882, to award prizes to persons having the best growing crop of sugar beets, as per circular issued January 1, 1882, find that: Eb. H. Dyer has the best 100 acres, prize \$200; J Lowrie, best 75 acres, prize \$150; J. Lowrie, best 50 acres, prize \$100; J.M. Ingalls, best 25 acres, prize \$50, L.L. King, best 10 acres, prize \$20; Eb. H. Dyer, best 5 acres, prize \$10. Signed:

John C. Whipple

Samuel I. Marston

W.F. Emery

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, September 2, 1882*

**Sugar:**

California may claim the distinction of having a beet sugarie, which has been running for three years in succession. Three consecutive years is a long life for a beet sugar enterprise in the United States, if we may judge of the history of this industry. The California establishment, too, has a promise of a much greater lease of life, for the report of the superintendent shows that there is a profit in its operation. The *Sugar Beet*, a Philadelphia publication, has secured from Mr. (Eb) Dyer, the superintendent, a review of the third year of the Standard Sugar Company's establishment at Alvarado, from which we shall quote certain points. The year ended May 10, 1882:

**Expense of Third Campaign:**Manufacturing Expenses:

Beet Acct: 11,299.91 ton @ \$4.23 per ton:	\$	47,552.75
Barrels and packaging materials		4,167.95
Bone Coal		2,210.30
Pay Roll		18,932.56

Acid		1,658.48	
Lime		1,145.88	
Coal (4,151 tons at \$5.607)		23,357.08	
Insurance		1,192.00	
Running Repairs		897.61	
Accident (Boiler Explosion)		3,248.43	
Incidentals & Supplies		4,994.54	
		<hr/>	\$109,357.58

Sales Expense:

Commission, Advances, etc.	\$	1,063.23	
Freight on Sugar from Alvarado		746.08	
Storage and insurance on sugar		730.14	
Drayage in S.F.		741.92	
Interest Expense		750.11	
Molasses (freight etc.)		292.59	
		<hr/>	4,324.07
Profit of Third Campaign:			<hr/> 44,935.85
Total Expenses:			<hr/> <hr/> 113,681.65

**Product of Third Campaign:**

Sugar:

1,391,688 lbs. At .1084¢	\$	150,858.54	
Crude sugar on hand, excess over balance of last campaign, 24,167 lbs at 6¢		1,450.00	
		<hr/>	152,308.54

Molasses:

Total product, 81,775 gallons;			
sold 51,775 gallons at .0813¢	\$	4,208.96	
On hand, 30,000 gallons @ .07¢ (estimated)		2,100.00	
		<hr/>	6,308.96

Total Product:			<hr/> <hr/> 158,617.50
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**NET PROFIT: \$** **44,935.85**

The editor of the *Sugar Beet* comments upon the above statement in an interesting way. He says Mr. (Eb) Dyer has written him time and again that it is impossible, under existing circumstances, to work as economically as if the entire establishment has been built strictly in accordance with scientific principles. In other words, with the most improved machinery placed in a building adequate to the requirements, the profits would have been, under the same management, even greater than for the third campaign, shown above. The cost of working per ton would then have been less, etc., and it is evident that, when steam is to be used, the distance it must be carried from the boiler should be at a minimum to prevent condensation, which conditions are seldom, if ever, realized where the plans of piping are not determined in advance. The 11,229 tons used by the Alvarado factory cost \$47,553, or \$4.23 a ton. As the average yield to the acre was nearly 15 tons, the returns from the same were \$63.45 per acre, which evidently leaves a handsome profit to the tiller.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, September 9, 1882*

**California Names:**

Garnered from a glossary of California names are the following definitions:

Alameda: Grove of elms, hence any grove with walks.

Alvarado: The white road, a proper road.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., January 6, 1883*

**Sugar:**

Eb. H. Dyer has recently returned from Europe and is more convinced than ever that the investment in beet sugar factories is a wise investment. He also observed the Europeans feeding refuse beet pulp as feed for cattle. It is his intent to start such an operation Alvarado and already has placed an advertisement in the newspaper for stockmen to use his operation as a beef cattle fattening feedlot.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, May 19, 1883*

**Sugar:**

BEET PULP FOR CATTLE FEED

The Standard Sugar Refinery

Can furnish sufficient food to keep over 400 head of cattle throughout the year. This feed is excellent for Dairy Cows, or for fattening cattle for beef. Liberal terms will be made for a long term of years.

For information please write or apply in person to the undersigned:

E(b).H. Dyer, General Superintendent

Alvarado, Alameda County, Cal.

May 10, 1883

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, July 28, 1883*

**Visitor in San Francisco:**

S. Poorman, of Alvarado, registered at the Baldwin House in San Francisco yesterday.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, November 13, 1883*

**Visitor in Sacramento:**

W.L. Zoller, of Alvarado, was a visitor to Sacramento yesterday.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., December 13, 1883*

**Swanberg & West:**

Swanberg & West, No. 107, Summer street, San Francisco, wholesale canners and producers of oysters, can scarcely supply the demand, and they not only supply the city and suburban trade, but they ship all over the Coast, and as far East as Salt Lake, where they are supplanting the Eastern canners. They are the pioneer canners of oyster in California, and have the best facilities. They have their own growing beds at Alameda, Millbrae and Alvarado, from which they receive oysters every day.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, December 24, 1883*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

T. Thompson, of Alvarado, registered at the Russ House in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, January 3, 1884*

**Sugar:**

The Alvarado Beet Sugar Company, it is reported, intends to establish a dairy in connection with its sugar factory. The company now works 10,000 tons of beets, giving sufficient refuse to feed 500 cows all the year round.

*The Pacific Rural Express, San Francisco, January 5, 1884*

**San Francisco Visitors:**

Registered at the International House in San Francisco is A.J. Campbell of Alvarado.

Registered at the Russ House in San Francisco are J. Quigley and P.D. Adams both of Alvarado.  
*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., January 20, 1884*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

W.H. Vandeppeer, of Alvarado, has registered at the International Hotel in San Francisco.  
*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, January 21, 1884*

**Molders Strike at Tay:**

The molders of the Alvarado Foundry are on a strike, owing to a 15 per cent reduction in the pay of the molders that the proprietors, Geo. H. Tay & Co., have ordered made. Advertisements for molders have not, thus far, called forth many applicants. The molders in Alvarado meet their brother molders at every train that may bring any and try by their arguments to induce them not to go to work.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., February 1, 1884*

**Shooting:**

John Sullivan, who shot and wounded William J. Kenealy on the Alvarado marsh on the 30<sup>th</sup> of last December in a dispute over a duck, has been acquitted, the shooting being determined as accidental.

*The Reno Evening News, Reno Nevada, February 2, 1884*

**Sugar:**

The Alvarado Sugar Refinery Company declared a 10 per cent dividend on their stock of \$200,000 at the close of the year. They worked up 7,150 tons of beets during the season of three months. They claim to be able to make sugar at one cent a pound less than the cost of sugar imported from the Sandwich Islands.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, February 5, 1884*

**Alvarado's Fair Maidens of the Marshes:**

*(Originally printed in the Vallejo Chronicle)*

A solitary sportsman, roaming over the Alvarado marshes last Sunday in pursuit of the ducks, which were few and far between, bethought himself of an artesian well in the distance where he might slake his thirst. When he reached the desired spot he saw two girls seated on the margin, dressed in a peculiar and striking costume. They wore tunics extended to the knees, long rubber boots, hunting coats and caps, and were provided with an excellent brace of breech loading shotguns. Beside them lay a pile of teal, widgeon and rail, ample testimony to their skill in the use of their weapons. The hunter raised his hat, and, presuming on the fraternity of the sport, inquired if the ladies were having any good luck. They pointed triumphantly to their pile of birds, and then glanced sympathetically at their interrogator's flaccid game bag. Both were unusually pretty girls, their cheeks brown from exposure, showing that it was not their first excursion, and the hands with which they dabbed their heated faces were white and dimpled. They confess that the oddity of their costume made them shun the male hunter, though the sportsman confessed he had never believed that rubber boots could look so cunning.

Just then a bunch of teal came down the wind with lightning speed, and both girls squatted on the marsh in a moment. Along swept the birds, bang went both guns, and three birds fell to the ground. They picked them up and, with great generosity altogether unknown to the sportsman, offered him a brace of the birds, as he had the courtesy to allow them to do the shooting.

They explained how they came to be hunters. One was extremely delicate, and, after graduating from a well-known Seminary in Alameda County, was recommended outdoor exercise by her doctor as the only escape from consumption. Tired of objectless strolling, the girl, under the tutoring of her uncle, learned to shoot, converted a companion to the sport, and both are now passionately attached to hunting. They visit the best passes in Alameda County hunting snipe, quail and seldom return without generous bags.

*The Newark Daily Advocate, Newark Ohio, February 7, 1884*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

J. Salmoniky, of Alvarado, has registered at the Russ House in San Francisco.  
*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, February 12, 1884*

**Mrs. S.J. Hendrickson Dies:**

At Alvarado, February 13, Mrs. S.J. Hendrickson, beloved wife of S.D. Henrickson, aged 50 years.  
*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, February 15, 1884*

**Flood:**

All the creeks in Alameda County are running full, and the marshland at Alvarado is under water.  
*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., February 22, 1884*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

W.F. Angels, of Alvarado, has registered at the Grand Hotel in San Francisco yesterday.  
*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, March 4, 1884*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

F. Elliott, of Alvarado, has registered at the Russ House in San Francisco.  
*The Daily Alta California, March 12, 1884*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

W. Bolt, of Alvarado, has registered at the American Exchange Hotel in San Francisco.  
*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, March 17, 1884*

**Visitors to San Francisco:**

Miss H.M. Hawley, Miss J.E. Doyle and Miss C.M. Fisher registered at the Grand Hotel in San Francisco yesterday.  
*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, March 30, 1884*

**Real Estate:**

E.C. Farley, et. al., to M.E. Furtado, 8.26 acres in Alvarado, \$1,800.  
*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, April 24, 1884*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

J.W. Osborn, of Alvarado, **has registered at the Russ House in San Francisco.**  
*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, April 29, 1884*

**Visitors to San Francisco:**

I.S. Frost and W. Beasley and Mrs. B.F. Cooper have registered at the Russ House in San Francisco.  
*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, May 4, 1884*

**Visitors to San Francisco:**

W.H. Cockefair and W.F. Ingalls, both of Alvarado, have registered at the Grand Hotel in San Francisco.  
*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, May 16, 1884*

**First Sack of Flour:**

The first bag of flour ever made of California wheat and exhibited at a public fair, was one made by Mr. John Horner of Horner's Mills, Union City, (Alvarado) in 1853, and shown at the Music Hall, in that year and to which was awarded the highest premium of \$50. That bag of flour is now on exhibition at the room of the California Farmer.  
*The Weekly Nevada State Journal, Reno Nevada, May 31, 1884*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

A.W. Fletcher, of Alvarado, registered at the Russ House in San Francisco.  
*The Daily AL California, San Francisco, June 8, 1884*

**Post Office:**

The Alvarado Post Office was one of four Post Offices in California that will be made into money offices on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, June 14, 1884*

**Illegal Fishing:**

On Tuesday last, W.T. Ralph arrested five Chinamen who were fishing with Giant Powder in the creek near Alvarado. They had caught nineteen fish, and the fines they had to pay aggregated \$105.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., June 15, 1884*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

F. Gilman, of Alvarado, registered at the Russ House in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, July 6, 1884*

**Sugar:**

Superintendent Dyer, of the beet sugar refinery at Alvarado, is about to light the mill by use of electricity.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, Calif., July 20, 1884*

**Cow County Justice:**

At 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning Capt. Douglass left this city (San Francisco) in company with two Chinamen to arrest a Chinese woman for defrauding her creditors. She was found at Alvarado, the warrant served, and the proper bail put up, the left for Decoto, a town four miles distant, with his two Chinese guides, to take an early train back to San Francisco. No sooner had the reached Decoto than a Deputy Sheriff informed the Captain that he wanted the two Chinamen. As he had not warrant for their apprehension, Douglass protected them against the Deputy. In about an hour and a half the Deputy Sheriff returned from Alvarado, this time with a warrant charging both the Chinese with burglary.

"What time was this burglary committed," asked Douglass.

"At ten o'clock this (Monday) morning."

The Celestials were given into custody, but the question arises how could they have committed a burglary and be in the company of such an official as Captain Douglass at the same time?

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., July 23, 1884*

**Alvarado Suicide:**

William Bittinger, a butcher doing business at Alvarado, died suddenly on Friday of last week, under circumstances that led to the belief that he had poisoned himself. A Coroner's jury found a verdict of suicide.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., August 10, 1884*

**Republican Barbecue:**

The Republicans will hold a big barbecue at Alvarado on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., October 5, 1884*

**Republican Barbeque:**

The oxen are killed and the crane is hung for the big Republican barbecue at Alvarado tomorrow afternoon.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, October 17, 1884*

**Republican Barbecue:**

The Republican barbecue at Alvarado, Alameda County, yesterday, was a success in point of attendance and in other respects. Some 5,000 persons assembled on the grounds to partake of the good cheer provided and to hear the speeches. Dancing was enjoyed until a late hour. E.H.

Dyer of Alvarado presided, and addresses were made Aaron A Sargent, Joseph McKenna, H. F. Page and several others.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, October 19, 1884*

**Real Estate:**

A.J. Lowell to J.H. Brook, lots 1, 2, and 3, block 82, Alvarado, \$600.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, October 30, 1884*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

A. Patterson, of Alvarado, registered at the Lick House in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, November 9, 1884*

**Ducks:**

The Pacific Life Gun Club have leased Plummer's marshes, at Alvarado, for duck hunting, and will employ a keeper to protect the game against poachers.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., November 11, 1884*

**Visitors to San Francisco:**

F. Helm and wife, of Alvarado, have registered at the Lick House in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, November 11, 1884*

**Mary Quigley Dies:**

In Alvarado, November 17<sup>th</sup>, Mary Quigley, aged 75 years.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, November 19, 1884*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

A. T. Gallagher, of Alvarado, has registered at the Brooklyn Hotel in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, November 21, 1884*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

S.M. Chauncey, of Alvarado, registered at the International Hotel in San Francisco yesterday.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, November 24, 1884*

**Letters of Administration:**

John Quigley has petitioned for letter of administration of the estate of Mary Quigley, late of Alvarado, valued at \$1,765.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, November 27, 1884*

**Sugar:**

The beet sugar made in the United States during the seasons 1883-1884 was all manufactured at Alvarado, Cal. Beet sugar manufacturing has been attempted in Illinois, Wisconsin, California, Delaware, Massachusetts and Maine. In all these states those who have embarked in the business have been overtaken by financial failure. In Sacramento County and other portions of California, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been sunk in the beet sugar business. These failures are entirely owing to the processes employed, and not to the industry itself. The beet sugar factory in Alvarado is the only one in operation in the United States.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., December 2, 1884.*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

T.G. Curtis, of Alvarado, has registered at the Russ House in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, December 4, 1884*

**Sugar:**

It rather begins to look as though, if the manufacture of sugar in this country, outside of the true cane district, is to succeed, California must demonstrate the fact. Beet sugar at the East has been a disastrous failure wherever tried, and, except at the Alvarado factory in Alameda County, there is no beet sugar profitably made in this country.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, December 6, 1884*

**Sugar:**

By an improvement recently made in the process of manufacture, the percentage of sugar obtained from beets has been greatly increased, while at the same time the cost of production per pound is lessened. The cost at the Alvarado works is now about five and quarter cents a pound. At this rate, beet sugar may be produced at a profit, in competition with the cane sugar imported duty free from the Sandwich Islands ([Hawaii](#)). The price now ruling in our markets, something over eight cents a pound, gives a very large net profit. The perseverance and energy with which the managers of the establishment at Alvarado have pushed their enterprise, together with the knowledge and skill which have been gained by study and experience, have resulted in a far greater success than could have been anticipated.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, December 6, 1884*

**Local Grammar School Graduates:**

The County Board of Education has ordered diplomas issued to the following grammar school graduates who have successfully passed examination:

Alviso: Antone Tonqua, Mary Tonqua, Maggie Buchanan, Susan Harvey and Robert Lowrie.

Alvarado: Grace Barron.

Cosmopolitan: Edward Haines, Peter Decoto.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, December 15, 1884*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

S.J. Martin, of Alvarado, has registered at the International Hotel in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, December 16, 1884*

**Flood:**

News reached Oakland Monday that the town of Alvarado, in Washington Township, in the lower portion of Alameda County, was under water, owing to the exceedingly heavy rains. For Alvarado to be deluged is nothing new, for so sure as a heavy rain falls so sure is the town to be overflowed.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., December 25, 1884*

**Alvarado School:**

A. Megahan has been engaged as Principal of Alvarado School and Miss E.C. Parker will teach the primary department. The next term will begin February 1<sup>st</sup>, weather permitting. Miss Clara Gregory, teacher of the primary department last term, has resigned and gone to Reno, Nev. It is understood that she will soon be married.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., December 30, 1884*

**Sugar:**

The experience of the last five years has shown that the Pacific States are best suited to the sugar beet industry. The continued success of the factory at Alvarado, Cal., is very gratifying evidence that the Pacific States have climate and soil suitable to their own sugar production. This factory, during the campaign now in progress, has received more than 20,000 tons of beets, an amount far greater than the capacity of the machinery. These beets gave a yield per ton, which will compare favorably with the average yield of beets in Europe. At present the California factory ([Alvarado](#)) is the only one in operation in the United States.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, January 10, 1885*

**Sugar:**

A beet sugar factory in Alvarado, California works eighty tons of pulp a day. The adjacent farmers think they can make money at \$4.50 a ton, which may be true, as some yields as high as 35 ton to the acre have been reported. The average is 12 to 15 ton to the acre, and the sugar ranges from 12.5 to 15.0%.

*The News, Frederick Maryland, January 17, 1885*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**



J.B. Arron, of Alvarado, registered at the Brooklyn Hotel in San Francisco.  
*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, February 16, 1885*

**Alvarado Suicide:**

Alexander Wegner, a molder, a native of Poland, aged 27, suicide at Alvarado yesterday with strychnine.  
*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., March 3, 1885*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

H. Harling, of Alvarado, has registered at the Russ House in San Francisco.  
*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, March 17, 1885*

**San Francisco Marriage:**

Among those attending the marriage of Miss Emma M. Smith of San Francisco, to Lieut. E. C. Hughes were Mrs. (Capt.) James Barron and daughters Mary and Aggie from Alvarado.  
*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, March 23, 1885*

**Grange Picnic at Alvarado:**

There will be a Grange reunion at Alvarado, Alameda County, on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>. The oration will be delivered by the Hon. M.M. Estee. Several able speakers, who are well known Grangers, will also give short addresses of timely interest to all farmers, their wives, sons and daughters.  
*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., April 30, 1885*

**Mrs. Campbell Dies:**

At Alvarado, May 7<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Christy C. Campbell, aged 75 years.  
*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, May 10, 1885*

**Grange Picnic:**

Quite a large assemblage of Grangers and farmers, and their friends, attended the picnic on Saturday last at Alvarado, Alameda County. The grove, owned by F.B. Granger & Son, adjoining their Riverside Hotel and the Narrow Gauge R.R. Station, was found to be a delightful and convenient place for such a gathering.  
*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, May 23, 1885*

**Visitors to San Francisco:**

Mr. & Mrs. D.C. Lourn, of Alvarado, have registered at the Russ House in San Francisco.  
*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, May 24, 1885*

**Camellia Club:**

The eleventh invitation picnic of the Camellia Club will take place next Sunday at Riverside Grove, Alvarado.  
*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., May 25, 1885*

**Visitors to Sacramento:**

Samuel Poorman, Master Samuel Poorman and Miss Alice Poorman, of Alvarado, have registered at the Capitol Hotel in Sacramento.  
*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., July 8, 1885*

**Attempted Rape:**

Frank Delman, aged 19, is in the Alameda County Jail, charged with assault to rape Ada Willeford, a 14-year old girl. The parties reside near Alvarado, where the crime is alleged to have been committed. The girl informed her mother, who told the father, and he went after Delman with a shotgun in hand. Failing to overtake him, he swore out a warrant. Delman denies the charge.  
*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., July 11, 1885*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

J.C. Warkner, of Alvarado, has registered at the Windsor Hotel in San Francisco.  
*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, July 15, 1885*

**Felonious Assault:**

The District Attorney has filed an action against Frederick Delman for a felonious assault on Miss Addie Willeford near Alvarado July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., July 16, 1885*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

H. Drefrese, of Alvarado, has registered at the Russ House in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, July 23, 1885*

**Real Estate:**

A.J. Lowell to W. McCully, lot 9, Block 83, Alvarado, \$40.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, September 2, 1885*

**Sugar:**

A factory at Alvarado California has made 1,250 tons of refined beet sugar this season. This is said to be four times greater than the total sorghum-sugar product in the United States. The Alvarado factory has been in production for six years and its profits are computed at \$104,000 on an investment of \$125,000. The growers get \$4.50 a ton for beets, and the yield is said to average twenty ton to the acre. The factory pays out about \$20,000 a year for beets.

*The Wellsboro Agitator, Wellsboro Pennsylvania, September 15, 1885*

**Dignitaries in Alvarado:**

Senators Stanford and Fair, Representatives Morrow and McKenna, and other prominent magnates and officials of the South Pacific Coast Railroad, have gone to Alvarado to inspect the beet sugar mill there.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., Oct 3, 1885*

**Real Estate:**

C. Benson to E. Sweeney, lot 11, block 82 and lot 3, block 79, Alvarado, \$450.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, October 3, 1885*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

C.M. Stone, of Alvarado, has registered at the Brooklyn Hotel in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, October 6, 1885*

**Real Estate:**

W.J. Brady to W.F. Ingalls, et. al., part of lot 12, block 82, Alvarado, \$100.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, November 11, 1885*

**Civil Service Appointment:**

Yesterday, Newton S. Farley of Alvarado was appointed a clerk in the Warehouse Division, at a salary of \$1,600 per annum. This is the first appointment made by Collector Hager under the Civil Service rules. Mr. Farley stood the highest in the list of eligibles. He is not a relative of ex-Senator Farley.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., November 14, 1885*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

J. Barron, of Alvarado, has registered at the Brooklyn Hotel in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, November 24, 1885*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

M. Montenegro, of Alvarado, has registered at the Russ House in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, November 27, 1885*

**Real Estate:**

Mrs. J.A. Sweeney to G. Barsotti, lot 11, block 82, Alvarado, \$170.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, December 11, 1885*

**Real Estate:**

J.H. Ralph ([deceased](#)), by administrator, to Fannetta Ralph, undivided 1-10 of lots in Alvarado, and 75 acres on road to Centerville, \$75.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, December 30, 1885*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

J. Whitcomb, of Alvarado, has registered at the American Exchange Hotel in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, January 26, 1886*

**AOUW:**

Reliance Lodge, No. 93, at Alvarado, had a very pleasant and interesting reunion last Wednesday night, which was participated by a large number of invited guests.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, March 9, 1886*

**Sugar:**

*Haywards Journal:* For a number of years the Alvarado beet sugar factory has been in operation at Alvarado. It has proved so successful that a new company has lately been formed with a capital of \$1,000,000. The incorporators are: John L. Howard, Henry T. Scott, E.H. Dyer, J.P. Price, William Morris, James Ralph and Oscar T. Sewall. The new company proposes to make extensive additions to the present capacity of the factory, which is only 80 tons of beets a day. It is proposed to erect a frame factory, covered with corrugated iron, for cheapness of construction and to secure low insurance. Its capacity will be 200 tons of beets per day; that should yield 20 tons of refined white sugar. The season should last 150 days, making a total of 3,000 tons, or 6,000,000 pounds. The chemist and mechanical engineer has been for months at work in the best appointed beet sugar factory in Germany, studying the most approved methods of manufacture and obtaining plans of the modern arrangements and machinery. Such plant as may have to be imported will be selected by them, and the new factory will be ready for successful operation by the beginning of the beet harvest, August 1, 1887. The cost of the new factory is \$200,000.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, March 20, 1886*

**California Fruit Union:**

Below is a list of local farmers who hold membership in the California Fruit Union. Each share of stock represents an acre of fruit.

John L. Beard, Centerville, 30 shares; W.W. Brier, Centerville, 50 shares; I.B. Haines, Decoto, 10 shares; J.C. Whipple, Decoto, 10 shares; W.F. Ingalls, Alvarado, 10 shares; George Althaus, Alvarado, 20 shares; Mrs. John Lowrie, Centerville, 30 shares.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, April 14, 1886*

**Alvarado Picnic:**

The Arion Social Club will give its second annual picnic at Riverside Grove, Alvarado, on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, April 26, 1886*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

F. Roche, of Alvarado, has registered at the Brooklyn Hotel in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, May 3, 1886*

**Commercial Advertisement:**

SOUTH PACIFIC COAST RAIL ROAD: Passenger Train leaves station at foot of Market Street, SOUTH SIDE, at

**8:30 A.M., DAILY:**

for Alvarado, Newark, Centerville, Alviso ([Santa Clara County](#)), Santa Clara, San Jose, Los Gatos, Wrights, Glenwood, Felton, Big Trees, Boulder Creek, Santa Cruz, and all way stations.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, May 3, 1886*

**Alvarado Picnic:**

A grand excursion and picnic will be given at Riverside Grove, Alvarado, on Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, by the members of Professor Hogan's Dancing Academy. They will leave San Francisco by the narrow gauge at 10 a.m.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, May 10, 1886*

**New Arrival:**

In Oakland, May 19<sup>th</sup>, born to the wife of George W. Sheron of Alvarado, a daughter.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, May 27, 1886*

**Sugar:**

Beet sugar production in the world last year was: Germany, 1,155,000 tons, Australia, 557,000 Tons, Russia 380,000 tons, France 325,000 tons, Belgium 90,000 tons, and Holland 50,000 tons. The United States contribution to this total is 1,000 tons, all produced at Alvarado California.

*The Freeborn County Standard, Albert Lea Minnesota, June 2, 1886*

**Arion Social Club:**

The Arion Social Club will hold its second annual picnic at Riverside Grove, Alvarado, on Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., June 7, 1886*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

Louis Nelson, of Alvarado, has registered at the American Exchange Hotel in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, June 21, 1886*

**Sugar:**

*Haywards Journal:* While at Alvarado Sunday we learned that the sugar mill will commence operations in August. The beets are now well advanced, and it takes about 1,500 acres to meet the requirements of the mill. The extensive additions, if carried out, will make it the largest sugar mill in the country.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, July 3, 1886*

**Grammar School Teachers:**

The following appointments have been in the Alvarado School District. Miss Mary Riley and Miss Edith Granger have been appointed as teachers.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., July 15, 1886*

**Child Poisoned:**

A 3-year old daughter of John Moffitt, residing near Alvarado, by accident had hold of a slice of bread covered with "rough on rats." The child had eaten the whole of it before her danger was discovered. The drug was doing its deadly work rapidly, when, as there was no doctor near at hand, the child was given a plentiful dose of some simple antidote, which saved her life for the time, though she is still very sick.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., August 7, 1886*

**Home Burglary:**

On Friday afternoon a gang of thieves broke into the house of Dutch Fred on the John Hall ranch, near Alvarado, and packed away all of the best property therein. The stolen property is valued at \$500. That section of Alameda County is infested by tramps, and the citizens are resolved to make an example of these thieves if caught.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, August 22, 1886*

**Sugar:**

To the Editor of the Portland Oregonian:

Dear Sir:

Will you have the kindness to inform me through the columns of the Oregonian, where is on this coast, a mill for the manufacturing of sugar from beets? It is thought by some of our citizens that

an enterprise having for its purpose the making of sugar from the sugar beet might be inaugurated here if an effort to that end were made. If you can furnish us the information I ask, it will be appreciated.

L. H. Montanye

(Editor: There is a beet sugar factory at Alvarado, Alameda County, California; the only one on our coast.)

*The Morning Oregonian, Portland Oregon, September 12, 1886*

### **Republican Convention:**

The Republican County Convention met yesterday in Camron Hall. Among the business was the nomination of E.H. Dyer of Alvarado for nomination of State Senator for Alameda County's eighteenth district.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, September 28, 1886*

### **Benson Landing Sold:**

J. Barron to Moses Wicks, et. al, Benson Landing, 32.23 acres at Union City, \$2,340.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, October 2, 1886*

### **Sugar:**

Wreck of the Alvarado Beet Works – Engineer injured.

Yesterday morning, at 2:30 o'clock, a terrific explosion occurred at the works of the Standard Sugar Refinery at Alvarado, completely demolishing the boiler house and wrecking the surrounding buildings. The steam for the refinery is supplied by seven fifty-inch Buckeye tubular boilers, fifteen feet long, set in three pairs and one singly.

At the commencement of the year's run they had been overhauled and tested by expert James Hamilton, of the Union Iron Works. It was the left boiler of the middle pair, which exploded, damaging the other six, as they cannot be used without extensive repairs.

The factory had just finished grinding the last beets at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and would have completed all work by Monday next. The refinery is still full of semi-refined juice and sugar, which it will be impossible to save.

The scene of the disaster is one of wreck and ruin. Where a house 50 by 80 feet once stood, is now but a pile of kindling wood.

At the time of the explosion the fireman, Gabriel Dennis, was alone in the boiler room. He states that he was carrying the usual amount of steam, sixty-five pounds. The water was foaming badly, making it hard to tell just how much there was in the boilers, but he thinks there were two gauges. He was standing near the exploded boiler, when he suddenly felt himself lifted in the air and thrown on his face to the ground. Assistant Engineer Blood quickly rescued the wounded man from the flames, which were then raging fiercely.

The refinery is situated near the narrow gauge depot, and has a capacity for working 100 tons of beets per day. It is valued at \$175,000. The damage sustained is estimated at from \$10,000 to \$15,000, being principally loss of boilers and semi-refined juice undergoing process of manufacture.

There were seventeen men at work in various parts of the factory cleaning up preparatory to shutting down for the season, but all escaped without serious injury except the fireman.

The boiler, which had burst had been in use at the works of the Sacramento Sugar Refining Company, and at the time this factory started was taken out and placed in position there.

*The Sacramento Daily Record-Union, Sacramento, Calif., January 31, 1887*

### **Sugar:**

California is the only state so far that has solved the beet problem in this country and that has made any progress in its cultivation and manufacture. The Standard Refinery at Alvarado, California reports the cost of manufacture in the last three months as being \$4.84 per 100 pounds.

*The Morning Oregonian, Portland Oregon, February 2, 1887*

**Sugar:**

Gabriel Dennis, the fireman who was injured in the boiler explosion at the sugar refinery at Alvarado, died Wednesday morning at 6 o'clock.

*Sacramento Daily Record-Union, Sacramento, Calif., February 4, 1887*

**Sugar:**

From the *Hayward's Journal* of March 5th: "We learn this week that the Alvarado Sugar Mill will not start up this year. The accident a few weeks ago damaged them several thousand dollars, but it could have been repaired in three or four weeks. The reason of their shutting down has not been explained to us. This will be quite a serious loss to those raising beets for the mill, as a large number of farmers depended a good deal on this business throughout the valley."

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, March 7, 1887*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

Fred Sharrar, of Alvarado, has registered at the American Exchange Hotel in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, March 30, 1887*

**Boy May Lose Eye:**

A Portuguese boy at Alvarado picked up a gun cartridge yesterday and with a rock endeavored to break it open. An explosion followed and the boy will lose his left eye.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., April 8, 1887*

**San Francisco Visitors:**

Registered at the Grand Hotel in San Francisco yesterday were Mr. F.B. Granger, Sr., and G.F. Wissman, both of Alvarado.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., April 13, 1887*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

H. Johnson, of Alvarado, has registered at the American Exchange Hotel in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, April 24, 1887*

**Joseph Black Dies:**

The Honorable Joseph F. Black died suddenly in San Francisco on May 9<sup>th</sup> at the age of 52. Mr. Black arrived in San Francisco on June 1, 1853 and located at once in Alvarado, Alameda County, and subsequently purchased the land now owned by S.P. Harvey. He farmed there until 1856 whence he disposed of the property and moved to Murray Township.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, May 21, 1887*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

C.V. Ewing, of Alvarado, has registered at the Brooklyn Hotel in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, June 6, 1887*

**Sugar:**

The Pacific Coast Sugar Company incorporated yesterday. The capital stock is \$1,000,000 and the Directors are: John L. Howard, E.H. Dyer, Henry T. Scott, Harvey Snow, R. M. Anthony and William H. Pettis.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, June 21, 1887*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

D.W. Swain, of Alvarado, has registered at the Baldwin Hotel in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, June 23, 1887*

**Sugar:**

We are glad to learn that arrangements are advancing to rebuild and re-equip the beet sugar factory at Alvarado. The trouble in the old establishment was settled by legal methods, and Mr. E.H. Dyer has become owner of the old plant at a valuation of \$125,000. He has organized a new company, which has just incorporated under the name of the Pacific Coast Sugar Company, in which there will be put in funds equivalent to Mr. Dyer's possession, making the whole capital a quarter of a million. It is announced that they company will at once begin the construction of a new mill, on which \$75,000 will be spent, leaving a working capital of \$50,000. The mill will be ready for work for the season commencing in August 1888. The new mill will be much more scientifically constructed than the old, which was built up from time to time as additions were needed, and was consequently in great measure a patchwork affair. The most improved European and American machinery will be used, but it will all, or nearly all, be made on this coast, and probably by the Union Iron Works of San Francisco.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, June 25, 1887*

**Real Estate:**

William Wicks and C. Miller to F.B. Granger Sr. and F.B. Granger Jr., 32 acres on Benson Landing at Union City.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, June 30, 1887*

**Sugar:**

Letter to the Editor ([excerpt](#)):

Dear Sir:

The wonderful progress of the beet sugar industry in Europe, the successful experiment in the cultivation of the sugar beets and manufacture of sugar at Alvarado California under somewhat unfavorable conditions, and even the experience gained in the eastern states and Canada, have fully demonstrated that all the sugar consumed in this country, to the value of \$125,000,000 could easily be produced from our own soil, if the farmers would turn their attention to the cultivation of sugar beets, a crop that is four times more profitable than corn or wheat, but requiring much more care and intelligent labor...

Yours Respectfully,

Mr. A. J. La Vallee, Beet Sugar Expert

*The Freeborn County Standard, Albert Lea Minnesota, August 17, 1887*

**Riverside Picnic:**

A Portuguese picnic will be given at Riverside, Alvarado, September 25<sup>th</sup>.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, September 12, 1887*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

F. Saxton, of Alvarado, has registered at the American Exchange Hotel in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, September 16, 1887*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

A. Horner, of Alvarado, has registered at the Grand Hotel in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, September 29, 1887*

**Visitors to San Francisco:**

J.H. Brook and wife of Alvarado have registered at the Baldwin Hotel in San Francisco yesterday.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, October 3, 1887*

**Real Estate Sold:**

J. Quigley to W.A. Scott, five acres on North line of Tenth Street, Union City, with exceptions, \$10.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, October 7, 1887*

**Potatoes:**

The potatoes raised around Alvarado this year are remarkably fine. Samples shown us by Tony Lee Saturday weighed from 3 to 5¾ pounds each. They were Burbank seedlings, the finest potatoes in the market.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, October 15, 1887*

### **Chinaman Assaulted:**

A Chinaman employed at the Salt Works near Alvarado was outrageously assaulted by a man simply because said Chinaman was walking on a sidewalk, the whole width of which, was claimed by the heroic man.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, October 17, 1887*

### **Real Estate:**

F.B. Granger Jr. and F.B. Granger Sr., to F. Founhals, 1.90 acres near the town of Alvarado, Washington Township, \$10.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, October 20, 1887*

### **Sugar:**

The location of Claus Spreckels' great beet sugar refinery will be determined next week at a meeting of the directors of the Western Beet Sugar Company. It is deemed a certainty that it will be erected not far from Alvarado.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, October 21, 1887*

### **Sugar:**

The only successful experiment in beet sugar production in this country has been at the Alvarado factory in California. It appears from a recent report that there are possibilities of supplementing production from crops in the San Joaquin Valley and extending the refining season from three months to five months as in Europe.

*The Freeborn County Standard, Albert Lea Minnesota, October 28, 1887*

*The Olean Democrat, Olean New York, October 20, 1887*

*The Titusville Morning Herald, Titusville Pennsylvania, November 7, 1887*

### **Road Accident:**

Sunday an accident occurred on the county road between Mt. Eden and Alvarado. Michael Herron of Alvarado, with his wife and two daughters, while driving along the road attempted to pass a loaded express wagon and an upset was the result. Mrs. Herron had her arm broken at the wrist and Mrs. Herron had his back severely injured, while the two daughters escaped with having their faces bruised.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, November 1, 1887*

### **C.J. Stevens Dies:**

Calvin J. Stevens, aged 59 years, was thrown from a buggy at Livermore Tuesday evening, and within an hour was dead from the injury received. The deceased settled at Union City, now Alvarado, Alameda County, in 1852. There he built the first flourmill ever erected in California. In 1858 he transferred his merchandise business to Centerville. In 1869 he moved his flouring mills and his residence to Livermore, where he has since resided, conducting his milling business, purchasing grain and directing his large land interests. He entered also largely into agricultural pursuits, owning much farming property as well as land of value in the city of Oakland. Only once was Mr. Stevens an occupant of a public office. In 1874-75 he served Alameda County as tax collector.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, November 10, 1887*

### **Ducks:**

Two market hunters who hold forth at Alvarado have, for the sum of \$200 a year, leased from Mr. Poorman all his marsh east of Alvarado for gunning purposes. These parties and the Pacific Life Gun Club now hold all the marsh available for duck hunting in that vicinity, and warning signs can be seen all along the boundaries. Sheriff Hale has, by request, appointed a special deputy to guard these preserves, of course without any expense to the county.



***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, November 17, 1887***

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

A. C. Tapp, of Alvarado, has registered at the American Exchange Hotel in San Francisco.  
***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, November 23, 1887***

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

L.A. Johnson, of Alvarado, has registered at the American Exchange Hotel in San Francisco.  
***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, December 5, 1887***

**Ducks:**

The enclosing of marshland around Alvarado into "preserves" is naturally rough on the hunters not in the combination. Two crack shots of Mt. Eden went gunning near that burg. The ducks were flying thick. The nimrods occupied the county road so that the keeper could not arrest them. When the ducks sailed over them their guns did wonderful execution, and the keeper was nearly wild as he charged up and down the fence, to capture any ducks that fell inside the enclosure. After getting a bag full they returned home, not forgetting to thank the keeper for his extreme kindness.

***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, December 5, 1887***

**Visitors to San Francisco:**

S.S. Hillas and G.W. Lee, of Alvarado, have registered into the American Exchange Hotel in San Francisco.

***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, December 6, 1887***

**Visitor to Sacramento:**

Miss Sarah Poorman of Alvarado has registered at the Capitol Hotel in Sacramento yesterday.  
***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., December 15, 1887***

**Visitors to San Francisco:**

F. Bluranger and A. Lee of Alvarado have registered at the Russ House in San Francisco yesterday.

***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, January 8, 1888***

**Ducks:**

Charles T. Boardman and Emil Nusbaumer ([San Francisco](#)) returned yesterday from a hunting trip to Alvarado. They bagged 126 ducks.

***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, January 17, 1888***

**Sugar:**

Beet sugar has not been produced in the U.S. to any extent during 1887, the Standard Sugar Refinery at Alvarado having been interrupted by a boiler explosion early in the year, and being now engaged in rebuilding and enlarging its works from its former capacity of 80 to 200 tons of beets daily. When completed they expect to turn out 6,500,000 pounds of white refined sugar in a campaign of 160 days. Beets are already engaged and it is proposed to commence operations next August. Besides the Alvarado plant there is now in the course of construction another factory of about the same capacity at Watsonville, which expects to be in operation this coming fall.

***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., January 27, 1888***

**Dumbarton Point Sold:**

The sale of 19,400 acres of tide flats land lying south of the Oakland side of the bay, between Alvarado and Alviso ([Santa Clara County](#)) was consummated on Tuesday. The land was bought in October last for \$106,000 and it changed hands at \$700,000. It is said there is a railroad scheme behind it.

***The Nevada State Journal, Reno Nevada, February 4, 1888***

**John Plourde Dies:**

In Alvarado, February 8, John N., son of Prosper and Estelle Plourde, late of Detroit Michigan., aged 22 years.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, February 11, 1888*

#### **Stove Works:**

Work is booming in the Alvarado Stove Works ([Geo. Tay & Co.](#)) at the present, fourteen molders being employed and casting everyday.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, February 13, 1888*

#### **W.W. Brier Sr. Estate:**

Walker Baker and J.L. Beard have appraised the estate of W.W. Brier Sr. at \$76,118.64, all community property. The sixty and one half acres of land two and one-half mile east of Alvarado is valued at over \$25,000.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, February 16, 1888*

#### **Sugar:**

The Alvarado sugar refinery is being enlarged. Its managers say that with refined sugar at 5¼ cents per pound there is a good profit in buying beets at \$4 a ton.

*The Sausalito News, Sausalito Calif., March 1, 1888*

#### **Dumbarton Point Sold:**

The formal transfer of the large Dumbarton tract on San Francisco Bay to a corporation known as the River, Harbor and Canal Dredging and Land Company. The property transferred comprises a strip about seventeen miles long from two and a half to miles wide, beginning at a point nearly opposite Alvarado and stretching to Alviso ([San Clara County](#)), including the cape known as Dumbarton Point.

*The Morning Oregonian, Portland Oregon, March 4, 1888*

#### **Real Estate:**

J.C. Whipple to J.B. Sherk, 62.11 acres on county road from Alvarado to Niles, adjoining land formerly of Meek, Washington Township, \$18,651.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, March 13, 1888*

#### **Alvarado Social Club:**

The Alvarado Social Club has organized and chosen the following officers: President, O.J. Emery; Vice-President, Miss Nellie Beebe; Secretary, Miss Mollie Crossett; Treasurer, Peter Decoto. Board of Directors: John Liquori, H.P. Dyer and Oscar Nauert.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, March 26, 1888*

#### **Reliance Lodge:**

Reliance Lodge of Workmen of Alvarado, will celebrate their ninth anniversary on Wednesday evening, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, in the Odd Fellows Hall, by addresses from Grand Officers, followed by a social dance.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., April 6, 1888*

#### **NSGW:**

Alvarado has organized a Native Sons of the Golden West parlor May 17, 1888. It will be known as Wisteria Parlor, No. 127. Among the charter members are Farley Granger Jr., Hugh T. Dyer, and Peter L. Decoto.

*May 17, 1888, The History of Washington Township, The Country Club of Washington Township 1965*

#### **NSGW:**

Wisteria Parlor, No. 127, NSGW, has been instituted at Alvarado with officers as follows: Past President, E.F. Dyer; President, F.B. Granger Jr.; First Vice-President, H.P. Dyer; Second Vice-President, C.A. Dyer; Third Vice-President, Henry Hesse; Financial Secretary, P.A. Brown; Recording secretary, H. Dyer; Treasurer, J.J. Liston; Marshal, S.F. Brown; Inside Sentinel, George Vandeeper; Outside Sentinel, P. Decoto; Trustees, A. May, E. Foley and Ed Ellsworth.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, May 21, 1888*

**News Note:**

Sam Poorman was visitor in Sacramento recently.

*The Sacramento Daily Record-Union, Sacramento, Calif., May 30, 1888*

**Artesian Well:**

An artesian well at Alvarado has been flowing profusely since 1856.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, June 11, 1888*

**Standard Sugar Company Sold:**

A deed was filed with the Recorder from the Standard Sugar Company and E.H. Dyer to the Pacific Coast Sugar Company, granting title to the beet sugar plant at Alvarado. The consideration was \$125,000. The deed is dated August 12, 1887.

*The San Francisco Call, June 16, 1888*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

F. Tuernstahl, of Alvarado, has registered at the Brooklyn Hotel in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, June 21, 1888*

**J. Mary Anderson:**

U.S. Genweb Project Tombstone, death of Ms. J. Mary Anderson, aged 31, native of Alvarado. Decoto Cemetery, Hayward California

<http://files.usgwarchives.net/ca/alameda/cemeteries/decoto.txt>

**District Attorney:**

Thomas Scott, from Alvarado, has been mentioned as a candidate for the position of District Attorney for Alameda County.

*The Daily Alta California, July 7, 1888*

**Married:**

In Alvarado, July 4<sup>th</sup>, A.M. Charvoz of San Francisco, and Miss Fenetta Ralph of Alvarado.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, July 8, 1888*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

A. Brooke, of Alvarado, has registered at the Baldwin Hotel inn San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, August 18, 1888*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

T. Roche, of Alvarado, has registered at the Occidental Hotel in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, August 27, 1888*

**Newark Barbecue:**

The mixed sporting entertainment given at Newark yesterday as a benefit to John Dugan was a success and liberally patronized. The affair was arranged under the combined patronage of all the coursing clubs and Mr. Dugan's many sporting friends in general. The features of the day's events were (dog) coursing, sparring exhibitions, country baseball, a barbecue and dancing in Dugan's Park Pavilion.

While the coursing was in progress a game of baseball was played between Alvarado and Newark. The game was conducted on the go-as-you-please plan, and was a very creditable exhibition of rural awkwardness. The contest lasted four hours and resulted in a victory for the Alvarado boys by a score of 20 to 5.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., August 20, 1888*

**Harrison & Morton Club:**

The Alameda branch of the Washington Township Harrison and Morton Club has been organized, with officers as follows: President, W.F. Ingalls; Secretary, F.B. Granger Jr.; Treasurer, E.A. Richmond; Vice Presidents, J.B. Hames, F.B. Granger Sr., George W. Patterson, J.C. Whipple, W.T. Ralph, John Quigley, and S.F. Brown.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, September 1 1888*

#### **NSGW:**

Native Sons of the Golden West, Wisteria Parlor, located at Alvarado California. F.B. Granger, President; H.T. Dyer, Secretary. Membership: 40.

*The Sacramento Daily Record-Union, Sacramento, Calif., September 8, 1888*

#### **Sugar:**

The Alvarado beet crop was a failure this season because of an insufficiency of rain.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., October 1, 1888*

#### **Trees Disappearing:**

The high price of stove wood has caused a general clearing of shade trees from along the county road about Alvarado.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, October 8, 1888*

#### **Rebekah's:**

Alvarado has organized an Alvarado Rebekah Lodge on October 10, 1888. It will be known the Olivina Parlor No. 142.

*October 10, 1888, The History of Washington Township, The Country Club of Washington Township 1965*

#### **Rebekah's:**

A Rebekah Degree Lodge has been instituted at Alvarado by the Grand Officers of the IOOF The officers elected were: Mrs. Ellen I. Dyer, N.G.; Miss Emma Gillman, V.G.; Mrs. Kate Dyer, Secretary; Miss Frankie Ralph, Treasurer; Mrs. P. Hellwig, Warden; Miss Emily Whipple, Conductor; Mrs. H. Meininger, Inside Guardian; Mrs. George Williams, Outside Guardian.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, October 22, 1888*

#### **Democratic Glee Club:**

A number of the fair sex in Alvarado have organized a Democratic Glee Club, with the following members: Miss Bertha May, Miss Nellie Beebe, Miss Mollie Cosset, Mrs. A.T. Beebe and Mrs. Thomas Roche.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, October 29, 1888*

#### **Sugar:**

A German chemist now employed in the Alvarado factory said to an *Oakland Enquirer* reporter, in speaking of this subject: "I have never seen such beets in Germany." In confirmation of what he said, he exhibited a manuscript book showing the actual polariscope tests made during a year in a leading factory in Germany. There are many thousands of acres in this county which could be devoted to sugar beet culture with results as good as those attained at Alvarado.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, November 3, 1888*

#### **Sylvester P. Harvey:**

U.S. Genweb Tombstone Project, Sylvester P. Harvey, date of death: November 4, 1988.

Interred: Decoto Cemetery, Hayward California.

<http://files.usgwarchives.net/ca/alameda/cemeteries/decoto.txt>

#### **Visitor to San Francisco:**

H. Pardee, of Alvarado, has registered at the Brooklyn House in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, November 9, 1888*

#### **Michael Ahern Killed:**

Michael Ahern, an Alvarado Farmer, aged fifty-seven years, came to Oakland yesterday and sold his load of potatoes. In the vicinity of Eighth and Adeline Street his team became scared and took to flight. Ahern was thrown out and killed. He was dragged some distance before he let go of the reins.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, November 10, 1888*

#### **Visitor to San Francisco:**

L. Richardson, of Alvarado, registered at the American Exchange Hotel in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, November 23, 1888*

#### **Road Fund:**

The following bills were ordered paid by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors: J. R. Allguire, \$70; S. Franz, \$10.50; Manuel Martin, \$300; Manuel F. Vierra, \$0.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 9, 1889*

#### **School Money:**

County School Superintendent P. M. Fisher has notified the County Treasurer that he has apportioned \$80,750 to the various school districts, in compliance with the law. The Alvarado School District will receive \$750 and the Alviso School District will receive \$500.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 10, 1889*

#### **Water Battle:**

The Spring Valley Water Company yesterday brought suit against the Pacific Coast Sugar Company to acquire and hold the right to take, appropriate and divert the waters of Alameda Creek. The defendant is owner of seventy-three acres and this land has a frontage of 980 feet on Alameda Creek beginning at a point on the westerly line of land owned by W.F. Ingalls on the road leading from the Alvarado upper bridge northerly to Niles.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, January 15, 1889*

#### **Joseph McKeown:**

Assemblyman McKeown has been a blacksmith at Alvarado for twenty years. Somehow the report gained circulation that Mr. McKeown was a schoolmaster. He never taught, but was a member of the board of education. He said today, "I have not yet any bill to introduce. I have been looking at some of the laws and I think that those on the books are pretty good, if people would only obey them. I have not had an application for a position from anybody in my district and I have not had a request for any legislation. I shall examine the bills introduced and vote as I deem best on each one.

Mr. McKeown is a happy man. Having no application for appointments, no request for assistance to pass bills, he may carefully examine all bills introduced and vote as he deems proper. Happy Mr. McKeown. He was appointed a member on the Committee of Indian Affairs and his jocose colleagues told him that he would have to take a trip to the lava beds, drop a nickel into a crevice in the rocks and see if a squaw pops up one hundred yards away.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 21, 1889*

#### **Sugar:**

A committee has been appointed by the Alvarado Beet Sugar Works to arrange a sale to E. C. Burr, the offer of that person having been refused.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 30, 1889*

#### **Stove Works:**

Alvarado is almost a deserted village, owing to the number of people who removed from there when the stove works closed ([Geo. Tay & Co.](#)).

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, February 18, 1889*

#### **Around Town:**

Farmers are in great need of rain.

Clarence Granger is recovering from a serious illness.  
Miss Kate Owens of Oakland is visiting relatives in town.  
Miss Louise Scribner of San Francisco is visiting her parents.  
Mrs. Taylor of San Leandro is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. J. Peach.  
Lewis Smith will soon start on a pleasure trip to the east.  
There is a movement afoot by several of the muscular young men of Alvarado to start an Athletic Club.  
Six or seven families have moved away from town due to the closure of the Alvarado Stove Works.  
The railroad company has removed 300 feet of the trestlework between Alvarado and Hall's Station and have filled it in with rock making it a solid roadbed.  
William McCullough has been promoted to the position of night watchman in the foundry. Ed Huff retired (with pension) due to old age.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 19, 1889*

#### **Allguire, Infant Son:**

U.S. Genweb Tombstone Project, infant son of J.R. and L.H. Allguire, date of death: 2/21/1889.  
Interred: Decoto Cemetery, Hayward California.  
<http://files.usgwarchives.net/ca/alameda/cemeteries/decoto.txt>

#### **Real Estate:**

W.F. & J.M. Ingalls to A. Lee, lot 12, block 2, Alvarado, \$1,500  
*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, February 20, 1889*

#### **County School Board:**

The County Superintendent of Schools stated that the petitions were out for change in the boundaries of Alvarado, Eureka and Decoto School Districts, but that the matter could not be presented yet as one of the petitioners has changed his mind.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 28, 1889*

#### **News Note:**

John L. Beard of Alvarado was in Oakland yesterday.  
*The Oakland Tribune, March 1, 1889*

#### **Sugar:**

Among the few holders of property along the Alameda Creek who are contesting the condemnation suits of the Spring Valley Water Co., which seeks to divert the water of the creek for the use of the San Francisco public, is the Pacific Coast Sugar Company. The latter claims that for the past 19 years it has been engaged in manufacturing sugar from beets, having its plant at Alvarado, on the banks of the creek. The factory, with machinery, etc., is valued at \$250,000. The company has taken from the creek for the use the factory a volume of water equal to about 200 miner's inches. The use of the same is absolutely necessary for manufacturing, and without it the factory would necessarily be abandoned, unless other water should be obtained at a great expense. No other can be obtained for the use of the factory so as to be profitable unless by the sinking of artesian wells, which would be experimental, and problematical, with the chances largely against success.  
*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, March 2, 1889*

#### **Visitors to San Francisco:**

W. Young ([Jung](#)) and wife, of Alvarado, have registered at the Baldwin Hotel in San Francisco.  
*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, March 3, 1889*

#### **Young – Penke:**

On Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, in a small ceremony held in San Francisco, William Young ([Jung](#)) of Alvarado and Miss Christina Penke of Mt. Eden were quietly married. The groom is one of the firm of Phillip Hellwig & Company, doing business in Alvarado and is a well-known meat company in

this valley. Miss Penke was formerly a resident of Haywards and Mt. Eden. They will reside in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 4, 1889*

### **Highway Robbery:**

John Nolan and Martin S. Jensen, two young men, have been held to answer before the superior Court from the Justice's Court in Alvarado on a charge of highway robbery. The complaining witness, an old woodchopper who asserts that he was assaulted and robbed of \$70 by the pair.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 18, 1889*

### **The One that Got Away:**

An Alvarado citizen arose rather early and took his morning walk. In passing the creek he spied a large salmon (steelhead were sometimes referred to as "salmon" in this era) swimming peacefully along. He ran into his barn and procured a pitchfork, with the intention of having salmon for breakfast. He stood on the bank and made a lunge at the fish. The bank suddenly caved in and he gently slid into the creek. At last reports he had not caught the fish.

*The Daily Alta California, March 18, 1889*

### **News Notes:**

The Alvarado Stove Works will commence work about April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Lewis Smith represented Alvarado at the inauguration of President Harrison.

Wisteria Parlor has elected Ed. F. Byer delegate to the Grand Parlor and Farley B. Granger as alternate.

Mrs. Houston and family have moved in to the residence built for them at the Eureka Chemical Works.

Mr. & Mrs. William Jung have returned from their wedding trip and will reside in Alvarado.

Last week the beautiful monument of Mr. A. May of Alvarado was erected in the Mt. Eden cemetery at a cost of \$1,800.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 19, 1889*

### **Visitor to San Francisco:**

C. Lamb, of Alvarado, has registered at the American Exchange Hotel in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, Mar 23, 1889*

### **J. McKeown:**

Our assemblyman, Joseph McKeown, of Alvarado, returns to his constituents free from one single stain or insinuation of corruption. His career has been most gratifying to us.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 25, 1889*

### **Mrs. Clara Franz Dies:**

Mrs. Clara Franks, wife of Sebastian Franks, died March 27<sup>th</sup>. She was a native of Germany and was 64 years of age.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., March 29, 1889*

### **Miss Kate Ryan Dies:**

Died in Alvarado on March 26<sup>th</sup>, Kate M. Ryan, daughter of John and Mary Ryan, at the age of twenty years.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco Calif., March 29, 1889*

### **Sugar:**

The Pacific Coast Sugar Company, better known as the Alvarado Beet Sugar Works, which has just been sold, was the property of E. H. Dyer, et al., and has been running for several years, but not successfully, chiefly owing to the fact that the machinery was out of date. The dividends paid have been unsatisfactory, and January 28<sup>th</sup> last an assessment of \$5 per share was levied on the stock. Since then a notice of the sale of delinquent stock has been published to take place on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The bulk of the stock was held by E.H. Dyer, J.L. Howard, O.T. Sewell, Charles Montgomery, Moses Hopkins, J.L. Fossett, T.C. Van Ness and Henry T. Scott. On February 20<sup>th</sup>

the papers gave notice of the incorporation of the Alameda Sugar Company, which was organized to deal in and manufacture sugar, with a capital stock of \$250,000 in 10,000 shares, of which only \$565 was subscribed. The directors of the new company are: L.C. Marschutz, W.F. Man, T.G. Cantrell, E.C. Burr and J.B. Browning. This is the new company that has purchased the old Alvarado beet factory of Mr. E.H. Dyer, et al. It is their intention to try and operate the old factory as a more profitable business, and management will be in the hands of E.C. Burr, who until recently occupied the position of superintendent of the American Sugar Refinery.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 30, 1889*

#### **Around Town:**

F. B. Granger, Sr. is going to the springs for his health.

Fred Wiegman has built a new barn on his place by the Creek.

Mrs. M. J. Peach has been on a visit to her sister, Mrs. R. H. Taylor of San Leandro.

Jonathan Miller, Mrs. E. A. Seaman's father, started for his old homestead in Michigan.

G. F. Wissman has gone to Auburn again. The climate here is too harsh for him at the moment.

Joe Dunn, the engineer at the foundry is not able to walk on the foot he sprained.

Some grain has been injured by the lice and has been plowed up and sugar beets planted.

Mrs. C. R. Nauert has been sick with pneumonia for the last three weeks, but is able to be out bed again.

All the farmers are busy getting their land ready for beets. There will be a greater acreage planted than every before.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 29, 1889*

#### **School Boundary Change:**

A petition was presented asking for a change in boundaries of Alvarado, Eureka, and Decoto School Districts (adding to Alvarado), accompanied by the recommendation of the School Superintendent, that the change be made. The petition was taken under advisement.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 4, 1889*

#### **Salt:**

The most important mineral industry in Alameda County is the recovery of salt from the water of San Francisco Bay. This business is carried on extensively upon the east shore of the Bay, in the neighborhood of Alvarado and Mt. Eden. At the former place, Messrs. Plummer, Barton, Quigley and others have their work; at Mt. Eden are the works of P. Marsicano and the Union Pacific. Two methods are employed in Alameda County for the recovery of salt from seawater. One is by complete natural evaporation and gathering the residue, the other by allowing tanks of seawater to evaporate until a saturated solution is obtained, from which the salt is recovered as it crystallizes.

The first process is in use in the salt-ponds of John Quigley of Alvarado. At these works a pond covering 400 acres and surrounded by a levee, is filled with seawater at spring tide. This pond is divided into tanks. There are three tanks side by side, covering an area of 400 acres. As the density of the water in the tanks increases by evaporation, it is pumped by windmills from the two outside tanks to the middle one until it is filled with strong brine. This brine is then pumped into a reservoir of 30 to 40 acres in extent, which is filled to a depth of 12 to 13 inches.

Here the density of the liquid increases, and the salt commences to crystallize. When a crust one and a half inches in thickness has formed upon the floor of the pond, the salt is scraped up. After gathering the salt, whatever mother liquor (bittern) remains is run off, no effort being made to recover any of the elements it may contain. The best and whitest salt is obtained in warm, windy weather, the wind forming ripples in the solution. It takes about three years for a pond to get into a suitable condition for the production of salt. In that time a peculiar "skin" grows over the bottom, this protecting the solution from contamination by earthy matter. These works have been running for twenty years. Their output has been from 2,500 to 3,000 tons per annum. The second process is in use at the California and Union Pacific Salt Works.



The works of the California Salt Company are situated about half a mile southwest from Mt. Eden railroad depot. The plant consists of 50 salt ponds, which are arranged in "schools" (rows), together with several large reservoirs, one of which is three miles in circumference, the whole covering 2,000 acres of land. The seawater is let into the larger reservoirs, and from there pumped by windmills into the smaller ponds, and from one pond into another, each increasing in the density of its solution. When a saturated solution has been attained the salt crystallizes upon the surface; it then fall to the bottom of the liquid, where is accumulates. When it has collected to a depth of three for four inches, it is raked out and piled on platforms to dry. The crude material thus obtained is shipped from these works to San Francisco, where it is manufactured into the finer grades of salt by the American Salt Co.

In their works the salt is placed in galvanized iron driers, heated by steam, each drier having a capacity of 22 tons per day. When thoroughly dried it is ground in burr-mills to various degrees of fineness, for dairy and household use. The capacity of the California Salt Works is 15,000 tons per annum, that of the mills of the American Salt Co. in San Francisco is 1,200 tons per month.

*The Pacific Rural Press, May 4, 1889*

#### **Road Fund:**

The following bills were ordered paid by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors: M. Enos, \$51; F. B. Granger, Jr., \$69; F. B. Granger & Son, assignee of J. E. Huff, \$13; George Small, \$30.50; F. B. Granger and Son, \$122.75; M. F. Vierra, \$21.15; and J. C. Whipple, \$37.40.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 7, 1889*

#### **NSGW:**

The first anniversary ball of the Wisteria Parlor, NSGW will take place at the Alvarado ([Granger](#)) Pavilion, Alvarado on Friday evening, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 11, 1889*

#### **News Notes:**

Mrs. Ada Van Antwerp has come to town. She has been living in Denver Colorado for the past two years.

E. A. Richmond, Jr., while riding on the foundry wagon slipped off the load and was badly bruised by the wheels.

General Hestin and F. B. Granger were thrown out upon the road last week by the breaking of the kingbolt of a buggy. The two men received slight scratches, but beyond this no serious damage was done.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 13, 1889*

#### **News Note:**

Mrs. Leo Palmtag, accompanied by her two daughters and sister-in-law, Mrs. Heyer of Alvarado, will depart for Germany next Wednesday, to be gone, we understand for about one year.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 14, 1889*

#### **License to Marry:**

Ernest Albert Dobbel, native of California, aged 26, a resident of Alvarado, and Tillie Sophia, a native of California, aged 19, resident of Haywards.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 15, 1889*

#### **Samuel Randall Dies:**

In San Francisco, May 17, Samuel B. Randall, youngest son of Captain S.B. and Catherine Randall, a native of Alvarado, aged 5 years, 7 months and 2 days.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, May 19, 1889*

#### **Sugar:**

The Pacific Coast Sugar Refinery, now called the Alameda Sugar Refinery, has been started up under new management at Alvarado. This season there will be 1,200 acres in beets.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, May 20, 1889*

**Alvarado Saloon:**

Peter Madsen this week purchased the well known Smithurst Saloon and property in Alvarado for \$1,200. He has taken in a partner named Adolph Larsen. They will take possession at once.  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 21, 1889*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

J.H. Hart and wife, of Alvarado, have registered at the Grand Hotel in San Francisco.  
*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, June 2, 1889*

**Mrs. Mary E. Owens Dies:**

In San Francisco, June 4<sup>th</sup>, Mary E., wife of O.R. Owens, a native of Alvarado, Alameda County, aged 32 years.  
*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, June 6, 1889*

**Sugar:**

The Alameda Sugar Company's works at Alvarado is being fitted up for the handling of the present season's crop. The machinery has been much improved since last year. This season about 55 men will be employed in two shifts, on the consumption of 200 tons of beets daily, as against 80 men on a consumption of 90 tons daily last season. From \$20,000 to \$30,000 will be expended upon improvements, and the plant will be put in first-class condition. It is calculated that the works can be operated upon a larger scale to greater profit, and probably the plant will be enlarged another year.  
*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, June 8, 1889*

**Alvarado Bridge:**

Mr. Bailey, to whom had been referred the matter of replanking the long bridge near Alvarado and on the road to Centerville, reported that the bridge was 1,800 feet long, that said work would cost so much that it would be necessary to advertise for bids and that he would like the matter referred to the whole committee. It was so ordered.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 3, 1889*

**News Note:**

F. B. Granger and G. F. Wiegman are rustivating at Congress Springs ([Haywards](#)).  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 6, 1889*

**News Note:**

Mrs. T. Flenor of Alvarado is visiting friends on Tenth Street in Oakland.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 8, 1889*

**Midnight Revelers:**

Last Friday evening a company of merry young people from the Niles area enjoyed the pleasure of a hayride, taking a lantern along to shed light along the way in the place of the moonlight, which usually provided light on such occasions. The neighboring towns of Decoto, Alvarado, and Centerville were visited, and the people were aroused from their slumbers by the sound of the melodious horn, which furnished the music for the party. At an early hour of the morning the horned was hushed and the revelers sought their homes.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 24, 1889*

**Thomas Quigley Dies:**

In Alvarado, July 24<sup>th</sup>, Thomas Quigley, a native of Ireland, aged 56 years.  
*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, July 27, 1889*

**Proposals to Replank Bridge:**

The Board of Supervisor for Alameda County has put out for bid the replanking of the bridge to Centerville, near Alvarado. The bridge is to be planked with three-inch Oregon pine twelve-inches

wide with three-quarters of an inch between each plank. The bridge is about 1,740 feet long and about 18 feet wide.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 3, 1889*

#### **Alvarado Picnic:**

Mrs. J. Vance and the Misses Hattie, Jennie, and Georgie Vance, Joseph and George Vance, Benny Hart, and Mr. Devereaux (all of Alameda) came to Alvarado yesterday for a picnic.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 5, 1889*

#### **News Note:**

F. B. Granger was a visitor in Oakland today.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 26, 1889*

#### **News Note:**

J. M. Phillips was in East Oakland visiting friends on Tenth Street.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 27, 1889*

#### **Law Suit:**

George Althausser and his wife this afternoon brought a lawsuit against the Spring Valley Water Works to enjoin them from diverting the waters of the Alameda Creek and for damages the plaintiffs suffered on their 55 acres of land near Alvarado with frontage of 4,093 feet on Alameda Creek.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 29, 1889*

#### **A Visit to Historic Alvarado:**

(Originally published in the *Haywards Journal*)

During our short sojourn (in Alvarado) we could not leave town without paying our respects to the dispenser of justice in this section of the township, Judge Richmond, who is likewise Postmaster. We found Mr. Richmond enjoying good health and speaking most hopefully of the change for the better taking place in the town.

Another thing that causes a person to speak well of the ex-county seat is the way the new Road Overseer is doing his duty. Many a time we have driven between the post office and Granger's, and had our teeth nearly shaken out in trying to skim over the big chuck holes. Now it is as level as any road in the county and is sprinkled every day. The sprinkler also does its good work through the principal streets to the stove works. Road Overseer F.B. Granger Jr. is the boy for the position, and the traveling public can well afford to bless him, as the road throughout his district are well attended to.

Alvarado enjoys the proud distinction of having an Assemblyman, Rep. Joseph McKeown, who has for years successfully conducted an agricultural works here. He is a wealthy bachelor. Now it seems to us that such a model gentleman, not at all bad looking, should fight so shy of the matrimonial halter. Alvarado has any number of handsome maidens, and there is no more eligible bachelor than Rep. J. McKeown.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 2, 1889*

#### **A.M. Church Dies:**

A.M. Church, one of the pioneer residents of Alameda County, died yesterday at the family residence in San Francisco. The deceased was the first clerk of Alameda County, the seat being then, in 1853, at Alvarado. He was for a number of years Justice of the Peace of Oakland Township.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, September 2, 1889*

#### **Sugar:**

William Robinson Jr. from Mt. Eden has secured a job at the sugar refinery at Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, September 5, 1889*

**Real Estate:**

E. McDevitt to **Annie Smithurst**, lot 6, block 82, Alvarado, \$100.

**Annie Smithurst** to **P. Matson**, lot 6, block 82, Alvarado, \$100

**Peter Matson** to H.W. Lorsen, undivided ½ lots 6 and 7, same block, \$700

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, September 12, 1889*

**Henry Huse Dies:**

The funeral of Henry Huse who died in Oakland last week took place under the auspices of the Wisteria Parlor, No. 127, NSGW of Alvarado of which he was a charter member. Henry was 33 years old and a native of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 14, 1889*

**News Notes:**

Ed Harvey was compelled to resign his position in the laboratory of the **sugar factory** in Alvarado on account of poor health.

Our school in Alvarado is so crowded that the fourth room has to be supplied with a table and chairs to accommodate the extra number.

The **sugar factory** began work on Monday. About seventy men are employed. The beets are so small it is thought in two month's time the mill will be through with work.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 17, 1889*

**Sugar:**

Professor Hilgard of the State University paid a visit to the **sugar factory** in Alvarado a day or two ago, making investigations.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 17, 1889*

**Alvarado Man Jailed:**

John Stack was brought to the county jail in Oakland yesterday from Alvarado to serve a term of thirty days for assault.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, September 20, 1889*

**Alameda County Teachers Conference:**

The annual Teacher's Institute of Alameda County convened in Hamilton Hall in Oakland this morning at 9 o'clock. The conference was called to order and County Superintendent of Schools P. M. Fisher called the meeting to order.

The Primary Grades teachers held a conference in the main hall; and Miss Kate Riley, of Alvarado, read a paper on the theories of education

*The Oakland Tribune, October 2, 1889*

**Battery:**

Richard Hudson of Alvarado was sentenced to ten days in jail for battery.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 12, 1889*

**School District Trustees:**

County Superintendent Fisher has prepared a list of the school trustees in the county. The trustees elect the teachers, and hence the list comes in very handy for those who are seeking positions in the schools. The list for locals is as follows:

Alvarado District: John M. Ingalls, Joseph McKeown, and Ivan Ralph.

Alviso District: Peter Lowrie, John Laughlin, and John Silva.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 19, 1889*

**Alvarado Gun Club:**

Alvarado has organized a gun club, with the following members: John Scribner, Vice President; Jack Bird, Secretary; R. Peach, Treasurer; Benjamin Rayend, Mr. Gaud, S. Davis, Theobald Staub, Fred Griffin, Peter Yuhl. They have leased the grounds of L. O. Smith at Union City.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 19, 1889*

**Around Town:**

Miss Annie Smithers was in town Sunday.

Last Saturday night Miss Flora Harvey held her musical at the home of Mr. A. Ross.

Miss Mary Riley of Newark spent Saturday at the "Riverside Hotel" with her sister.

The **Misses Annie and Alice Drennan** of Oakland spent the greater part of their vacation with last week with their sister, **Miss Kate Riley**.

Miss Annie Howell of Alviso School sent up a substitute while she remained in Oakland to take the teachers examination last week.

The "Alvarado Tramping Club," consisting of Harold Dyer, **Hugh Dyer**, Peter Decoto, Edward Harvey and Henry May returned home after a two-week tramp. No crowd ever had such a good time, and no one ever felt prouder than Ed Harvey did over his first deerskin.

Last Thursday evening **Miss Riley** had a few friends up to the Riverside Hotel. Among those present were: **Miss Kate Riley, Misses Annie & Alice Drennan**, Miss Nellie Beebe, Miss Sue Harvey, Miss Bertha May, Miss Mollie Cossi, Miss Blanche Ingalls, Miss Annie Ralph, Farley Granger, **Hugh Dyer**, Mr. Burr, Mr. Walker, Mr. Scribner, Mr. Jones and Mr. Atkinson.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 29, 1889*

**Pastor Resigns:**

Rev. J. W. Lundy has resigned from Alvarado church as pastor. He has also given up the superintendency of the Mt. Eden Sunday school. His departure will be sincerely regretted by all our people.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 2, 1889*

**News Notes:**

Mrs. F. B. Granger is visiting her daughter in San Jose.

Miss Alice Horner of San Jose has been visiting friends here for the last week or two.

Oscar Tuttle and his bride, Miss Ida Mathews of Santa Cruz, were given a reception by their Alvarado friends last Monday night in the IOOF Hall.

On account of the heavy rains the sugar mill has stopped work last Thursday, and cannot start again until the farmers begin haul in their beets. The work for this season will last about six more weeks.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 5, 1889*

**Recalling the Old Days of Alvarado:**

In the year 1853, Alameda County, by an act of the legislature, was formed out of the territory taken from the counties of Contra Costa and Santa Clara. New Haven or Alvarado was the first county seat. **Judge A.M. Crane** was the first County Judge of the county, who, as such, under the law as it then existed, held what was then called the Court of Sessions, which transacted the business of the county now performed by the Board Supervisors. There were also associated with him two Justices of the Peace, more ornamental than useful. The Honorable A.M. Church was the first County Clerk and Recorder, both offices then being held by the same person, and served a term in the Legislature.

Mr. Coombs, known as "**Black Hawk Coombs**," was the first District Attorney; Captain J.S. Marston was the first County Treasurer, and Andrew H. Broder, called "Tom Snooks," was the first Sheriff, whose duty it was to also collect taxes.

Sol Hopkins, a one armed man residing at Alvarado, was Justice of the Peace, and as a sample of how justice was administered in those days, I will relate an incident that occurred in his court in 1873. Hamilton & Coombs, lawyers, had their office in one corner of the room used for a district courtroom and in important cases also by the Justice of the Peace. There was a case being tried

before Judge Hopkins and a jury. Hamilton & Coombs were on one side and **W.C. Pease** on the other side. In the midst of the trial a box of champagne, sent to Hamilton & Coombs by J.J. Vallejo, who had just received news of the granting of his patent ([legalizing his Spanish Land Grant](#)), was brought into the courtroom.

The Justice immediately adjourned court for five minutes, as he said, for the purpose of ascertaining what the basket contained, thereupon it was opened and one half of the bottles were disposed of, the court, jury, parties, witnesses and attorneys on both sides of the case assisting in the operation, after which the case proceeded. A reasonable time having elapsed, another adjournment was had, when the remaining bottles were sampled, and disposed of as before. It is needless to say that Hamilton & Coombs won the case.

In 1853 **Henry C. Smith**, an early pioneer, who came to California, I think, in 1846, made money and returned to the State, and induced a number of his friends and neighbors to come out to California with him. He was in the Legislature at the time, and was instrumental in procuring the passage of the act of the Legislature organizing Alameda County.

Lyman Beard and John. M. Horner, who resided at or near the Ex-Mission San Jose, was the leading and most wealthy citizens of the county. Beard and Horner had located upon, and subsequently purchased the grant of the lands of the Ex-Mission of San Jose, containing about 30,000 acres, and had portions of it, as well as portions of the Rancho de Los Cerritos under cultivation.

The latter rancho was granted by the Mexican Government to Tomas Pacheco and Augustin Alviso, the father of Valentin Alviso, the latter of whom is now a prosperous farmer in the Livermore Valley, having served a term in the Legislature and held an honorable position in the Custom House. These lands were covered with Spanish or wild cattle, attended by vaqueros, but as the lands were brought under cultivation by settlers called squatters, who took them up under what was the possessory law, and commenced farming operations, producing immense crops of wheat, barley, potatoes and onions, for which they received fabulous prices, cattle became a huge nuisance. Mssrs. Beard and **Horner** cultivated some of the lands near Alvarado in 1852, in potatoes and onions, from the proceeds of which they realized large fortunes, potatoes finding ready buyers at 12½ cents a pound.

Of course, under such conditions the herds of cattle being in the way, commenced to thin out, and many found their way without knowledge of, or consultation with owners, to the slaughterhouses of and beef marts of San Francisco.

Don Jose de Jesus Vallejo had a grant from the Mexican government for the Rancho Arroyo de la Alameda, containing upwards of 17,000 acres, lying on the north side of the Alameda Creek, which formed the northern boundary of the lands of the ex-mission aforesaid and of the Cerritos Rancho, all being bounded on the west by San Francisco Bay.

Niles and Mt. Eden were on the Vallejo Rancho, and there was upon his land, he claimed in 1853, 9,000 head of horned cattle, besides several hundred head of horses. When the settlers commenced to go upon his land these cattle commenced to disappear. Many of them found their way, or rather many ways, by and through the agencies from abroad with or without the connivance of the "vaqueros" on board vessels of various capacity to the marts of San Francisco. So much so, that Vallejo estimated his losses at \$50,000. He sought other pastures for the residue of his cattle in Sonoma County and Monterey, but the same elements were at work there, and he received meager returns for his cattle.

True the law forbade this sort of thing, but what is law in a community when the majority makes no effort for its enforcement. But after the disappearance of the cattle of the Mexican Californians, and parties acquired cattle of their own, the law was enforced with more vigor, so much so that the

owners of the cattle were ready to hang, and sometimes did hang, without jury or judges persons who failed to recognize the property of the owners of cattle and horses.

The towns of Alvarado and Union City were located upon the Arroyo de la Alameda on Cerritos Rancho and soon became noted placed all over the state. A steamer owned by **John M. Horner** plied regularly twice or thrice a week carrying passengers and produce from both Alvarado and Union City to San Francisco, and bringing back supplies of goods for said towns and country surrounding.

There was a large settlement about Alvarado from Berrien County, Michigan; prominent among them were **Henry C. Smith**, A.M. Church, Socrates Huff (now our distinguished and obliging County Treasurer), his brother L.B. Huff, General John S. Chipmen, Ebenezer Farley, C.J. Stevens, Mario Chancy, and many others whose names I have forgotten.

Besides these there were from various states, William Patterson, a wealthy farmer near Alvarado, Mr. A.M. Vesey, who afterward became our County Clerk, Joseph Coombs, "Black Hawk" Coombs, Tom Coombs, his brother, who served a term in the Legislature; **Hon. A.M. Crane**, afterwards a judge in the Superior Court; **W.C. Pease**, a careful and able lawyer; W. H. Chamberlain, Benjamin Williams, a lawyer now residing in Haywards; Red Horner, Joseph Ralph, Dr. Frans, P.E. Edmondson, J.A. Trefry, William Hayes, Benjamin Marston, R.S. Farrelly, George Simpson, Joseph Black, ?. Munyan and Jerry Reedy, the last of whom kept a livery stable and had the best team and training roadster ever known, also George and Justin Moore, J. McCormick, James Dubois, and others whose names have escaped my memory, most of whom have crossed over the dark river.

In the early part of 1853 **Red Horner**, who had recently married a young wife, built a large hotel in Union City, to which all hands resorted of nights and Sundays to drink whisky and play poker, as such were about the only amusements that were practical, as there was but few ladies there at the time to form other society, and a new comer had a choice of four things, that is, to drink, to gamble, to smoke or get out. But for the advent of Dr. Morrow, a faithful Methodist minister of the old school, who made his appearance on Sunday twice a month at the hotel, and held services in the dance hall, just above the barroom where the drinking and sporting were going on, it is doubtful if many would have remembered when, if at all, Sunday came.

It was not an uncommon thing in the midst of religious services overhead to hear the jingle of coins in the barroom below, and it was not small coins either, but California made eight-sided \$50 slugs that were more common than \$10 pieces are now. Everything was push; everybody had money, and if not could easily get it. One man squatted on a 100-acres of land of Vallejo in 1852 and put in potatoes. Before it was time to take them from the ground he sold them to the owner of the land for \$7,000, rushed to San Francisco, and in the building on the corner of Washington & Kearney Streets, called the "Eldorado," at the game "faro," which was openly played, in a few hours had not a dollar left. When he was leaving the building he met a friend just entering it with a bag of slugs, who desired him to return and assist him to buck off the \$8,000 he had just received for his crop. That night or so much of it as was left they spent sleep upon the billiard table, not having money to procure lodgings elsewhere.

Once in a while the ladies, the few that were at Union City and Alvarado, would get up a party at the Horner Hotel, at which the whole country would turn out and dance until daylight in the morning. The ladies being but few men never lacked for partners, and comparatively few of the men could even get one for a dance.

N.H.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 9, 1889*

### **August Heyer Dies:**

August Heyer, the genial old-timer of Alvarado, who is well known throughout this valley, was suddenly taken from his wife and children at the age of 65 years last Wednesday evening. Mr. Heyer was a native of Hanover, Germany and first settled in Alvarado in 1855 after spending time

in San Francisco and in the gold fields. He first arrived in the U. S. in 1852 and a year later he was married to Hattie Goldsmith, to whom he was engaged to in Europe. Mr. Heyer at that time owned some of the most valuable lots in San Francisco, and sold the lots where Platt's Hall now stands for \$500. He went to the Frazier River, lost all of his money, and came to Alvarado in 1855. He then sent for his youngest brother, Julius Heyer, who afterwards died at Haywards. He was most happily married and leaves a wife and two children, Charles Heyer, being bookkeeper in the German Bank in San Francisco and his daughter is the wife of C. R. Nauert, superintendent of the Alvarado Stove Foundry (Geo. Tay & Co.), besides three nephews, Charles, Julius and William Heyer, all of Haywards.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 25, 1889*

### **Flood:**

The levee above Granger's Hotel ([The Riverside Hotel](#)) in Alvarado broke yesterday, and the entire district between Hall's Station and Mt. Eden is flooded. Six inches of rain has fallen since this storm has begun, 13.5 inches since the start of the season. Yesterday an inch fell between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. The town has been flooded since Saturday, and today the streets are navigable for boats. A few houses stand on islands, but most are surrounded by water. In Chinatown the water stands one to two feet inside the houses.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 10, 1889*

### **Sugar:**

The Alvarado Sugarie: All the beets for the sugar factory at Alvarado, but some 300 tons, were secured before this last long storm began. The factory is reported to be still running under full head, though the beets are nearly all worked up, and work will close about Christmas. While the crop this year was below the average in quantity, the yield in sugar has been large and the season's run highly satisfactory. The buildings are to be enlarged next year and the capacity of the works doubled.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, December 14, 1889*

### **The Astonishing Results of an Incautious Question:**

Fowler ([Farley](#)) B. Granger sat on the front stoop during the big storm at Alvarado alternately contemplating the flood that lipped and lapped the steps and the length of his legs as a possible measure of the high water mark, pondering the difficulties of running a hotel in a long legged town as he broke into the popular lament:

"Down went Granger to the bottom they say.  
And he must be very wet,  
for they haven't found him yet.  
But they say his ghost comes round  
the docks before the break of day,  
dressed in his best suit of clothes."

In fact, the town was in the soup, and the involuntary amphibians of the place were steadfastly cursing in chorus the weather and the signal service.

"Is it wet enough for your Deacon?" Deacon Wamsley, it seems, had just waded over from the Corners ([Irvington?](#)), and, as you may suppose, was not to be downed by a question like that.

"Oh, this is only a shower," he remarked, as he shook himself like a rotary sprinkler. "I remember a storm when the rain began to fall about half-past six in the evening. I remember the hour because I glanced at my watch when the first drop fell. At 7 o'clock great sheets of water were falling from the sky and at nine o'clock the wind began to blow. Huge trees, torn from their roots by the gale, were tossed on mountains of foam. Huge rocks were dashed against great cities, crushing strong built houses like eggshells. I saw a fifty-ton rock lifted on a streak of water and hurled by the flood against a church. In an instant that church was gone. Nothing could resist the torrents or the waves that leaned over each other like lions play. Whole towns and cities were



washed away, and high above the shriek of the winds could be heard the cries of drowning humanity, prayers and lamentations of those hurled to watery grave. Still the rain descended with remorseless fury. The drops were like leaden bullets and cut men down like sheep. I was the only thing on each that was able to resist the elements, and once or twice I almost gave up in despair. For days and nights the rain continued. The greatest cities were submerged and the highest mountaintops were covered with water. A great stillness came over the world, and as I floated around on a plank I wondered if I was the only person in our part of the country. But I found one living. He, too, was floating on a plank."

"And who was he?"

"Noah!"

"He's dead now, poor fellow," continued the Deacon, as he dropped a tear in the flood, "but we were like brothers as long as he lived. Alas, the mill will never grind with the water that is past."

"Poor Noah was a fine musician, and as you know, he was quite fond of animals. Why, sir, he had a pet crawfish down to his place that would sit up on his tail and beat time with his claws while Noah played 'Yankee Doodle' on the horn. It was a very sensitive little thing, that crawfish, and never recovered the shock it got one frosty day when the old man had been to a funeral where he played the trombone in the brass band. When he got home he stood up the instrument in the corner near the fire, and directly it got thawed out and it started in on the 'Dead March in Saul' and rendered that magnificent composition without the slightest assistance, sir. But after that the poor crawfish pined away and died."

"You can't skeer me with water," went on the Deacon. "You see I used to live in the swamps. Dy'veer see any of them racer snakes that live in the swamps. No? Well, sir, they're dangerous. They ain't poizin snakes, you know, but they're worse. A racer will stand on his head and just flog you to death with its tail, if you let him. I was crossing a swamp back East one day, when, if you believe me, I stepped right into a nest of them snakes. In the twinkling of a tail a dozen of them were standing on their heads ready to whip me into strips. Was I frightened? No sir, I just took hold of the nearest tail, and with a quick jerk snapped off the reptiles head, and then using the balance of the like a cowhide, I just flailed the whole family into three inch pieces, which I sold for the finest Bologna sausages."

"Its everything in knowing just how to do those things, Deacon," said Brother Granger. "I guess you never heard how my boy Fowler ([Farley Jr.](#)) broke up the whole town of Stockton. I thought not. Well, sir, Fowler ketched a buzzard out on the San Joaquin plains, and as he had no use for the thing he just fastened a white shirt around the bird under his wings, and tied an old sun bonnet of his head. Then he turned him loose with a bell round his neck, and then the people of Stockton saw this extraordinary female flopping around over their heads in such a really improper fashion and making a frightful clatter with every flop, the citizens gathered in the plaza to be judged. Senator Langford addressed the meeting. With his usual sagacity he pointed out that this could not be the Angel Gabriel, because he was no lady. It was evidently the reporter of a New York paper making a trip around the world in eighty days with a limited wardrobe. He moved that a committee of the Board of Trade be appointed to wait on the lady and invite her to inspect the beauties and advantages of "our fair city." The motion was carried unanimously, but the lady had flown. You see, Deacon, most anything will pass for a lady in Stockton."

"Brother Granger, it's my treat."

*The Oakland Tribune, January 4, 1890*

### **Native Sons of the Golden West:**

Wisteria Parlor of Alvarado gave its third grand ball on Friday evening, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 3, 1890*

**Hayward NSGW Hall:**

George Hawley of Alvarado commenced Tuesday to work on the Native Sons of the Golden West building.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 13, 1890*

**Frank Rodgers Estate:**

The will of Frank Rodgers of Alvarado has been filed for probate. The estate is left to his wife, at her death to be divided equally between her children.

*The Daily Alta California, January 15, 1890*

**Ducks:**

Canvasback ducks have made their appearance on the Alvarado marshes and the hunters are naturally happy.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 18, 1890*

**The Alvarado Sea:**

*The Haywards Journal* reports that Alvarado is one large sea.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 18, 1890*

**Alvarado School:**

It was proposed to open the Alvarado School next Monday. The rain of the past few days, however, have caused the school grounds to again become flooded, and the opening of the school will have to be postponed.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 18, 1890*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

J.M. Hawley of Alvarado has registered at the Brooklyn Hotel in San Francisco yesterday.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, January 23, 1890*

**Mrs. Sarah Horner Dies:**

Mrs. Sarah Horner, widow of Tracy Horner, died Monday evening, 20<sup>th</sup> last, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Ralph near Alvarado. Mrs. Horner was 99 years of age. She was the mother to John M. and William Y. Horner. John M. Horner is regarded as the father of Union City, was also known as "California's first farmer" and the founder of Centerville.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 23, 1890*

**Flood:**

The floodwaters are over the narrow-gauge railroad tracks at Alvarado, Hall Station, and Russell's.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 25, 1890*

**Oh, Stoic Alvarado:**

Amid all these moving accidents of **flood** and field, which make the burden of the story of the day, Alvarado stands placidly smiling over the waste of waters, a modern Venice for the nonce, serenely figuring the depth of the mud which will be deposited on her lands, rich with the promise of big crops, caring little for the present discomfort, for her legs are long, if wooden. It may not be as handsome as its prototype, where the famous gondola takes its course, but the lands around are as rich as those of the delta of the Nile, and the cause is very much the same.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 27, 1890*

**Flood:**

A Centerville dispatch says: The damage from Friday night's storm is just beginning to make itself known. The Alameda Creek is the highest that the oldest pioneers have seen it. In some places at Crandall's Slough ([between Newark & Alvarado](#)) the water is running through with great swiftness. It is going over the bridge and around each side. There is some danger of it being carried away. The road between this bridge and Alvarado is one sheet of water, axle deep, and the current is quite strong, making travel in both hard and dangerous. The Bell Ranch Bridge is

reported as unsafe, and it may have very large driftwood floats against it and the bridge may wash away. Cattle, fence rails and posts have been seen coming down the stream. On the lowlands the farmers are working hard drowning squirrels and gophers.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 27, 1890*

### **Union Clawiter Howe Dies:**

Mrs. Converse Howe, nee Union Augusta Clawiter, aged 39 years, of Pomona, California died on January 29, 1890. She leaves a husband and four sons, ranging in age from 9 years to 19 years. She was the first white child to be born in Union City California on August 7, 1851.

The Pomona Progress, in its account of her death writes, " She was universally esteemed as a lady of noble character. She was of a quiet, unassuming disposition, possessed of a kind heart, and was at all times ready to lend a helping hand to the distressed, and to smooth the pillow of the afflicted, yet all her good deeds were done without ostentation. The rule of right was her guide in all the relations of life, both social and domestic, and from that rule she never swerved. In fact, she was possessed of all those attributes of true womanhood that endeared her to all who knew her."

Locally she leaves a brother, Edward Clawiter, of Mt. Eden.

[www.loafingcactus.com/familyhistory](http://www.loafingcactus.com/familyhistory), January 29, 1890

### **Alvarado Grammar School:**

The school will reopen for classes next Monday. The school has been closed for two weeks due to the flood.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 1, 1890*

### **Joseph McKeown Dies:**

Joseph McKeown, aged 67 years, died in Alvarado on February 7, 1890. A native of county Kerry in Ireland, he was a member of the Crusade Lodge NO. 93, IOOF in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 8, 1890*

### **Sugar:**

A suit was commenced in the Superior Court, this afternoon, by the Alameda Sugar Company against the Spring Valley Water Company, to restrain the latter from diverting the waters of the Alameda Creek. The suit promises to be a very important one. The plaintiff asserts that it is the owner of 78 acres of land near Alvarado on which buildings and machinery have been erected at a cost of \$350,000. The land is favorably adapted for the cultivation of the sugar beet and needs considerable water. The growth and productions of the sugar beets in the district of land surrounding and adjacent to the factory, is not, and never has been profitable to the producers thereof except for the sale hereof to the plaintiff for the use of the factory, and for that reason the farmers and producers within an accessible distance to the factory never have produced, and will not grow the sugar beet in any considerable quantity sufficient to warrant the operation of the factory, without having first obtained contracts for the production and delivery of the same. For the benefit of the soil, and to render it fit for cultivation, it is, and always has been imperatively necessary that the waters of the Alameda Creek should flow undisturbed. The plaintiff charges that the waters have been diverted by the defendant, and asks for a permanent injunction.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 15, 1890*

### **Around Town:**

Several of the farmers in the vicinity are running short of hay.

Our Roadmaster, Farley Granger, has commenced scraping the roads.

Mr. Burr, the Superintendent of the Alameda County Refinery, is at present in Europe.

After two weeks delay on account of the rain, school opened last Monday.

The sugar company has already contracted for all the beets they need for the next run, about 1,500 acres.

Miss Annie Howell, the former teacher at Alviso, is substituting in one of the Oakland schools.

Alviso School opened last Monday with Mr. Kingsbury as school principal and Miss Kline of San Francisco as assistant teacher.

Two new bridges will soon be put on the road from the station to Alvarado. This will prevent the road from being washed away.

Alviso District has lost her new schoolhouse. At the election held last Saturday the votes stood twelve for and twenty-five against issuing bonds for a new building.

Mr. Incell was found in a very feeble condition last week and word was sent to his folks in San Francisco. They came up and took him home with them. It is reported that he and his son are to go into business together.

***The Oakland Tribune, February 11, 1890***

#### **Flood Damage:**

Supervisor Bailey believes that they valley roads in and about Centerville, Alvarado, Irvington, Decoto and Mt. Eden will not be damaged as much as was expected when the valley was flooded with waters from Alameda Creek. It appears to be in the canyons and ravines that roads and bridges suffered most.

***The Oakland Tribune, February 17, 1890***

#### **John Laughlin Dies:**

John Laughlin, one of the best-known men in Southern Alameda County, died on Sunday from an attack of influenza. He was a member of the Board of Trustees for the Alviso School District and had been ill for several years. His funeral took place yesterday from his residence in Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 11, 1890***

#### **The Steamer *Grace Barton*:**

A trial trip of the new stern-wheel steamer, *Grace Barton*, was made yesterday. It was most satisfactory, the steamer developing twelve miles an hour. She was built by George Damon at North Beach for the Union Salt Works Company and will be used in running between Union City and San Francisco. Captain Charles Knudsen will take command of the steamship.

***The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, March 13, 1890***

#### **Agricultural Report:**

The low lands around Newark and Alvarado are so wet that no crop has been put in. It will bear hay containing a great deal of clover. This brings a better price than wild oat hay. The dairymen all want it.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 28, 1890***

#### **Miss Mary Mathews Dies:**

Last Wednesday, the 19<sup>th</sup>, death took from our midst one of the sweetest and most beloved young ladies of Alvarado, Miss Mary Jane Mathews, aged 25 years. She had been ailing the past two years with what was thought to be malaria, but at the end was found to be consumption. She is survived by her parents, Patrick and Mary Mathews.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 29, 1890***

***The Daily Alta California, March 21, 1890***

#### **Road Conditions:**

There are several dangerous places in the Alvarado road ([Mt. Eden to Alvarado Road](#)), just beyond the narrow gauge track, that daily jeopardize the lives of travelers, particularly after dark. These holes could be easily filled up, and we trust the Roadmaster will do so us a favor by doing it at once.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 29, 1890***

#### **Classified Ad:**

Bell Ranch:

400 acres of choice farmland:

This tract of land lies between the Decoto Railroad Station and the Alameda Creek, on the County Road from Alvarado to Niles. This land is part of the "Rancho de la Alameda" patented to Don

Jose Jesus Vallejo and was farmed by him in the very earliest of time, it being the very choicest portion of this great Rancho, being very fertile and easy of cultivation. It was named by him as the "Rancho de la Campana," the Bell Ranch. ([The Bell Ranch was located in Niles in the southeast quadrant of Decoto Road at Alameda Creek.](#))

Offered by Woodward and Merrill, Real Estate Auctioneers, Oakland, California  
*The Oakland Tribune, April 4, 1890*

**Bad Roads:**

([Communication to the Board of Supervisors, received on February 25, 1890](#))

Gentlemen:

The undersigned petitioners and owners of the Turk Island Salt Works, east of Alvarado, are and have been for many winters, cut off from their manufactory by reason of deep gullies in the county road running east from the Alvarado lower county road. These gullies are all within two miles of Alvarado, and during the summer tides flow over a considerable part of this section of the road. These gullies, during a flood and a high tide, are dangerous to ford, and being without bridges cannot, at flood periods cannot be crossed.

Late Roadmaster Franz, some two years ago threw up a section of this road, running through the Samuel Poorman tract, which, being sandy and having no culverts has, from the immense body of water bearing against it been broken, and a cut, very deep and wide is the result. The petitioners pray for your assistance in the matter as the only way during an ordinary rise to reach their works is to pass over the lands of the John Hall Estate, these lands being flooded also, place the petitioners at a great disadvantage. Hoping your attention will be early called to this matter, we remain, Plummer Bros.

This communication was referred to the committee of the whole.  
*The Oakland Tribune, April 5, 1890*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

J. Mark of Alvarado registered yesterday at the Russ House in San Francisco.  
*The San Francisco Call, April 13, 1890*

**Alvarado School:**

The Alvarado School claims the honor of having raised the first flag over any school in California. James Smith, of Alvarado, bought a 6 X 12 flag in San Francisco twenty-six years (1864) ago with money raised by the pupils, and it was raised with appropriate ceremonies at that time.  
*The Oakland Tribune, April 17, 1890*

**Water:**

There is a big subterranean stream in and about Alvarado. A number of artesian wells abound there. It is proposed to pipe this water to Oakland in the near future. Alvarado is some eighteen miles southeast from this city.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, April 17, 1890*

**Sugar:**

The expense account of the beet sugar factory at Alvarado, Cal., for 1889 was \$105,416.48. Of this amount \$41,893.50 was paid directly to farmers for beets, \$27,790.52 directly for wages in the factory and salaries. The other expenses, such as limestone and fuel, went for wages paid indirectly to labor.

Not only California, but other States with not half her varied and rich resources can be dotted and embellished with beet sugar factories, paying like relative amounts of their expenditures to farmers and diffusing prosperity everywhere. Must an industry be able to supply the home consumption before it is entitled to protection? It is asserted the beet sugar industry has not done this.

*The San Francisco Call, April 17, 1890*

**Water:**

Willard P. Farwell has commenced an action against several plaintiffs (farmers and corporations) to secure water rights before the plaintiffs can supply the city of Oakland with water from the artesian wells at Alvarado.

The plaintiffs include: Pacific Land Investment Co. (James G. Fair), A. Baker, A. Kear, J. McKeown, S. P. Harvey, P. Hellwig, Mrs. Poorman, F. B. Granger, Jr., J. Quigley, J. W. Sinclair, Lawrence Whisby, J. Nicholson, Union Pacific Salt Works, and the Eureka Chemical Co., et. al.  
*The Oakland Tribune, April 19, 1890*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

J. Quigley of Alvarado checked into the Brooklyn Hotel in San Francisco.  
*The San Francisco Morning Call, April 21, 1890*

**Granger Contemplates Selling Alvarado Water:**

[\*\(The Irvington Express\)\*](#)

According to report F. B. Granger of Alvarado is contemplating putting into operation a scheme to supply the City of Oakland with water from the artesian wells on his property near Alvarado.

[\*\(The Haywards Journal\)\*](#)

F. B. Granger, Monday, made a most satisfactory trial as to the amount of water stored in the artesian belt around Alvarado, by boring a well down to the depth of 170 feet and struck a stream of water that shot up a five foot flow over the top of the pipe. It looked like a young river rushing over the pipe.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 26, 1890*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

J.W. McClintock of Alvarado has checked into the International Hotel in San Francisco.  
*The San Francisco Morning Call, May 1, 1890*

**Sugar:**

George Oakes writes in the *Haywards Journal*: We paid a visit to the beet sugar factory and had a little chat with the genial Superintendent, J. W. Atkinson. We found extensive improvements were under way that will double the capacity of the mill, turning out between 250 to 300 tons of beets daily when completed. New machinery will be put in and then twelve boilers will be necessary to run the mill. Over 1,500 feet of beet sheds will be built. The present company only hires white men, and this year will pay out \$120,000 for beets alone.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 3, 1890*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

J. Luegley of Alvarado has checked into the Brooklyn Hotel in San Francisco.  
*The San Francisco Morning Call, May 5, 1890*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

J. Singley of Alvarado has checked into the Brooklyn Hotel in San Francisco.  
*The San Francisco Morning Call, May 9, 1890*

**Classified Ad:**

For Sale: Bakery and Saloon in Alvarado, Alameda County, to be sold on account of death, a splendid chance for a baker.

*The Morning Call, San Francisco, Calif., May 6, 1890*

**Sugar:**

Delinquent Notice:

Alameda Sugar Corporation, location of principal business, San Francisco, Calif., location of works, Alvarado, Alameda County.

NOTICE: There are delinquent, upon the following described stock on account of assessment No. 2, levied on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 1890, the several amounts set opposite the names of the respective shareholders as follows:

<u>Names:</u>	<u># of Certs.</u>	<u># of Shares:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
J.S. Fossett	26	100	\$400
Chas Montgomery	33	50	\$200
P. C. Sugar Company	35	8	\$ 32
R.R. Thompson	40	200	\$800

And in accordance with the law, and order by the Board of Directors, made on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 1890, so many shares of each parcel of such stock as may be necessary, will be sold at public auction at the office of the Company, No. 220 California Street, San Francisco, on Monday the twelfth day of May 1890, to pay delinquent assessments thereon, together with costs of advertising and expenses of the sale.

JAMES COFFIN, Secretary Pro-Tem  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 9, 1890*

**Water:**

The Eureka Chemical Company has conveyed to W. B. Farwell (Oakland, Ca.) 4.64 acres of land near Alvarado. F. B. Granger (and others) have agreed to convey to Mr. Farwell a tract of land in Union City (western Alvarado), for \$15,000.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 9, 1890*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

T. Koerner of Alvarado registered yesterday at the International Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Call, June 9, 1890*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

G.W. Lake of Alvarado registered yesterday at the International Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Call, June 17, 1890*

**Democratic Convention:**

Alvarado won two of ten seats from Washington Township to the Democratic County Convention to be held in the Germania Hall. From this, 29 delegates will be chosen from Alameda County to represent us in the State Democratic Convention.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 18, 1890*

**A. Heyer Probate Proceedings:**

Henrietta Heyer has inherited an 80 X 100 lot on V Street in Alvarado from the estate of August Heyer.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 20, 1890*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

R.B. Lowe and C.H. Hall of Alvarado registered yesterday at the International Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Call, June 21, 1890*

**World's Fair Committee:**

The World's Fair Committee of one hundred appointed by the County Board of Supervisors includes H. Meek of Mt. Eden and E.H. Dyer of Alvarado.

*The Morning Call, San Francisco, Calif., June 22, 1890*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

G.C. Hale of Alvarado registered yesterday at the International Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Call, June 22, 1890*

**Miss Jane Dennison:**

Jane Dennison, a pretty girl twenty-three years of age, was brought from Alvarado yesterday, to be examined as to her sanity by the Lunacy Commissioners. The girl has been stopping at the home of her uncle. She refuses to eat at times, and it is found necessary to force food down her throat. Monday she ran away from the house and attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the creek. Her friends fear that she will kill herself, and hence they desire her sent to an asylum where she will properly be cared for. Miss Dennison has been in an asylum before.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, July 2, 1890*

**Miss Jane Dennison:**

Jane Dennison, an English girl who has been living with a family near Alvarado, was adjudged insane. She wanders aimlessly about and has threatened to drown herself. She was sent to Agnews.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, July 3, 1890*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

W.D. Hannon of Alvarado has checked into the International Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Morning Call, July 4, 1890*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

J. Rogers of Alvarado has checked into the International Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Morning Call, July 6, 1890*

**Alvarado School:**

Mr. E. H. Walker of the Alvarado School has been elected principal of the Livermore School.

*The Morning Call, San Francisco, Calif., July 8, 1890*

**Alvarado School:**

E. E. Hollipeter of Gridley, Butte County, has been elected principal of Alvarado School. School will open next Monday.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 12, 1890*

**New Arrival:**

In Alvarado, July 15<sup>th</sup>, to the wife of William Jung, a son.

*The San Francisco Call, July 18, 1890*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

D.B. Saylor of Alvarado has checked into the International Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Morning Call, July 20, 1890*

**1890 Census Results:**

The figures obtainable from the recent census from this section make pleasant reading for our people. They show, for the Township, a population of 5,502 persons of which, 2,889 reside in Alvarado, Centerville, Newark and the surrounding area, which comprises census district number 24. Census District number 25, which comprises Decoto, Niles, Mission San Jose, Irvington and Warm Springs, shows a total of 2,613 persons. This latter district has among its resident's 27 veteran soldiers and widows of deceased soldiers.

During the past year, in this section of 2,613 persons, we have no paupers or indigents among us, and but a nominal ratio of deafness and blindness. In the past year this section has had but eleven deaths. Of these 6 were children who died at childbirth or soon thereafter, 4 were children who died of different diseases, and the remaining one person was an adult that was killed by falling tree.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 29, 1890*

**18<sup>th</sup> State Senatorial District:**



Alameda County Republicans are feuding over the local state senatorial candidate. The city of Alameda is claiming that this election it is their right to name the state senatorial candidate as Alvarado had that right during the last election. Murray Township (Livermore & Pleasanton) is insisting that it is their turn to name the candidate, as Alvarado is only the halfway point in Alameda County. Alameda wants that honor to go to northern Alameda County this time while Murray Township is insisting that it should go to southern Alameda County.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 30, 1890*

#### **Artesian Well:**

A few months ago F.B. Granger, proprietor of the Riverside Hotel at Alvarado, Alameda County, commenced boring a seven-inch artesian well on a piece of land owned by him about a mile and a half northwest of Alvarado. At the depth of 170 feet an abundant current of clear water was tapped, so strong in volume that when the auger was withdrawn the water, instead of overflowing as is customary with wells of this kind, rose to a height of twenty feet above the orifice. A solid seven-inch stream thrown twenty feet in the air is so remarkable that the well has attracted widespread attention in the surrounding country. Mr. Granger states that he believes that by sinking wells and tapping the same current a sufficient supply of pure water might be obtained to supply Alameda city, or possibly Oakland. Such a remarkable supply of artesian water is certainly a valuable discovery.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, August 8, 1890*

#### **Liquor License Applications:**

The following Alvarado residents have been granted liquor licenses for their place of business: Antonio Lee, Joshua & Peter Henningsen, Adolph W. Lassen and Ralph & Perry.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 18, 1890*

#### **Alvarado School:**

Principal Hollipeter of the Alvarado School, who succeeded Principal Walker, drew his first month's salary last Saturday. He reports the school is in a flourishing condition and says that he will try to make it one of the best town schools in the county.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 18, 1890*

#### **Marriage:**

Francisco A. da Silva aged 22, Alvarado & Luiga F. da Silva, aged 19, San Lorenzo.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 25, 1890*

#### **San Francisco Visitor:**

T.E. Mullen of Alvarado has checked into the Brooklyn Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Morning Call, August 29, 1890*

#### **Visitor to San Francisco:**

J.W. Atkinson of Alvarado registered yesterday at the Grand Hotel in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, August 31, 1890*

#### **Classified Ad:**

SITUATIONS – MALE:

Young man, graduate of Business College, desires employment; bookkeeping, office work, collecting, etc.

Address: W. Kerr, Alvarado, Cal.

*The San Francisco Call, September 1, 1890*

#### **John Jennings Killed:**

John Jennings, who resides near Alvarado, was run over by the narrow gauge train and killed on the bridge near Alvarado at 9 o'clock this morning. The train was going south toward San Jose when it struck him. Mr. Jennings was in his eightieth year and leaves two sons and a daughter.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 1, 1890*

**Man Loses His Mind:**

Domingo de Mello of Alvarado was adjudged insane this afternoon. He imagines that his enemies are trying to kill him.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 6, 1890*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

F. Gearing of Alvarado has checked into the International Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Morning Call, September 10, 1890*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

S.T. Lamar of Alvarado has checked into the International Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Morning Call, September 13, 1890*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

T. Roemer of Alvarado registered yesterday at the International Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Call, September 23, 1890*

**Big Squash:**

J.B. Sherk of Alvarado has raised a 200-pound squash. It is on exhibition at an Eleventh Street produce store.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, September 30, 1890*

**Republican Candidates:**

The County Republican Committee has arranged for candidates to be in Alvarado on October 27<sup>th</sup> to deliver speeches on behalf of themselves.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 1, 1890*

**Native Daughters:**

The young ladies of Alvarado are trying to organize a Native Daughters Parlor and would like to have the Mt. Eden ladies eligible to join here.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 1, 1890*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

W.T. Sanders of Alvarado registered yesterday at the International Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Call, October 2, 1890*

**Married:**

In San Francisco, October 9<sup>th</sup>, Edward M. Foley of Alvarado and Miss Nellie McDonald of San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, October 11, 1890*

**Polling Place Officers:**

The polling Place at Alvarado will be the IOOF Hall. Polling place officers are: Inspectors: J. M. Ingalls and Sebastian Franz; Judges: Willis Wells and I. B. Haines; Clerks: August May and C. A. Granger.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 18, 1890*

**Sugar:**

Down in the southern corner of Alameda County, surrounded by fertile fields and beautiful gardens, lies the peaceful village of Alvarado. At one time the county seat of this pioneer agricultural county, it was left behind in the march of commerce to the sea, and, though ever putting a brave foot forward, it can never regain from Oakland the lead that the city has taken from it.

But Alvarado does not strive to do this. She is contented to strengthen the things that remain, and, for several reasons, she has an importance entirely her own that will not soon be wrested from her.

Just now Alvarado is the scene of busy activity, for here is located the first beet sugar factory ever erected in this country. Not only is it the pioneer of its kind, but also it is the largest and the only one in the country manufacturing fine granulated sugar complete and ready for market. This it does without the use of bone black, beef's blood, or the various other adjuncts to the usual "refining process."

The roads leading to the quaint little town are just now dotted with teams, hauling great loads of the sugar beets that are so largely grown in this section to the factory. The season is at its height, and the beets are utilized at once, as they are useless just as soon as they begin to sprout, the germinating process seeming to use up all the sugar. The sugar beet is longer than the table beet, white in color and coarser in texture. It is much sweeter to the taste, and acts very unpleasantly upon the stomach if eaten. The vegetable needs a light sedimentary soil, such as abounds here. So entirely dependent upon the nature of the soil is the quality of the sugar that specimens of the soil of every farmer growing the beets is analyzed in the factory laboratory several times a year, and the beets are tested each season before the crop is bought.

The beets are hauled to the factory in sacks and stored in long sheds, whence they are carried to the factory by water running through a long flume. From the flume they tumble into a huge receptacle filled with water, where in is a machine that washes them thoroughly and tosses them into an elevator, by which they are carried up to the next floor and dropped into the cutter, a large vat-like structure, in which is a series of grooved knives, revolving on a horizontal plane. These quickly shred the beets into short, small, round pieces about the length and thickness of parlor matches. In this shape they go down again to the lower floor, where the next process in their evolution to pure granulated sugar is that of the diffusion battery, a series of pipes and cells connected with a water main, in which the shredded beets are thoroughly macerated and the sugar contained in them leached out. Onward, then, the whole pulpy mass is hurried to a press, where it subjected to a squeezing that the crushed beets with hardly the most infinitesimal fractional part of their remaining in their fibers, to be carried to stretchers outside to the silos, whence it is sold for cattle feed, and excellent feed it is.

What remains, the sweetish, dark-colored foamy liquor, is carried through pipes to the heater and measuring tank, and afterward to the vats, where it is treated with milk of lime in the proportion about 15 per cent by volume. By the action of carbolic acid gas the lime is afterward precipitated in a white, flocculent mass, carrying down with it the various impurities in the liquid. Upstairs again, the latter travels, still steaming hot from the processes it has been submitted to, to the filters, a series of plates, with sheeting and burlap between them, and through which the liquor is forced, and from it filtered the last remaining traces of lime and other impurities. After this it is again treated with milk of lime and carbon dioxide in lesser quantity, when it goes to the evaporator, where, in the course of its travels through five miles of brass tubing, it is made ready for the vacuum pans. The steam from the first evaporator boils the second, and so on, in quadruple effect, with ever-increasing vacuum and a correspondingly decreasing temperature.

Through the glass in the sides of the great machines the boiling liquor can be seen, heaving like a dark troubled sea, gradually changing from the thin, sweetish liquid first obtained to a thick syrup, in which state it is conveyed to the vacuum pan, in the very top of the building, where, under a continued boiling, the seething mass begins slowly to grain. When a portion of the liquid drawn off through a faucet in the great cauldron shows thick with the grains of sugar it is ready for the centrifugal machine, or separator. This is a series of baskets of strong wire gauze, revolving so rapidly that they appear to stand still. These are stopped and a quantity of the slow-moving, grainy, dark brown mass is allowed to run into each. Then the conveyor is closed, and the baskets are set in motion. Centrifugal force drives the syrup through the sides of the baskets, while the grains of sugar mass themselves against the screen. When all the syrup is driven off the revolution is stopped and the sugar scraped off and allowed to run down a chute to the ground floor, where it appears as white, glistening grains, all ready to be packed in the familiar blue-

paper lined barrels, and sent to market. The syrup flows down into huge vats, where it stands a few days, until it also begins to crystallize, when it is resubjected to the whole process. The syrup that then remains must stand for several weeks before it can be sugar. Any residue is worthless for sugar making, as it can only be boiled three times, but it is utilized in make a fine quality of vinegar.

The Alvarado sugar factory will use this year about 25,000 tons of beets. This is by no means all it could obtain, but about all it can, with its present working capacity, utilize before (without the intervention of cold storage, which would not now pay) the beets would spoil for sugar making. Mr. J.W. Atkinson, the genial and scholarly foreman, who showed *THE CALL* representative through, said, in the course of the tour, that another year the capacity of the plant, which now represents an investment of nearly half a million, will be increased, so that a much larger amount can be utilized, an announcement which the farmers of the locality will receive with satisfaction. Mr. Atkinson spoke of the benefit the industry will receive from the McKinley bill; it will not, he said, make any difference in the price of sugar to the consumer, but will enable the manufacturer to handle a much larger output without loss. The cost to the manufacturer of producing a pound of sugar in this is 4 cents or a trifle over. He sells it for 6 cents. Owing to differences in the cost of labor, the French or German manufacturer can produce the same article at 3 cents, a small difference that, without the protective tariff, would render him a dangerous foe on American soil, to the American manufacturer and the American workman.

The Alvarado factory employs about seventy men during the season, and expects next year to require a still larger force.

*The Morning Call, San Francisco, Calif., October 19, 1890*

#### **Republican Rally at Alvarado:**

"His name is Farley B. Granger, Jr., and he knows just how to manage a meeting." That is what all the candidates and their friends said last night about the gentleman whose ruling and guiding hand was seen in everything connected with the successful management of the meeting at Alvarado. Certainly a more successful and a more enthusiastic political meeting has not taken place in this county during the campaign. The people for miles around poured into Alvarado and the Odd Fellows Hall, where the meeting was held, was crowded almost to suffocation. The applause too, was frequent and spontaneous and of that kind which stimulates the candidates to their very best efforts. In short, it was a regular old "whoop-up" and it augured well for the success of the entire Republican ticket in that portion of Alameda County.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 28, 1890*

#### **News Notes:**

The janitor of the schoolhouse, Mr. Hoyer, made on of the most remarkable jumps on record last Friday. He was engaged in washing windows in the second story when he lost his balance, fell and struck on his head, causing a concussion of the brain. Dr. Hood of Haywards was called, and the latest report that the injured man will pull through all right. Mr. Hoyer stood the shake up uncommonly well for a man of seventy summers.

A Parlor of Native Daughters was instituted in Alvarado last Tuesday evening. "Olivina, No. 61, Native Daughters of the Golden West, with twenty-one members. District Deputy Miss Hazzie Graham of Livermore assisted by Miss Malley, Miss Remer, Mrs. Nussbaumer and Miss Galway of Livermore installed the new officers. Following is a list of new members of the new Parlor: Misses Nellie Beebe, Mollie Crosset, Bertha May, Sue Harvey, Minnie Schafer, Roxy Dennis, Mrs. Christina Young ([Jung](#)), Maggie Wales, Mary Brown, Mrs. Hattie Nauert, Jennie Decoto, Mary Decoto, Lulu Whipple, Clara Whipple, Dolly Leland, Clara Granger, Ella Mathews, Annie Meyer, Mrs. Mary Nichols and May Hawley. All those eligible in Mt. Eden, Haywards and neighboring towns wishing to join the Parlor are cordially invited to communicate with the President, Miss Sue Harvey.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 3, 1890*

**Sugar:**

E. H. Dyer and his son E. F. Dyer, formerly of Alvarado, have gone to Salt Lake City, where they proposed to start a sugar beet refinery.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 4, 1890*

**News Note:**

Fred Hebrig and David Hunter of Alvarado have checked into the Baldwin Hotel in San Francisco.

*The Morning Call, San Francisco, Calif., November 4, 1890*

**Party at the Behrmann's:**

Last Saturday evening a number of friends, among whom was the Triangle Club of San Francisco, paid a visit to Mr. & Mrs. Henry Behrmann of Alvarado and ascertained that the following day was the birthday of the hostess, the party concluded to remain over Sunday and celebrate the occasion in a becoming manner. Dancing and then games were indulged in until midnight, when supper was partaken of, and recitations and songs agreeably occupied the time until 2 o'clock, when all retired. On Sunday the party enjoyed a ride through the neighboring country. Among those in attendance from Alvarado were: Mr. & Mrs. Henry Behrmann, Miss Tina Berhmann, Miss Annie Behrmann, Frank Behrmann and Henry Behrmann Jr.

*The Morning Call, San Francisco, Calif., November 8, 1890*

**Birthday Surprise:**

J. W. Harbourne was the recipient of a birthday surprise at this residence in Alvarado last Saturday evening. Games interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, formed the evening's pastime, which was followed by a delightful supper.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 15, 1890*

**News Note:**

Mrs. J. A. Nichols and family of Decoto are visiting Mrs. Nichol's sister, Mrs. P. Lowrie on Alvarado Road.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 4, 1890*

**Big Potatoes:**

Two potatoes, weighing four and three quarter pounds respectively, from the ranch of William Incell, at Alvarado, Alameda County, will be on display at the new State Board of Trade on Market Street in San Francisco.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, December 4, 1890*

**Sugar:**

According to the *Salinas Weekly Index*, a recent address before the local board of trade was made by E. H. Dyer, for many years connected with the Alvarado beet sugar factory who said: "I am also informed that you have secured a site for a factory where a good supply of water can be obtained, which is accessible by rail and wagon. All your conditions are favorable as at Alvarado, except for coal. This will cost you some more than it does us, but you can obtain limestone for less. In manufacturing of sugar from beets it is only necessary that you provide sufficient capital to erect suitable sugar works to enable you to manufacture sugar to the most commercial manner, with the hearty cooperation of your landowners and farmers, and that they fully realize the great importance and benefit it is to them to have a beet sugar factory located in their immediate vicinity. If you provide the sufficient capital to erect a suitable sugar works, and your farmers will furnish a full supply of good beets, a financial failure is impossible unless the management is wrong." This fits Davenport's case exactly!

*The Davenport Morning Tribune, Davenport Iowa, December 7, 1890*

**Steamship Grace Barton:**

There was quite a lively scene at Jackson Street Wharf (SF) yesterday, between two deputy Fish Commissioners and the officers of the steamer, *Grace Barton*, which runs between here (SF) and Alvarado.

It appears that yesterday morning the *Grace Barton* picked up a large Chinese fishing junk on the Alameda flats. It was drifting with the tide and had no occupants. It was no sooner made fast to the steamer than the Deputy Fish Commissioners came out in boats and demanded that the junk be given up to them. They claimed they had arrested the occupants for illegal fishing, and before leaving for the shore had let go of the anchor.

The deputies insinuated that the captain had hoisted the anchor of the junk and was stealing their prize. The captain denied this and despite their protests towed the junk to this side of the Bay. The deputies followed and renewed their demand on the dock, but without avail. The *Barton* will hold the derelict for salvage.

***The San Francisco Call, December 10, 1890***

#### **Sugar:**

E. H. Dyer, in an interview reports that Nevada may become as good a place for raising sugar beets as is California and Utah. Pointing to his success in the Alvarado plant, Dyer stated that Nevada could start a processing plant locally with \$350,000 in capital. Mr. Dyer says he will come to Nevada and look over the field without charge except for traveling expenses.

***The Reno Evening Gazette, Reno Nevada, December 15, 1890***

#### **Ducks:**

Judge Henshaw and Deputy District Attorney Nusbaumer ([Oakland](#)) and "Shot" (Judge Henshaw's dog), had a great day's hunting yesterday at Willow Lodge, in the Alvarado marshes, returning home with fifty-eight ducks, seven of them being canvasbacks. Judge Henshaw made a lucky shot during the night, firing into the dark sky where he heard the birds moving and bagged three of them.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 15, 1890***

#### **E.H. Dyer & Co.:**

Messrs. E.H. Dyer & Co. of Alvarado, Cal., are now building near Salt Lake City, Utah, a 350 ton daily capacity beet sugar factory. The factory is owned principally by capitalists of Salt Lake City, and the machinery is all American, being built by the Kilby Mfg Co. of Cleveland, Ohio.

***The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, December 20, 1890***

#### **Commercial Advertisement:**

E.H. DYER & CO.

Sugar Chemists, Engineers & Draughtsman, and Practical Manufacturers of Beet Sugar.  
ALVARADO, CAL.

The members of this firm have spent many months in the largest beet sugar factories of Europe, studying the details of German and French methods of manufacturing sugar from beets, and also at works of the leading manufactories of beet sugar machinery. Having had many years' experience in manufacturing sugar from beets in California, and having fully demonstrated the feasibility of producing sugar from beets in this country in almost unlimited quantities, and in successful competition with cane sugar imported from foreign countries, we are prepared to furnish designs for factories, plans and drawings of the latest improved machinery now in use in Europe and this country. Can also furnish skilled engineers to superintend the construction of factories and the necessary technical skill to operate the works successfully when completed. Will make personal examination of localities with regard to their fitness for the production of beet sugar, free of expense, except traveling expenses. Successful results are guaranteed when the conditions are considered favorable.

***The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, December 27, 1890***

#### **Ducks:**

Deputy District Attorney Emil Nusbaumer and Charles B. Gould (both of Oakland) returned yesterday from a hunting trip to the Willow Lodge preserve, near Alvarado. They brought back sixty-eight ducks, thirteen of which were canvasback, and nearly all the rest sprigs.  
*The Oakland Tribune, December 29, 1890*

**Alvarado School:**

A temporary grammar school grade certificate was granted to A.B. Thompson, the new principal of Alvarado Grammar School.  
*The Morning Call, San Francisco, Calif., January 1, 1891*

**Advertisement:**

Valentine's Throat and Lung Syrup:  
Guaranteed to relieve a cough in 10 minutes.  
Price: 39¢ a bottle. Osgood Bros., Oakland California  
Available locally at: Ralph and Perry, Alvarado  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 7, 1891*

**Sugar:**

The suit of George Althaus against the Alameda Sugar Company to recover damages for directing the waters of the Alameda Creek, which was set for trial today, was stricken from the docket at the request of the parties. The litigants will endeavor to affect a compromise.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 9, 1891*

**Marriage License:**

Harold P. Dyer, 32, Alvarado & Lizzie Ralph, 26, Alvarado  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 9, 1891*

**Washington Township Schools:**

The County Superintendent of School's Frick, this morning made an apportionment of \$81,424 county school money. The apportionment is made among the various school funds as follows:

<u>School</u>	<u>Number of Teachers</u>	<u>County Funds Approved</u>
Alvarado	2	\$732
Alviso	2	\$485
Centerville	3	\$732
Decoto	2	\$488
Lincoln	1	\$214
Mission San Jose	3	\$732
Mowry's Landing	1	\$214
Newark	2	\$488
Niles	2	\$488
Warm Springs	2	\$488
Washington (Irvington)	3	\$732

*The Oakland Tribune, January 10, 1891*

**Liquor License Application:**

Antone Davilla, Alvarado.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 12, 1891*

**Sugar:**

(Reprinted from *The Pleasanton Times*)

The success of the Alvarado sugar factory has prompted the editor of the local paper, *The Times*, to urge upon our farmers the desirability of planting sugar beets. If they can be raised and a factory successfully operated here, 'twere "a consummation devoutly to be wished," but of all industries that of raising the sugar beet should be carefully considered, and not gone into blindly. The soil on which the beet is grown must first be submitted to a chemical analysis to determine whether it contains the necessary adjuncts to the development of saccharine matter in the

vegetable. If it does not, sugar makers will refuse to accept the beets grown on it. Not is this analysis made once and for all, but it must be repeated every year, and, oftentimes, soil that one year produces good, workable beets, will next year bring forth an article that sugar makers will not look at. At Alvarado there are many instances of pieces of land lying side by side, one that will grow sugar beets, while the other will not. A number of experiments should be made, and the actual sugar-producing land definitely known before much talking is done about a beet sugar factory in this vicinity.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 14, 1891*

#### **New Jail:**

The County Board of Supervisors will be visiting Centerville, Alvarado and other towns in that section of the country with a view of selecting a site for the new jail. It is probable that the new site will be in Centerville.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 20, 1891*

#### **San Francisco Visitor:**

T. Koerner of Alvarado has checked into the New Western Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Call, January 24, 1891*

#### **Sugar:**

(Commercial Want Ad)

SUGAR BEETS WANTED

The Alameda Sugar is now ready to make contracts, and furnish seed for sugar beets to be delivered on cars at any station on the Narrow Gauge Railroad all from San Jose. For contacts and other information apply to:

ALAMEDA SUGAR CO.

Alvarado, California

*The Oakland Tribune, February 6, 1891*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Alice Lompher of San Francisco is visiting her mother, Mrs. John Joyce.

Miss Bertha May has been spending the past week with friends in San Francisco.

Fred Wiegman has removed to his farm near the station, which he recently purchased from Ed. F. Dyer.

A horse and cart belonging to a Portuguese dashed furiously through town on Friday, throwing out the driver, who fortunately, escaped with no further injuries than a few cuts about the head and hands.

Last Friday afternoon as John Olson was busily engaged in putting out a fire on the roof of the stove foundry, he accidentally stepped through a skylight. He had the presence of mind enough, however, to stretch out both arms and brace himself against the roof, and managed to sustain himself in that position until someone came to his assistance. As the distance was thirty feet, had he fallen he would have been instantly killed, as the floor was covered at this time of day with heavy iron castings.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 6, 1891*

#### **San Francisco Visitor:**

James Morris & D.M. Kenny of Alvarado has check into the New Western Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Morning Call, February 9, 1891*

#### **San Francisco Visitor:**

J. Rudolph of Alvarado has check into the New Western Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Morning Call, February 17, 1891*

#### **Around Town:**

The home of Mr. & Mrs. Nauert was gladdened last week by the advent of a baby boy.



Quite an amount of extra land will be planted to sugar beets the coming season, as the sugar factory is to be greatly enlarged before reopening. Despite the severe and disastrous soaking of last year, the fields around Alvarado were getting pretty dry, and the storm came just in time to save the crops. As a member of the Alameda County World's Fair Committee, F. B. Granger, Jr. is very anxious to see this section adequately represented in that coming meeting of the nation.

Henry Crosby of Centerville expects soon to open a branch of his tinning and plumbing business in Alvarado. A young man named Eaton, a recent comer, will be in charge of same. We wish them great success.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 20, 1891*

#### **Classified Ad:**

Sugar Beets Wanted:

The Alameda Sugar Company is now ready to make contracts and furnish seed for sugar beets to be delivered on board freight cars at any station on the Narrow Gauge Railway all the way from San Jose. For contacts and other info apply to: Alameda Sugar Co., Alvarado California

*The Oakland Tribune, March 5, 1891*

#### **Sugar:**

The Alvarado Sugar Company has contracted with several farmers in the San Lorenzo area for a considerable amount of sugar beets.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 9, 1891*

#### **Liquor License Application:**

George Alsing has applied for a liquor license in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 9, 1891*

#### **A Technicality Pleaded:**

Sam Sun Kee was committed on the 5<sup>th</sup> by Justice E.A. Richmond of Centerville, on a charge of burlariously entering the station at Alvarado on the narrow-gauge railroad, but a writ of habeas corpus was petitioned for yesterday on the ground that the committal does not specify the offense. The hearing was set for this morning at 10 o'clock, before Judge Henshaw. An information was sworn against the defendant and he will be arraigned today. The filing of the information will probably knock out the technicality by which it will be attempted to secure the Chinaman's release.

*The San Francisco Call, March 11, 1891*

#### **Around Town:**

The flood, having subsided, school reopened Monday with regular attendances.

Mrs. F. B. Granger has been confined to her bed the past week with inflammatory rheumatism.

F. Wiegman has a force of men at work on his levee as there is a danger of its breaking through.

Antone Davilla has opened a saloon in connection with his barbershop in the Lattin Building.

The Postmaster, Justice E. A. Richmond, has been under the weather the past few days. Miss Nellie Beebe has acted as Postmistress.

Under Mr. Eaton's management the Alvarado branch of Henry Crosby's tin and plumbing shop is now doing good business.

Henningsen Brothers, proprietors of the Alvarado Hotel, have sold out to the Alsing Brothers of San Rafael. The Henningsen's have gone to Europe to spend the remainder of their days.

The Chinaman who attempted to break into the station last week, and was traced by Constable Ralph by means of the blood marks along his trail from a wound in his hand, was indeed cunning, as it was just about this time that several thousand dollars are usually sent here by express to pay off the foundry and beet sugar factory hands. He is free under \$2,000 bail.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 13, 1891*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. Chase of San Jose is visiting her parents, Mr. & Mrs. F. B. Granger.

A good many little folks were sick last week as the result of eating too many Easter eggs.

Miss Millie Nauert spent a portion of last week with her friend, Miss Lillie Meyers of Livermore.

Mrs. George Althausen has been spending a few days in San Francisco with her son, Prof. Weber.

La Grippe has a number of victims here. Little Everette Richmond has been ill, with **Dr. Allen** in attendance.

Miss Annie Geneger of San Francisco was the guest last week of her friend, Miss Bertha May, of Alvarado.

The young people met at the residence of Miss Sue Harvey and organized a debating society, of which more will be heard from soon.

The social given by the Native Daughters Friday was a social success and enjoyed by all who were so fortunate as to be present.

Mrs. William Young (**Jung**) of Alvarado attended the funeral at Mt. Eden of her grandmother, who died there at the ripe age of 88 years.

Mrs. Clarence Granger is making preparations to go to Salt Lake City to join her husband, who has secured a good position with the Utah Sugar Works.

Baby Nauert, the tiniest morsel of humanity who ever took up residence in Alvarado has again been ill, but thanks to **Dr. Allen's** skill, is once more on the highway to recovery and good health.

Mrs. Hattie Tay, widow of the late George H. Tay, who died at her home in San Francisco last Wednesday, was the largest stockholder in the stove works here, and a member of the firm of Geo. H. Tay and Company of San Francisco. The stove works closed for three days out of respect to her memory.

C. R. Nauert and O. P. Nauert of Alvarado attended the funeral of Mrs. Hattie Tay in San Francisco.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 9, 1891*

**Sugar:**

The affairs of the Alameda Sugar Company were considered at a meeting of the stockholders at San Francisco. The company owns the mill at Alvarado. Profits for the last years were \$27,000, all of which was reinvested in company operations. Indebtness remains at \$35,000 while \$15,000 in cash and seeds is on hand.

President Hecht thought it discouraging that an enterprise as legitimate and of such promise should be barren of returns for the capital invested and the risks taken. He hoped, but was not certain, that the immediate future would be more satisfactory. On account of a probable shortage in the sugar beet crop the directors have advanced the price of beets from \$4.50 a ton to \$5.00 a ton.

But in a note of caution mentioned that the plant's remaining in Alvarado has been put in jeopardy by the Spring Valley Water Company of Niles who have diverted the Alameda Creek flow from the sugar mill. The sugar mill must have water to remain open.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 16, 1891*

**NSGW Banquet:**

Joe and Eph Tyson from Niles got a very jolly party of gentlemen last Friday night, and with a four-horse team drove to Alvarado to attend the Native Sons banquet. Also in attendance was a good turn out from Mt. Eden.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 16, 1891*

**Julia Rix Speaks:**

Miss Julia E. Rix will give a reading at Alvarado next Saturday evening. Contrary to the saying about the honor of a prophet in his own country, Miss Rix is held in flattering esteem as an elocutionist among her home friends.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 17, 1891*

### **The Alameda Creek:**

The Alameda Creek nears Alvarado after flowing past the Bell Ranch Bridge ([Decoto Road and the Alameda Creek](#)), beyond which it flows through Alvarado whence it becomes the Union City slough and merged into the San Francisco Bay. Some of its prettiest bits, however, are about Alvarado, and it is here the sportsman and fisherman loves it. There are some facts about this section, which should be borne in mind when San Francisco and Oakland shall have exhausted the capacities of their present water supplies. That time will one day come and the city fathers will have to cast about for further resources. It is believed by good authorities that there is here a broad and apparently inexhaustible artesian belt, a fact indicated by the number of flowing wells near here now discharging million of gallons of pure, clear water.

An artesian lake was formed by the sinking in of the earth at the bottom of a well. The flow from these wells is so steady and powerful that engineers have arrived at the conclusion that a river flows through this section at a depth of about 175 feet under the surface.

*The San Francisco Call, April 19, 1891*

### **San Francisco Visitor:**

L.C. Smith of Alvarado has checked into the Russ House in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Call, April 21, 1891*

### **J. Chickering Dies:**

In Alvarado, April 29<sup>th</sup>, John N. Chickering, a native of Pembroke Maine, aged 73 years.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, May 1, 1891*

### **Mt. Eden Road:**

E. H. Clawiter and ten other landholders in the Eden Road District want the county to construct a road forty feet wide road from their property to the Alvarado Road.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 5, 1891*

### **E. H. Dyer:**

E. H. Dyer, formerly of Alvarado has succeeded in establishing a beet sugar factory at Marshalltown Louisiana, the only factory of its kind in the state.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 6, 1891*

### **San Francisco Visitors:**

T. Roche and B.J. Sheridan of Alvarado have checked into the Commercial Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Morning Call, May 8, 1891*

### **Sugar:**

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Alameda Sugar Company, held in San Francisco this week, President Isaac Hecht reported that the books showed a profit for the year, 1890-1891 of \$21,000, which, with the profit of the year previous year of about \$6,000 makes a net balance for the two seasons of \$27,000. This money has been applied in part payment for the permanent improvements, leaving the company still in debt \$35,000, against which there is on hand \$15,100 in seed, material and molasses. To cover the indebtedness and put the company on a solid financial basis, an assessment of \$4 a share has been ordered. The President thought it discouraging that an enterprise so legitimate and of so much promise should be barren of returns for the capital invested and the risk involved. He hoped, but was not certain, that the immediate future would be more satisfactory. On account of a probable shortage in the sugar beet crop, the directors have advanced the price of beets from \$4.50 to \$5 a ton. The President also referred to the probably necessity of removing the company's works from Alvarado, because the Spring Valley Water Company is diverting the waters of Alameda Creek from their regular course to the

refinery. "The beet sugar industry," said Mr. Hecht in conclusion, "must in time become one of first importance to the State and country. The income last year from 1,320 acres in beets averaged about \$100 an acre, while \$25 an acres for wheat land is considered very good."  
*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, May 9, 1891*

### **Local Granges Congregate:**

The pioneers of Washington, Eden and Murray Townships of Alameda County will join with Eden, Temescal, San Jose and Danville Granges in a grand picnic the Riverside Grove, at Alvarado Station, on the narrow gauge railroad, Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Pioneers of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, and all farmers and respectable citizens who wish to join in the rural festivities are invited to be present. A good band of music will be in attendance. Brief speeches will be made by able speakers under the auspices of the grange. Dancing, children's games and foot racing will be conducted by the committee. Saturday excursion tickets can be had from San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose and way stations. Further information can be had of F.B. Granger of Alvarado.  
*The Morning Call, San Francisco, Calif., May 17, 1891*

### **Grange:**

The San Jose Grange has voted to join the Granges & Pioneers of Alameda & Contra Costa counties in a grand picnic at Alvarado on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. E. A. Sherman of the Mexican War Veterans will deliver a patriotic opening speech. Philip Hersey of Santa Clara will make a Grange address.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 20, 1891*

### **A Ride on the Train:**

A charming ride in the valley is reached in a little over two hours through one of the most fertile and charming valleys of the State. Leaving the San Leandro marshes the train crosses a wide stretch of low pastureland, which merges after a few miles by gentle undulations into broad and cultivated acres, attesting by their lush vegetation the extreme richness of the soil. The towns along the route are small and sleepy looking, but waving fields of wheat and barley, with now and then a peach or cherry orchard, greet the eye on every side. You are whirled through Alvarado at the rate of fifty miles an hour and get a faint idea of a station building and a sugar refinery. Newark is passed, with its one-horse car track, where the grass grows green, its atmosphere of lethargy and car manufactory. One gets the impression of historic old Alviso ([Santa Clara County](#)), but may catch a glimpse at the next station of a tall, forbidding looking structure of brick standing about 400 yards to left of the track; the Agnews State Insane Asylum. On through Santa Clara and San Jose, fresh and prosperous looking, with broad orchards, green vineyards and beautiful flowers and a wealth of landscape not found in the lower valley...

*The San Francisco Morning Call, May 21, 1891*

### **Classified Ad:**

HORSES:

Wanted: To trade a heavy draught stallion, weight 1800 pounds, true and well broke, for a pair of worn out heavy brood mares; also a span of young horses for sale, 5 and 6 years old, 2600 pounds weight.

Apply on ranch of: H. Behrman, Alvarado, Alameda County.

*The San Francisco Call, May 24, 1891*

### **San Francisco Visitor:**

H. Franklin of Alvarado has checked into the American Exchange Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Morning Call, June 3, 1891*

### **Our Soil:**

In Union City nothing but grain is grown for an income, yet here and there a few scattered homes of the early settlers still have heavily laden fruit trees about their houses, which, one should think, would be example enough to warrant planting orchards. At Union City, or Alvarado (the two towns being so near together as to be almost one), the soil is particularly adapted to vegetables

and berries, being low, moist and sandy. The farmers are just now planting acres upon acres to sugar beets. The soil is here similar to that just north of San Jose, near the Bay Shore sandy and moist, producing berries and vegetables to perfection.

There is another noticeable point of resemblance; flowing artesian wells are numerous in both places. One in Alvarado, belonging to Mr. Granger, is so near the Bay that it is on the very edge of the marshland. It is one of the finest on the Coast, and sends out a steady stream large enough to nearly supple a city of the size of Oakland with water; indeed, the subject of purchasing the well for Oakland's water supply was seriously considered not more than a year ago, and it may be considered again.

*The San Francisco Call, June 3, 1891*

**Classified Ad:**

HELP WANTED – MALE:

Wanted a good coat maker, also a good pants maker, good wages paid. Apply at once to:  
N. Persico, Alvarado, Alameda County

*The San Francisco Call, June 5, 1891*

**Sugar:**

The litigation between the Alameda Sugar Company and the Spring Valley Water Works still progresses in the Superior Court, with little chance of a compromise. The former is demanding a large sum for damages, claiming that by reason of the diversion of the waters in Alameda Creek their business and property have been greatly damaged. The sugar Company's works are located near the town of Alvarado. Today the Water Company made a reply to the complaint, and assert that the dam complained of is built at a point nine miles above the works of the plaintiff; that it was constructed before the plaintiff acquired the property claimed to be damaged; and that the company has a right to divert a portion of the waters of the creek in order to supply the inhabitants of San Francisco with water. The defendant further claims that the action is barred by certain provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure. The issues in the case have now been joined, and it will soon be tried before Judge Ellsworth. The suit is one in which the people are much interested who own land bordering on the creek this side of the dam.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 18, 1891*

**Washington Union High School:**

It looked like for a time there was going to be trouble in Washington Township over a proposed Union High School. A petition was sent out to the County Supervisor of Schools, signed by the residents of Centerville, Irvington, Decoto, Newark, Lincoln and Alviso School Districts. They prayed that an election be called for the establishment of a High School.

People of Alvarado, Niles and Mission San Jose being in the same township commenced to object when they found that they had been left out in the cold, and a consultation of war was held. It was pretty certain that the three districts couldn't form a High School by themselves, and the only thing left to do was to get "aboard" with the other districts. The election had been called for the 29<sup>th</sup>, but it has been agreed that it shall be postponed in order to allow the other three districts to "get in." But as a matter of fact the trouble in this township has just begun. It is now cropping up as each district is scratching around looking for a location the school in their district. It will be a fight to the finish, Niles wants the school and so does Irvington. Mission San Jose people proclaim they are entitled to it and Decoto makes a bid for it. Alvarado demands it and Centerville will claim it. So it would appear there will be a little ill feeling over the location of the High School.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 20, 1891*

**Alvarado School:**

Miss Kate Riley has resigned her position in the intermediate department in the Alvarado School. She expects to secure a position in the Livermore School. It is rumored that there will be a vacancy in Livermore and as a consequence several young ladies are endeavoring to secure promises from the trustees. The election will take place in July. If, however, Miss Riley does not

secure the position in Livermore she will be out in the cold as she has resigned her present position.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 27, 1891*

#### **San Francisco Visitor:**

C. Kindsing of Alvarado has checked into the Brooklyn Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Morning Call, June 27, 1891*

#### **Man Scares Wife:**

Mike Fabra was before the Lunacy Commissioners this afternoon to be examined as to his sanity. He has been living with his wife in Alvarado until yesterday when he was arrested. During the past week his actions have become so peculiar that his friends became alarmed and his wife refused to remain in the house with him. A few nights ago at midnight he went out into his cornfield, and when someone spoke to him he said he wanted to see how his corn was getting along before he died. Then he returned to his house and kept running out every five minutes. Last night he tore all his clothes to pieces and became a terror in general.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 29, 1891*

#### **Alvarado School:**

There will be a change in principalship at Alvarado School next term. Mr. Osborn will succeed Mr. Thompson. Whether Mr. Thompson desired to leave the school or not does not appear on the records.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 29, 1891*

#### **Diphtheria:**

The great bereavement lately that has befallen Mr. & Mrs. Wiegman of Alvarado in the loss of their three children by Diphtheria is very sad indeed, and they have the sympathy of our entire community. Their names are: Annie, aged 8 years; Dora, aged 4 years; and Henry, aged 7 years. The remaining child is now out of danger.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 8, 1891*

#### **School Principal:**

The school at Alvarado will open next Monday, with Principal C. V. Osborn in charge. Mr. Osborn is very popular in the district and is expected to bring the school up to a high standard. This school is one of the important country schools.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 8, 1891*

#### **E. H. Dyer:**

The knowledge and experience acquired by E. H. Dyer of beet sugar manufacturing processes at Alvarado will no doubt lay the foundation of a considerable fortune for him, and be the means of beneficial industry in Utah and Nebraska, with the help of the bounty of the tariff act.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 9, 1891*

#### **Visitor to San Francisco:**

E.S. Lyon of Alvarado registered yesterday at the American Exchange Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Call, July 14, 1891*

#### **Electric Road:**

Among the projections of the electric road from Hayward to San Jose is F. Chappellet, an old resident of Oakland, a wealthy mining man, and one who is very capable of carrying out all his promises.

Beyond the building of the electric road he says, the project contemplates the lighting by electricity of Nilas, Irvington, Mission San Jose and Alvarado. Work will begin almost immediately upon granting the franchise.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 15, 1891*

**Alvarado Grammar School:**

C.V. Osborn is about to change his residence from Elk Grove to Alvarado, where he will have charge of the school.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., July 18, 1891*

**Sugar:**

A great deal of attention is being paid in the East to the development of the beet sugar industry on this coast. A telegram printed yesterday gave the estimate by the Agriculture Department in Washington of the probable output of the factories in this state, in which the Alvarado sugarie, the pioneer in this industry, showed up well. It is understood that *Harper's Weekly* is preparing an illustrated article in which will be given an elaborate account of the enterprises of this sort now engaged in the manufacture of sugar.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 21, 1891*

**Fred Hellwig Birthday Party:**

An enjoyable evening was spent last Saturday at Alvarado by 150 merry young people. The occasion was the twenty-first birthday anniversary of Mr. Frederick Hellwig, and the party was given by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Hellwig.

The ballroom was beautifully decorated. At 9 o'clock the orchestra struck up a beautiful march, which was led by the young host and Miss Christine C. Luhrs, a charming blonde of San Francisco, who helped to entertain the guests.

At midnight a bounteous supper was served in the immense dining hall, and merry making continued until late. Mr. P. Hellwig is a wealthy cattle owner on the Pacific Coast, and is both an Odd Fellow and a Native Son of the Golden West.

*The Morning Call, San Francisco, Calif., August 6, 1891*

**Alvarado Wants It:**

The only subject discussed is the proposed electric road to Alvarado. It will be a glorious thing for Alvarado and vicinity, and our prayers go out to the Board of Supervisors to grant the company a franchise. It will be the means of infusing new life into the sugar beet industry, for we will then be able to transport beets from every point of the compass, and in fact every industry in our midst. Alvarado has too long hid its light under a bushel, as it were, but with the electric road to open up to settlement the most fertile valley in the state, Alvarado will, as in the balmy days of yore, be the queen city of Washington Township, for we will have two roads besides the finest water communications.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 21, 1891*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

F. Gilman of Alvarado checked into the Russ House in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Morning Call, September 1, 1891*

**Alvarado Scam:**

A woman who been collecting funds for an invisible kindergarten in Alvarado, using the names of Mrs. Stanford and Mrs. Sarah B. Cooper, has been sentenced to six months in the County Jail for obtaining money under false pretenses.

*The San Francisco Call, September 3, 1891*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

M. Heider of Alvarado has checked into the American Exchange Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Morning Call, September 9, 1891*

**Sugar:**

The Alvarado beet sugar factory, which starts up on the 15<sup>th</sup>, is expected to make 1,000 tons of sugar this year on which the bounty will be \$40,000 (2¢ per lb. Gov't subsidy), but this is only a small fraction of what the output from this county should be with the help of the McKinley bill,

and we do not doubt that another year will see other factories started here and our production multiplied many times.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 11, 1891*

**Alvarado Bridge:**

Mr. Kuel, Road Overseer for the Mt. Eden District reports that the long bridge between Mt. Eden and Alvarado is in dangerous condition.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 16, 1891*

**Diphtheria:**

Diphtheria has been reported from Alvarado as epidemic.

*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., September 16, 1891*

**Mr. Dwyer:**

Mr. Dwyer of Alvarado has engaged Mr. Sturtevant of Oakland to build a hotel for him in Madrone Springs.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 17, 1891*

**Classified Ad:**

HELP WANTED – MALE:

2 good tailors, immediately.

N. Persico, Alvarado, Alameda County

*The San Francisco Call, September 20, 1891*

**Mt. Eden Out Shoots Alvarado:**

An exciting rifle contest between picked teams from Mt. Eden and Alvarado rifle clubs took place at Alvarado yesterday afternoon. The Mt. Eden boys won by four points. Shooting for Alvarado were F. B. Granger, Sr., F. B. Granger, Jr., F. Hellwig, C. Perry and R. Whipple.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 28, 1891*

**Sugar:**

The Decoto sugar beet crop is being rapidly harvested and hauled to the sugar mill at Alvarado. The crop this year is a large one.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 9, 1891*

**Good Fat Birds:**

Judge F. W. Henshaw and Thomas Prather ([both of Oakland](#)) went to the preserve at Willow Lodge, near Alvarado, on Saturday and brought back nearly a hundred ducks, mostly mallard, sprig, widgeon and teals.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 12, 1891*

**News Note:**

Charles Cockefair of San Francisco and sister from Alvarado were in Newark last week.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 22, 1891*

**Improved Harness:**

Harris G. Cox of Alvarado has received a patent for a driving harness. In the ordinary construction of a driving harness, a collar or breastplate is employed, to which the traces are connected. Both of these devices are objectionable because they interfere with the free movement of the horse's shoulders. This is especially the case in track-work, where it is desirable to give the horse the freest possible movement in order to increase the stride and the speed at which he can travel. In this invention both these devices are dispensed with and the horse's shoulders and front part of his body are left entirely unimpeded.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, October 24, 1891*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

W. Mills of Alvarado has checked into the Commercial Hotel in San Francisco.



***The San Francisco Morning Call, October 28, 1891***

**Sugar:**

...*The Los Angeles Herald* not long ago said that beet sugar making was a profitable industry in California before the passage of the McKinley bill, but Mr. Lynch is mistaken. The Alvarado beet sugar mill hobbled along like a lame dog for some years and finally suspended...

Beet sugar making in California has languished for a lack of the very stimulus, which the bounty supplies. The beets could be grown, for nature took care of that, but they could not be made into sugar cheaply enough to compete with cane sugar, especially with the duty free sugar which came in under the Hawaiian reciprocity treaty.

***The Ogden Standard, Ogden Utah, October 31, 1891***

**Pawnee Medicine Show:**

The Pawnee Medicine Company will be in Alvarado Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, for one night only. The Pawnee Medicine Co. will have new people with them, and will give the best show ever seen in this town for 25¢.

***The Oakland Tribune, November 2, 1891***

**Liquor Permit:**

A liquor permit has been granted to W. Faig of Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, November 16, 1891***

**Play to be Given:**

On Friday evening the Literary Club of Centerville will produce a play in Alvarado entitled "Among the Breakers." The play was given last Friday evening in Centerville to good reviews.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 3, 1891***

**Jail:**

F. B. Granger, et al. al. has petitioned the board to build a jail in Alvarado. Mr. Granger addressed the board and said that a jail is badly needed.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 7, 1891***

**Ducks:**

Judge Henshaw and A. A. Moore Jr., of Oakland, have returned from their gun club grounds near Alvarado. While there they arrested two poachers. Henshaw and Morgan bagged 124 ducks.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 22, 1891***

**New Bridges:**

F. B. Granger, Jr., overseer of the Alvarado Road District addressed the board in relation to the necessity of building two small bridges on the county road between Mt. Eden and Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 26, 1891***

**Visitors to San Francisco:**

Mr. & Mrs. J.V. Kinzel and Mr. & Mrs. A. Duheim registered yesterday at the Lick House in San Francisco.

***The San Francisco Call, December 26, 1891***

**Mrs. Fanny Simpson Dies:**

In Alvarado, Mrs. Fanny Simpson, a native of Lindendale, Ireland, aged 73 years.

***The San Francisco Call, December 28, 1891***

**Sugar:**

The complete statistics for the beet sugar output for the years 1890 and 1891 are as follows:

<u>Location/Name</u>	<u>1890 Prod (lbs)</u>	<u>1890 Bounty*</u>	<u>1891 Prod (lbs)</u>	<u>1891 Bounty**</u>
Chino Valley Sugar Co.	N/A	N/A	2,051,900	\$ 41,038.00

Alameda Sugar Co.	2,866,779	N/A	1,782,982	35,659.64
Western Sugar, Watsonville	4,250,000	N/A	4,340,556	86,811.12

\* No bounty for 1890

\*\* 2¢ per pound bounty paid by U.S. Government for Beet Sugar produced in the Continental U.S.  
*The San Francisco Call, January 5, 1892*

**News Note:**

P. Juhl and J. Rudolph spent Sunday in San Francisco.  
*The Morning Call, San Francisco, Calif., February 8, 1892*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

F. Ohlson of Alvarado has checked into the New Western Hotel in San Francisco.  
*The San Francisco Morning Call, March 3, 1892*

**Suicide:**

Coroner Evans held an inquest on the remains of Joao F. Furtado near Alvarado yesterday and a verdict of death from strychnine poisoning by his own hand was rendered. He was 18 years old, and his mother is in the Azores, where she went eighteen months ago, and is insane. It was that he had a few words with his father in the morning.  
*The San Francisco Call, March 22, 1892*

**Freight Train Derails:**

Horses on the track wrecked a freight train near Alvarado on June 8<sup>th</sup>. It took fire and burned. The fireman had several ribs broken and the engineer was injured.  
*The Mountain Democrat, Placerville California, June 18, 1892*

**Water:**

Alvarado is a pretty little village of perhaps 700 population. Once upon a time it bade fair to become a great city. When Oakland was a tiny hamlet, Alvarado, then called Union City was already a thriving burg. The first steam flourmill ever built in this State was erected there by John M. Horner, who afterward laid out Horner's Addition to the city of San Francisco, became involved in financial difficulties thereby and finally went to the islands to redeem his shattered fortunes by manufacturing sugar for the United States trade.

A navigable creek ran from the Bay way up to the town, and large side-wheeled steamers used to ply up and down the stream, which is now wholly filled up by the wash from the hills. Nothing remains but a tulle swamp. The rotting timbers of the old wharves lie exposed to view like the bones of some great monster. They are, in fact, the decaying bones of a dead commerce. The planking has long since disappeared, and only the piles and heavy braces remain. A skiff could not now force its way where once great steamers floated free. Cattle graze where once immense warehouses stood, haystacks have taken the places of business blocks, geese wander where once the busy merchant trod, and tradition only remains of the old embarcadero that was once one of the liveliest on the coast.

A *San Francisco Call* reporter visited the place a few days since to see the wonderful artesian wells that are located there on the property of Colonel F.B. Granger, one of the earlier pioneers of the place, who has lived there for the past 39 years, and during 20 of these years has been familiar with the almost incredible capacities of this underground water supply. A company has lately been formed for the purpose of piping water from these wells to supply the city of Alameda, at the other end of the county. A supply of 6,000,000 gallons daily will be easily obtainable here, and a reservoir is also to be constructed on the hills back of Alvarado, in which the surplus supply of the wells will be pumped and stored. A gang of men are already at work there, building a flume, sinking other wells and getting things in shape for the erection of the pumping-house and other apparatus.

Colonel Granger took the reporter over to the scene of operations from the hotel at Alvarado. Four wells are already down along the line of the flume. Some of these have been in operation for years. The colonel drew rein near a group of men who were driving a 10-inch well, the largest yet put down. Nearby was another well, consisting of a 4½-inch pipe sunk in the earth. Like the others, it was closed, the only use for them at the present being for the purposes of irrigation. At Colonel Granger's request, however, one of the men turned the water on, and immediately such a stream rushed out as the reporter had never before dreamed could flow from a pipe. Out it poured, tumbling over itself in its hurry, and flowed along a deep ditch that carried it off across the fields. With such an irrigation system as that those fields ought to be converted into veritable gardens of Irene. This was originally a 7-inch well, but the stream proving unmanageable for the purposes for which it was desired, a smaller pipe was substituted, about three years ago. After watching it for some time the colonel prepared to drive on. "Just let it run today," he called to the man. "You surely don't mean to let that water run all day, colonel?" gasped the reporter. "Why that pipe will send out 100,000 gallons before night."

"Nearer a million," was the careless response, and the colonel drove on to the next one, pointing out the remains of the old embarcadero, and chatting of olden times as he went.

"It don't seem possible, does it," he exclaimed, gazing across the green expanse where once the creek ran, "that large steamers and ships once came up here? Yet I have seen them lying here loading grain, and unloading all sorts of merchandise."

What little water remains is almost fresh, the great artesian supply having nearly conquered the saltiness of the seawater.

A peculiar feature of the landscape near here is any number of great white piles that at a little distance resemble huge white buildings. The reporter learned with surprise that they are piles of salt, which is procured by evaporating the seawater in great tanks, raking up the salt, which is then shipped to the city. A very simple process, that, but nature seems to have rendered all processes simple in that section. Where once was a vast expanse of almost worthless marshland the wash from the surrounding hills of earth loosened by the agricultural operations of the past score of years has produced a rich alluvial soil. It literally rains farms down there during the rainy season. The water to irrigate these farms lies all along under the soil, and the time must come when Alvarado left behind in the march of mercantile progress, will become one of the richest and most productive agricultural sections around the Bay.

Near the head of the creek, not far from the old wharves, is a low, picturesque-looking house that was at one time one of the beautiful homes of the county. An early history of the section gives a picture of it, in beautiful order, the embarcadero scene of busy life and a big sidewheeler tied up near the front door. The big steamer could not get within many a mile of it now. In the yard of this place is a seven-inch well that has been flowing for years. So great is the force of the water that it has been necessary to enclose the pipe in a strong iron casing, and even this has been so forced that a series of little streams flow from its joints into the cement basin below. The overflow from the well has formed a large lake in the rear of the house and transformed what was once a commonplace farm dooryard into a retreat of sylvan loveliness. All around the lake grow willows and other trees. In the center is a little island shaded by a drooping willow and covered with a growth of green. Pond lilies grow all along the edges, fish swim in the cool water and an unused boat floats on its surface. "The place once fitted up for a fish-hatchery and the abandoned ponds and nurseries still remain; but the place is deserted and still, a pathetic reminder of bygone days. One might while away a summer vacation in that sylvan retreat nor sigh for anything lovelier.

The salt works and the artesian wells are not the only attraction or industry at Alvarado. The old flourmill has been transformed into a large foundry; the pioneer beet-sugar factory is located there, and the growing of sugar beets is an important feature of its agricultural enterprise. The Alameda (Creek), here, is a deep, placid river in the summer, albeit it rages in the winter, so that

heavy bulkheads are necessary along the banks to protect the town from its invasion. The Riverside Hotel, of which Colonel Granger is the proprietor, stands in the midst of one of the finest natural groves in California, and the entire surrounding of the little town are so entirely beautiful that the reporter wondered that it was not thronged with city people. The railroad runs a slow, disagreeable little narrow-gauge train up there, but that is the only discomfort about the place. All else is a dream of sylvan loveliness, but 'tis a great pity some of that glorious water could not be brought to San Francisco and Oakland.

*The Morning Call, San Francisco, Calif, July 10, 1892*

**Sugar:**

The three large beet sugar manufacturers at Alvarado, Chino and Watsonville are tallying up their estimates of production for the coming year. Under the McKinley Sugar Bill the beet mills will receive a 2¢ per pound bounty for all the sugar they refine. This year's estimate is 37,000,000 pounds or \$740,000 in revenue from the bounty (above regular sugar profits). This subsidy makes good sense for Americans who can buy American Sugar, and for American farmers who grow crops locally.

*The Fresno Weekly Republican, Fresno California, July 15, 1892*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

William Compton of Alvarado has checked into the New Western Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Morning Call, July 22, 1892*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

J. Herot of Alvarado has checked into the New Western Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Morning Call, July 24, 1892*

**Water:**

Steps are being taken for the development of the artesian belt of Alvarado with a view to supplying the town of Haywards.

*The San Francisco Call, August 1, 1892*

**Sugar:**

B.C. Wein, Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue and Weigher at the Alvarado Sugar Refinery, has been transferred to the Watsonville Refinery. J.M. Wright takes his place at Alvarado.

*The San Francisco Call, August 17, 1892*

**Sugar:**

*The Pleasanton Times:* Mr. J.W. Atkinson, Superintendent of the Alameda Sugar Refinery at Alvarado, paid Pleasanton a visit in the interest of the sugar beet crop. He made a visit to a number of the ranches and was greatly pleased with the outlook. In an interview with him, he stated that the crop had proven far beyond his expectation, and that he thought there would be no less than 3,000 tons shipped from here ([Pleasanton](#)) this season. He also stated that shipping would commence within eight or ten days. Next year he expects to have a much larger acreage.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, September 10, 1892*

**Sugar:**

It may not be generally known that Nebraska has one third of all the beet sugar factories in the United States. Here is the list: The Alvarado Sugar Co., Alvarado California, was the first built in 1879, and is still operated by E. H. Dyer; the second is that of Claus Spreckels of Watsonville California, built in 1887; the third was built Henry T. Oxnard, at Grand Island Nebraska; the fourth was also built by Henry T. Oxnard, at Norfolk Nebraska; the fifth is at Chino California and the sixth has just been completed at Lehi Utah. Thus it will be seen that there are six beet sugar factories in the United States at this time.

*The Indiana Progress, Indiana Pennsylvania, October 12, 1892*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

Robert Iverson of Alvarado has checked into the New Western Hotel in San Francisco.

***The San Francisco Morning Call, December 14, 1892***

**San Francisco Visitor:**

Robert Parson of Alvarado has checked into the New Western Hotel in San Francisco.  
***The San Francisco Morning Call, December 31, 1892***

**San Francisco Visitor:**

J. Morris of Alvarado has checked into the New Western Hotel in San Francisco.  
***The San Francisco Morning Call, January 20, 1893***

**Old County Record Book Found:**

The book containing the records of the formation of Alameda County was discovered in a forgotten pigeonhole of the County Recorders Office the other day by one of the deputies. It had been lost for long time and had been frequently looked for vainly.

The minutes show what many of the older inhabitants still remember, that Joseph S. Watkins, James B. Larue and J.S. Marston were in Alvarado in April 1853, as commissioners appointed under an act to create the county of Alameda, defining its boundaries and establishing a seat of justice. They called for an election in the same month, the polling places being located at private houses throughout the county, for the most part, and some of the judges of the election being the candidates themselves.

Addison M. Crane was chosen as the first County Judge, William H. Coombs District Attorney, Andrew H. Broder Sheriff, and A.M. Church County Clerk.  
***The Morning Call, San Francisco, Calif., February 13, 1893***

**Water:**

W.J. Dingee has purchased the Alvarado artesian wells and contemplates running pipes to Oakland from that place as well as from the wells at Piedmont, also owned by him. He will form a stock company to furnish water to Oakland residents.  
***The San Francisco Call, March 24, 1893***

**Real Estate:**

Jones, Allen & Co. to Edward S. Harvey of Alvarado, lot on N corner of Allendale Avenue and Abbey Street, Brooklyn Township.  
***The San Francisco Call, April 9, 1893***

**Potatoes:**

The rich bottomland on either side of the Alameda Creek in the neighborhood of Alvarado grows the best potatoes sent into the markets from any of the Bay counties. The land is plowed and planted late, and a rich midsummer potato is raised, the land is so wet and subject to overflow that early potatoes cannot be raised.  
***The San Francisco Call, April 24, 1893***

**Visitor to Sacramento:**

H. May of Alvarado registered yesterday at the Golden Eagle Hotel in Sacramento.  
***The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., April 25, 1893***

**Sugar:**

*Sebastopol Times:* Mr. Atkinson, of the Alameda Sugar Co. at Alvarado, was in town a few days ago. The gentleman informed us that he had contracted for about 400 acres of sugar beets that will be grown in this vicinity this spring. This is considerably in excess of the acreage of last season. The soil in this section produces a first-class sugar beet, as was shown by last year's crop. The beets gave good satisfaction.  
***The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, May 13, 1893***

**Water:**

Yesterday afternoon the Mayor, members of the City Council and a number of prominent citizens visited Alvarado, the source of the artesian water supply, by invitation of W.J. Dingee, the promoter of the scheme to supply Oakland with pure water. The capacity of one well was stated by W.T. Boardman, the well known engineer, to be upward of 3,500,000 gallons per day, which is just about that supplied to the City of Oakland by the Contra Costa Water Company. Another well a few yards away is stated to be able to supply 1,500,000 gallons per day, and this without diminishing the flow of the other one. Mr. Dingee's proposition is to be shortly discussed in council.

***The San Francisco Call, May 16, 1893***

### **Grange Picnic:**

Eden Grange, through its picnic committee, recently notified the secretary of Temescal Grange that it had been decided to indefinitely postpone the proposed picnic at Alvarado.

***The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, May 20, 1893***

### **Water:**

Water for Oakland:

Oakland is promised an abundant supply of pure water from the Alvarado artesian wells before the close of the year. W.J. Dingee, who is at the head of the enterprise, has employed engineer Boardman, and the first work will be the construction of a circular reservoir 60 feet in diameter and 15 feet in depth, near the old steamer landing (at Union City). Within a radius of 300 yards of this point there are now four flowing wells, which, tapped ten feet below the surface, will supply more than enough water, according the engineers estimates, than the city needs. The main from Alvarado to Oakland will be 30 inches in diameter with the capacity of supplying 7,000,000 gallons every twenty-four hours, a quantity double the present consumption of this city (Oakland). The length of the main will be eighteen or twenty miles and the pumping will be done by a 500 horsepower engine.

***The San Francisco Call, May 3, 1893***

### **AOUW:**

Alvarado Reliance Lodge received the grand officers in style on the 28<sup>th</sup>. A lodge meeting, a public reception, a strawberry festival and social dance were the items of the occasion. Master Workman Emery presided.

***The San Francisco Call, July 3, 1893***

### **Rebekah's:**

Aqua Pura Rebekah Lodge was instituted at Irvington, Alameda County, last Wednesday evening by Deputy Mrs. Ellen Maddox, who was assisted by Miss Dolly Leland.

***The San Francisco Call, July 24, 1893***

### **Sugar:**

United States Senator Peffer of Kansas made a stop in Alvarado to visit the sugar factory as part his duties on the Agriculture committee.

***The Fresno Republican Weekly, Fresno California, July 28, 1893***

### **Sugar:**

The Alameda beet sugar factory at Alvarado will begin operation today. As a bounty of 2 cents per pound is paid by the Government, it is necessary to have a Deputy Internal Revenue Collectors on hand.

***The San Francisco Call, August 24, 1893***

### **Water:**

Future City of Oakland water supply:

Within one mile of Alvarado are six artesian wells, from which flow enough water to supply every home and business house in Oakland; yes, every place in Alameda County. It is delicious, pure water, coming from 150 feet below the surface, water flowing from an underground river that

geologists say has its source in the mountains ([actually its source is the Niles gravel beds](#)); a seemingly inexhaustible supply that will last as long as snow and rain fall on the hills.

For some time the City Council ([of Oakland](#)) has been considering the advisability of doing away with contractors in this matter of water, but the subject has been kept sub rosa. *The Call*, always awake to the interests of the people, is now able to announce that the first steps are to be taken toward the desired end.

It is believed that the water from these artesian wells could be pumped from Alvarado through mains for the benefit of the people of Oakland.

***The San Francisco Call, August 29, 1893***

### **Sugar:**

The Alvarado beet sugar factory is well at work and is making a larger output than ever before. From 71,000 to 75,000 pounds of sugar are being refined daily. It is reported that a quarter of a million beets are being received each day and 125 men are employed in day and night shifts. This is, of course, small business as compared with Chino ([sugar factory](#)), but it is good in its way. They seem also to be doing better in growing beets, for the report is that heretofore the average production of beets to the acre has been from 15 to 18 tons. This year the average has not fallen below 20 tons, and has gone as high as 23 tons.

***The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, October 14, 1893***

### **Rebekah's:**

The Rebekah's of Alvarado had a well-attended public reception last Friday evening.

***The San Francisco Call, October 16, 1893***

### **Sugar:**

Each day the Alameda Refinery of Alvarado consumes 210 tons of sugar beets. The beets require no attention after they have once been planted, and the price paid the farmers is such as to make their growing and marketing profitable. Besides, there is an assured sale for all the beets that can be grown. The bounty ([Government subsidy](#)) that the Alameda Sugar Company will collect for the season's run will amount to \$120,000. The factory has turned out over 1,300,000 pounds of sugar in a little more than a month's time. The daily average is about 55,000 pounds, and fully 6,000,000 pounds will have been turned out before the factory closes. A Deputy Internal Revenue Inspector is kept on duty constantly to watch the output, on which the Government pays a bounty ([2¢ a pound for refined sugar](#)). The factory will probably shut down the latter part of this month, but it is expected that after the commencement of next season the refinery will have a longer run, as the supply of beets will be larger than it was this year.

***The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, December 23, 1893***

### **Water:**

W.J. Dingee, for the recently organized Oakland Water Company, which has secured control of the Alvarado wells, will in a few weeks let the contract for laying the great main to tap the wells and convey the water to Oakland. Gangs of men will be put to work at the Alvarado end, the Oakland end and probably midway, and just as soon as it is possible the water will be brought to this city, probably within the next six months, and within the year it is expected that the Alvarado water will be piped all over Oakland.

***The San Francisco Call, January 4, 1894***

### **Water:**

It has been believed for years that the artesian wells at Alvarado, belonging to the Granger's and recently purchased by the City of Oakland, have had their source of supplies from the mountains about Mount Hamilton. But since the successful boring of the wells on the oyster banks, there is a general belief that the wells are all fed from the same source, and that is the Santa Cruz Mountains.

***The San Francisco Call, January 22, 1894***

**Flood:**

On Monday night the water came down from the foothills in torrents and covered the whole country about Alvarado and as far south as Newark. The banks of Alameda Creek were too full to hold the great flow, and the great volume of water washed out the railroad in many places. At one point just below Hall's station, between Alvarado and Newark, 200 yards of track were washed away entirely from the roadbed and carried over against a fence 30 feet away. The ties and rails held together, but the roadbed was cleaned out entirely, and a perfect torrent of water swept under and over the track.

*The San Francisco Call, February 23, 1894*

**Sugar:**

The wrong that will be done to the beet raising industry by the removal of the bounty is illustrated by the position of the Alameda Company at Alvarado. It has entered into contracts with farmers to supply beets from 3,000 acres, or 500 acres more than were planted last year. This was done before the tariff legislation took shape, and the price to be paid is \$5 per ton. The effect of cutting off the bounty cannot but prove disastrous to the whole industry. If farmers do not obtain a price that rewards their labor they will have to turn to some other crop, and the manufacturer must be a loser on his capital in buildings and machines.

*The San Francisco Call, February 25, 1894*

**Water:**

W.J. Dingee's concern, the Oakland Water Company, has completed the work of making a contract for the construction and laying of the great main pipe from Alvarado to Oakland. The papers were filed yesterday. Francis Smith, the San Francisco pipe maker, has secured the contract.

It is now understood that the pipes will be constructed in San Francisco instead of San Leandro, as was originally the design. The pipe will be 30 inches in diameter from Alvarado to East Oakland, whence the water will be conducted to Oak Street in two 20-inch and several 8-inch pipes.

*The San Francisco Call, February 28, 1894*

**Henry H. Behrmann Dies:**

In Alvarado, March 5, 1894, Henry H., beloved husband of Helena M. Behrmann, and father of Frank E., Henry G., and Christina H. Behrmann and Mrs. W.C. Jamison, he was 55 years old.

*The Morning Call, San Francisco, Calif., March 8, 1894*

**Water:**

The first shipment of material for the main to Alvarado is now on the way from the East, and fast as the cars arrive they will be sent to San Leandro. Contracts for 4,000 tons or 400 carloads of distributing pipes have also been let. Mr. Dingee says his company is making great progress, and that on Thursday he received order for forty-three service connections.

*The San Francisco Call, March 11, 1894*

**Water:**

A suit was brought in the Superior Court yesterday by Simeon Wenban against Willard B. Farwell, the Alvarado Artesian Water Co., and five other defendants, to foreclose a mortgage securing the payment of a promissory note for \$7,500 executed in May of 1890. The property is near Alvarado. ([See articles on this subject in April and May of 1890](#))

*The San Francisco Call, April 25, 1894*

**Water:**

The Oakland Water Company has brought suits against the May estate and John Quigley to condemn the right of way over their land in order to lay pipes from Alvarado. Plaintiff alleges having tried to make an agreement with the defendants, but without any success.

*The San Francisco Call, June 12, 1894*



**News Note:**

Miss Clara Jackson attended the Midwinter Fair with her uncle Dr. Cronemiller of Sacramento.  
*The Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., June 27, 1894*

**Lot Transferred:**

From John J. Sweeney of Mendocino to John A. Sweeney Alvarado, Lot 3, Block 79 in Alvarado.  
*The San Francisco Morning Call, June 30, 1894*

**Alvarado Artesian Water Co.:**

Willard B. Farwell, mining speculator, has failed for \$70,281.13. The Nevada Bank is a creditor for \$6,848.15. The debtor's assets consist of 14,990 shares in the Alvarado Water Company, which are of no value whatever.

[\(See articles dated April and May 1890\)](#)

*The San Francisco Call, July 1, 1894*

**Water:**

The Samuel Poorman well at Alvarado, which has been running a river of water for fourteen years, is still running as freely as ever, despite the efforts of the new company to control it. It was found impossible to stop the flow by plugging, and the experiment of sinking another well alongside to diminish the flow was tried, with the result that the new well started in on the first day with a flow of 750,000 gallons and has kept it up ever since, but strange to say the old well's big flow has in nowise diminished.

*The San Francisco Call, July 15, 1894*

**Dolly Leland Dies:**

Dolly Leland, aged thirty years died in Alvarado on July 19, 1894. Ms. Leland was a native of Alvarado.

*The Morning Call, San Francisco, Calif., July 20, 1894*

**News Note:**

Jose De Andrade of Alvarado was committed to Agnews Asylum yesterday. He is a Portuguese and about 50 years of age. He imagines he has an enemy in the sun who wants to kill him.

*The San Francisco Call, August 1, 1894*

**News Note:**

Mrs. M.D. Graves, of Sacramento, has returned from a two-week's visit to her daughter, Mrs. Daniel Jackson of Alvarado.

*Sacramento Daily Union, Sacramento Calif., August 17, 1894*

**Real Estate:**

Albert E. Crane of San Francisco to A.J. Lattin of Alvarado, the N 50 feet of lots 3, 4, and 5, clock 25, being 50 feet front on the W line of Levee Street and extending back W between parallel lines to Union City, town of Alvarado, Washington Township, quitclaim deed, \$5.

Ambrose J. and Almira M. Lattin of Alvarado to Isabella J. Foster (wife of Manuel), same, Washington Township, \$10.

*The San Francisco Call, August 19, 1894*

**Ducks:**

A gentleman who returned from a visit to Alvarado yesterday states that hunters living in that town are shooting young mallard ducks, which are sold in Oakland and vicinity.

*The San Francisco Call, August 21, 1894*

**Water:**

The first shipment of two carloads of pumping machinery for the plant of the Oakland Water Co. arrived at Alvarado from the Edw. Allis Co., Milwaukee Wisc. The balance will arrive within a few

days and the work will be pushed rapidly to completion. Water will be delivered in Oakland about November 1<sup>st</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 2, 1894*

**Water:**

Mr. A. J. West and A. E. Werner Milwaukee, Wisconsin have arrived in Oakland en route to Alvarado where they will superintend the erection of the Oakland Water Company's plant.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 11, 1894*

**Roads:**

C. A. Plummer and others of Newark asked that the road between Newark and Alvarado ([Marsh Road](#)) be repaired. The petition was referred to committee.

Renewal of the complaint of the road condition between San Leandro and Alvarado occasioned by the laying of the pipe of the Oakland Water Company was made and referred to Supervisor Marting and the District Attorney.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 12, 1894*

**Republican Meeting:**

The Republican county candidates were given a royal welcome at Alvarado last night. A rousing meeting was held at the Odd Fellows Hall. There was a band of music in attendance and the Campaign Glee Club was also on hand. The hall was crowded to the doors and much enthusiasm was displayed.

County Committeeman Ford called the meeting to order and he introduced J. C. Whipple as chairman of the meeting. Mr. Whipple made a few remarks and welcomed the candidates to the town. He predicted the election of the State and County Republican ticket.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 13, 1894*

**Coaching Party:**

A coaching party drew into Alvarado on Saturday from Pleasanton to inspect the beet sugar mill on the invitation of Mr. Atkinson, the Superintendent. The trip through the canyon was greatly enjoyed, as was the ride home by moonlight.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 16, 1894*

**Liquor License Applications:**

Liquor licenses were granted in Alvarado to I. V. Ralph and F. B. Granger and Son.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 22, 1894*

**Young Woman Insane:**

Miss Nellie Ahern, 26 years of age, was brought up from Alvarado by Constable Ahern yesterday on a charge of insanity, and Judge Henshaw committed her to the asylum at Agnews.

*The San Francisco Call, November 22, 1894*

**Alvarado Suicide:**

An unknown man jumped from the iron bridge, which spans Alameda Creek at Alvarado and was drowned on Thursday afternoon. A teamster named Manuel George saw the fellow leap to his death, and from his description the man was a middle aged German. When George saw the leap he called to a blacksmith nearby and together they ran to the center of the bridge and cast a rope to the suicide. He would not grasp it, however, and drawing it up again they threw it over his head. But the man was determined to die, and freeing himself sank again and arose no more.

Acting Coroner Judge E.A. Richmond held the inquest yesterday afternoon. Several witnesses had seen the unknown a few hours before he committed suicide chasing around the fields after birds. When approached he would run away, saying that people were trying to kill him. The verdict of the jury was that he committed suicide while insane.

*The Morning Call, San Francisco, Calif., November 3, 1894*

**Myron A Whidden:**

Myron A. Whidden, the Republican nominee for County Auditor has served two terms as such so satisfactorily, that there is absolutely no public desire for a change to the office. He is a native of this county, having been born in Centerville in 1860. When he was five years old his family moved to Alvarado. Here he attended the public school. Afterwards, removing to Alameda he took a business course at a San Francisco business college. He afterwards resided at Haywards, and later returned to Alameda where he went through the High School.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 5, 1894*

**New Family in Town:**

J. Motell and family have just moved into town from Newark.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 23, 1894*

**Water:**

The Oakland Water Company will turn the Alvarado water into the mains in this city tomorrow. The connection with the big main from San Leandro will be made tonight. The machinery at Alvarado is all ready to do the pumping.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 30, 1894*

**Benson Road:**

A petition with sixty signatures attached was presented against granting of the petition of W. J. Dingee (Oakland Water Co., President), et al, for the abandonment of a portion of Road No. 653, known as the Benson Road leading from Alvarado to Union City.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 3, 1894*

**Alvarado Industry:**

Alvarado is without doubt the busiest little town in the county. It is there that the sugar factory and refinery are, employing a very large force of men during a good half of the year, and it is there also that the water works, which will supply Oakland with water, situated.

*The San Francisco Call, December 10, 1894*

**Water:**

Water from the artesian wells at Alvarado is now flowing through the pipes of the Oakland Water Co. In the past 24 hours 3,000,000 gallons of water were pumped through the system.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 13, 1894*

**Family Leaves Town:**

Will Lattin and Miss Belle Lattin have moved to Seattle.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 17, 1894*

**WATER:**

William Dingee (addressing the Oakland School Board):

The Oakland Water Company's thirty inch main from Alvarado has been connected with the city system, and the company is now prepared to supply all that portion of the city between Lake Merritt and the Bay, and from 1<sup>st</sup> Street to 36<sup>th</sup> Street.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 18, 1894*

**News Notes:**

Mr. A. S. Perkins of Alvarado is at Fresno.

Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Johnson of Michigan are the guests of L. C. Smith.

Miss Emma Teuscher of Oakland has returned to the city after a visit with friends in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 24, 1894*

**Married:**

December 9<sup>th</sup>: Andrew Christensen, 29, Alvarado, and Lillie Skow, 18, Haywards, By E. A. Richmond, Justice of the Peace.

December 29<sup>th</sup>: Farley Benjamin Granger, Jr., a resident of Alvarado, aged 29 years and Sue Hill Harvey, a resident of Alvarado, aged 27 years; by the Rev. W. F. Lynch. This represents a uniting of two of Alvarado's oldest families.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 29, 1894*

### **Alvarado Roads:**

The roads in the southwestern part of Alameda County in the neighborhood of Alvarado are in a most dreadful condition. Nearly, if not quite, \$10,000 has been spent this last summer in putting them in repair, and hardly a vestige of the work remains. As the sugar mill and the Oakland Water Company's works are both located in or near Alvarado, an immense amount of heavy teaming for the past four months had cut the roads up so badly that they were in prime condition to be washed away by the heavy floods, which the continuous storms of the past month have sent to the busy little town. Alameda Creek, which is fed by a dozen or more good-sized tributaries, flows from Niles Canyon through the valley, having its outlet into the Bay, near Alvarado. The lowlands thereabout are as rich as any in the county, and have been cultivated longer than any other in the State.

*The San Francisco Call, January 21, 1895*

### **Benson Road:**

C. R. and O. P. Nauert, J. C. Whipple and others have petitioned the board to close Benson Road, leading from the westerly side of 17<sup>th</sup> St ([Bulmer](#)) to the easterly side of 10<sup>th</sup> St ([Veasy St.](#)), near the old Barron's Landing at Union City. They claim that it is not necessary, because the points referred to are connected by a much better road.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 31, 1894*

### **Closure of Benson Road:**

The County Board of Supervisors heard testimony from the petitioners and the protestants on the issue of closing Benson Road in the Union City district of Alvarado. Speaking for the petitioners was Mr. E. Nussbaumer, and representing the protestants was Mr. W. Whitmore.

The following persons were sworn in and testified in favor of the Benson Road closure: W. F. Boardman, F. B. Granger, J. C. Whipple, Samuel Poorman, C. R. Nauert and Edwin Whipple.

The following persons were sworn in and testified in favor of keeping Benson Road open: John Quigley, Antone Lee, Edward E. Foley, Patrick Mathews, R. Gibbon, George Althausser, Frank Behrmann and Daniel Riley. The testimony was taken into advisement for future consideration.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 24, 1895*

### **Lot Sold:**

Wilhelm Buchenau of Alvarado sold and Alvarado lot to Joseph I. and Antonio I. Rodrigues.

*The Morning Call, San Francisco, Calif., February 14, 1895*

### **Closure of Benson Road:**

Strong positions for and against the closure of Benson Road in Alvarado have been presented to the County Board of Supervisors.

The following persons have signed the petition for the closure of Benson Road:

William Dingee, President of the Oakland Water Co., C. R. Nauert, O. P. Nauert, J. C. Whipple, F. B. Granger, Samuel Poorman, Manuel Enos, I. V. Ralph, Frank Gaspar, John Peterson, D. Jackson, W. A. Nelson, Edwin Whipple, William Hayes and F. C. Williams.

The following persons have signed a petition against the closure of Benson Road:

Sebastian Franz, John Quigley, William Young ([Jung](#)), E. H. Dyer, George Emerson, William Graesslin, Frank Ribern, H. A. Postlewaite, P. Mathews, Thomas I. Pherson, W. H. Graesslin, Frank Frates, I. W. Smitein, M. J. Bettencourt, M. Forster, D. Riley, A. G. Simas, Alex Mello, L. C.

Smith, James Smith, S. G. Beebe, Phillip Gilbert, O. Olsen, G. H. Williams, Antone Davilla, Antonio Machado, W. Buchenaw, M. P. Anderson, John Foster, J. G. Vanderpeer, E. A. Richmond, A. Lee, J. V. Silveira, George Alsing, George Beebe, A Johnson, German Signatare, Manuel F. Abreu, Peter Rudolph, Anders Anderson, W. Faig, A. W. Lassen, R. J. Rojas, Peter Junt, Fred Hellwig, Edwin Huff, Peter Alsing, John Rojas, M. R. Lyle, C. Rolser, B. Ford, B. F. Barton, Plummer Brothers, Edward Salz, Thos. Borchgrevink (Union City **Salt Works**), George Straule and Julius Reimer, Attorney at Law.

In addition the following people have sent their individual petitions to the board against the closure:

Mamie Weber, individually and executrix for the Estate of Louis N. Weber, deceased, by Julius Reimer, her attorney and E. P. Kerrison; owners in the **Union City Salt Works**.

S. O. Putnam, Osgood Putnam, Mary E. Shepard, Edward W. Putnam, Elizabeth W. Putnam, owners of land and works known as **Union City Salt Works**.

L. Beretta, Caesare Beretta, Italo Beretta and Celestina A McKim, owners in Union City Salt Claim, the Estate of William Beretta, by his attorneys.

*Dear Sirs:* I have signed the petition for the road protest and did not know what it was. The Man would not tell me so I would like to withdraw my name from the petition because I have nothing to do with it. I have no interest in at all. Yours respectfully, C. Reiser, Alvarado Artesian Water Company.

William P. Shaw, President, **Alvarado Artesian Water Company**.

M. G. Bettencourt, F. D. Wiegman, Manuel Lorenzo, Joe Faustino, William Jung, J. W. Sinclair and George Henderson, Vice President, **Alvarado Artesian Water Company**.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 27, 1895*

#### **Sugar:**

The Alameda Sugar Company at Alvarado has secured the right-of-way from the Alvarado crossing, between Haywards and Decoto, to their mill At Alvarado, for a track between the points. It will be about two miles long. All beets raised at Pleasanton will be delivered to the mill. Work will commence at once.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 28, 1895*

#### **John Hall Thoroughbred:**

Cousin Peggy is a daughter of Woodburn and Peggy Ringgold, and was purchased by her present owner from R. Porter Ashe, well known in turf circles as the of the speedy Geraldine. She was bred by John Hall of Alvarado, and is now about 18 years old. Her sire, Woodburn, was a son of Lexington from Heads-I-Say by Glencoe, and her dam was by Ringgold, a racing son of Boston. Bred on such stout lines as these, her get, be it a colt or filly, can hardly help being a crack-a-jack that will done day make his or her mark in the racing world. Had she never produced anything else, Cousin Peggy's name would go down to posterity in the history of the turf as the dam of California favorite sprinter, Geraldine, "Our Gerry," one of the daintiest as well as the fastest morsel of horse-flesh that every sported silk.

*The San Francisco Call, March 3, 1895*

#### **Real Estate:**

Helen Berhman of Alvarado to Theresa Persico (wife of N. Persico) lot 2, map of Roberts addition in town of Irvington.

*The San Francisco Call, March 4, 1895*

#### **Liquor License Applications:**

W. Faig, Alvarado, granted.

Peter & George Alsing, application.  
*The Oakland Tribune, March 4, 1895*

**Electric Road:**

An application was filed this morning with the Board of Supervisors for a franchise for an electric road from Hayward to Mt. Eden Landing. The application is presented by H. L. Petermann and Daniel Chisholm who state they desire to build the road.

It is proposed to capture the freight business in the Eden and Washington Township. The new road will be used principally in that interest so that shipment may be made by way of Mt. Eden Landing, which is owned by Mr. Petermann. Mrs. Chisholm owns the electric plant at Hayward and he proposed to supply the power.

Felix Chappellet is also in on the deal. He already has a franchise from Hayward to the Half Way House, to Alvarado, to Centerville, to Mission San Jose, to Niles and then back to Hayward. It is proposed to build this road in connection with the Petermann-Chisholm system.

F. B. Granger, Jr., who is familiar with all the points, says he believes that the great country loop will be established here before long. The men interested, he says, are looking over the ground this afternoon.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 18, 1895*

**Alvarado Girl Elopess:**

Minnie Lebon, a Portuguese girl, aged 15 years, suddenly disappeared from her home in Alvarado on Monday night. No trace of her could be obtained until her cousin, Frank Lewis of Decoto, found her in West Berkeley, living with a husband who is Charles Rodgers, aged 29 years. They were lovers and were secretly married, the groom swearing that the girl was of age. Lewis today swore a warrant for the arrest of Rodgers for perjury.

*The San Francisco Call, March 20, 1895*

**Penmanship:**

Professor White will give instruction in penmanship at the Alvarado Schoolhouse every afternoon. The Professor comes from San Francisco and is highly recommended.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 29, 1895*

**Electric Road:**

At the afternoon session of the Board of Supervisors yesterday, the board ordered an advertisement asking for bids for the electric railway franchise, which has been sought by Messrs. Kendall, Petermann and others between Mt. Eden Landing and Alvarado, Hayward and Castro Valley.

In other business Assistant District Attorney Church give an opinion that the board has the authority to compel the Oakland Water Company to put the road between Alvarado and Mt. Eden into as good of condition as it was before the water company in question laid the pipe.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 2, 1895*

**Mt. Eden – Alvarado Road:**

Upon the motion of the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County it was resolved to visit and inspect the Alvarado Road and to investigate the complaints made concerning damages done by the laying of pipes of the Oakland Water Company and the clerk was instructed to notify W. Boardman, engineer of the company to be present on Friday, when such investigation will be conducted.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 6, 1895*

**Oakland Water Company:**

The Board of Supervisors took into consideration the matter of the obstruction to the water of the Alameda Creek by the pipe of the Oakland Water Company near Alvarado. Engineer Boardman said that he could remove the cause of this annoyance by the expenditure of \$100 in changing a short turn of the creek on the property of a man named May, and that his company would make the outlay. Supervisor Talcott said that May would allow no changes to be made in the direction of the water flow.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 9, 1895*

**Oakland Water Company:**

Mayor Davie of Oakland comments on his city being served by two aggressive water companies, the Contra Costa Water Company and the upstart Oakland Water Company. The Contra Costa Water Co. owns vast reservoirs (catchment basins) while the Oakland Water Co. presently obtains their water from Artesian wells in Alvarado. Comments the mayor on who will survive:

“As mayor of this city I do not care to be quoted, but there ought not to be much trouble for you to make a correct surmise. One company must maintain a large catchment basin and withstand the criticisms of the expert with the microscope and the analysis of the chemist. Read your own paper for the week past and see what is found in the water. In addition to this it is burdened with an Indebtness of something like \$1,690,000 on which it must pay interest. The other company is modern in every respect. Its source of water supply **are those inexhaustible wells at Alvarado** and anyone who knows anything about the difference between Artesian water and catchment water knows that the former is pure and the latter is...well, read the scientific analysis in the Tribune last Friday...”

*Editors note: In the above quote the mayor is referring to the Contra Costa Water Co. as the company with catchment basin water supply and the Oakland Water Co. as the owners of the Alvarado Artesian wells. Note that Oakland thinks Alvarado has an inexhaustible supply of water, this proves to be untrue as you will read about in later years.*

*The Oakland Tribune, April 15, 1895*

**Oakland Water Company:**

Mr. Boardman, Engineer for the Oakland Water Company, addressing the Board of Supervisors concerning the Alvarado Road matter and presented a map showing the course of the Alameda Creek, and how the evils of the complaint could be remedied. Upon motion of the chairman of the board, a representative was empowered to see Mr. May and ascertain whether he would close the gap and prevent water from flowing out of the original channel, or whether he would allow Mr. Boardman for the water company to do so.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 19, 1895*

**News Note:**

J. T. Collins of Alvarado has decided to make his home in Berkeley. He intends to build, and expects to locate in his new house in July.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 8, 1895*

**Washington Township School Pupils:**

County Superintendent of Schools J.P. Garlick shows us the following numbers of students in our school district:

<b>School Name</b>	<b>No. of Students</b>
Alvarado	161
Alviso (None given)	
Centerville	237
Decoto	188
Lincoln	27
Mission San Jose	180

Mowry's Landing	32
Newark	160
Niles	177
Warm Springs	145
Washington (Irvington)	192

*The Oakland Tribune, May 8, 1895*

### **Madrone Springs:**

O.J. Emery and George Small are visiting the Madrone Mineral Springs.

*The San Francisco Call, May 12, 1895*

### **AOUW:**

A Degree of honor Lodge was organized in Alvarado on Wednesday evening. There were thirty-three members, and it is expected that many more will soon join. The lodge was christened Mistletoe Lodge No. 54.

*The San Francisco Call, May 13, 1895*

### **Electric Road:**

The Ordinance introduced by the Board of Supervisors last week, granted D. Chisholm and H. L. Peterman a franchise for the Mt. Eden electric road, came up for consideration this week. It was amended so as to provide that trains should run hourly and that electric lights should be maintained along the Alvarado embankment, and was then passed.

*The Hayward Review, May 17, 1895*

### **Sugar:**

It is reported that the Pacific Sugar Company, formerly the Anaheim Cooperative Beet Sugar Company, has closed a contract with E. F. Dyer of Alvarado for the creation of a factory at Anaheim. The bonds of the company have not been sold, however, and nothing further can be done until the sale is closed.

*The Hayward Review, May 17, 1895*

### **News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Alsing of Alvarado have returned home after a short stay in Oakland.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 27, 1895*

### **Electric Road:**

The promoter of the Haywards, Mt. Eden and Alvarado Electric Road who will in a few weeks break ground for their road have received substantial encouragement to extend their road through Livermore.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 12, 1895*

### **Sugar:**

It is reported from Alvarado that sugar beets are all up and growing finely. Notwithstanding the fact that a reduction in the price paid the farmer for sugar beets from \$6 to \$4 per ton, as large acreage as last year is growing. Reports from Pleasanton show a similar increase. The wages paid in the factory will be reduced the coming season. Fifteen cents per hour is to be paid, instead of day's wages. The active sugar season commences about September 15<sup>th</sup> and will end January 15<sup>th</sup>. Two hundred cars of beets are expected from Contra Costa County this year.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, June 22, 1895*

### **Alvarado Water:**

Professor E. W. Hilgard of the Experimental Agricultural Department of the State University at Berkeley in an open letter attested to the softness and purity of the water from the Artesian wells at Alvarado delivered to customers of the Oakland Water Company. He completely refutes the allegations initiated by the Contra Costa Water Co. made against the Oakland Water Co.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 6, 1895*



**News Notes:**

Miss Flora Harvey of Oakland is the guest of the Harvey family in Alvarado.  
Miss Kate Riley has journeyed to Oakland to spend her vacation with her parents.  
Miss Annie Drennan from Oakland spent some time with her sister in Alvarado.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 8, 1895*

**Benson Road:**

Opposition continued to mount against the closure of Benson Road. Against overwhelming opposition Mr. William Dingee has withdrawn his petition for closure of Benson Road.  
*The Hayward Review, July 12, 1895*

**Around Town:**

Will Burr has gone to Summit where he will spend his vacation.  
Miss Nellie Beebe is spending the week in Oakland visiting friends.  
John Liston of Stockton made a business trip to Alvarado this week.  
Henry Dyer of Oakland visited relatives in town Saturday and Sunday.  
The installation of the Alvarado Rebekah Degree Lodge took place Saturday evening.  
Mrs. Daniel Jackson has gone to Sacramento where she will visit relatives and friends.  
Mr. & Mrs. Stevens of Oakland are visiting the formers sister, J. Allguire.  
The Oakland Water Company is now ready to furnish anyone in Alvarado with water.  
Alvarado is well represented at the McDowell Dress Making School in San Francisco; four of our ladies are attending.  
Mrs. & Mrs. Poorman and son Edward, formerly of Alvarado but now of San Francisco, are registered at the Riverside Hotel.  
Miss Lora Emery and Miss Carrie Parish who are attending the Normal School at San Jose ([now San Jose State Univ.](#)) are spending their vacation with their parents in Alvarado.  
John Boyd, a former resident of Alvarado, is in town visiting friends and renewing old acquaintances. Since Mr. Boyd has left us he has met with many misfortunes, the greatest being the loss of his right arm.

A delightful dance was given by Mr. & Mrs. F. B. Granger, Jr., in the new warehouse Wednesday evening July 3<sup>rd</sup>. About midnight the guests were invited to the dining room of the Riverside Hotel where a sumptuous repast was served. Hyman's Orchestra of San Francisco played the music.

Miss Katie Ralph and John W. Atkinson were united in marriage by Rev. McClure of Oakland.  
*The Hayward Review, July 12, 1895*

**SP Puts in New Track:**

The Southern Pacific Railroad Company is building a new piece of road in the central portion of the county to accommodate the beet-sugar industry that flourishes in Alvarado. The section will be standard gauge and run from Alvarado on the narrow gauge to a point near Decoto on the broad gauge, a distance of about two miles.

The beet-sugar raisers bought the right of way for about \$5,000 and presented it to the company. By the new line the sugar beets can be more cheaply transported from the farms where they are raised to the factory, and the product of the factory can also be much more cheaply transported into the interior. It is expected that the line will be in operation within sixty days.  
*The San Francisco Call, July 14, 1895*

**News Notes:**

Mrs. E. M. Foley has returned to Alvarado from Oakland, having spent several weeks with her sister.  
Miss Beebe is the guest of friends in Oakland This week.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 15, 1895*

**Real Estate:**

I.V. and Alice A. Ralph of Alameda\* to John S. Leal of Alameda,\* lot 3, block 79, town of Alvarado, Washington Township, \$10.

\* [Probably Alvarado.](#)

*The San Francisco Call, June 16, 1895*

### **Alvarado Water:**

The Oakland Water Company has laid pipes along the principal streets of Alvarado and is now ready to supply all demands for water. This fresh and bountiful supply comes at a very fitting time. Not only is it a great comfort to have the water, but in case of fire it might be the means of saving the entire town.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 16, 1895*

### **Atkinson-Ralph Marriage:**

At the residence of Mrs. K. Ralph of Alvarado, Miss Kathryn Ralph and Mr. J.W. Atkinson were united in marriage. The bride has lived in Alvarado from childhood and, and has won the esteem of all who know her. The groom is the Superintendent of the Alameda Sugar Mill, located in Alvarado. Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson took the afternoon train for Los Angeles and other southern points, where they will spend their honeymoon. On their return they will make their home at Alvarado.

*The San Francisco Call, July 18, 1895*

### **Sabotage at Alvarado Artesian Wells:**

The Oakland Water Company, which pumps water to the city from the artesian wells at Alvarado, delivered salt water to its customers for an hour or two on Tuesday, to the surprise of everybody who had occasion to drink the saline mixture. The cause of the trouble was soon discovered. A wooden pipe from one of the newly dug wells crosses a small salt slough on its way to the pumping works. Somebody, who is yet undiscovered, cut a hole in the pipe and the salt water was sucked up by the pumps. The break was easily remedied. The company has offered a large reward for the detection of the offender.

*The San Francisco Call, July 18, 1895*

### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. W. W. Brier have returned from their camping trip.

Mrs. P. Alsing is entertaining her little cousin from Portland, Oregon.

Judge Richmond made a business trip to Oakland and Berkeley on Monday.

Misses Lynn Palmtag and Frances Snyder, of Haywards, visited Miss Dot Nauert Thursday

Mrs. E. M. Foley was called to Oakland Saturday, as her sister, Mrs. Castello, is quite sick.

Mrs. M. Dill of San Francisco is being entertained by the Buchannan family.

The Alvarado Public School will open July 29<sup>th</sup> with the same corps of teachers.

The installation of the Crusade Lodge, No. 93, IOOF, took place in their hall last Saturday evening.

Mrs. I. V. Ralph spent several days of this week visiting relatives in San Francisco.

E. W. Baker has returned to his home near Alvarado after spending a few weeks in the mountains.

Miss Millie Nauert will lead the C. E. ([Christian Endeavor](#)) Sunday evening. Topic, "A Clean Life."

The Mizpah Union C. E. will meet in the Alvarado Presbyterian Church, Sunday evening August 4.

A. Machado, who resides near Bell Ranch Bridge, was kicked by a horse Thursday. The first few days no hope was entertained for recovery, but at last accounts he is steadily improving.

*The Daily Review, July 19, 1895*

### **Sugar:**

Last year's beet sugar bounty amounted to over \$850,000. Of this amount more than \$650,000 came to California factories, with the Alameda Sugar Company factory at Alvarado getting nearly \$87,000.

*The San Francisco Call, July 22, 1895.*

**Party:**

A delightful party was given to Lawrence Hauber by his mother Saturday. The afternoon was most enjoyably spent in singing, games, recreations, etc. About 4 o'clock the little ones were invited to the dining room, where ice cream, cake, candy, fruit and nuts were served. Among those present were little Misses Ivy & Edna Ralph, Julie Plurde, Oscarna Nauert, Jeanette Dyer, Beryl Farley, Lottie Jung; Masters Robert Ralph, Adique Plurde, Herbert Jung, Henry Nauert and Lawrence Hauber.

*The Hayward Review, July 26, 1895*

**News Note:**

Mrs. Daniel Jackson has returned to Alvarado, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. M.D. Graves, who resides in Sacramento.

*The Sacramento Union, Sacramento Calif., July 26, 1895*

**Around Town:**

The Mizpah Union will meet in Alvarado Sunday evening, August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Miss Kate Neilson, of Mt. Eden, will spend several days with Mrs. E. A. Richmond.

William Lee, now of San Francisco, spent Sunday with his parents in Alvarado.

Saturday, July 20, a daughter was born to the wife of George Alsing, owner of the Alvarado Hotel.

John W. Atkinson and Miss Kate Ralph have announced their marriage. Both are from Alvarado.

Mrs. John Boyd, formerly of Alvarado but now of San Francisco was visiting Mrs. P. Joyce.

Mr. & Mrs. Perkins of Fresno and their daughter Mrs. King are visiting Mr. & Mrs. Perkins here.

Miss Ella Mathews has returned to her home in Alvarado after spending two months with her sister, Mrs. John Smith of Ross Valley.

A party of young folks chaperoned by Mrs. Gilman, Mrs. A. P. Bryden and Mrs. M Dill; left for a camping trip to Capitola Monday. They expect to be gone two weeks.

*The Hayward Review, July 26, 1895*

**Alvarado Water:**

The Oakland Water Company has concluded to put in iron pipes in place of its wooden flume across the Alvarado marsh, and this week placed an order with the Francis Smith Pipe Works for the necessary material. A force of about twenty men is employed at the works getting out the pipe.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 30, 1895*

**Around Town:**

Miss Blanche Emery has returned from Capitola and reports having had a fine time.

Miss Nina Dyer and Gus Nauert are attending the Centerville High School.

Mr. Goerkee and family of San Lorenzo have moved into the Biddinger house this week.

Mrs. J. Liston and children, of Stockton, were visiting relatives and friends in town the past week.

*The Hayward Review, August 2, 1895*

**Water:****Headlines:****CALLED A DASTARDLY OUTRAGE****THE CONTRA COSTA (WATER CO.) PILLORIED****ALVARADO WATER ROBBERY DENOUNCED WITH FERVOR**

Twenty-six pre-eminent citizens of Oakland California visited the Oakland Water Company Pumping Plant in Alvarado. Here they witnessed the Contra Costa's effort to bankrupt the Oakland Water Co. by pumping clean fresh water into the marshes and Bay.

From George W. Baker, prominent Oakland attorney, "It is a dastardly outrage that the opposition to the Oakland Water Co. (by the much larger Contra Costa Water Co.) has proceeded to this extremity."

Mr. Baker explains: "I went to Alvarado yesterday not only free of all bias favorable to the Oakland Co. and devoid of prejudice against the Contra Costa Co., but utterly disbelieving the newspaper reports concerning the actions of the latter company and the allegation that their agents were endeavoring to deplete their rivals water supply by pumping from wells tapping the same source and running the water obtained wastefully and wantonly into the marshes. I say that I did not believe, for I considered such methods too contemptible for honest men and beneath the dignity of businessmen under any stress of business rivalry."

All the businessmen agreed they saw evidence that millions of gallons of water had been pumped from wells within several hundred yards of the Oakland Water Company wells and the output of these wells were diverted into the marshes and eventually into the bay by a series of channels and flumes.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 3, 1895*

#### **News Note:**

Mrs. Ephraim Dyer, Miss Edith Dyer and H.S. Dyer, formerly of Alvarado now of Oakland were visitors to Madrone Springs. Joining the Dyer family from Alvarado was Mrs. Ebenezer Dyer, Miss Nina Dyer, Miss Mary Donovan, Mrs. Andrew Kerr and Miss Kate E. Riley.

*The San Francisco Call, San Francisco, Calif., August 6, 1895*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Olive Horner is in town visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. & Mrs. George Althausen entertained friends from San Jose Tuesday.

Miss Ida E. Bernhard of San Francisco is visiting her friend **Miss Millie Nauert**.

Ask Gus Nauert where he was Tuesday evening. If he did not worry his parents did.

Mrs. Harvey of Alvarado is entertaining Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Dunn of San Francisco.

Miss Emma Smith, of Livermore, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. R. Hargrave.

Miss Lizzie Ingalls, of San Jose, has been visiting the Misses L. Emery & **M Nauert** the past week.

Mrs. S. Poorman and daughter Alice of San Francisco visited relatives in town this last week.

A number of our young people attended the dance given by the Eden Parlor, Native Sons of the Golden West held in Hayward Tuesday night.

Miss Zida Silva, who is attending the McDowell Dressmaking academy in San Francisco, is spending the week with her mother in Alvarado.

Fred Bedinger, a former resident and now of San Francisco, was in town Sunday visiting friends.

Mr. & Mrs. G. Browne of S.F. will spend a few weeks with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Gallivan.

The installation of Officers for the Olivina Parlor, No. 61, Native Daughters of the Golden West, of Alvarado took place Saturday. District Deputy Delling of the Livermore Parlor of the NDGW installed the following officers:

Past President: Miss Ella Mathews; President: Mrs. Ella Mathews; First Vice President: Mrs. Mary Crosby; Second Vice President: **Miss Millie Nauert**; Third Vice President: Miss Alice Jackson; Recording Secretary: Miss Sue Granger; Financial Secretary, Miss Nellie Beebe; Treasurer, Miss Grace O'Donnell; Marshal: Mrs. Jennie May.

*The Hayward Review, August 16, 1895*

#### **Around Town:**

H.S. Dyer of Oakland visited relatives in town Sunday.

Fred Hellwig and George Alsing are on the sick list. Dr. Hauber is attending both.

Miss Mary Riley of Newark spent Friday and Saturday with her sister, Miss Kate Riley of Alvarado.

William Lee, who is employed by a San Francisco firm as a bookkeeper, spent Sunday with his parents.

Mrs. M.R. Lyle will lead the **C.E.** Sunday evening. Her topic, "Conquering Difficulties with Christ's Help."

William McCully, who has been living in the vicinity of Stockton the past three years, is in town on a business trip.

Miss Lena Palmtag was in town calling on Miss Dot Nauert.

William Jung, who has been visiting relatives and friends at his old home in Germany, has returned after an absence of four months.

Miss Ida Bernhard of San Francisco and Miss Belle Owen of Oakland, who had been visiting Miss Millie Nauert, have returned to their homes.

The Alvarado **C.E.** Society gave a "Dime Social" at the residence of Mrs. Y.R. Hargrave near town Friday evening. The affair was a success both socially and financially.

*The Hayward Review, August 23, 1895*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Vina Decoto is visiting her sister, Mrs. August May.

Mrs. H. Behrmann, who has been seriously ill, is slowly recovering.

Miss Kate Neilson, of Mt. Eden, is visiting Mrs. E. A. Richmond.

Mrs. Bradshaw and friend, of Stockton, are visiting the Miller family.

Miss Sallie Stevens, of Oakland, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. R. Allguire.

Charles F. Tay of the George F. Tay Co. was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. I. V. Ralph is in Centerville with her mother, Mrs. Blacow, who is seriously ill.

David Glendinning of San Francisco visited his brother, Al Glendinning.

Mrs. A. P. Bryden is entertaining her sister, Miss Law, who just arrived from Scotland.

M. Gilman, who has been camping on the Russian River the past month has returned home.

Mr. & Mrs. Wiegman and son, who have been visiting relatives and friends in Germany for the past four months, arrived at their home here Wednesday.

*The Hayward Review, August 30, 1895*

#### **Sugar:**

The Alameda Sugar Company at Alvarado has commenced burning lime preparatory for the season's run, which will commence in about a week on beets from Pleasanton. The railroad spur track to the mill has been completed. Several hundred feet of siding have been laid. The company has made extensive improvements this year, building a new beet shed 300 feet long, which will be used exclusively for beets from Pleasanton. A dynamo twice the size of the old one will furnish small incandescent lights for the mill and sheds and for five carbon lights, which are placed on the grounds.

*The Sausalito News, Sausalito Calif., August 31, 1895*

#### **Sarah Smith Dies:**

In San Francisco, September 1, 1895, Sarah Smith, beloved wife of John Smith, and mother of May Smith, and eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. P. Mathews of Alvarado, a native of New York, aged 35 years.

*The San Francisco Call, September 3, 1895*

#### **Alvarado Water:**

No citizen cognizant of the condition affairs in Alvarado is more earnest in his indignant censure of the perpetrators of the outrage than Christian Schreiber ([Oakland](#)).

"Like the others who went with me to Alvarado I could not believe anybody could be guilty of the acts we saw committed there," he said in an interview yesterday. "I cannot find the words strong enough to express my opinion of the men who would assist in such a dastardly waste of pure water as those people are pouring over the marshes of Alvarado."

"I am a patron of the Oakland Water Co. I prefer the fresh pure water of these Artesian wells to the filthy compound that the Contra Costa Water Company serves to its patrons. My neighbors prefer the Oakland Water Company and are using it. And because we refuse to patronize the Contra Costa Company an effort is being made to deprive us of this supply is outrageous."

*The Oakland Tribune, September 4, 1895*

#### **News Notes:**

Miss Millie Nauert has been visiting friends in San Francisco the past week, has returned home.

Miss Maud Lowell, of San Francisco, rode from Fruitvale to Alvarado on her wheel Sunday and spent the day with Miss Clara Franz.

*The Hayward Review, September 6, 1895*

**Around Town:**

Miss Emma Teuscher of Oakland is visiting with Miss Nellie Beebe this week.

Miss Kate Riley spent the first part of the week visiting in Oakland.

Mr. Vanderpeer is building a new barn on his place.

Mr. & Mrs. Baker have gone to Pacific Grove.

Four new members were initiated in the Rebekah Degree last Saturday evening.

Miss Kate Joyce, of San Francisco, spent Wednesday and Thursday with her parents.

Quite a delegation of young people from Alvarado attended the ball given in Newark on Friday.

Miss May Lomie is quite ill with typhoid malaria. Drs. Hauber & Emerson are in attendance.

Miss Millie Nauert and **Miss Alice Jackson** went to Sacramento for the Admission Day festivities.

Mrs. Will Richmond and Edna Hollings, of the city, spent Sunday with Mr. & **Mrs. Richmond.**

**Mrs. E. A. Richmond** and Mrs. C. R. Nauert attended the funeral of Mrs. J. Smith in San Francisco.

A pleasant surprise party was given for **Miss Alice Jackson** at her home last Friday eve.

*The Hayward Review, September 13, 1895*

**Around Town:**

Judge Richmond is on the sick list this week.

Lupe Rojas is having a cottage built on his lot south of town.

Mrs. Mae Laurie, who has been seriously ill, is slowly improving.

After an absence of several months, Samuel Lyles returned to Alvarado Tuesday.

Mr. R. Lyle has had the old McCollny place raised and moved to the other side of the lot.

Mrs. P. Mathews, who has been in San Francisco for two months, returned home Saturday.

Prof. Neler and wife of San Francisco spent a few days of this week with his mother, Mrs. George Althausen.

Miss Emma Teuscher, who had been the guest of Miss Nellie Beebe the past two weeks, left Wednesday for her home in Oakland.

Miss Millie Nauert will lead the Christian Endeavor Sunday evening.

The sudden death of George W. Patterson last Thursday was a surprise to the people of Alvarado. Mr. Patterson had been in the state since 1850, with most of the time being spent in Alameda County. He was born in Indiana 75 years ago.

*The Hayward Review, September 20, 1895*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. P. Alsing is entertaining relatives from Alameda this week.

Mr. & Mrs. A. May left Tuesday for Bartlett Springs to be gone about two weeks.

Judge and Mrs. E. A. Richmond spent several days of last week in San Francisco.

Mrs. Farley of Visalia was the guest of her niece, Mrs. J.H. Hargrave of Alvarado.

D.C. Lowrie, our popular butcher, has been quite sick the past few weeks, but he was somewhat better at last report.

Mrs. A.S. Perkins and Miss Selma Ingemundsen were called to Napa Saturday, as their sister, Perna is very ill.

The Mistletoe Lodge, No. 51, Degree of Honor, entertained their friends Wednesday evening after lodge.

*The Hayward Review, September 27, 1895*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. J.J. Stokes of Berkeley was in town Wednesday calling on old friends.

Miss Nina Dyer and Henry S. Dyer visited relatives in San Jose Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Alice Jackson entertained a few of her friends at her home Monday evening.

William Richmond of San Francisco spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents.

Louis C. Smith, who has been in San Francisco the past six months, is again in Alvarado. Peter Henningsen and family of Hayward spent Thursday in Alvarado visiting friends. The Hargrave family will soon move to Livermore. They have lived in Alvarado the past year. Miss Susie Atkinson of Berkeley visited with Mr. & Mrs. Atkinson of Alvarado one day this week. Miss May Smith of San Francisco is visiting her grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. P. Mathews. Eben Farley, of Los Gatos, visited his mother Saturday. His mother is the guest of her niece, Mrs. Hargrave. Mr. & Mrs. C.W. Heyer and children of San Francisco spent a few days of this week with his sister, Mrs. C.R. Nauert. Mrs. Thomas Whitney of San Francisco, who has been the guest of Miss Clara Franz the past week, left Tuesday for her home. Do not miss the dance this Friday evening, to be given by the Alvarado Rebekah Lodge in the IOOF Hall in Alvarado. Admission, including supper, is \$1.  
*The Hayward Review, October 11, 1895*

#### **Water:**

After pumping and wasting 3,000,000 gallons of Alvarado water a day for the past two months, the Contra Costa Water Company have ceased their pumping, much to the satisfaction of the local people.  
*The Hayward Review, October 11, 1895*

#### **Road Conditions:**

A communications was received from C. A. Palmer calling attention to the bad conditions of the roads in Washington Township near Alvarado. The communication was ordered filed.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 16, 1895*

#### **Around Town:**

Captain C.C. Scott, of San Francisco, is visiting in town. A. Lee, the well-known barber, is visiting friends in Santa Cruz. Charles F. Tay, of the Geo. H. Tay Co. of San Francisco spent Friday in Town. Mrs. J. Weber of San Francisco visited Mr. & Mrs. George Althausen of past Tuesday. Miss Thomas, of Madrone, is being entertained by her friend, Miss Blanche Emery. Miss Kate Owen, assisted by her class in elocution and Delsarte, will soon give a concert. The ladies of the **Presbyterian Church** are going to reorganize the Ladies Aid Society. Mrs. Lee returned to Alvarado Tuesday after visiting friends in San Francisco several days. The Misses Lena Palmtag and Frances Snyder, of Hayward, called on friends in town Wednesday afternoon. Thomas McCormick, while playing on the sidewalk in front of his house Saturday, fell and broke his arm. Mrs. Biddinger, a former resident of Alvarado but now residing in San Francisco, called on friends in town Wednesday. The dance given by the Rebekah's Friday evening was largely attended and a very enjoyable time was had by all present. Mr. Rief, our butcher, while out shooting Tuesday, killed 101 **ducks**. He is supplying his friends with duck enough to last a week. Miss Emma Teuscher, of Oakland, who has been visiting the Beebe family, returned to her home Wednesday accompanied by Miss Nellie Beebe. E.H. Ires, a photographer from Stockton, is located temporarily in Alvarado. He does good work and requests all who wish anything done in his line to give him a call.

Monday evening Miss Dot Nauert entertained some fifteen of her friends at the home of her parents. The evening was very enjoyably spent in games, recitations, vocal and instrumental music. In the mixed letter nut game, Miss Dora Joyce and Ralph Richmond won the first prize, and Miss Julia Plourde and Allen Richmond the booby prize. At a late hour all were invited to the dining room where dainty refreshments were served.

C.W. Crane of San Francisco and L. Gould of Oakland were caught one day last week by Game Warden Donovan shooting **ducks** on land rented by a gun club. They were taken to Oakland and tried before a Justice, who fined them \$70. It is safe to say they will not again shoot ducks before the law is open.

Miss Grace O'Donnell, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. E. Farley, the past nine months left Tuesday for her old home in Portland. Miss O'Donnell made many friends during her stay here who will regret her departure.

Preaching in the Alvarado **Presbyterian Church** every Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock; Sunday School at 1:30 and Y.P.S.C.E. at 7:30. A very cordial invitation extended to the public to attend these services and meetings.

*The Hayward Review, October 18, 1895*

#### **Ladies Aid Society:**

The Alvarado Ladies Society is being reorganized.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 19, 1895*

#### **Mrs. Althauser Dies:**

In Alvarado, October 15<sup>th</sup>, Wilhelmina Althauser, beloved wife of George Althauser and mother of Julius Weber, a native of Baden Germany, aged 65 years.

*The San Francisco Call, October 19, 1895*

#### **Wm Ludwig Dies:**

William F. Ludwig, a former resident of Alvarado, died in Pleasanton October 23<sup>rd</sup>. He came to California in 1850 from Lubeck Germany. He lived about Alvarado, Haywards and Dublin since that time.

*The San Francisco Call, October 24, 1895*

#### **Around Town:**

The stereopticon views and lecture given in the IOOF Hall by Dr. Rice of Oakland, for the benefit of the Alvarado Presbyterian Church Friday evening was well attended. During the intermission Miss Dot Nauert favored the audience with a recitation. At the conclusion of the entertainment popcorn, coffee, sandwiches, ice cream and cake were sold from which quite a sum was realized.

Mrs. G. Royac entertained relatives Wednesday.

Mrs. K. Liston was in town Saturday calling on old friends.

The Ladies Aid Society met with Mrs. J. W. Atkinson Tuesday.

Professor and Mrs. Weber and children spent Sunday with Mr. George Althauser.

Harry Liedel of Hayward was on the marsh one day last week.

Judge Richmond went to San Francisco several times this week on business.

Mrs. F. B. Granger, Jr. who has been visiting in Monterey is back at her home in Alvarado.

Misses L. Palmtag and F. Schneider, of Hayward, were in town Sunday calling on old friends.

Many gun clubs ([duck hunting](#)) have located here. The "Spoony" club has built a cottage near Plummer's Salt.

The Sugar Mill will close in about a month. This is the shortest run in several years.

Mrs. Emma Anderson of San Francisco and Mrs. George Obermuller and son of Hayward were in town Saturday.

A Shakespearian recital will be given by some of our talented people in the near future.

Dr. L. T. Craz of San Francisco and William Bridge of Alameda were entertained by Gus Nauert on Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. E. A. Liedel and Mrs. & Miss Hamilton of Hayward were entertained by Mr. C. R. Nauert on Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Bedinger, Mrs. Leiser and Mr. Porter of San Francisco were in town Saturday to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Althauser.



A few of our people attended Miss Hobart's recital in San Lorenzo on Friday eve. George Beebe rendered a baritone solo in his usual fine style. County Clerk Frank Jordan of Oakland spent the week with the Behrmann family. Mr. Jordan spent most of his time out in the marshes shooting. Mr. & Mrs. Reif who have been living in Alvarado the past six months, have gone to Santa Rosa to reside. While here Mr. Reif was employed by the Alvarado Market. Olivina Parlor No. 61, N. D. G. W. will give a banquet in honor of their 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary to Wisteria Parlor, No. 127, NSGW at the I.O.O.F Hall on Thursday evening, November 27<sup>th</sup>.  
*The Hayward Review, November 1, 1895*

#### **News Notes:**

The sugar mill expects to close down before Thanksgiving. This is the shortest run it has had in a number of years. Since the Oakland Water Co. has been supplying Alvarado with water, local plumbers have been very busy.  
*The Oakland Tribune, November 2, 1895*

#### **Sugar:**

The Alameda Sugar Company and the Spring Valley Water Company have settled their difficulty over their rights to the water from the Alameda Creek on the formers land at Alvarado. The sugar people have agreed to withdraw all their claims and dismiss all their suits against the water company touching the question of ownership of the riparian rights in the creek and its tributaries and feeders on the sugar company's land.

The litigation and disputes over the property have been amicably adjusted and compromised. In return for the release of all claims against the water company the sugar company has accepted \$1,423. They have in the same connection deeded to the water company all their riparian rights in the creek on the seventy-two acre tract of land at Alvarado through which it runs. By the term of the deed the Spring Valley Company is given the right to dam the creek in such a way as it may see fit.

This will give the water company an opportunity to divert a larger volume of water to its source supply of the big feed pipes that run from Alvarado across the bay and furnish water for a portion of San Francisco. The difficulty over that portion of the creek has been of long standing and its settlement is probably a gain for both parties.  
*The Oakland Tribune, November 6, 1895*

#### **Sugar:**

##### **Comprehensive Review:**

(Taken from The Woodland Daily Democrat)

With the price of wheat and barley suffering from production outside of the United States, various crops were discussed and those most seriously considered and which, promised the best results for the high and low lands, respectively, were flax and sugar beets. As very little was known about the latter, it was decided to send a delegation to Alvarado and Watsonville, the greatest beet growing regions in Northern California with instructions to ascertain as much as possible about the cultivation of the beet and its adaptability to our soil and climate. The committee selected consisted of R. J. Curry, O. O. Agee, Judge John Currey and A. L. Henry, and they were given power to add to their number.

A start was made on Thursday, the 24<sup>th</sup>. Alvarado, a town on the narrow gauge railway about twenty miles from Oakland, and the location of the Alameda Sugar Company's works, was the first place visited. We were fortunate to find in the proprietor of the local hotel, F.B. Granger, the pioneer beet grower of the state. To Mr. Granger and his son the committee is indebted for much valuable information. Nine or ten years ago, Mr. Granger was engaged in the growing of chicory for a company in which Claus Spreckels was interested. The business was not lucrative and Mr. Spreckels, who was then as he is now, largely interested in the sugar business, suggested that he

try the experiment of raising sugar beets as the soil was very similar to that to be found in Germany. The beets grew fairly well and a sufficient number of farmers were induced to go into the business to warrant the erection of a factory. For several years both the yield and percentage of sugar was very low on account of a lack of knowledge as to how the beets should be cultivated and the factory, although an expensive affair was of crude construction as compared to the present institution. A great deal of money was lost by the stockholders before the beets reached their proper degree of development in saccharine matter and improved machinery had been devised by which a paying amount of sugar could be extracted. Within the past four or five years, however, both the factory and the surrounding district have been highly prosperous. The farmers are contented, the factory owners are receiving a good return on their investment and the best of feeling prevails between the two.

The country in the vicinity of Alvarado is a fine fruit and vegetable district. Apples, strawberries, blackberries, tomatoes, rhubarb, potatoes, etc., attain to rare perfection and flavor, yet we heard much complaint from the farmers in regard to low prices of these commodities and from careful inquiry we concluded that beets, while not realizing the fabulous profits derived from fruit and vegetables in time of scarcity elsewhere, was the crop on which farmers placed their main reliance. Enabled to make his contracts a year in advance at a practically uniform price the grower is relieved from the anxiety of attending a constantly fluctuating market and pursues his farming operations with the confidence of a sure crop, as by the methods of growing beets now in vogue a failure is impossible, and with the realization that he will receive his money as soon as the crop is delivered. With reasonable care there need be no loss in harvesting and there is no danger of his product rotting in the ground. The price is practically established, varying but little from year to year and it allows a fair and certain profit.

The soil in the vicinity of Alvarado varies greatly. It ranges from the light sandy loam, subject to annual overflow, to black adobe on the highest land. There is, however, a middle ground of alluvial soil with a considerable mixture of sand, which bears a strong resemblance to what is called in Northern Solano, Dixon ridge land. On the lower lands the quantity of beets is perhaps greater than on higher lands alluded to above but on the latter the beets have a greater degree of saccharine matter. The product of beets varies greatly. There are numerous instances of a yield of 26 tons and over but the average yield is about 14 tons on the higher lands to about 15 or 16 tons on the lower. The percentage of sugar runs in an inverse ratio being about 14 for the higher and 13 for beets grown on the lower lands. Many beets are brought to the mill in which the polarization runs as low as 8 or 10 percent but it is hardly profitable. It is a noteworthy fact that as the farmer becomes more skillful in the cultivation of this crop, both his yield and saccharine average increases steadily until it reaches the maximum. There is thus every encouragement for scientific farming and we noticed very little slipshod methods in the beet district, which are only too often the rule in grain-growing communities. Close attention is paid not only to the cultivation of the soil, but also to its preservation. Subsoiling, manuring and rotation of crops are there reduced to a science while as yet with us they are comparatively unknown. Beets require the most thorough cultivation of which the land is capable. The earth must be mellow and moist and the whole season through and must be completely free from weeds. After the crop is removed, the tops, which are cut from the beets, are left on the ground for manure and the most careful farmers add further to the soil by compost composed of bone dust and guano. Rotation of crops is a necessity although there many instances where successive crops of beets have been raised on the same land. At Alvarado a crop of barley always follows a crop of beets. At Watsonville there is still great variety. The order there is a crop of potatoes, a crop of beets and a crop of barley. In this way the soil is not left to deteriorate in the least. Some authorities claim that beets do not exhaust the soil, but it is scarcely likely that a crop can be grown on the same soil year after year without appreciable loss.

Two varieties of beets are grown, one white and the other reddish in hue. The former grows best on the higher lands and the latter grows best on overflowed lands. There is no apparent difference in the sugar-bearing qualities.

In planting, the ground is plowed thoroughly to a depth of 12 inches, then replowed and pulverized. The seed is planted with a special drill, with forced feed, in rows from 18 to 20 inches apart, which allows for horse cultivating. Planting is done after the heavy winter rains but the exact time varies with the seasons and soil conditions extending from March to June. The seed is imported from Germany and is selected with the greatest of care. It is furnished by the factory at a cost of about \$1 an acre.

When the beets are well above ground they are thinned until about six inches apart. This insures a beet, which is not too large. The factory will not receive beets weighing above five pounds and prefer those weighing between one and two pounds. The beets are cultivated according to the condition of the soil and the growth of the weeds. The beets are ready for harvest when the lower leaves begin to turn. This will be in July or August on the higher lands and later on the lower lands. The beets are plowed out with a single plow of special construction, drawn by three horses. They are then topped off by cutting off the green tops and that portion of the beet extending above the ground. There is no sugar in this portion, and it is imperative that this portion is removed. The beets are thrown into heaps in the field whence they are hauled to the factory and weighed. The allowed the net weight, less a slight deduction on account of dirt and sunburned tops. They are then piled into huge bins and the farmer's contract is fulfilled.

Through the courtesy of the Superintendent, J. W. Atkinson, we were permitted to inspect the beet factory, which is owned by the Alameda Sugar Co. The factory is the pioneer in the sugar manufacturing business, having been established ten years. The factory is considerably smaller than those at Watsonville and Chino, but it has been remodeled in the past few years and is now a very complete mill, admirably managed, and turning out a high grade of sugar. This is the only factory in the state producing the white sugar of commerce from the beet under the same roof. The mill consumes about 350 tons of sugar beets a day and produces from 35 to 40 tons of sugar in the same time. The process of extracting sugar is very complicated. A full description would doubtless be of interest but it is scarcely within the province of this report and we will be compelled to reserve it until some future occasion. The original machinery was of German manufacture, but much has been replaced with American machinery, which is lighter and does better work with less cost for labor. The total cost of this factory was \$500,000 but Superintendent Atkinson informs us that a factory could now be built for the same money, which would have a much larger capacity. A good supply of water is essential to a sugar factory and is derived mainly from artesian wells, although the factories are generally located near a stream, the water of which is utilized to a considerable extent. Lime is another important item, about 15 tons a day is being consumed at Alvarado. It is derived from lime stone quarried in Santa Cruz County and is burned in kilns at the factory. The fuel used is Welch coal, burned with a forced draught and 30 to 35 tons are used daily.

E. C. Burr, the manager, was at the factory on the occasion of our visit and gave us a great deal of valuable information concerning beet cultures. He informed us that the tidy sum of \$1,400 a day was being disbursed during the season, September 1<sup>st</sup> to December 15<sup>th</sup>, to the farmers, besides the wages paid to 125 hands employed in and about the factory. He further said that he believed the farming community to be in a highly prosperous condition, due mainly to the growing of beets. When the factory was first opened the company was compelled to advance the money necessary to pay the expenses of growing. Now the farmers are entirely independent of the company in this respect, although they were still making advances to a number of farmers who have lately embarked in the business. A great many of the farmers in the neighborhood are Portuguese. Mr. Burr explained the reason for this from the fact that beet-growing, like gardening, is laborious work and is peculiarly adapted to the Portuguese, who are a thrifty class, and secure the best results from the land. The American farmers could do the work as well but as they own the land they found it more profitable to rent it on shares or for cash, securing from \$10 to \$20 an acre. There are however, many of the pioneer residents of the neighborhood who have been actively engaged in raising beets for four or five years past and their prosperity is apparent

in fine residences and handsome equipment. The value of the land ranges from \$250 to \$350 an acre. While the proximity to San Francisco and its value as fruit land have something to do in setting the price, it is evident that the beet culture is the main consideration as there have been no depreciation whatever during the financial depression, while sections nearer to the city (SF) have suffered greatly in the same time. Mr. Burr admitted that he is not familiar with the Northern Solano section but said that there are thousands of acres of good beet land in the Sacramento valley and he had no doubt that could be grown successfully in this section. He thought the plan of experimentation was a good one and offered to make any tests required to give the farmers the benefit of the prevailing price, less the freight charges. He also tendered the use a drill for planting. As might be expected he could give us no encouragement in the matter of establishing a factory but he believed if we demonstrated our ability to raise good beets and secure a large enough territory in the neighborhood, which was adapted to their culture, capitalists could be induced to erect the necessary works. Several thousand acres of beets are required to run an ordinary sized factory and only one-half or less can be utilized each year.

(Such is the report brought back to Northern Solano County by the committee to investigate the beet culture in Alvarado and Watsonville)

*The Woodland Democrat, Woodland California, November 7, 1895*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. J. W. Atkinson visited the metropolis several days last week.

The Ladies Aid Society met Thursday at the home of Miss Tina Behrmann.

Miss Dora Joyce spent Saturday and Sunday of this week in San Francisco.

Crusade Lodge, No. 93, IOOF will give a dance Friday evening November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Miss Edith Dyer of Oakland is being entertained by her cousin, Miss Nina Dyer of Alvarado.

*The Hayward Review, November 8, 1895*

#### **Sugar:**

The Alameda Sugar factory at Alvarado commenced this season's run on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, and up to October 28<sup>th</sup> had produced 3,299,081 pounds of sugar. The mill will run until about December 1<sup>st</sup>. About 125 men find employment during the season.

*The Mountain Democrat, Placerville, California, November 16, 1895*

#### **Visitors to San Francisco:**

The following people from Alvarado registered at the Baldwin Hotel in San Francisco yesterday:

Mr. & Mrs. J.T. Fanell, J. Robins, A. Lee, A. Fibush and C.C. Riley.

*The San Francisco Call, November 16, 1895*

#### **Nina Dyer:**

Miss Edith Dyer of Oakland is the guest of her cousin, Nina Dyer of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 18, 1895*

#### **Lots Sold:**

Margaret E. Earnest to Edward Farley, lot on NE corner of Watkins and Smith Streets, N 200 by E 100, being lots 7 to 10, block 78, Alvarado, Washington Township, \$450.

*The San Francisco Call, November 27, 1895*

#### **Oakland Exposition:**

The planned exposition to be held in Oakland has extended an invitation to the Sugar Refinery at Alvarado to place an exhibit of sugar beet processing in the upcoming exhibition.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 30, 1895*

#### **William Faig Dies:**

In Alvarado, November 29<sup>th</sup>, William Faig, beloved husband of Caroline Faig and brother of Charley, Willie and Alice Fair, a native of Germany, aged 35 years.

*The San Francisco Call, December 1, 1895*

**Drowning:**

The coroner held an inquest this morning on the body of little Tommy Silva, the nine-year-old lad who was drowned yesterday while fishing in Alameda Creek at Alvarado. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

*The San Francisco Call, December 1, 1895*

**Sugar:**

An interesting feature of the season's management of the beet sugar works at Alvarado, which will close next week, has been the disposition of the pulp after the sugar has been extracted. The company has a dairy ranch, which it leases to parties, who keep 150 head of cows, but this number of animals can devour only a fraction of the immense quantity of the pulp produced, and an effort has been made to sell the residue. Farmers are generally not informed about the value of the pulp of the beet for cattle food, and have been slow to recognize it, even at the low figure of 50 cents per ton. The company has been giving away the material to any dairyman who would go for it, and the manager states that he has seen as many as twenty-six farmers' wagons in line at 6 o'clock in the morning waiting their turn to pass under the chute and obtain a load.

President Howard, of the Alameda Sugar Company, believes that this year's experimenting will satisfy the farmers that the food has a value and that next year there will be a demand for it. In Europe the question of the nutritious and milk-producing power of the beet food has been exhaustively studied and the verdict is in its favor.

*The San Francisco Call, December 3, 1895*

**Sugar:**

The exact number of pounds of sugar produced at the mill at Alvarado this season was 5,400,263 pounds, from 27,385 tons of beets. From Pleasanton 445 cars, or 8,500 tons were received. The balance was raised about the factory. There were 1,548 acres of beets around Washington Township. Pleasanton had 853 acres planted. One hundred and twenty four men were employed in the factory during the campaign, and about \$25,000 was paid out as wages. The pulp or leavings after the sugar had been extracted was given away this year, and farmers for miles around came to carry it home to feed to cattle. Last season a charge of 50 cents per ton was made for this pulp. An average of fifteen tons of beets to the acre was raised this year, for which the farmer received \$4 per ton, delivered at the mill. The company has a great deal of this season's product stored in their warehouse, owing to the low price of silver.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, December 14, 1895*

**Lot Sold:**

Sold by Manuel and Isabella J. Foster to Asmus Franzen, a lot on "V" Street in Alvarado for \$125.

*The San Francisco Call, San Francisco, Calif., December 10, 1895*

**I O O F:**

Mr. Farley B. Granger, Jr., addressed the body of the meeting on the topic of the 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Crusade Lodge, No. 1695. The date the lodge was founded was November 26, 1859 and the impetus behind the creation was Charles S. Eigenbrodt; farmer, civic leader, Captain of the famous "Alvarado Hundred," and Civil War Hero who died in battle in the Shenandoah Valley.

Before the inception of the Alvarado Lodge, Capt. Eigenbrodt was a member of the Templar Lodge, IOOF, in San Francisco. When locals balked at belonging to a lodge so distant it was decided to establish an Alvarado IOOF. This was spearheaded by Capt. Eigenbrodt and brought to fruition on November 26, 1859. Some of the early members included: Capt. Eigenbrodt, Joseph Hawley, William Hayes, A. E. Crane, R. J. Horner, W. M. Liston, W. H. Hawthorne and George Simpson.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 12, 1895*

**Drowning:**

One of the saddest deaths for a long while in Alvarado was that of little Tony Silva, who was drowned Friday, the 29<sup>th</sup>, while out fishing near the iron bridge with two friends. He fell in the creek and before aid could be summoned he drowned. Tony was 9 years old. Six of classmates acted as pallbearers.

*The Hayward Review, December 13, 1895*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Nina Dyer spent Monday in San Francisco.

Judge Richmond spent Saturday in San Francisco.

Miss Nellie Beebe entertained a number of friends at her home Monday evening.

Miss Williams of San Francisco is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Wagner.

E. A. Anderson of San Francisco spent several days this week in town on business.

Miss Bell Owen of Oakland was the guest of Miss Millie Nauert Friday & Saturday of last week.

Mrs. Munson of Tacoma is visiting her friends in Alvarado, Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Dyer.

Wilfred F. Ingalls, an old resident of Alvarado but now in Napa, was in town visiting Wednesday.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Jackson of Sacramento are in town visiting his parents, Mr. & Mrs. T. Jackson.

Miss Gertrude Edminster of San Francisco, and Miss F. Smyth of San Lorenzo were in town calling on friends Wednesday.

William Faig, who has resided here the past six years, died at his home Friday the 29<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Faig was taken sick about six days before his death and in that time suffered untold agony. During his residence here, he and his family made many warm friends. Mr. Faig was 35 years old. He leaves a wife and three small children to mourn him.

*The Hayward Review, December 13, 1895*

#### **Bad Milk:**

F.D. Smith conducts a milk ranch at Alvarado, and furnishes milk to retailers. One of these is John Goldstone of Alameda, whom Smith now sues for a balance of \$142.22 claimed to be due.

Goldstone in return claims damages in the sum of \$299, and for cause alleges that the milk supplied by Smith between October 1<sup>st</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> was "unfit for human consumption, being slimy, stringy and ropy." By reason of this poor quality Goldstone claims that he lost fifty customers, and was damaged in the amount claimed. It broke him up in business.

*San Francisco Call, December 19, 1895*

#### **Around Town:**

Mr. F.B. Granger Sr. spent last week in San Jose with his daughter, Mrs. E. Chase.

Miss Lora Emery, who is attending the Normal School at San Jose, came home Tuesday to spend the holidays.

Mrs. J. Liston of Oakland spent Monday in town.

Miss Kate Nielson of Mt. Eden is at Mrs. John Brugge's.

D.C. Owen of Oakland called on old friends in town Monday of this week.

J.M. Ingalls of San Jose and W.F. Ingalls of Napa were in town one day this week on business.

Mrs. Schumann has returned to her home in Hayward after spending the past few weeks with Mrs. Faig.

George Beebe spent a few days of last week traveling.

Mrs. M. Gilman and sons left Thursday for Grass Valley to visit her sister, Mrs. Kalts, of that place.

The Mesdames Alsing gave a dancing party at their hotel Saturday evening.

The Alvarado Public School closed Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> for the winter vacation.

After a very short run (four months), the sugar mill has closed, putting out of employment some 100 men.

An aviary is being constructed on the Riverside Hotel grounds.

S. Poorman was in town Sunday visiting relatives.

The Goercke family has moved to San Lorenzo again.

A.S. Perkins left Friday for Shasta County.

Mrs. A.S. Perkins will spend the holidays with her sister in Napa.

Miss Maggie Buchanan was married at the home of her parents near town to Mr. O.J. Emery, of Alvarado, Wednesday by the Rev. Mr. Robinson. Only relatives and very close intimate friends of the contracting parties were present. After a short wedding journey the newly married couple will make their home in Alvarado, having rented the Althausser house.

The following officers were elected by the Olivina Parlor for the ensuing term: Past President, Mrs. Nellie Foley; President, Mrs. Mary Crosby; First Vice President, Miss Mildred Nauert; Second Vice President, Miss Alice Jackson; Third Vice President, Miss Annie Meyer; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Jennie May; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Sue Granger; Treasurer, Mrs. Christian Anderson; Marshal, Mrs. Hattie Nauert.

Mrs. F.B. Granger Jr. entertained about thirty of her friends at whist Tuesday evening. The first prizes were won by Miss Nellie Beebe and Will Burr and the consolation prizes were captured by Mrs. A.P. Bryden and Guy C. Emery. After the game light refreshments were served.

*The Hayward Review, December 20, 1895*

### **Marriage:**

Ormond Joel Emery, a resident of Alvarado, aged 34 years and Margaret Watson Buchannan, a resident of Alvarado, aged 29 years, by Rev. F. H. Robinson.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 28, 1895*

### **Around Town:**

Miss Dora Joyce is being entertained by relatives in the metropolis.

Henry S. Dyer of Oakland was the guest of his uncle, E. H. Dyer of Alvarado.

Miss Alice Jackson will lead the Christian Endeavor Sunday evening.

Mr. & Mrs. F. B. Granger Jr. are visiting in Oregon.

Ellsworth Chase of San Jose is spending the holidays with his grandmother, Mrs. F. B. Granger Sr.

Miss Nellie Beebe is entertaining Miss Emma Teuscher of Oakland this week.

Miss Dot Nauert is visiting with friends in Hayward.

Miss M. Williams of Oregon will spend the winter with her cousin, Mrs. E. Wagner.

Misses Palmtag & Schneider of Hayward called on friends in town on Sunday.

Miss Kate Neilson of Mt. Eden is visiting Mrs. Wm. Faig this week.

Miss Ida Bernhard & Mrs. Rosekrans of San Francisco were entertained by the Nauert family Sat.

L. B. Randall, Jr. of San Francisco is spending a few weeks with the Hansen family.

Rev. Mr. Riley, the Evangelist, will hold services at the Presbyterian Church in Alvarado every day this week at 7:30 pm. All are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Castella and daughter, Laura, of Oakland are the guests of her sister, Mrs. E. M. Foley.

Miss Mae Smith of San Francisco is visiting her grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. P. M. Mathews.

The Ladies Aid Society met with Mrs. O. J. Emery at her home in town.

A number of our people went to Hayward New Year's Day to witness the football game.

*The Hayward Review, January 3, 1896*

### **Alvarado Boy Drowns in Bay:**

Percy Lattin and one other boy, name unknown, both from Alvarado, are reported to have drowned yesterday near San Mateo. They were in a small and on the return trip to Alvarado.

*The San Francisco Call, January 4, 1896*

### **New Year's Eve Party:**

A very enjoyable New Year's Party witnessed the old year out and the new one in at the pretty residence of Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Wagner of the Oakland Water Company at Alvarado. The parlors were delightfully decorated with flowers. In attendance were: Miss Winona Williams of Oregon City, Oregon, the guest of honor, and Miss Ruby Moore of San Francisco, the Misses Henriette E. Lyon, Emma Teuscher and Maude & Georgia Manson of Oakland, the Misses Nellie Beebe and Clara Franz of Alvarado and Mssrs. George Beebe, J. Scribner and Arthur Ralph of Alvarado and the host and hostess.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 6, 1896*

**Around Town:**

Miss Clara Franz entertained Miss Maud Lowell and a friend Sunday.

A few of our people attended the Leap Year Dance at Irvington.

Wm. Richmond and Al Smithurst of the city are visiting Judge & Mrs. E. A. Richmond this week.

The Silva family was the guest of Mr. & Mrs. Le Baum of San Francisco Wednesday.

Miss Dot Nauert, who has been visiting friends in Hayward the past ten days, returned home.

After spending a week with relatives in the metropolis Miss Dora Joyce is back home again.

Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Heyer & children of S.F. spent New Year's with her sister, Mrs. C. R. Nauert.

Miss Emma Teuscher of Oakland, who has been entertained by Nellie Beebe the past week, left for her home Tuesday.

*The Hayward Review, January 10, 1896*

**Real Estate:**

Daniel J. Murphy to M.H. Lyle, lots 10, 11 & 12, block 83, town of Alvarado, Washington Township, \$1.

*San Francisco Call, January 15, 1896*

**Around Town:**

Miss Nina Dyer is attending Oakland High School.

Mr. & Mrs. E. Huff visited friends in Hayward Monday last.

Mrs. Liston, an old resident of Alvarado, spent last week here visiting friends.

Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Atkinson have returned to Alvarado after an absence of a few weeks.

Miss Lilly Bedinger, of San Francisco, was in town one day this week visiting friends.

**Wm. Richmond**, who has been visiting his parents the past week, left for San Francisco Sunday.

Miss Ella Mathews and niece, Miss Mae Smith, left for San Francisco after spending a week or two with the formers mother.

Mr. & Mrs. F. B. Granger, Jr., who have been in Oregon and Washington the past three weeks arrived in Alvarado Sunday morning.

Quite a few improvements are being made in Alvarado.

Mr. Smith is going to build a very fine six-room cottage.

Mr. Lyle is to build a store on the lot recently purchased by him. Ed Farley is improving his place.

Mr. Franzen is building a very neat cottage on the Union City Road.

**Mrs. E. A. Richmond** entertained about thirty of the friends of her son, **William**, Sunday evening. Card playing was the evening's entertainment. About 11 o'clock dainty refreshments were served. All had a most enjoyable time. Among those present were: **Mr. & Mrs. Richmond**, Mr. & Mrs. O. J. Emery, Mr. & Mrs. H. P. Dyer, Mr. & Mrs. A. May, Mr. & Mrs. Sylvester; Misses Nellie Beebe, Dot Nauert, G. Franz, Inez Emery, Dora Joyce, Blanche Emery, Alice Jackson, Millie Nauert, Miss Low, Mrs. Bryden, Messrs. W. F. Emery, Thos. Roche, John Ralph, George Beebe, John Scribner, Arthur Ralph, Guy Emery, William Edwin Ralph, and Allen and Harvey Richmond.

*The Hayward Review, January 17, 1896*

**News Notes:**

The Alvarado Public School will open next Monday with the same teachers.

E. W. Burr and J. W. Atkinson, Manager and Superintendent respectively of the Alvarado Sugar Mill have returned after a sojourn down to San Luis Obispo.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 20, 1896*

**E. H. Dyer:**

E. H. Dyer of Alvarado has complained that a part of the section that had been submerged by the overflow of the Alameda Creek can be prevented if the Board of Supervisors would take action.

He made the comment to the board as a whole.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 27, 1896*

**The Oakland Water Company:**



Mr. Boardman, engineer of the Oakland Water Co. asked the board for permission to dig a ditch between the pipes of the company and the road from Alvarado to Mt. Eden, claiming that the pressure was too great upon the pipes and damage was likely to occur. The matter was referred to Supervisor Talcott.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 30, 1896*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. K. Liston of Oakland visited **Mr. C. R. Nauert & Mr. E. A. Richmond** this week. Wm. Lee, who has been working in San Francisco for the past eight months, came home Friday. Mrs. Kate Mathews is visiting relatives in San Francisco. As soon as weather permits Mr. Lyle will begin work on his store. **Judge Richmond** was on the sick list for several days last week. Miss Mae Wilson visited friends in San Francisco Tuesday and Wednesday. Miss Nellie Beebe will lead the Christian Endeavor Sunday eve at the Presbyterian Church. O. J. Backus, of Oakland, spent Wednesday with **Mr. C. R. Nauert**. Charles Tay, Secretary of Geo. H. Tay Co. of San Francisco was in town Tuesday. Miss Kate Joyce of San Francisco is spending the week with her parents in town. Installation of Rebekah's and Crusade Lodge took place in their hall Saturday evening. The boys at the foundry enjoyed a day off and took a trip to San Francisco. Mr. A. P. Bryden spent last week in San Francisco on business.

The following officers of the Reliance Lodge, No. 93, A.O.U.W, were installed by District Deputy T. Twohig for the ensuing term. P. M. W.: W. F. Emery; M. W.: M. D. Gilman; Overseer: Chas. River; Recorder: Ed Farley; Financier: **E. A. Richmond**; Receiver: I. V. Ralph; Guide: A. Muller; I. W.: A. Lee; O. W.: P. Mathews.

*He Hayward Review, January 31, 1896*

#### **San Francisco Visitor:**

T. Jackson of Alvarado has checked into the New Western Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Call, February 1, 1896*

#### **Board of Supervisors Meeting:**

A petition was received from some citizens of Decoto. It set forth that the voters of that district were put to great inconvenience in voting, having to go to Alvarado or Niles to cast their ballots. They asked the board to remedy the difficulty by establishing a voting precinct in Decoto. The application was granted, and the county surveyor was instructed to survey the district.

E. H. Dyer of Alvarado has sent a communication to the board stating he had investigated the question of the Alameda Creek. He said he found it to be an unnavigable stream. Such being the case, he asked for permission to protect his land from the water. The matter was referred to the District Attorney.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 3, 1896*

#### **Flood:**

The Alvarado people have had to resort to boats to get about town since the big storm.

*The San Francisco Call, February 4, 1896*

#### **Around Town:**

It is rumored that the young ladies of Alvarado intend giving a "Leap Year Dance" in the future. C. R. Nauert and son, Henry, spent Sunday in Felton. Wm. Dingee, President of the Oakland Water Co. was in town several times this week. Work at the foundry is rushing. Several new men have been taken on in the last week. Mrs. A. P. Bryden has been in San Francisco the past two weeks on business. Howard Pridgeon and his aunt, who have been visiting his grandparents the past month, left Wednesday for Stockton. Miss Ann Muller accompanied them. Ed Farley has moved from the Correa house to the one lately purchased by him.

A. Muller, P. Austin and P. Sattin took a sail to Redwood City Tuesday.  
Miss K. Neilson of Mt. Eden was in town the other day.  
Judge Richmond has been confined to his bed the past week.  
Gus Nauert visited several days in San Francisco this past week.  
Wm. Richmond of San Francisco spent Sunday with his parents.  
A few of our young men attended the installation of Eden Parlor, NDGW, in Hayward Tuesday.  
**Mrs. A. S. Perkins** will lead the Christian Endeavor at the Presbyterian Church.  
Laying of the foundation of Mr. Lyle's new store has commenced. This will certainly be a big improvement for the town of Alvarado. It will cost \$3,000.  
Miss Kate Joyce, who has been visiting her parents the past week, left Monday for San Francisco  
A meeting was called at the schoolhouse Tuesday eve to organize a Choral Society. Thirty names were signed to the constitution and the following officers were elected: President: H. P. Dyer; First Vice President: **Mrs. A. S. Perkins**; Sec-Treas: Miss Nellie Beebe; Trustees: Charles Wright, Mrs. August May and A. S. Perkins. The services of a highly recommended director have been secured.  
*The Hayward Review, February 7, 1896*

### **Electric Road:**

...Add to these the proposed electric road from Castro Valley to Mt. Eden and Alvarado, and ultimately to connect with Niles and other places, which it is confidently believed will be built this year...

(NOTE: This is the last mention I find of the electric road to Alvarado and to my knowledge it never made its way into Washington township)

*The Hayward Review, February 7, 1896*

### **Mrs. Lattin Ill:**

Mrs. Elmira Lattin of Alvarado was brought to the County Jail today to be examined as to her sanity. She was arrested on a complaint by her husband.

*The San Francisco Call, February 11, 1896*

### **San Francisco Visitor:**

P. Peterson of Alvarado has checked into the New Western Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Call, February 13, 1896*

### **Around Town:**

Arthur Ralph seems to be on the sick list.  
Gus Nauert spent Saturday in San Francisco.  
Mr. Stanford, of the Thos. Keene Co. was in town Sunday  
The young ladies of Alvarado will give a leap year dance in early March.  
Many of our people went to Hayward Sunday to "take in" the football game.  
Dr. C. A. Hauber spent Tuesday and Wednesday in San Francisco on business.  
Mr. Lyle's new store is making good headway with eight carpenters working on the job.  
After spending two weeks in the metropolis Mrs. A. P. Bryden is again at home.  
Eight new members joined the Choral Society at its meeting Tuesday night.  
Our Chinese are celebrating their New Year's. The small boys enjoy it as much as they do.  
Mrs. Harry Ford & daughter left for Ione Monday to spend a few weeks with the formers mother.  
Miss Zida Silva went to San Francisco Tuesday and will spend the week with her sister.  
Mrs. A. Charvoz of San Francisco spent a few days of this week with her mother, Mrs. K. Ralph.  
Mrs. Elmira Lattin, an old and much respected resident of Alvarado was committed to the Ukiah Insane Asylum Tuesday. Mrs. Lattin is past 70 years old.

*The Hayward Review, February 14, 1896*

### **Around Town:**

Mrs. A.P. Bryden is visiting in San Francisco.  
Edwin Richmond spent Tuesday morning in Hayward.

Miss Nina Dyer spent a few days of this week at home.

Mrs. Peter Alsing is entertaining a lady friend of Oregon this week.

A public auction will be held at the Alvarado Hotel on the 29<sup>th</sup> of this month.

Mrs. C.A. Hanker and Miss Mary Anne Joyce spent Tuesday in the metropolis.

Miss Lottie Johnson of Hayward visited her aunt, Mrs. J. Olsen of Alvarado.

I.V. Ralph has taken the agency for the McKeon bicycle and M.R. Lyle for the Victor.

Miss Dot Nauert attended the party given in honor of Miss Lena Palmtag in Hayward Saturday evening.

The Choral Society is still growing, two new members having joined at the last meeting. This makes a membership of about 45.

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Richmond, Mr. & Mrs. E. Huff and Mr. & Mrs. C.R. Nauert went to San Francisco one evening this week to hear Thomas Keene.

A grand Leap Year Dance will be given by the young ladies of Alvarado in the IOOF Hall Friday evening, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Admission for ladies and gentlemen, including supper, \$1. Exceptionally fine music has been engaged.

***The Hayward review, February 21, 1896***

### **Alvarado School District Boundary:**

Alvarado School Trustees, Emery, Proniz and Ralph and a number of residents of Alvarado have asked for change in the boundary of the school district as follows:

Leaving the old line at the SW corner of the land of I. B. Haines, following easterly to the line between I. B. Haines and Wm. Meeks to the westerly line of the land of John Whipple, thence southerly following the line between the said John Whipple and W. Meeks to the county road leading from Alvarado to Niles, thence easterly along said road to the NE corner of the land formerly owned J. B. Sherk, thence southerly along the eastern line of said land of J. B. Sherk to the center of Alameda Creek; thence down said creek to the northerly corner of S. P. Harvey's land on the southerly side, then to follow the old line of the creek.

These boundaries include a district, the children of which have always attended the Alvarado School, instead of the Decoto School; of which the district territory referred to is a part. It is desired by the change that the territory be made part of the Alvarado district. The petition was endorsed by the Superintendent of School, J. P. Garlick, provided no objection is made to it by the trustees of the Decoto District. The matter was laid for one week.

***The Oakland Tribune, February 24, 1896***

### **Around Town:**

Arthur Joyce of San Francisco spent Sunday with his folks.

I. W. Ives, our popular photographer, is visiting Stockton this week.

Wm. Richmond of San Francisco visited his parents here Saturday and Sunday.

The Choral Society is still growing; three new members joined this week.

Mrs. A. W. Lassen entertained San Francisco friends at her home Saturday & Sunday.

Mrs. J. Dill of Alameda is spending a few days with her cousin, Mrs. O. J. Emery.

Mr. & Mrs. Heyer of San Francisco visited the Nauert family Saturday.

Olivina Parlor, NDGW, will give an entertainment and dance sometime in April.

The Ladies Aid Society will meet next Thursday with Mrs. F. B. Granger, Jr.

After visiting relatives in San Francisco the past month, Miss Kate Mathews returned home.

George Althausen intends to take a trip back to Germany. He will be gone about six months.

Mayor Davie of Oakland and Mr. Manuel the President of the Oakland City Council visited the water works one afternoon last week.

Mr. E. A. Richmond has been elected by the Mistletoe Lodge, No. 151, to represent the Grand Lodge to be held in San Francisco in April.

The young ladies of Alvarado will give a leap year dance in the I.O.O.F Hall on March evening March 6<sup>th</sup>. Admission including supper: Ladies \$1.00, Gents free. Good music will be in attendance.

The Alsing Brothers of the Alvarado Hotel gave a party to many friends Saturday evening. Many were present from San Rafael, Alameda, Oakland and San Francisco. At midnight a sumptuous repast was served. It was 5 o'clock in the morning before the last guest departed. A most enjoyable time was had by all that were fortunate enough to be able to attend.

*The Hayward Review, February 28, 1896*

**Classified Ad:**

AUCTION!

At: Alvarado Hotel

February 28, 1896

On Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, commencing

At 10 o'clock in the morning, at the

Alvarado Hotel, Alvarado

I will sell all at public auction, all the:

Furniture, Bedding, Household

Effects, Kitchen Utensils,

Bar Fixtures, Cow, Horse

Buggy, etc., etc.

Connected with the Alvarado Hotel

J. E.; Geary, Auctioneer.

In the evening a **Social Dance**

will be given at the Hotel.

*The Hayward Review, February 28, 1896*

**Cold Weather:**

There was a black frost at Haywards on Saturday night and early yesterday morning, but no damage was done. There was snow at Niles and Alvarado yesterday and today hailstone of moderate size fell freely at noon.

*The San Francisco Call, March 3, 1896*

**Around Town:**

George Alsing and family left Alvarado Monday for Hayward where Mr. Alsing will run the Tivoli Saloon.

The Henningsen Brothers will again run the Alvarado Hotel. The whole house will be newly furnished and other extensive improvement will be made. The hotel is sorely in need of a few improvements.

Judge Richmond went to San Francisco on Wednesday on business.

Miss Emma Teuscher of Oakland is being entertained by the Beebe family.

Mrs. Mae Wilson of Berkeley visited Mr. I. V. Ralph a few days this week.

George Beebe spent several days of the week in San Francisco on business.

*The Hayward Review, March 6, 1896*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

Mr. F.B. Granger Sr., has checked into the Russ House in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Call, March 13, 1896*

**Around Town:**

James T. Stokes, Jr. of Oregon and Thomas Stokes of Berkeley were calling on old friends on Sunday.

The Alvarado Hotel is being raised. After this is done a new front and new windows will be put in. Many changes will be made throughout the house and it is to be newly furnished. **John Henningsen** of Hayward will run the hotel.

**John & Peter Henningsen** have applied for a liquor license.

William Richmond of San Francisco spent a few days of this week with his parents. Electric lights have been put in the water works. It is rumored that the town will also be supplied. Mrs. P. Helling entertained friends at her home near Alvarado Tuesday in honor of her birthday. Miss Ida Bernhard of San Francisco was the guest of **Miss Millie Nauert** this week. Harvey Teuscher of Oakland was entertained by George Beebe Friday and Saturday. The Wigwam Medicine Co. is in town giving shows. The performances are very fine (not). Guy Dyer of San Francisco and Hugh Dyer of Madrone spent several days at their home here. Dr. Davidson, formerly of Alvarado but now of Oakland, was in town Wednesday renewing old acquaintances. This is the doctor's first visit here for years.

The leap year dance given by the young ladies of Alvarado in the I.O.O.F Hall Friday evening proved to be a big success, both socially and financially. The Grand March at 9:30 o'clock was lead by **Miss Millie Nauert** and Mr. John Ralph, over fifty couples into line. At midnight supper was served in the dining room. After supper dancing was again resumed until 3 o'clock in the morning. Excellent music was in attendance. Many were present from Mission San Jose, Irvington, Decoto, Centerville, Newark, Hayward, Mt. Eden, Oakland and San Francisco. It is hoped the young ladies will give another dance in the future.

*The Hayward Review, March 13, 1896*

#### **Lot Sold:**

A.E. and Frances Putney to M.R. Lyle, Lot 5, Block 83, Alvarado.

*The San Francisco Call, March 17, 1896*

#### **Ducks:**

Judge Clift today held William H. Bliss for high misdemeanor for shooting on the premises of the Willow Lodge Club, near Alvarado. Bail was fixed at \$500, and he must stand trial in the Superior Court. A companion named James Cattelin was fined \$20.

*The San Francisco Call, March 17, 1897*

#### **Real Estate:**

**E.A. Richmond** (administrator of the estate of Jane Patterson) to Charles J. Perry, all interest in lots 7, 8, and 9, block 79, Black's survey of town of Alvarado, Washington Township, \$1,305.

Charles J. Perry to Farley B. Granger, Jr., lots 7, 8 and 9, block 79, Black's survey of same, also 1 share in Alvarado Artesian Well Company, Washington Township; \$5.

*The San Francisco Call, March 20, 1896*

#### **Baseball:**

A practice game of baseball was played between Mt. Eden and Alvarado at the formers grounds last Sunday. The object of the game was to get the Mt. Eden players in trim for the return game to be played between Mt. Eden and Hayward, when the former will attempt to make up for the crushing defeat it met two weeks ago. At the end of the third inning, when the rain interfered with further play, the score stood at Mt. Eden 12 and Alvarado 4.

*The Hayward Review, March 20, 1896*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. N. Neilson and Misses C. & L. Neilson of Mt. Eden were in town Sunday.

Misses Ella Mathews and May Smith of San Francisco are visiting relatives this week.

**Judge Richmond** went to Oakland on business Monday.

Miss Emma Teuscher has been the guest of Miss Nellie Beebe this past week.

Roy Browning of East Oakland is visiting his sister Mrs. C. A. Wright.

The Ladies Aid Society will meet at the home of Mrs. I. B. Haines Thursday.

Frank Jones, who has been working in Newark for the past two years, is again working in the Alvarado foundry. We are very glad to have Mr. Jones back with us again.

Miss Nina Dyer spent over Sunday with her parents.  
Professor C. Turner of the NBS No. 2 was in town yesterday.  
E. H. Clawiter of Mt. Eden passed through town Tuesday.  
Olivina Parlor, No. 61, NDGW, will give a dance in the IOOF Hall sometime in April.  
Mrs. F. B. Granger, Sr. is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. E. E. Chase of San Jose.  
The Land family is now occupying the old Ralph house.  
Miss Laura Castella and a young lady friend are being entertained by her aunt, Mrs. E. M. Foley at her home near Alvarado.  
It is rumored that Charles O. Perry has purchased the Leland place.  
*The Hayward Review, March 20, 1896*

#### **News Notes:**

Miss Millie Nauert of Alvarado was visiting friends in Hayward the early part of the week.

John Henningsen, one of the popular proprietors of the Henningsen House, and Miss Mary Tuckson a favorite Mt. Eden daughter, were married today in Oakland. Mr. & Mrs. Henningsen will take up residence in Alvarado and conduct the Alvarado Hotel.  
*The Hayward Review, March 27, 1896*

#### **Baseball:**

The Mt. Eden baseball team was defeated by the Alvarado baseball team. Alvarado, which has recently strengthened their team avenged an earlier loss to Mt. Eden. The final score was 18 to 13.  
*The Oakland Tribune, April 6, 1896*

#### **Salt:**

One of the most exciting public sales of property that has taken place in this city ([Oakland](#)) for some time occurred at the front entrance to the Court House this morning. It attracted about 200 interested spectators. The property involved is some 200 acres of salt marsh near Alvarado, in this county, and is known as the Union City Salt claim. It has been operated by E. P. Kerrison, Mrs. Maria Webber, Osgood Putnam and P. Marsicano. The land is valued at \$18,000 and a spirited bidding war soon erupted between Marsicano and Putnam. When Putnam bid \$12,000, Marsicano withdrew. Putnam was elated over the sales price.  
*The Oakland Tribune, April 8, 1896*

#### **The Angler:**

The late rains have very materially interfered with the sport of anglers. Excepting the small streams, which empty into the creeks that usually afford good fishing at this season of the year, the prospects for respectable catches of trout are not by any means favorable for tomorrow.

Previous to the recent downpour the creeks that have generally afforded good sport to local anglers contained large numbers of trout, and the outlook for a very successful opening of the season truly excellent, but King Pluvius put a damper on the expectations of the knights of the rod, and as a result the future prospects for good fishing are decidedly problematical.

Frank Hoffling of Haywards has discovered a new fishing ground, which gives promise of being well patronized by midwinter fishermen who sit and wait for results. Mr. Hoffling came to this City ([S.F.](#)) yesterday purposely to purchase strong rods and tackle, which he contends are unquestionably necessary to successfully handle and capture the big steelheads that are loafing in a lagoon, which is within a short walk of the town of Alvarado.

"I was shooting robin snipe near Alvarado last week," said Mr. Hoffling, "when I met a country fellow tramping along the marsh with a willow pole in his hand."

"I was inquisitive enough to ask him what he was after", and the fellow answered, "salmon." I could not help smiling at the idea of a person catching salmon in a slough near Alvarado, but

when he invited me to accompany him to the happy salmon fishing grounds, I thought that there might possibly be something in it, and off we started for the prospective angling waters.

"Here is the spot, sir," said my friend, "where I landed two big fellows yesterday and got cleaned out by a third." I watched him straighten out his line, which was strong enough to hold a shark. He then impaled six large ground worms on a No. 6 hook, and an awkward cast was made into the pool, which was, I guess, five or six feet in depth.

We did not have to wait long for results. A three pounder had taken a good hold of the baited hook, and as it was making off with the prize the rustic angler struck quickly, and then a yanking match between man and fish followed which would have made the great and only Frank Dolliver blush for shame.

The steelhead, or salmon, so called by the country fellows, was conquered in less than ten seconds, and then I realized for the first time that my newly formed acquaintance informed correctly as regards steelhead fishing in the Alvarado lagoon. Before I took my departure I witnessed the capture of two beautiful fish all about the same in size and weight. Unless it rains between now and Sunday I will be in for some grand sport.

*The San Francisco Call, April 11, 1896*

#### **Around Town:**

**Mrs. Harvey** has been entertaining friends and relatives from Oakland.

Mrs. Ives, who has been sick, is improving.

The Misses Doyle & Muller who spent the past month with Miss Tina Behrmann have returned to San Francisco.

The Ladies Aid Society met at the home of **Mrs. Harvey**. They will meet next at Miss Jackson's. Miss Eva Cody of San Francisco is visiting her mother this week.

M. R. Lyle expects to move into his new store this week.

There is some talk of starting a bicycle club. We have some fifty wheelman in Alvarado.

Mrs. J. W. Atkinson, Mrs. O. J. Emery and Mrs. H. P. Dyer got new bicycles this week.

Alvarado people turned out in good number for the concert at the Union High School in Centerville given by the Berkeley Glee Club. All were highly pleased with the jolly numbers.

J. J. Stokes, an Alvarado pioneer and for many years a resident, died suddenly in his home in Berkeley where he and his family had resided for a number of years.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 13, 1896*

#### **Dentistry:**

Dr. B. F. Summons, Dentist, of Hayward will be in Alvarado Wednesday of each week. He will maintain an office in the Alvarado Hotel.

*The Hayward Review, April 17, 1896*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Minnie Williams is visiting friends in Oakland.

Mrs. Wagner, who has been attending her mother in Oakland this past week, is home again.

Guy C. Emery is taking the school census this week.

A few of our young people attended a dance given in Hayward by the Entre Nous Club Wednesday night and report having enjoyed themselves immensely.

Mrs. I. V. Ralph spent a couple of days of this week in San Francisco.

Ellsworth Chase is visiting his grandparents at the Riverside Hotel, Mr. & Mrs. F. B. Granger, Sr.

Miss Brown, a very fashionable dressmaker of San Francisco, has opened a dressmaking parlor in connection with Mrs. A. P. Bryden's millinery establishment.

Little Henry Nauert helped avert a train wreck when he noticed a broken switch on the tracks. He immediately notified the Southern Pacific Railroad section foreman who had a crew make repairs before the 7 o'clock special came through town.

*The Hayward Review, April 17, 1896*

**Alvarado Water Works:**

Here is a brief synopsis of the visit of the Oakland Merchants Exchange (some 70 people) to the Alvarado Water Works:

The Oakland merchants disembarked at the Southern Pacific Train Depot in Alvarado where they found conveyances ready to take them to the water works on the Union City side of town about one mile from the train depot. The drive was made in a short space of time although some of the merchants decided to walk instead. The day was beautiful, there was a breeze blowing from the Bay, the keenness of which was modified and given rather a bracing and inspiring effect by the genial warmth of the sun.

As the visitors passed through Alvarado they were greeted by the merchants of the place, a compliment of which was also intended for the projector of the works which had done so much to bring the name of the little town into prominence.

At the entrance to the grounds W. J. Dingee stood and shook hands with his friends and welcomed them to the work. The guests then divided themselves into several parties and under the conduct of Mr. Dingee, Frank Moffitt and W. F. Boardman, respectively; the last mentioned the engineer who is in charge of the works inspected all features of the facility.

The guides had little to tell, because everything is visible to the naked eye and its own story in more satisfactory terms than could have been detailed in words.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 20, 1896*

**Around Town:**

Mr. Lyle is now occupying his new store.

Dr. Hauber is now located in the Lyle Building.

E. A. Liddle of Hayward visited C. R. Nauert Tuesday.

Prof. Weber and family of San Francisco were entertained by George Althaus Sunday.

Mr. Manson, who has been employed by the Oakland Water Co. for the past year has resigned his position last week. The vacancy has been filled by Mr. Mangot who, with his family, have taken the new Smith cottage.

Olivina Parlor, No. 61, NDGW, will give a dance in the Odd Fellows Hall on Friday evening.

A fine programme has been prepared for the NDGW entertainment and dance, and it will conclude with a farce "A Kiss in the Dark." Mrs. M. A. Hinton of Oakland will furnish the music.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 21, 1896*

**Alvarado-Centerville Road:**

A petition was received from A. A. Bettencourt, Road Foreman, calling to the attention of the Board of Supervisors the condition of the road running between Alvarado and Centerville, and claiming it was impossible to keep it in a passable condition in winter and asking that it be attended to. The matter was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 23, 1896*

**Baseball:**

A game of baseball was played Sunday at Mt. Eden between the Hayward and Alvarado nines, the former winning by a score of 23 to 17.

*The Hayward Review, April 24, 1896*

**Around Town:**

Miss M. Williams who has been visiting friends in Oakland is back home again.

Mrs. Walters who has been visiting her brother, B. H. McCall the past month, left for her home in Seattle.

Mrs. Warren, who has been quite sick in Oakland, has been conveyed to the home of her daughter Mrs. Wagner, Tuesday.



Mrs. Eliza Schmidt of San Francisco spent several days this week with her aunt, Mrs. K. Ralph. Mrs. M. D. Gilman is spending a few days in San Francisco. Miss Mary Joyce has been entertaining a young lady friend from San Francisco during the past week.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 1, 1896*

#### **Around Town:**

Mistletoe Lodge, No. 54, Degree of Honor, AOUW, will give a dance in honor of its first anniversary at the IOOF Hall in Alvarado on Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>. Admission, including supper, is \$1.00 for gents, ladies free. Mariner Brothers of San Francisco will furnish the music.

Messrs. Stanton and Pimentel were in town on a pleasure trip Sunday. Did Arthur Ralph enjoy his trip to Napa? Of course, why shouldn't he? The entertainment that was supposed to be given by the NDGW Friday evening, April 24<sup>th</sup>, was postponed on account of the storm, will take place at the IOOF Hall on Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mrs. A. May will lead the Christian Endeavor at the Presbyterian Church this Sunday. John M. Scribner has gone to San Luis Obispo as a delegate from Wisteria Parlor, No. 127, NSGW, to the Grand Parlor, which convenes there. Miss Zida Silva spent several days visiting relatives in San Francisco this week. Miss Kate Joyce, who has been visiting her parents for the past four weeks, left for San Francisco. Fred Harny, who has been employed in San Francisco has resigned his position and is back amongst us again. Mrs. E. A. Richmond and Miss Millie Nauert of Alvarado were visitors in Hayward Tuesday. The ball to be given by some young men from Alvarado will take place at Mt. Eden on Saturday evening May 9<sup>th</sup>.

*The Hayward Review, May 1, 1896*

#### **Republican Delegates:**

Congressional Committeeman Long has appointed John P. Whipple, Decoto, and F. B. Granger, Jr. Alvarado, as delegates from this assembly district to the Republican Convention which will be held in Sacramento.

*The Hayward Review, May 1, 1896*

#### **Around Town:**

William Lee has gone to San Francisco where he has accepted a position. Miss Emma Teuscher, who has been the guest of Nellie Beebe the past week returned to her home in Oakland Thursday. George Althausser left for his old home in Germany Thursday. He expects to be gone for several months. Improvements are being made in the Leland place recently purchased by Mrs. F. B. Granger Jr.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 6, 1896*

#### **Rebekah's:**

The Rebekah's, the ladies branch of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF), will meet in Memorial Hall, IOOF Building this morning at 10 o'clock. Attending and representing Alvarado will be Mrs. Mary Vandeppeer.

*The San Francisco Call, May 12, 1896*

#### **Baseball:**

Last Sunday the boys from Alvarado Grammar School played the team from Hayward School on the grounds in front of the store. The Alvarado team, though considerably smaller in size, completely laid out the larger Hayward boys.

*The Hayward Review, May 15, 1896*

#### **Alvarado Roads:**

The Board of Supervisors approved a resolution to have three bridges built in the Alvarado Road District on the Alvarado Road leading to Centerville.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 22, 1896*

**Around Town:**

About 1 o'clock Monday morning the town was aroused by the cry of "Fire!" The back part of the saloon and barbershop of Mathew Davilla was in flames. It took quite a while to rouse the sleeping family upstairs. Owing to the speedy work of our firefighters and a good supply of water, the fire was quickly under control. Damage was limited to \$75.

The closing exercises of the Alvarado Public School will be held Thursday eve, June 4<sup>th</sup>, at the IOOF Hall. The programme will conclude with the operetta, "The National Flower." It will undoubtedly be very fine.

Mrs. E. M. Foley was elected a delegate to the Grand Parlor NDGW, to be held in Napa from June 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>. She will represent Olivina Parlor No. 51, NDGW of Alvarado. Miss Mildred Nauert will be the alternate.

Wedding bells are to ring in a few days. It is rumored that a gentleman from Oakland is to carry off one of our young ladies.

Miss Emma Teuscher of Oakland is spending the week with her friend, Miss Nellie Beebe.

The entertainment and social dance given by the Olivina Parlor, NDGW, was a decided success. The programme was excellent and the farce was, well, a great many times better than our highest hopes.

Miss Josie Ingemundsen of Napa is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. S. Perkins.

Miss Nettie Stevens of Oakland is visiting her cousin, Miss Adeline Allguire.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 1, 1896*

**Liquor License Application:**

Mathew Davilla, Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 15, 1896*

**Around Town:**

The Gilman family has moved into the Leland place, lately purchased by F. B. Granger, Jr.

Mrs. John Henningsen of the Alvarado Hotel entertained her sister Saturday and Sunday.

Olivina Parlor, NDGW, initiated Miss Emma Teuscher of Oakland at the last meeting.

C. W. Heyer, Auditor of the German Savings & Loan Association of San Francisco spent Saturday and Sunday with his sister, Mrs. C. R. Nauert.

Miss Mildred Nauert spent several days of this week in San Francisco.

Mrs. H. B. Ford has been entertaining Oakland friends.

The Ladies Aid Society met at the residence of Mrs. A. May on Thursday.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 16, 1896*

**News Note:**

The Rev. George E. Swan and wife, from San Francisco, are spending the week with Mrs. & Mrs. Charles E. Wickson at Alvarado.

*The San Francisco Call, June 23, 1896*

**Around Town:**

Miss Nellie Beebe has gone to Oregon to visit relatives.

**Mrs. E. M. Foley** has returned from Napa and reports having had a fine time.

Mrs. H. Hahn of San Francisco has been visiting friends and relatives the past week.

The Ladies Aid Society will have a bazaar at the I.O.O.F Hall Friday evening.

Miss Minnie Williams, who has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. E. Wagner the past six months, has returned to home in Oregon.

Miss Laura Castella of San Francisco is spending vacation with her aunt, **Mrs. E. Foley**. The school children picnicked at Niles Canyon on Saturday.

Miss Myrtle Kitte was given a farewell party on Friday by her aunt, Mrs. M. D. Gilman, with whom she has been visiting the past seven months. She will shortly leave for her home in Nevada. Games, music, recitations, etc., were indulged in, after which cake, ice cream and lemonade were served. Those present were: Misses Emma Gearing, Barbara Emery, Mamie Hansen, Oscarna Nauert, Ivy Belle Ralph, Verda Ives, Edna Ralph, Velma Ives, Margie Jackson; Messrs: Henry Nauert and Mossman Gilman.

The ten scholars in the ninth grade all passed their examinations successfully, a very good showing. We understand that some of them will attend the Hayward High School.

Miss K. Liston is again a resident of our town.

Quite a number of people from our town spent Sunday at Alum Rock Park in San Jose.

Mrs. Schwenson and son, Alvin, are spending a few days with the Henningsen family at Hayward.

Mrs. & Mrs. Randolph of San Francisco were in town Sunday with their brother I. V. Ralph.

Mr. Lyle has in connection with his store a soda fountain, where a cool drink can be obtained.

***The Hayward Review, June 26, 1896***

### **Three Bridges At Alvarado:**

W. W. Brier appeared before the county board of supervisors concerning the three bridges on the road from Alvarado to Centerville. He stated that the erection of these bridges would not afford the necessary relief. After some discussion, the matter was referred to the committee of the whole to visit next Wednesday morning.

***The Oakland Tribune, June 26, 1896***

### **Around Town:**

Miss Marian Ingalls and Master Everett Ingalls, formerly of Alvarado but now of Napa, were in town visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Annie Ralph is entertaining her cousin, Miss Ethel Ralph of Centerville.

The following officers were elected to serve the Christian Endeavor Society for the ensuing year:

Past President, John M. Scribner, President: **Miss Mildred Nauert**; Vice President: Miss Nellie Beebe; Secretary: Mrs. August May; Treasurer: **Miss Dora Joyce**; Committee on Work: Mrs. Fred Harvey.

The foundry closed Thursday evening for two weeks. This is the first vacation they have had for over a year and without a doubt the boys will enjoy it very much.

Miss Selma Ingemundsen of Napa is visiting her sister Mrs. A. S. Perkins of Alvarado.

Mr. & Mrs. H. B. Fry are entertaining friends from Ione, Amador County.

Miss Nina Dyer left Saturday for Madrone Springs for a two-week visit.

Miss Lydia Ives is visiting friends and relatives in Stockton. She will be gone several months.

**Miss Mildred Nauert** is home after spending three weeks in Napa.

The entertainment and bazaar given by the Ladies Aid Society was a decided success, both socially and financially. Over \$60 was realized. The booths were perfectly beautiful, in fact, the most elaborate ever seen in the vicinity.

O. J. Backus of the Geo. Tay Co. spent Saturday in town.

Miss Dot Nauert is visiting friends in Hayward.

**Miss Dora Joyce** is visiting her sister, Mrs. Laufer in San Francisco.

***The Hayward Review, July 3, 1896***

### **Water:**

The Oakland Water Company is not anxious for a repetition of the "demonstration" made on their main pipe at Alvarado last Fourth of July. On that occasion, a section of pipe was blown up at Alvarado, where it crossed the marsh, and the salt water got into the main and caused much trouble and unpleasantness. Today President Dargie employed twenty men to patrol along the line of the trestle to protect against a similar piece of vandalism.

***The San Francisco Call, July 4, 1896***

**Contra Costa Water Co:**

"The Contra Costa Water Co. has started its pumps again in the old glue factory." This was the message, which came over the phone to Wm. Dingee, President of the Oakland Water Co. An investigation proved this to be true.

As is understood the Oakland Water Company obtains its water from a system of Artesian wells near the town of Alvarado. These wells have been flowing for a third of a century and the quality of the water they furnish for softness and purity is unsurpassed in America. The Contra Costa Water Company, the desperate and vicious water monopoly from Oakland, in an effort to undermine and bankrupt its new rival set up pumps at the old glue factory in Alvarado and pumped pure water into the marshes and the Bay night and day for months. Billions of gallons of clear soft water were wasted by their effort. Last August a public outcry was heard and the Contra Costa Company stopped their wastefulness. But now they are back it again, pumping pure Alvarado Artesian water into marshes.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 6, 1896*

**Bicycles for McKinley:**

As the campaign for the presidency grows older, new ideas for booming presidential candidates are coming to the front. The latest, Alameda County, is in front in the organization of a McKinley Bicycle Corps. Alvarado has the credit for the undertaking and it is said that already sixty members have been enrolled.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 13, 1896*

**Sugar:**

In California the beet sugar enterprise took a new start, new and extensive plants were put up, giving a new and profitable source of income to farmers in the cultivation of sugar beets; this new enterprise in agriculture furnishes employment to thousands of laboring men, teamsters and employees of the sugar factories. The pioneer sugar factory of the United States is located at Alvarado, in this county, was enlarged, and with the new enterprises inaugurated the output of sugar was quadrupled in this state.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 17, 1896*

**Around Town:**

Andrew Muller, who went to Stockton on his wheel ([bicycle](#)) a week or so ago, arrived in town on Saturday. He reports the roads are in excellent condition.

Miss Alvina Decoto, of Decoto, is visiting her sister, Mrs. August May.

Miss Nellie Beebe arrived home Friday after spending three pleasant weeks in Oregon.

Sunday School is held every Sunday at the Presbyterian Church.

Geo. Halling is visiting friends in Oakville.

Mrs. J. M. Ingalls and daughter of San Jose are spending a few weeks at the Beard residence.

Miss Zida Silva has returned home after spending two weeks with her sister in San Francisco.

Miss Anna H. Harrison of San Francisco was entertained this week by Miss Oscarna Nauert.

Miss Laura Castella of San Francisco, who spent her vacation with her aunt, Mrs. E. M. Foley, returned to her home on Saturday. Miss Harriet Joyce accompanied her.

Frank Jones is seen on the avenue with a new Bison Wheel.

*The Hayward Review, July 17, 1896*

**Liquor License Application:**

F. M. Fagunds, Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 20, 1896*

**News Notes:**

Our town is nearly all for McKinley. Few seem to be for Bryan.

Miss Mabel Postlewaite of Oakland is the guest of the Beebe family.

Miss Dot Nauert is visiting friends in Hayward.  
The Alvarado public school reopened today with the same corps of teachers.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 20, 1896*

#### **Madrone Springs:**

J.W. Silveira, Miss May Hawley, and Mrs. G.W. Patterson, all of Alvarado are spending some time at Madrone Springs.  
*The San Francisco Call, July 26, 1896*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Mengle entertained friends from San Francisco Sunday.  
Dr. L. T. Cranz and wife were the guests of the **Nauert family** Saturday and Sunday.  
Mr. & Mrs. T. Nevins and sons and the Misses Huffman spent Sunday with L. T. Smith.  
H. B. Ford left Saturday for the Delta, where his wife and daughter are visiting.  
Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Liston and daughter Mary of Stockton spent several days last week at the home of his mother.  
E. Burr, Manager of the Alameda Sugar Company, spent Wednesday in town.  
Mr. & Mrs. H. P. Dyer and daughter Jeannette left Wednesday for Cleveland Ohio. They expect to be gone about six months.  
Miss Nellie Wells of Newark was in town on Sunday calling on friends.  
Mrs. Capt. Jacobs and Mrs. Bedinger of San Francisco were entertained by **Mrs. C. R. Nauert** Wednesday of last.  
The Pridgeon children of Stockton are spending their vacation with their grandmother, Mrs. A. Muller.

The following officers were elected by Olivina Parlor, No. 61, NDGW to serve for the ensuing term: Past President: Mrs. Mary Crosby; President: Miss Mildred Nauert; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Miss Alice Jackson; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Miss Christina Anderson; 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President: Miss Emma Teuscher; Recording Secretary: Mrs. Jenny May; Financial Secretary: **Mrs. Hattie Nauert**; Treasurer: Miss Nellie Beebe; Marshal: Mrs. Nellie Foley; Inside Sentinel: Miss Annie Meyer; Outside Sentinel: Mrs. Clara May.  
*The Hayward Review, July 31, 1896*

#### **Schooner Springs a Leak:**

The schooner "Lizzie Adams" sprang a leak when on her way from Alvarado to the steamer "State of California" with a load of salt. The cargo was spoilt and the vessel had to be run on the mud flats to prevent her from sinking.  
*The San Francisco Call, August 1, 1896*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Flora Palmtag and Mrs. Mat Garwood were in Alvarado on a pleasure trip.  
A number of our young people attended the dance given by the NSGW in Hayward on Thursday evening. They report having a most wonderful time.  
Mr. & Mrs. H. B. Ford and daughter have returned from a visit to Delta.  
Miss Emma Teuscher left Tuesday for her home in Oakland after spending two pleasant weeks in Alvarado with friends.  
Attorney John H. Hansen and wife of San Francisco were entertained by Mr. C. R. Nauert Sunday.  
The Ladies Aid Society met with Mrs. Atkinson on Thursday.  
The young men of Alvarado will give a social dance at the IOOF Hall on Friday evening. Excellent music has been engaged. Admission: Gentlemen \$1, supper included.  
Bridges are being built on the road between Alvarado and Centerville.  
Alvarado is elated over the way the primary elections turned out.  
Miss Nina Dyer, who is attending the Oakland High School, spent over Sunday at her home in Alvarado accompanied by her cousin Miss Edyth Dyer.  
The Alvarado Sugar Refinery will be open on Monday.  
*The Hayward Review, August 21, 1896*

**Sugar:**

The sugar mill at Alvarado opened their annual run yesterday and will run day and night for the next five months to consume the beets raised by farmers. This mean the placing in circulation of an immense amount of money, as the plant gives employment to about 100 hands. The total acreage of beets this year is placed at 3,800 acres, as compared with 3,000 acres last year.

*The San Francisco Call, August 26, 1896*

**Boxing:**

The Crescent Athletic Club will present a full card of boxing in Berkeley on the evening of September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Included in the evening's boxing will be Frank Rafael, champion featherweight of the coast, who is billed to meet Bob Elwert of Alvarado in October.

*The San Francisco Call, August 27, 1896*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. Nettie Stevens of Oakland spent over Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. R. Allguire.

J. Geary of Hayward was in town on Sunday.

J. Backus of the Geo. Tay Co. of San Francisco spent Tuesday in Alvarado.

Mrs. Winnie Ralph and daughter, Gladys, who have been visiting relatives in this vicinity the past month, left Tuesday for a visit with relatives in San Francisco.

Miss Nellie Beebe is visiting in Oakland with friends.

Mrs. P. Hellwig is entertaining San Francisco friends.

Dr. S. A. Bateau died after a lingering illness at his home in Oakland Friday. The deceased practiced for years in our town, but for last five years has resided in Oakland. The widow and children have the heartfelt sympathy of all our people.

The dance given by the young men of Alvarado in the IOOF Hall last Friday evening was a decided success. The music was furnished by the Acme Orchestra of Oakland and was very good. The supper, as it always is in Alvarado, was splendid. The march was led by Arthur Ralph of Alvarado and Miss Emma Teuscher of Oakland. It is hoped that the young men will give another of these pleasant dances in the near future.

Miss Lena Palmtag of Hayward spent several days of the week with Miss Dot Nauert.

Mrs. A. Schmidt and Miss Ella Schmidt of San Francisco are the guests of Mrs. K. Ralph.

Mr. A. J. Lattin, an old resident of Alvarado, is very ill.

The familiar whistle of the sugar mill is heard again. Over 100 men are employed. The mill will run for about seven months. The acreage of beets is larger this year than ever before.

Miss Ella Smith of San Francisco is being entertained by Mrs. E. A. Richmond.

Miss Selma Ingemundsen of Newark spent over with her sister Mrs. A. S. Perkins.

Mr. A. De Mello is having a neat cottage built for his daughter who will marry shortly.

Mr. M. Nelson of Centerville and Miss Ella Little of Petaluma were in town Saturday calling on friends.

*The Hayward Review, August 28, 1896*

**Populist Delegate:**

Saturday evening the Populists met at Sunol. M. R. Lyle was elected as the Populist Delegate to represent Alvarado in the county delegation.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 31, 1896*

**Real Estate:**

A.P. Bryden to Maggie D. Bryden, lot 12, block 79, in the town of Alvarado, Washington Township, \$5.

*The San Francisco Call, September 3, 1896*

**Boxing:**

Boxing matches tomorrow night at the Crescent Athletic Club in Berkeley have been set. Among the participants in the preliminary bouts will be Bob Elwert from Alvarado.

*The San Francisco Call, September 3, 1896*

#### **Duck Club:**

A new gun club, which will be known as the Swan Gun Club, has been organized, with A Stattler as president, and L.T. Cranz as secretary. The club is composed of twelve members, who have leased some grounds near Alvarado for duck shooting purposes, which are said to be perfectly dry and free from salt water. They expect to get good morning and evening shooting in the stubble fields.

*The San Francisco Call, September 6, 1896*

#### **Visitor to San Francisco:**

C.P. Jack of Alvarado registered yesterday at the Russ House in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Call, September 8, 1896*

#### **First District Supervisorial Race:**

The race in the First District Supervisor's race is heating up in Washington and Murray Townships. The more prominent persons from Washington Township in the race are: W. F. Emery, Alvarado; F. C. James, Newark; Tom Bedard, Niles; Farley B. Granger, Jr., Alvarado; Valentine Alviso, Will Harris, Arthur Fiedler and Joseph Mowry, Centerville; and L. W. Osgood, Irvington.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 11, 1896*

#### **Democratic Delegates:**

The Democratic Convention of Alameda County has allotted Washington Township only six delegates (Murray Township was given 12). The towns receiving delegates are: Alvarado, Centerville, Niles, Newark, Mission San Jose and Washington ([Irvington](#)).

*The Oakland Tribune, September 16, 1896*

#### **Around Town:**

Dr. Hauber was elected as a Vice President of the Washington Township Silver club on Friday.

Miss Belle Owen of Oakland, who has been visiting friends in town, left for home Tuesday.

Miss Edna Ingalls of Napa was the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. K. Liston last week.

Eugene Mathews was seriously burned at the sugar mill, caused by the lime pan boiling over.

Mr. & Mrs. Schwensen and son Alvin will leave for Europe in a few weeks.

George Althausser, who has been traveling through Europe the past four months, has returned home.

Miss Kate Mathews, who has been visiting friends and relatives in San Francisco for the past two months, arrived at her home on Saturday.

Miss Selma Ingemundsen of Newark was a guest of her sister, Mrs. A. S. Perkins over Sunday.

After visiting in Sacramento over the past two months, Miss Clara Jackson returned to her home near Alvarado Saturday.

Mrs. George Babb is entertaining her brother Alga of Stockton at her home this week.

Miss Elydia Ives has returned to Alvarado after spending a few months in Lodi.

Miss Hannah Miller has as her guests Mrs. Pridgeon and son of Stockton.

The Menga family has moved into the Emerson place in Union City.

Mrs. A. J. Lattin, an old and highly respected resident of Alvarado, died in Ukiah last Monday after a lingering illness. Owing to the ill health of her husband it was thought best to have the body buried there. The deceased was past 70 years of age. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Miss Zida Silva is spending a few days in San Francisco as the guest of her sister.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 28, 1896*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Adeline Allguire spent several days of this week in San Francisco.

Misses Nina and Edith Dyer of Oakland spent over Sunday at the home of the former.

A "Missionary Tea" was given at the home of Mrs. C. H. Patterson, Thursday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

The young ladies of Alvarado will give an invitation Leap Year Dance Friday evening, October 24<sup>th</sup> in the Odd Fellows Hall. A committee has been formed to produce the event and includes: Miss Blanche Emery, Miss May Laurie, Miss Kate Riley, Miss Edna Babb and Miss Mildred Nauert. The last Leap Year Dance given by them some months ago was such an enjoyable affair and decided success that they deemed it well to do it again.

Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Atkinson entertained his mother of Berkeley Monday.

About thirty young people of Oakland took a hayride to Alvarado Saturday evening. They attended the social given by Miss Paul, the dancing teacher, and after the social were taken on a tour of the **sugar mill**. They greatly enjoyed their visit.

Mrs. S. B. Randall and family of San Francisco are the guests of the Hansen family.

Quite a number of our young people attended the "cake walk" at Centerville Saturday eve.

Mrs. S. Beebe and Miss Nellie Beebe are visiting friends in Oakland.

Miss Edna Ingalls, who visited relatives in town last week, left for her home in Napa Sunday.

Eugene Mathews, who was so seriously burned at the **sugar mill** a few weeks ago, is doing nicely and reported by the attending physicians as being out of danger.

Mrs. K. Liston is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. F. Ingalls, of Napa this week.

Miss Louisa Muller of Mission San Jose visited her parents in town Tuesday.

***The Hayward Review, October 2, 1896***

### **Sugar:**

A canvass of the political feelings of the men employed at the **sugar mill** here was made yesterday with remarkable results. There are 140 men employed now that the mill is in full swing, and out of this number McKinley is the favorite of 140.

"This result is not surprising," said Superintendent Atkinson, "because without protection, every one of these men would be thrown out of employment. We could not run these mills if we had to endure four years of such policy as Bryan has outlined. The expression of our men is certainly a practical one."

***The San Francisco Call, October 2, 1896***

### **News Notes:**

Ed Weston, of Irvington, will take the place of Ed Farley on the Alvarado butcher wagon. It is said that Ed is planning to go to Oregon.

Sugar beets from Irvington have been shipped to the Alvarado mill by rail, but from now until the end of the season they will have to be brought in by team.

Eugene Woolsey, who is a student at the U. C. Dental College, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. B. H. Ford.

***The Oakland Tribune, October 5, 1896***

### **Game Warden Report:**

SAN LEANDRO, SEPTEMBER 29, 1896

Sporting Editor: Sir, while traveling through the county performing the duties of my office I will say, for the benefit of hunters, it appears to me that quail will be very plentiful in Alameda County this year, and if hunters continue to respect the law as they have been doing they will be amply rewarded when the season opens. There also seems to be an unusually large amount of young ducks around the marshes, especially in the vicinity of Mt. Eden and Alvarado.

I have just stocked the Alameda Creek above the forks of the Calaveras and Alameda Creeks with 50,000 lake trout. During the month of September I arrested three violators of the fish law. They were convicted and fined \$50, \$20 and \$20 respectively. Yours respectfully,

J. L. Donovan

Fish & Game Warden, Alameda County

***The Oakland Tribune, October 7, 1896***



### **Oldest Odd Fellow in the U.S.:**

Some time ago *The Tribune* discovered in Oakland a gentleman who claimed that he was the oldest Odd Fellow in the United States. Since then the gentlemen in question has gone to his reward. Now Alameda County and California comes to the front a second time and claims the distinction of having within their borders the oldest member of this well-known order. By a singular coincidence he is a resident of Decoto, in Alameda County, where, on Wednesday next the cornerstone of the Masonic Widow's and Orphan's Home is to be laid with imposing ceremony. The claimant is James W. Hawley. He asserts that there is no Odd Fellow in this state older than himself and that he makes the statement after having looked into the matter with a great deal of care. He is now 74 years old and says that he has been a member for 53 years. He was born in Orange, New Jersey in 1822. He joined the Odd Fellow Lodge at that place in 1843, remaining there until 1848. He came to California in 1849 and joined the Templar Lodge. In 1859 he helped found the Crusade Lodge at Alvarado, in this county, being one of five persons to contribute \$10 each for that purpose. Alvarado Lodge is one of the oldest lodges in the state of California. Mr. Hawley has been through all the chairs twice, and having been the recipient of all these honors contents himself with occupying the senior seat

*The Oakland Tribune, October 8, 1896*

### **Democratic Populists:**

There was a lively Democratic Populist meeting at Alvarado last night, at which the stereopticon views were again displayed. Speeches were made by Col. T. F. Garrity, Sheriff C. B. White and C. C. Hamilton.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 13, 1896*

### **Alvarado-Centerville Road:**

The County Board of Supervisors has passed a resolution to have the road between Alvarado and Centerville raised, macadamized and improved.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 17, 1896*

### **Spring Valley Water Co.:**

The Spring Valley Water Company has brought a condemnation suit against the lands of Jesse L. and Elizabeth Beard for water rights to some 3,000 feet of Alameda Creek water flow. The plaintiffs argue they supply water to the City & County of San Francisco and growth in that city requires a greater volume of water. The Beard's acknowledge a gradual growth in San Francisco but claims that Spring Valley does not need their water. The land in question is about 203 acres formerly known as the Beard Homestead Tract.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 29, 1896*

### **Marriage:**

Harley Albert Postlewaite, 43, of Alvarado; and Louise C. DeWitt, 26, a resident of Oakland.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 2, 1896*

### **Election:**

The election is passing very quietly in Alvarado although the keenest interest is being taken in the results. The town will undoubtedly go Republican with a big majority. Nearly all the votes have been polled already.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 3, 1896*

### **Ducks:**

The duck and quail hunters have been kept busy this week. Birds are reported plentiful on the Alvarado and Sonoma marshes. While in the lower part of the county, quail are numerous, although somewhat shy. At the clubhouses and on the preserves, there are many hunters, while the several parks are also well peopled. Teal, mallard and canvasbacks are coming in well, while snipe and rail are more plentiful this year than for many previous seasons.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 4, 1896*

**Returns for the Presidency:**

Listed below are the returns for voting in Washington Township for the Presidency:

Town:	McKinley	Bryan
Alvarado	130	85
Centerville	134	55
Decoto	53	17
Niles	111	39
Newark	107	33
Mission San Jose	105	53
Irvington	127	49

*The Oakland Tribune, November 5, 1896*

**Woman's Suffrage:**

Listed below are the returns for voting in Washington Township for the Woman's Suffrage Act:

Town:	Yes	No
Alvarado	52	93
Centerville	30	142
Decoto	27	40
Niles	44	81
Newark	33	103
Mission San Jose	26	102
Irvington	74	71

*The Oakland Tribune, November 5, 1896*

**Sugar:**

The Alvarado Sugar Refinery has issued invitations for a dance on next Friday evening, November 20<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate the election of McKinley and Hobart.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 19, 1896*

**Visitors to San Francisco:**

W.G. Gotrox, J.T. Williams and P.A. Staunschanna, all of Alvarado, registered yesterday at the Baldwin Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Call, November 15, 1896*

**Liquor License Applications:**

Ralph & Harvey, Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 20, 1896*

**News Notes:**

Next Thursday will be Thanksgiving Day and the grammar school will be closed Thursday and Friday.

The young men of the Alvarado Sugar Company will give a ball this Friday evening in celebration of the election Mr. McKinley.

*The Hayward Review, November 20, 1896*

**Flood:**

The rainfall has worked much damage in this section of the county. It has filled the creek so that now it is little short of a raging torrent. The water has burst its bounds and has flooded acres of this country. In Alvarado, all of Chinatown is under water and the inhabitants have to sleep on the second floor, as the lower floors are flooded.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 24, 1896*

**Marriage:**

Peter Peterson, a resident of Alvarado, aged 38, and Alvina Skow, a resident of Hayward, aged 18 years, by the Honorable J. J. Allen, City Justice.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 1, 1896*

**News Notes:**

Dr. Hauber of Alvarado was in Irvington Thanksgiving Day to attend the turkey shoot and succeeded in taking home a very fine bird.

An inquest was held at Alvarado on Monday to inquire into the death of Matthew Petersen of San Francisco, who was killed on Sunday near the Plummer Salt Works by the accidental discharge of his friend's gun.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 2, 1896*

**Around Town:**

The following officers were elected by Olivina Parlor, No. 61: Miss Mildred Nauert, Past President; Miss Alice Jackson, President; Miss Crissie Anderson, First V.P.; Miss Emma Teuscher, Second V.P.; Mrs. Jennie May, Third V.P.; Mrs. Sue Granger, Rec. Secretary; Mrs. Hattie Nauert, Fin. Secretary; **Miss Nellie Beebe**, Treasurer; Mrs. Nellie Foley, Marshal; Miss Annie Meyer, Inside Sentinel; Mrs. Clara May, Outside Sentinel; Mrs. Crosby, Ms. Volmer and **Miss Beebe**, Trustees.

The S. S. Society met with **Miss Oscarna Nauert** Wednesday afternoon. The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss M. Jackson. The following officers were elected: **Miss O. P. Nauert**, President; Miss M. Jackson, Vice President; Miss J. B. Ralph, Secretary; Miss E. A. Ralph, Treasurer.

*The Hayward Review, December 6, 1896*

**Around Town:**

The Liston family, who have been living in Stockton the past year, are again residents of Alvarado.

The **Rev. E. F. Robinson** will lead the C. E. Sunday night at the Presbyterian Church.

Ed Huff, the U. S. Mail contractor, has had a beautiful new top added to the Alvarado stage. At its first appearance the children were wild with excitement, thinking Santa Claus had arrived.

Evangelistic Services will be held in the Alvarado Presbyterian Church Saturday evening, Sunday morning, afternoon and evening. These services were arranged by the officers of the C. E. (Christian Endeavor) Society and will be conducted by Messrs. Gardiner, Lowell and Brown of Oakland. These gentlemen are exceptionally bright and all are capable speakers. All are invited to attend.

Mr. & Mrs. A. S. Perkins left Monday for Fresno, where they will spend the winter vacation.

Miss Lora Emery of San Simeon is expected home this week.

A grand rally of the Mizpah Union of C. E. will be held in the Presbyterian Church this Friday night.

Mrs. W. Jamison and son of San Francisco are visiting her mother, Mrs. R. Behrmann.

Mrs. J. Joyce and daughter, Miss Dora, spent a portion of last week visiting relatives in San Francisco.

The Ladies Aid Society met with Mrs. F. B. Granger Thursday. The next meeting will be held in the IOOF Hall to see that everything is in order for the Christmas tree.

Invitations have been received by a number of our people for a dancing party to be given December 25, 1896 by Miss Amy Gregory and Miss Louise Olney at the Gregory House, Centerville.

Mrs. Huxley gave a reception to **Rev.** and Mrs. **E. F. Robinson** at her house in honor of their departure, which is to take place soon.

*The Hayward Review, December 18, 1896*

**Sugar:**

The first sugar beet refinery to be established in the United States was erected in Alvarado in 1876. It is owned by the Alameda Sugar Company and was organized on a small scale, from which it has grown each year by year until it has come to be recognized as one of the thoroughly successful industries of the State.

This growth was made against seemingly overwhelming obstacles, each obstacle being met and overcome as it arose, and the result is a monument to what perseverance may accomplish.

This year the factory is making one of its longest runs it has ever known. It will not finish the season's crop before the end of January, the crop this year being an enormous one. There is still something like 10,000 tons of beets to work.

This year the sugar being turned out by the Alameda Sugar Company at Alvarado is extremely fine. The beets contain a larger percentage of sugar and the quality pronounced by sugar experts to be of an unusually superior grade. One Hawaiian cane planter who visited Alvarado a short time ago gave us an opinion that the sugar given to him for examination could not be excelled by any cane sugar anywhere in the world. Unlike the Spreckels factories, the Alvarado plant refines the sugar it makes.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 23, 1896*

#### **Stove Foundry:**

The stove works owned by George Tay & Co. at Alvarado intends to double its present capacity at the beginning of the year. The factory has been closed this week, during which time its capacity will be doubled ready for the reopening. Superintendent Charles Nauert said today that the increase of business is due to the election of McKinley, which has restored confidence, increased the demand and compelled the works to enlarge their business.

*The San Francisco Call, December 27, 1896*

#### **Good Fishing in Alvarado:**

Some nice fish were caught near Alvarado last Sunday by an employee of the Post Office.

*The San Francisco Call, January 2, 1897*

#### **New Year's Party:**

Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Wagner invited about thirty of their friends at their home New Year's Eve to watch the old year out and the New Year in. An excellent musical program was rendered, consisting of vocal, violin and flute solos, which was followed by dancing. At midnight a sumptuous repast was served, after which dancing again resumed. The majority of the guests were from San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley. Among those present from Alvarado were: Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Hanson, Mrs. A. L. Mengle, and Messrs. A. T. Ralph, O. P. Nauert, C. R. Nauert and C. E. White.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 4, 1897*

#### **Hugh Dyer:**

In a review of Stanford's baseball captains of the past few years, we find that Hugh Dyer of Alvarado was the Stanford baseball captain for the year of 1895.

*The San Francisco Call, January 9, 1897*

#### **Centerville Road:**

The road between Alvarado and Centerville has been much improved lately by the work done by contractor E. B. Stone under the direction of Supervisor Bailey.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 11, 1897*

#### **Chinese Wedding:**

Society in Alvarado will be treated tomorrow to a first class oriental wedding on the American plan, because Hing Ball, a prosperous young merchant will lead to the altar or more properly the forum, for Justice Richmond has been retained to tie the knot between Hing Ball and the pretty Si Ying. The groom, accompanied by the justice and Howard Tong, a friend, dropped into the County Clerk's Office this morning and Hing informed Deputy Ewing the "like cathch'em lisansey." The paper was made out and, at the request of the groom, a picture of himself and wife were

attached thereto. By special invitation Clerk Ewing agreed to pass a week with the young couple, and Hing, with his face wreathed in smiles, departed.

The groom with his three brothers conduct a store under the name of Sun Kee Company at Alvarado and the firm has made money. Miss Si is 24 years of age, or six years the junior of her prospective lord and master. She came from China about four years ago to visit her brother at Alvarado and suitors were numerous, for the girl is, according to oriental ideas, bright and pretty. She finally decided to give her hand to the young merchant.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 15, 1897*

#### **Fish:**

An angler who returned yesterday from Alvarado had two nice fish, which he caught in a slough within a mile of the town.

*The San Francisco Call, January 16, 1897*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Dot Nauert is in Hayward visiting Lena Palmtag.

Mrs. Fige will erect a two-story home on her lot here.

The **sugar mill** will close down at the end of February for the season.

There have been considerable improvements made in Alvarado in the last year.

There is a demand for more residences in Alvarado.

Ed Huff will erect a neat new cottage this spring.

The directors of the **sugar mill** were in town this week. They will enlarge the mill to twice its size.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 18, 1897*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Annie Ralph is in San Francisco.

P. Hellwig is on the sick list.

A "wizard" held forth in the IOOF Hall Monday & Tuesday evening of this week.

Chas. F. Heyer and his wife & children spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. C. R. Nauert

Miss Edith Dyer of Oakland spent the past week with relatives in Alvarado.

Mrs. E. A. Richmond entertained Albert Smithurst of San Francisco several days this week.

Mrs. Ed Winegar visited her mother, Mrs. J. Joyce, Saturday and Sunday.

The Alvarado Public School opened January 17<sup>th</sup> with the same corps of teachers.

Mrs. J. J. Liston presented her husband with a fine baby boy Wednesday.

James Creary of Alvarado died at the County Infirmary after a lingering illness.

Mr. William Hayes is quite sick this week.

Miss Nellie Wells of Newark was in town visiting friends.

Mrs. B. H. Ford is entertaining friends from Delta.

William Lee spent Sunday visiting with his parents.

Mr. A. Lindsey, who has been assistant station agent to B. H. Ford for the past six months, left for his home in Capitola this week.

Miss Lora Emery of San Simeon is spending her vacation at home.

Alvarado is still booming. It is reported that a fine 12-room house is to be commenced in a week or so.

*The Hayward Review, January 22, 1897*

#### **Marriage:**

A pretty home wedding that will be of interest to a great many in this section was that of Frank E. Behrmann, a rising young businessman in Alvarado and Miss Johanna Miller of San Francisco.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 23, 1897*

#### **Painful Accident at Foundry:**

The many friends of Charles Ellsasser will regret exceedingly to hear that while at work Friday in the Edison Electric Works in San Francisco he had his right arm cut off above the elbow, caused by an auxiliary engine refusing to stop while Mr. Ellsasser was fixing something near the piston

rod. Mr. Ellsasser has been employed by that concern for just over a year. He was the first engineer for the Oakland Water Company and during the one-year residence here he and his wife made many warm friends.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 25, 1897*

#### **Around Town:**

John Scribner and Miss Nellie Beebe of Alvarado were united in marriage in San Francisco on Monday.

Frank Jones, popular first tenor of the Alvarado male quartette, and Miss Steinhoff of Newark have secretly been married.

The foundry men have had two weeks vacation during stock taking. Work will be resumed on Monday.

Miss Mary De Mello was married to a Portuguese man of Alvarado in the Catholic Church on Sunday.

C. W. Heyer, Auditor of the German Bank of San Francisco and his family, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. C. R. Nauert.

D. Buchanan has resigned his position as assistant chemist at the Alameda **Sugar Company** to accept a position at Ralph & Harvey.

Miss Annie Ralph is visiting in San Francisco.

Little Dorothy Ford is quite ill with the croup.

Miss Allie Meyers of Irvington spent Sunday with her sister, Miss Mary Meyers.

The Alameda **Sugar Company** will finish this year's run in about two weeks.

Many new residences are being built in town, four that we know of.

Misses Mildred and Dot Nauert visited friends in Hayward this week.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 25, 1897*

#### **News Note:**

Married in San Francisco, John Stevens of San Francisco and Klara Franz of Alvarado.

*The San Francisco Call, January 26, 1897*

#### **Lot Sold:**

Ambrose J. Lattin to I.V. Ralph, a lot on Block 81, Levee Street in Alvarado.

*The San Francisco Call, January 27, 1897*

#### **Ducks:**

Willow Lodge, the hunting preserve near Alvarado that is maintained by Oakland sportsmen is troubled with poachers. William Bliss, J. Easterday and William Chatterlin, all of Niles are under arrest for trespassing, and have in turn sworn to warrants charging Martin Kloch, the gamekeeper, with impersonating an officer.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 30, 1897*

#### **Ducks:**

Frank Hoefleng and George Smalley of Oakland bagged 76 ducks below Alvarado. They still hold the championship for the season.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 1, 1897*

#### **Flood:**

Alvarado was visited today by the heaviest flood that has been known here since 1871. The heavy rain that fell during the night gradually overspread the swampy side surrounding the town until there was two or three feet of water upon many square miles of land in that vicinity.

About 9 o'clock the water rose suddenly, and two houses lying of the outskirts of the town were washed out and their inmates were forced to retire to higher ground in a boat. Up to noon the water continued to rise and rushed toward the creek, which was altogether inadequate to carry it into the Bay.

About 1 o'clock the cry was raised that a young lady was drowning in the creek. A rescuing party started for the spot and found the little son of Mrs. Young battling for life in the turbulent waters. Several men rushed in and by the aid of a raft consisting of some logs of wood they succeeded in rescuing the boy and bringing him to land, although he was very nearly drowned before he was restored to his excited mother, who had been screaming from the bank during the whole time her child was being saved.

Miss Anne Wilson, a milliner, also had an equally narrow escape. She was making her way along the edge of the creek when she was swept off by the flood and carried into the water. At that point the water only came up to her waist and she was able to prevent being swept toward the Bay until assistance reached her. With the exception of a wetting and a very acute fright, Miss Wilson did not suffer any serious injury.

Postmaster E.A. Richmond said tonight that the flood is greater than has been known for twenty-five years. It came up more suddenly than any previous flood and passed over to the Bay so quickly that less damage was done than on many occasions when the flood was not so severe. The Santa Cruz train was able to go through at 4 o'clock, and by 6 o'clock the waters had subsided and there was no more danger.

*The San Francisco Call, February 2, 1897*

#### **Flood:**

Alameda Creek is rising steadily. The banks have been completely overflowed and the water has entered many cellars. The ground floor of the home of George Lang is six inches under water. No other property has been destroyed. Residents do not anticipate any damage.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 5, 1897*

#### **Flood:**

The rainfall at Alvarado has been so heavy that the place has been flooded. The street looked more like small creeks than thoroughfares and the people have had a merry time getting about. Two or three houses near the creek were washed away and it is said that some people had narrow escapes from drowning. The flood was greater than any seen in the last twenty-five years.

*The Hayward Review, February 5, 1897*

#### **Reliance Lodge:**

The Pacific Lodge Drill Team of Oakland has accepted an invitation from the Reliance Lodge of Alvarado to pay a visit and confer the degrees on fifteen candidates. They will go there on Monday evening February 22<sup>nd</sup>, leaving Oakland at 6 o'clock p.m. on the Hayward Electric Line. They will be met by a bus that will convey them to Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 11, 1897*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Beebe's new house is nearing completion.

Very rank shows were held in town Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

There is not a vacant house in town. Four new ones are soon to be built and are already rented. Wm. Atwood, of Oregon, is visiting Dr. C. A. Hauber. Mr. Atwood is a student at Toland Medical College.

Judge Richmond has been confined to his bed the greater part of this week, but is now up and doing nicely.

The Goodall family who have lived near the sugar mill the past two years, moved into the Schmidt house this week.

H. Henzen, O. C. Keller and C. W. Heyer of the German Savings & Loan Society spent Sunday with Gus Nauert.

Mrs. E. A. Wagner has invited a number of her friends to her home Thursday to meet Mrs. White of Oakland, who is her guest.

The Christian Endeavor meeting Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock will be lead by Mrs. J. M. Scribner. Sunday School will be held at 1:15 p.m. and church services at 2:30 p.m. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Dr. Geo. F. Vanderlip of San Rafael will be at the Riverside Hotel the 20<sup>th</sup>. All needing any dental work should give the Doctor a call as he comes highly recommended.

It is authoritatively reported that at least three couples will be joined in the holy bonds matrimony. If it keeps up as it has been there will be no "maids" left in this town.

Fritz Zeesmeengees of Bremen, Germany, is being entertained by the family of his uncle, Mr. Adolph Muller of Alvarado. He is delighted with our glorious country and intends to stay many months rather than just a few days as he had originally planned.

Lodges are booming in Alvarado, especially the AOUW Nineteen applications were received at their last meeting. A special meeting will be held for the purpose of initiating the new candidates this Friday evening. The Pacific Drill Team from Oakland will be on hand to help.

A masquerade ball will be given by the Misses Paul, teachers of dancing, in the IOOF Hall Monday evening, February 22, 1897. Admission, including supper, is \$1. The dances given by these young ladies are very pleasant.

***The Hayward Review, February 12, 1897***

### **Marriage License:**

Thomas Perry Rose, 24 of Alvarado and Miss Minnie Ferreira, 24 of Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, February 13, 1897***

### **Flood:**

For the first time in many years the hills around Alvarado are covered with snow. During the past two days snow has fallen at intervals and although it melted quickly in the lowlands there is a thick covering on the hills that was added to this morning.

On account of there being so much snow and hail with the storm, there is not as much flooding as in the storm two weeks ago. In the district where the Chinese live, which is very low land, there are several feet of water in some of the huts and the inhabitants are moving to higher ground.

Much of the scanty household furniture of the Chinese was washed out into the creek and the poor fellows spent hours in trying to save it. One of the Chinamen nearly lost his life trying to save a soaked straw filled mattress.

***The Oakland Tribune, February 19, 1897***

### **Snow at Alvarado:**

At Alvarado much snow has fallen, and for the first time in years, the hills are white almost to their base. On account of there being so much snow and hail with the storm there is not so much flooding at the salt marshes as there was two weeks ago. The Chinese district is overflowed and many of the inhabitants have been forced to move to higher lands after having their furniture destroyed.

***The San Francisco Call, February 20, 1897***

### **Sugar:**

The large building used as a sugar mill at Alvarado is being remodeled. A large force of carpenters is making great changes in the looks and the size of the building. It will take several months to make the contemplated changes and place new machinery for the increased capacity. The machinery will all be housed in one big building instead of two or three as in the past. The output of the mill will almost be doubled when the changes are completed, and in the neighborhood of 1,000 tons of beets per 24 hours will be converted to sugar.

***The Oakland Tribune, February 22, 1897***

### **San Francisco Visitors:**

Mr. & Mrs. T. Rose of Alvarado have checked into the Cosmopolitan Hotel in San Francisco.

***The San Francisco Call, February 26, 1897***



**Sugar:**

J. W. Atkinson, Superintendent of the Alvarado Sugar Mill, was in Pleasanton Tuesday with his local representative, Ross Peach, to take a look around to get an idea of the prospects for a crop here this season.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 1, 1897*

**Serviceman:**

Lieutenant W. L. Ingalls, who is stationed at Fort Logan, Colorado, has obtained a three-month furlough which he is spending with friends in Oakland. Ingalls was formerly an Alvarado boy.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 2, 1897*

**Hattie Parish Harassed by Tramps:**

Mr. Parish, one of the oldest ranchers near Alvarado, is anxious to run across three tramps that intercepted his daughter a few days ago while she walking from the ranch into town. The farmer declares that he will have use for his gun should he meet these gentlemen.

Last Thursday afternoon Miss Hattie Parish, sister of the schoolteacher at Centerville, was on her way to Alvarado from her home. When about halfway between the two places, she was met by three tramps. One of them accosted her and continued the conversation for a few minutes, trying to make it appear that he had met Miss Parish at a mask ball recently given in Alvarado. The other fellow kept on behind and finally the first one asked her if she were going into town to make purchases, and suggested that such a journey would necessitate the use of money.

Miss Parish had several dollars in her purse, and when her companion reached this point in the conversation the other two started to close in around her. Frightened to death, she jumped off the railroad track on which she had been walking and started back toward her home. The tramps ran after her, but she was so frightened that she succeeded in leaving them behind until they came to a plowed field in which was about two feet of mud. Without hesitating a moment Miss Parish started to cross the field, every step she took landing her in mud up to her knees. One of the tramps followed her half way across, but then gave up the chase.

The young lady arrived home a few minutes later in a highly nervous condition and has since been suffering from prostration. Her father started out with his gun and, procuring the aid of the constable, went in search of the tramps. As that part of the country is at present all under water they could not travel very fast and the band of villains have not yet been captured.

Miss Parish is very popular at Centerville, and it will go hard with the men who intercepted her should any of her friends run across them

*The San Francisco Call, March 8, 1897*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

P. Sunderland of Alvarado has checked into the Russ House in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Call, March 10, 1897*

**Ducks:**

William H. Bliss is being held for high misdemeanor for shooting on the premises of the Willow Lodge Club near Alvarado. Bail was fixed at \$500 and he must stand trial in Superior court. A companion, James Cattelin, was fined \$20.

*The San Francisco Call, March 17, 1897*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. J. Tobey spent Saturday in San Jose.

Mrs. Stanley Martin is the guest of Dr. Hauber.

Miss Kate Mathews is visiting in San Francisco.

The foundation for the new **sugar mill** is well under way.

Mrs. C. R. Nauert visited friends in Hayward Wednesday.  
Mrs. M. Lyle is again home after spending several weeks in San Ramon.  
A young lady friend is visiting Mr. & Mrs. A. S. Perkins.  
Mrs. K. Liston is visiting her mother, Mrs. D. C. Owen of Oakland.  
Mrs. Poorman and daughter, Hanna visited friends in Alameda Saturday.  
Many of the men are "laid off" at the **sugar mill** on account of weather.  
It is rumored that the Oakland Water Company will be enlarging their plant here.  
Miss Zida Silva is again at her home after spending a week in San Francisco.  
Master Elton Shovee is visiting his grandmother Mrs. K. Ralph.  
Master Geo. Liston is visiting his parents Mr. & Mrs. J. Liston.  
Miss Kate Joyce of San Francisco was the guest of her mother, Mrs. P. Joyce, last Sunday.  
Miss Mildred Nauert has been visiting friends in San Francisco and Oakland the past two weeks.  
Miss Elsie Efram and Miss L. Muller of Mission San Jose visited friends in town last Sunday.  
We are glad to see Judge Richmond at his old place, the post office, after an illness of 3 weeks.  
Mrs. Fritz Sesswing has been the guest of the Muller family returned to San Francisco Sunday.  
Mr. Jackson and daughter Clara visited friends in Concord Monday and Tuesday of this week.  
C. R. Nauert of the Alvarado foundry, has employed ten more moulders this week on account of President McKinley's victory the recent election.  
A number of friends of "Grandmother" Ralph went to San Francisco Tuesday to give her a little surprise, it being her 77<sup>th</sup> birthday. A very enjoyable day was spent.  
***The Hayward Review, March 19, 1897***

#### **Sugar:**

The Napa Board of trade is hard at work at the beet sugar interest. As a result of correspondence, J.W. Atkinson, Superintendent of the Alvarado sugar factory, went up to Napa last week and made a tour of inspection with Messrs. E.H. Winship, E.D. Beard and W.F. Ingalls. President Winship furnished the rig and entered with spirit into the matter of enlightening Mr. Atkinson concerning the quality of the soil and the advantages generally presented along beet sugar lines. Mr. Atkinson was favorably impressed with what he saw and heard, and said much to encourage the effort now being made to induce the planting of 300 or more acres this season to sugar beets. He proposes to furnish seed at 12 cents per pound, and the sower used in planting it, also the plow used in pulling beets. The grower will be paid \$4 per ton for his beets delivered at the Alvarado factory, less \$1 freight. It is proposed to secure signers to a contract in sufficient numbers to guarantee the 300 acres wanted, as a test in Napa Valley, at once, and farmers as far north as Oakville will be considered eligible as planters under it. In Contra Costa County they have for a number of years been raising beets on the terms proposed, and each year increased the acreage until this year will plant 1,000 acres and get the benefit of an 85 cent freight rate. The beets are milled at Alvarado.  
***The Pacific Rural Press, March 27, 1896***

#### **San Francisco Visitors:**

Mrs. C.A. (Dr.) Hauber and Miss May Joyce have checked into the Cosmopolitan Hotel in San Francisco.  
***The San Francisco Call, March 28, 1897***

#### **Adulterated Food:**

On a report rendered by Chemist Wenzell, the Board of Health has sent out a circular warning the people the following articles sold by local grocers are adulterated:

San Francisco, March 27, 1897

*To Grocers, Manufacturers and Others:*

The official chemists' report rendered March 17 to the Board of Health, pronounces the following goods adulterated within the meaning of the law against adulteration of foods and drugs. Any grocer or manufacturer having or offering for sale any of the said goods so adulterated will be liable to prosecution under the state law. Grocers will please take notice accordingly.

Listing ...

Currant Jelly – Alvarado Packing Company, Alvarado Cal, two pound cans; absolute imitation.

Listing continues ...

*The San Francisco Call, March 30, 1897*

### **Sack of Flour:**

The State Board of Trade has now the first sack of flour manufactured in California. The flour is in a sack of white satin, upon which is a label setting forth that the contents were milled at Horner's Mill in Union City, California from the wheat crop of 1850. A certificate is also attached to the sack stating that it was exhibited in 1853 and awarded a prize of \$100. If we are not mistaken the mill was in Alameda County, as there was a Union City near Alvarado where some manufacturing plants were operated.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 6, 1897*

### **Real Estate:**

F.B. & Anna Granger to Perry and Emma Sunderland, lot beginning at a point on S side of Smith Street, from which the NE corner of Alvarado bears 250 feet distant, thence NE 50 feet, SE 100, SW 50, N 100 to beginning, Alvarado, Washington Township, \$10

*San Francisco Call, April 9, 1897*

### **Marriage License:**

Manuel F. de Andrada, 20, Alvarado & Miss Julia Grayer, 18, Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 15, 1897*

### **San Francisco Visitors:**

G.S. Dyer and P.W. Murphy of Alvarado have checked into the Baldwin Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Call, April 17, 1897*

### **News Notes:**

The Alvarado sugar beet factory has rented 260 acres of the Meek Estate along the Mt. Eden road that is being put into sugar beets.

About the largest steelhead caught this year was landed last Saturday by Adolph May near Alvarado. It measured 19 ½ inches in length.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 19, 1897*

### **Lot Sold:**

F.B. and Anna Granger have sold to Orman and Margaret Emery a lot on the south side of Smith Street.

*The San Francisco Call, San Francisco, Calif., April 6, 1897*

### **Sugar:**

The editor of the *Santa Ana Blade* is facetious at times and evidently believes the editor is worthy of his hire. The latest proof of this is:

"The Alameda Sugar Company has kindly forwarded the editor of this paper a blank petition asking the repeal of the reciprocity treaty now existing between this country and the Sandwich Islands ([Hawaii](#)). With the petition comes instructions to circulate the same for signatures of the voters of Orange County, after which, it is to be forwarded to Washington. The Alameda Sugar Company has our hearty thanks for thus giving the editor of the *Blade*, who of course, has nothing else better to do for the next two or three weeks. When the task is completed to the entire satisfaction of the company we hope to get another job."

*The Oakland Tribune, April 22, 1897*

### **Around Town:**

Miss Kathryn Owen of Oakland is visiting with relatives.

La Mar Fleischner and Riley Jury each purchased a tandem this week.

Wisteria Parlor, No. 127, **NSGW**, initiated four new candidates this week. After a month's visit in San Francisco Miss Kate Mathews is again home in Alvarado. Miss Frances Mathews of San Francisco is visiting her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Mathews. Miss Emma Dellwig of San Francisco is being entertained by Mrs. S. Beebe of Alvarado. Mrs. A. Charvoz and son Elton of San Francisco are visiting the formers mother, Mrs. K Ralph. E. A. Richmond has returned from San Francisco where he attended the Grand Lodge of AOUW. E. L. Haines will represent Wisteria Parlor, **NSGW**, at the Grand Parlor in Redwood City. The election for supplying the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church took place in the church last week. It was decided to give Mr. Shyer the call. Edwin Huff, Proprietor of the Alvarado Bus Company, contemplates purchasing a fine stage. Four spirited horses are to draw the above-mentioned stage. It is also reported that he will in the near future conduct a livery stable. Talk about "booming" no town in the county can compete with Alvarado. The two old Lattin buildings are being raised and the interiors are being newly remodeled and plastered. A new front will also be added to their beauty. Mrs. Faig's new hotel will also be a great improvement and will have 25 rooms. The Machado house, occupied by H. Henrickson, has been moved where it stood to the extreme east end of the lot. The house just finished on the same lot, owned by **S. Beebe**, is now occupied by Mr. E. Weston and family. The new sugar mill building is progressing rapidly. The foundation of Dr. Hauber's cottage is being laid. Mrs. Bryden has had lumber hauled for the construction of a neat little cottage. Among those who will build shortly are W. Richmond, O. J. Emery, P. Sutherland, F. B. Granger, Jr., **S. Beebe**, J. M. Scribner, H. Goodall and B. H. Ford. All of these houses will be built on the Granger tract with the exception of Beebe and Scribner's.

*The Hayward Review, April 23, 1897*

**Liquor License Application:**

Joe J. Rodrigues, Alvarado.  
*The Oakland Tribune, April 27, 1897*

**Sugar:**

A gentlemen very closely allied with the Sugar Trust stated to a representative of this journal that the Sugar Trust regarded the growth of the sugar beet with more concern than any other for of competition. The reason for this condition was the fact that the beets could be grown and the sugar refined sufficiently to do immediately into consumption in the adjacent territory without being subject to the freight charges from the seaboard or from the South that competing sugar would necessarily be subject to. The question that confronted the sugar refiners, according to the gentleman in question, was whether the refiners, by entering upon beet growing in an extensive scale, by selecting land especially suited for the best development of the beet and by erecting an extensive refinery, could compete favorably with the growers and secure a profit at prices that the growers could not.

**FACTORIES NOW IN OPERATION:**

Name of Factory:

Western Beet Sugar Company  
 Chino Beet Sugar Factory  
 Alameda Sugar Company  
 Norfolk Beet Sugar Company  
 Oxnard Beet Sugar Factory  
 Eddy Beet Sugar Factory  
 Utah Sugar Company  
 O. K. Lapham & Co.

Location:

Watsonville, Calif.  
 Chino Valley, Calif.  
 Alvarado, Calif.  
 Norfolk, Nebraska  
 Grand Island, Nebraska  
 Eddy, New Mexico  
 Lehi, Utah  
 Staunton, Virginia

*The Syracuse Standard, Syracuse New York, April 29, 1897*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

L. Christensen of Alvarado has checked into the Cosmopolitan Hotel in San Francisco.  
*The San Francisco Call, May 7, 1897*

**Sugar:**

160 acres of land in the Napa Valley will be given to the growing of sugar beets this season. The product will be shipped to Alvarado. The new industry is being given a chance all over the state.  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 10, 1897*

**Around Town:**

Miss Amy Gregory of Centerville met with quite a painful accident while out tandem riding with Arthur Ralph of Alvarado. When near Alvarado their wheel struck a rut in the road, causing one of the hind pedals to strike the ground and break it off. This threw the couple to the ground quite heavily. Miss Gregory's left arm was fractured and her face was somewhat hurt.

Building is rapidly going on. Mrs. Bryden's cottage, Mrs. Faig's Hotel, and Ralph's flat stores are about completed. F. B. Granger's Jr., Dr. Hauber's and John Scribner's are under good headway. Work on more houses will commence next week.

After a month of intense suffering Mrs. Hart passed quietly to rest on Tuesday. Although everything that money and surgical skill and trained nursing could do proved to be of no avail. She was born in Denmark thirty-two years ago, and for the past six months has resided here with her husband, where she made many friends among her countrymen.

Wisteria Parlor, No. 127, NSGW, will give its 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary dance in the IOOF Hall Friday evening, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. P. Mathews is visiting in San Francisco.

Mathew Davilla has gone to the springs for a few weeks.

A few of our people attended a picnic in Boulder Creek on May Day.

Mrs. C. A. Wright of San Francisco visited in town Tuesday and Wednesday.

Miss Adeline Allguire is the guest of Elydia Ives in Redwood City.

Miss Edith Dyer of Oakland is visiting at the home of her uncle Mr. E. H. Dyer.

Miss A. Sutherland of Oakland was entertained by Mrs. E. H. Wagner several days last week.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 10, 1897*

**New Building:**

F. P. Hellwig plans to build a new seven-room residence in Alvarado costing \$3,000.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 10, 1897*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

T.H. Reynolds of Alvarado has checked into the Baldwin Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Call, May 27, 1897*

**Sugar:**

The Alvarado beet **sugar factory** in Alameda County has contracts covering 6,000 acres of land, with 420 farmers. The factory management pays \$400,000 annually to farmers for sugar beets.

*The Hayward Review, May 28, 1897*

**Around Town:**

New houses are going up all over Alvarado.

Work has commenced on the Wagner house.

The wedding bells will soon ring for one of our young townsmen.

Ed Huff has put down an Artesian well and secured a good supply of water at 70 feet. Ed will start a water works of his own.

G. B. Guidice is busy raising houses, having now raised six and started to raise several Chinese residences above the flood mark.

Shall we or shall we not incorporate into a town is being discussed.

More new houses are wanted; every house and every hotel is full.

Men are passing through town looking for work.

There is room in town for some enterprising person to open a wood, coal and feed store. No Japanese are employed by our ranchers in this district, which is good for our merchants. School closes for vacation on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Work on the **sugar mill** is being pushed on rapidly. Mr. Granger has a blue ribbon Berkshire pig. The town is full of carpenters and painters. Beet planters are busy drilling beets. The new Clark Road Law is being discussed. We hope it is legal as it puts the roadwork where it belongs, in charge of the taxpayers.  
*The Hayward Review, May 28, 1897*

#### **News Notes:**

Miss Belle Owen has been visiting in Alvarado. Mrs. & Mrs. P. G. Lowrie and Mr. & Mrs. D. Jackson of Alvarado visited Concord last week. Mrs. K. Liston is visiting in Oakland.  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 28, 1897*

#### **San Francisco Visitor:**

E.W. Chatlain of Alvarado has checked into the Russ House in San Francisco.  
*The San Francisco Call, May 30, 1897*

#### **News Notes:**

The Pastor of the Presbyterian Church was married in Placerville Tuesday. Work has commenced on Fred Hellwig's and Mrs. Beebe's residences. The yellow flag is still and has been up at the Allguire residence for the past two weeks. Little Emma Gearing has scarlet fever, but is doing nicely.  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 31, 1897*

#### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. E. E. Chase and son of San Jose spent a few days at the **Riverside Hotel** last week. Mr. I. V. Ralph's place is receiving a new coat of paint. John Rojas is the artist. Miss Mildred Nauert will represent Olivina Parlor, No. 61, NDGW, at the Grand Parlor, which will be held in Sonora June 7<sup>th</sup>. Miss Adeline Allguire has returned to home in Alvarado after spending a month with Miss Lydia Ives in Redwood City. The **Alvarado Public School** will close on Friday June 1<sup>st</sup> for summer vacation. Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Heyer and children, and Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Coleman and daughter spent Sunday and Monday with the Nauert family. Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Granger, of Lehi Utah, have arrived and will spend two months with his parents at the **Riverside Hotel**. Wm. Davidson, who was so seriously injured in Oakland Sunday, is getting along nicely. The injuries were caused by the forks of a tandem breaking. A restaurant will be opened in the old Lattin Building next week by Geo. Sylvester. Miss Eva Cody is visiting in San Francisco with friends this week. Wm. Lee spent Sunday with his parents in Alvarado.  
*The Hayward Review, June 5, 1897*

#### **Around Town:**

Dr. Hauber and J. D. Soderlund's new residences on the Granger Tract are almost completed. Mrs. Faig is giving her new hotel a coat of paint. The foundation of Mr. Beebe's and engineer Wagner's residences are being laid. The latter will cost \$4,000. John Scribner's residence on the Quigley tract is almost completed. The pupils of **Alvarado Grammar School** celebrated Lincoln's birthday.  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 5, 1897*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

G.S. Dyer of Alvarado has checked into the Baldwin Hotel in San Francisco.  
*The San Francisco Call, June 10, 1897*

**Capt C. C. Scott Dies:**

Captain C. C. Scott, the Alvarado pioneer, passed over to the silent majority last Thursday. The captain used to supply the public with oysters many years ago, and his death will be regretted by his many friends.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 22, 1897*

**Around Town:**

Quite a bit of rain fell Monday.

Miss Nauert is expected home next Thursday from an extended trip to Sonora.

Miss Hurst of San Ramon is the guest of M. R. Lyle.

**Miss Dot Nauert** was visiting friends in Oakland last week.

Mr. Scribner and wife spent Sunday and Monday of last week in San Francisco.

Miss Alice Jackson and Jackie Murray are visiting friends here.

Miss Kate Joyce returned to her home in San Francisco after a pleasant week visiting relatives.

The public school closed last Friday with the following graduates: **Kathryn D. Nauert**, Harriet T. Joyce and Emma Christine Sandholt.

Mrs. Liston and granddaughter was the guest of the Oliver family of Oakland for a few days of last week.

Charles R. Nauert, the superintendent of the Geo. H. Tay foundry in Alvarado says business is rushing.

G. B. Guidice had a close call on Tuesday under an awning at Alvarado. A heavy piece of timber sixteen feet long fell and struck him on the arm, knocking him down, but fortunately no bones were broken.

E. B. Stone of San Leandro has seventy-five of his men working on expanding the sugar mill in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 22, 1897*

**George Emerson Dies:**

George Emerson of Decoto died yesterday from blood poisoning received from a broken arm. The deceased was a sea captain that settled in Alvarado in 1850. He leaves a wife and three children.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 24, 1897*

**Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. A. S. Perkins will spend their vacation in Fresno.

Two new cottages were commenced on the Granger Tract on Monday.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Scribner moved into their new home on Monday.

Miss Selma and Perna Ingemundsen left for their home in Napa Thursday.

Miss Alice Blacow of Irvington is the guest of Miss Lizzie Lowrie of this place.

Mrs. Winnie Ralph and daughter Gladys of San Francisco are visiting relatives in town.

Miss Mildred Nauert has returned from Sonora where she represented Olivina Parlor, No. 61, NDGW, at the Grand Parlor. The next Grand Parlor meets in Woodland.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 28, 1897*

**Sugar:**

"...There exists in this country another beet-sugar refinery not mentioned in the "Call" article of April 27<sup>th</sup>, which is, so far as our knowledge goes, is the only independent refinery existing on the coast, or, if we may use language better understood, as the only refinery whose output is retained in the possession of such refinery until it reaches the hands of the consumer, to wit, the Alameda Sugar Refinery in Alvarado..."

*The Hawaiian Gazette, Honolulu Hawaii, June 29, 1897*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. F. Faig of Alvarado made an application for a saloon (liquor) license.  
We are to have a new drug store in the future.  
The residence of engineer Wagner is almost complete.  
Two new cottages are being erected on the Granger tract.  
Miss Wilde of San Francisco is the guest of her mother, Mrs. G. H. Wilde.  
The Alvarado School presents a neat appearance having been painted inside and out.  
The Jackson family has gone to Concord to the week with relatives.  
Mrs. Bedinger is fixing up her building on Smith Street to occupy as a shoe store.  
Mr. John Henningsen is erecting a new store on his premises to be used as a furniture store.  
Miss Dot Nauert, Mr. Ralph Richmond and Mr. Percy Gilman will attend Hayward High School next term.  
Many of our town will attend the picnic at the "Maples" in Decoto.  
*The Hayward Review, July 2, 1897*

### **Sugar:**

Work on enlarging the beet sugar mill at Alvarado is being hurried in order to be ready for the start of the season's crop. The capacity will be increased from 500 to 1,000 tons of sugar beets processed daily. Instead of five boilers in the engine room there will be eleven. A large beet shed will soon be in the course of construction and a construction gang will at once commence laying a new track through the sheds. Presently the crop of sugar beets is light in our area owing to the spell of continued dry weather, but the yield at Pleasanton will be quite heavy.  
*The Hayward Review, July 9, 1897*

### **Baseball:**

In the championship game which was played between the Irvington and Alvarado nines at Alvarado yesterday, the home team won out by a score of 19 to 18.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 12, 1897*

### **Sugar:**

The Alameda Sugar Company at Alvarado is contemplating running its factory during the entire year and if it does, the raw sugar from the Sandwich Islands (Hawaii) will be refined. This will give at least 300 hundred men in the eastern part of the county (?) employment and will be a great boon.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 12, 1897*

### **Madrone Mineral Springs:**

Mrs. E.H. Dyer and H.T. Dyer are visiting the mineral springs at Madrone.  
*The San Francisco Call, July 18, 1897*

### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. Beebe are moving into their new home.  
Mrs. John Hall is a guest at the Hellmann Ranch.  
John Rojas, our painter, is kept quite busy these days.  
The Alvarado Public School will reopen on Monday July 26<sup>th</sup>.  
Mrs. & Mrs. John Barton of San Francisco spent Wednesday in town.  
Miss Florence Peters of Irvington was in town Wednesday calling on friends.  
Mrs. Ellen Dyer and daughter, Miss Edith Dyer, of Oakland are staying at the Dyer place.  
Percy Gilman left home Sunday for San Francisco, where he will attend the "Lick School."  
Misses Edna and Marian Ingalls and Master Everett of Napa spent several days of this week visiting relatives in town.  
Miss Clara Archibald will lead the C. E. Sunday eve. Reports on the convention will be given and officers for the ensuing term will be elected.

Rev. Wm. Foulkers of Salina, Kansas, occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening. His sermon, "Are you reconciled to Christ?" was unusually good and interesting.



The entertainment given by the Olivina Parlor, No. 61, NDGW, promises to be of a high order. With the exception of one or two numbers the talent will be from Oakland and San Francisco. After the entertainment there will be dancing, the music to be furnished by Barney's Orchestra of Oakland. Admission to the entertainment and dance is 25¢. A cordial invitation is extended to all.  
*The Hayward Review, July 23, 1897*

### **Sunday Closing:**

An effort is being made in the interior of the county to effect a Sunday closing of Saloons and stores. Citizens of Niles, Irvington, Mission San Jose, Centerville, Alvarado and Decoto are interested in the movement, and one of the leading mercantile firms at Niles has already set the example of Sunday closing.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 23, 1897*

### **News Note:**

The Olivina Parlor of the NDGW of Alvarado will give an entertainment and ball this Friday night.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 26, 1897*

### **Bridge Replanking:**

(Business of July 1, 1897):

The Board of Supervisors of Alameda County will accept sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. The 23<sup>rd</sup> of July 1897, for replanking and repairing the first large bridge on the main county road from Alvarado to Centerville in the Alvarado Road District. Specifications for the work are on file in the office of said board to which bids are heretofore referred.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 27, 1897*

### **Real Estate:**

Florence L. Glover to Marie Davilla, lot 10 and S 30 feet of lot 11, block 82, town of Alvarado, Washington Township, \$10  
*The San Francisco Call, July 27, 1897*

### **Sugar:**

The Alameda County beet sugar farmers have proved to the satisfaction of everyone, including themselves, that the industry is a profitable one for this part of the country. The prices paid at Alvarado are sufficient to induce a constantly increasing acreage of beets and if the Republicans succeed in getting through a bounty measure at the next session of congress the business will be a very profitable one.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 27, 1897*

### **Sugar:**

R.C. Peach of the Alameda Sugar Refining Company, after inspecting the beet crop near Pleasanton, estimates that shipments from that region will be nearly 15,000 tons, yielding about \$51,000 at the rate of \$3.40 a ton.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 28, 1897*

### **Around Town:**

Miss Minnie Wilde is in San Francisco.  
Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Atkinson spent Sunday in Berkeley.  
O. J. Backus, of the Geo. H. Tay Co. was in town Wednesday.  
Three new homes are being erected on the Granger Tract.  
The Hellwig and Wagner houses are nearing completion.  
Mrs. J. Dill of Alameda is visiting her cousin, Mrs. O. J. Emery.  
Why do so many of our young men have occasion to go to Hayward so very often?  
Mrs. Al Dunn of San Francisco was the guest of her friend, Miss Ella Mathews, for several days this week.  
Mr. A. Davilla this week purchased the property adjoining his place from Mr. Smith.  
Mrs. Mae Barrington and Miss Kate Owen of Oakland are the guests of Miss Mildred Nauert several days this week.

*The Hayward Review, July 30, 1897*

**Local Dairy Inspection:**

The inspectors of the Board of Health have invaded the domain of the Alameda County dairyman, but will probably be compelled to retreat without accomplishing as much as they expected to. It is not threats of the law that daunt them, however, but the swarms of mosquitoes that attack them every time they venture out of doors and the difficulty of breathing the odors of the beet pulp on which the bovines are fed.

Dutton & Wright, the Alvarado dairymen, made no objection when the San Francisco inspectors called and announced their intention of testing the 180 cows of the establishment, for they desired to know themselves whether their cattle were afflicted with the dread tuberculosis, but the pests of the marsh were not so kind, and before the inspectors had been at work ten minutes they saw that they had something worse than injunctions to right. Mosquitoes came in squads and platoons and settled on every inch of exposed flesh that they could see.

The bored and bit until the inspectors were well nigh frantic, and they finally went indoors and held a consultation, deciding to finish that herd, if possible, and then quit.

Ben Davis came over yesterday with his head badly swelled from the effects of the bites, and said that all who were left behind were suffering intensely from the pests. Chief Food Inspector Dockery went over last evening to take charge, and carried a quantity of a lotion guaranteed to kill mosquitoes on sight.

*The San Francisco Call, August 1, 1897*

**Local Dairy Inspection:**

As a result of their investigations t the Alvarado dairy of Dutton & Wright the inspectors of the Board of Health found twenty out of fifty-nine cows affected with tuberculosis. The sick bovines will be brought to San Francisco and killed.

*The San Francisco Call, August 5, 1897*

**Around Town:**

Two more houses are completed on the Granger Tract.

H. P. Dyer has again taken up his residence in Alvarado.

Miss A. Miller of San Francisco is visiting friends in town.

Mrs. A. Dunn of San Francisco was the guest of her friend, Miss E. Mathews.

Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Atkinson of Alvarado are entertaining Miss Susie Atkinson of Berkeley.

Chief engineer Wagner of the Oakland Water Company and family are now occupying the new house just completed.

The Livingston family and Miss Harrison left Monday for their home in San Rafael, after a two months stay in town.

Miss Dot Nauert and Ralph V. Richmond, recent graduates of Alvarado Public School, are attending Union High School No. 3 at Hayward.

Rev. Mr. Hale of Niles was in town Monday in regard to the Sunday closing of stores. The merchants seem to be in favor closing. The work will be taken up by the Christian Endeavor group.

Mrs. S. Franz and Miss Clara Franz attended the 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. P. Zumstein of Mt. Eden.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 9, 1897*

**Visitor to San Francisco:**

F. Corstinsen of Alvarado registered yesterday at the Grand Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Call, August 10, 1897*

**Alvarado Centerville Road:**

The county surveyor presented specifications for the grading and graveling of the Alvarado Road from McKeown Road ([Lowry Road](#)) to downtown Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 21, 1897*

### **Sugar:**

The first of the Pleasanton crop of sugar beets will be shipped Monday. R. C. Peach, the Alameda Sugar Company's agent, is making semi-weekly trips among the growers, taking samples from their respective crops. The samples are forwarded to the company's Alvarado refinery where they are tested for sugar content. The time of harvesting depends entirely upon the results of these tests.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 23, 1897*

### **Around Town:**

A very enjoyable affair was the "tea" given Friday afternoon by Mrs. Charles Nauert at her residence in honor of **Miss Martha Cilker** of Los Gatos. Conversation and music were in order till 4:30, when all were invited into the dining room where delicious refreshments were served.

Miss Laura Costello died at her home in San Francisco Wednesday, the 11<sup>th</sup>, after an illness of two weeks. While visiting her aunt, Mrs. E. M. Foley of Alvarado, she was taken with pains in the region of the heart, pronounced "inflammation of the valves of the heart" which later caused her death. Miss Costello was well known in Alvarado, where she spent most of her vacations and visited frequently.

Rev. E. P. Shler, accompanied by several other ministers, was in town Monday in regard to the Sunday closing of stores. It can be imagined how hard they worked, for now our stores are now closed on Sundays.

Mrs. Pridgeon and son Howard of Stockton are the guests of her mother, Mrs. A. Miller. John Henningsen's store is completed and will be occupied by C. A. Preston, the upholsterer, formerly of Hayward, and a photographer, also of Hayward.

**Mrs. A. May** is visiting in Los Gatos, and Mr. May is on a business trip to Salinas.

Miss Bertha Ollenwreath of Ione is being entertained by Mrs. B. H. Ford.

Miss Frances Mathews of San Francisco is visiting her parents, Mr. & Mrs. P. Mathews.

Mrs. L. Quinlin of Santa Rosa is a guest at the Richmond home.

**Miss Cilker** of Los Gatos is being entertained by **Mrs. A. May**.

Miss Dora Joyce is being entertained by relatives in San Francisco.

Mrs. Ed Farley and daughter are visiting relatives in Portland Oregon.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 30, 1897*

### **Sugar:**

The Alvarado sugar mill opened today with about 60 tons of sugar beets per day being delivered. Mr. Peach, representative for the sugar company, says that will rise to about 300 tons per day in several weeks.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 3, 1897*

### **Around Town:**

We now have a harness shop in town.

Shoes are made to order at Parlor Shoe Store in Alvarado.

Mr. A. Lee of Alvarado is very ill in San Francisco.

NDGW initiated three new members on Saturday.

Mrs. F. Behrmann is entertaining friends from Vacaville.

Mrs. Louis Christensen is expected home soon from Duluth, Minnesota.

Mr. Schmidt of San Francisco is now erecting two new cottages on his tract on Watkins Street.

Mrs. Bedinger of San Francisco is erecting two new homes on her place near the Quigley Tract.

A number of members of the Crusade Lodge visited the IOOF Lodge of Hayward this week.

The kitchen, which is being built on to the I.O.O.F Hall, is a great improvement and badly needed.

Mr. P. Mathews is now filling in his yard. Suppose he is preparing for winter.

Miss Martha Cilker returned to her home in Los Gatos, where she will be a product of the Los Gatos High School.

Miss Quinlin left for Santa Rosa Thursday morning. She has made many friends here and we regret seeing her go.

Dr. P. Crannan and O. J. Backus of the Geo. H. Tay Company were the guests of C. R. Nauert this week.

A Grand Ball will be given in the IOOF Hall this Friday evening, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, by the young gentlemen of Alvarado. Admission for gentlemen including supper is \$1.00. It is hoped there will be a large turnout.

*The Hayward Review, September 3, 1897*

### **Madrone Hot Springs:**

J.W. Silveira is visiting the hot springs in Madrone.

*The San Francisco Call, September 5, 1897*

### **San Francisco Visitor:**

E.A. Richmond has checked into the Baldwin Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Call, September 5, 1897*

### **Sugar:**

E. B. Stone of San Leandro completed work at the sugar mill on Thursday. He completed the contract of filling in 142,000 yards of dirt, and constructing a levee of one and a half miles.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 6, 1897*

### **Around Town:**

George Beebe spent Sunday at his old home.

W. F. Ingalls of Napa was in town on Tuesday on business.

Antone Lee, who has been seriously ill, is somewhat improved.

Wm. Lee of San Francisco spent Sunday with his folks in Alvarado.

Misses C. Anderson and M. Haines of Decoto were in town today.

Work has commenced on the new road between here and Mt. Eden.

**Mrs. C. Archibald** will lead the **C. E.** Sunday at the Presbyterian Church.

A few of our people attended the Admission Day celebration in Santa Rosa.

A son was born to the wife of S. Bartholomew of Alvarado Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Thirty more houses could easily be built and two more hotels immediately filled.

Mr. & Mrs. A. S. Perkins entertained a number of friends at their home Tuesday evening.

Miss Edith Dyer spent several days of this week with her cousin Miss Nina Dyer.

D. Jackson and John Ralph have returned from Sacramento, where they were for a few days.

Jose Silveira has returned from a month's visit at Madrone Springs much improved in health.

**O. J. Emery** has the contract for two cottages to be built for Mrs. S. Bedinger on her lot west of the Presbyterian Church.

Work has commenced on the home of **O. J. Emery** that is to be built on the lot recently purchased by him, east of the school.

The new sugar mill will start its first run some day this week. The old mill will grind its first beets Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. 178 men are enrolled on the books.

Improvements are being made to the IOOF Hall. The dining room has been enlarged and a new kitchen and dressing room built. The hall is not one of the most convenient in the county.

The social given by the **C. E.** at the home of **Mrs. Clara Archibald**, near town, was a most pleasant affair. Vocal and instrumental music, readings and recitations and games formed the evening's entertainment. At 11 o'clock dainty refreshment were served.

An entertainment and social dance will be given by the Mistletoe Lodge, No. 54, D. of H., AOUW, in the Odd Fellows Hall on Friday evening, October 1<sup>st</sup>. A most excellent program is being prepared. The music will be furnished by Barney's Orchestra of Oakland. Admission of adults, 25¢. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

*The Hayward Review, September 17, 1897*

**Duck Club:**

Some of the members of the Encinal Yacht Club have arranged to have a private game preserve between Alvarado and Mt. Eden. They have obtained control of a tract of land, and will bore a well and make a fresh water pond. This they expect will attract the wild fowl, so that they will be able to enjoy some sport. A house will be built and other arrangements made for enjoying the preserve.

*The San Francisco Call, September 24, 1897*

**Sugar:**

*The Pleasanton Times* has reported that the sugar mill will raise the price they pay farmers from \$3.00 a ton to \$3.90 a ton. John L. Howard, President of the Alvarado mill flatly denies that there will be any price hike paid on the price of beets this year.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 24, 1897*

**Liquor License:**

A liquor license has been granted to A. W. Haven of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 27, 1897*

**Railroad:**

Owing to the increase of freight on the Narrow Gauge Railroad lately, a yard engine relieves the regular freight by picking up the extra freight from Alvarado when passing through there at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 27, 1897*

**Ducks:**

Assistant Fire Chief Fred Murdoch of the Oakland Fire Department will spend his vacation in Alvarado shooting ducks.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 1, 1897*

**Inquest:**

Coroner Baldwin held an inquest of an unknown gentleman found in the mud between the marshes and the bay. The jury returned a verdict of death by drowning.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 5, 1897*

**Around Town:**

Alvarado can now boast of having six gun clubs.

Miss Mildred Nauert is again at home, after spending a week visiting friends in Oakland and San Francisco.

Mrs. Bedinger's houses are nearly completed.

Mrs. J. Joyce is visiting friends in San Francisco.

Miss Dot Nauert entertained Miss Alice Olney of Centerville Friday and Saturday of last week.

O. J. Emery is now erecting a cottage for himself on the Granger Tract.

Mrs. Wm. Jung is entertaining a young lady friend from Pleasanton.

Tony Lee is now able to be around again, after an illness of three weeks.

Mr. E. H. Wagner visited friends in Santa Cruz on Sunday.

Judge Richmond spent Friday in Oakland.

*The Hayward Review, October 8, 1897*

**Boxing:**

At Alvarado, Alameda County, J. McMahon of San Francisco defeated R. Brown of Alvarado in the first round. The contest was to have been for ten rounds.

*The San Francisco Call, October 12, 1897*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. S. Beebe is now able to be around again after an illness of three weeks.

Rev. Mr. Hale preached in the Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon.

Miss Minnie Wilde of San Francisco is the guest of her mother, Mrs. O. J. Wilde.  
Miss Emma Dellwig of San Francisco is being entertained by Mrs. J. Scribner.  
Mr. Schmidt's new houses are nearly completed.  
Mrs. J. Brooks of San Francisco visited Mrs. E. A. Richmond Sunday.  
Mr. M. R. Lyle will lead the Y.P.S.C.E. Sunday evening.  
Miss Emma Teuscher of Oakland was in town Wednesday.  
Mrs. K. Liston is being entertained by her daughter, Mrs. D. C. Owen of Oakland.  
Supervisor Wells was in town this week.  
Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Heyer of San Francisco, who were visiting her sister, Mrs. C. R. Nauert the past week, returned to their home Saturday.

*The Hayward Review, October 15, 1897*

#### **Around Town:**

Mr. A. Lee is seriously ill again.  
Mr. E. H. Wagner visited friends in Soquel last Sunday.  
Mrs. E. H. Ives is entertaining friends from Stockton.  
O. J. Emery's new home on the Granger Tract is almost completed.  
Mrs. Bedinger of San Francisco will move into her new residence next Monday.  
Mr. Marchant of Ione is the guest of his brother E. B. Marchant of Alvarado.  
Judge E. A. Richmond is now able to attend to his duties in the post office after a severe illness of one week.  
Miss Emma Dellwig of San Francisco was entertained by **Mrs. J. M. Scribner** the past week, returned to her home.  
**Mrs. J. M. Scribner** will lead Y.P.S.C.E. next Sunday evening.  
Mr. Herbert Woolsey of Ione, who is attending dental college in San Francisco, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. H. B. Ford of Alvarado.  
C. R. Nauert, Superintendent of the Alvarado foundry, is so overloaded that he has employed two more moulders and three more stove mounters.  
Mrs. C. R. Nauert, Mrs. E. A. Richmond and Mildred Nauert attended the first anniversary of the wedding of Mr. & Mrs. E. Haley in San Francisco Thursday.  
Mr. R. Jury has gone to Mare Island to work in the Navy yard. He has been a resident of Alvarado a number of years and has made many friends particularly with the fair sex.

*The Hayward Review, October 22, 1897*

#### **NSGW:**

A very pleasant entertainment was tendered by the Native Sons of the county Thursday evening by the Wisteria Parlor, NSGW, at Alvarado. The oriental degree was conferred upon the visiting members and much amusement was occasioned. A team from Warm Springs had the matter in charge. Later in the evening a banquet was served. Eloquent toasts were proposed and responded to. A good contingent of member from the Oakland Lodge were present.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 23, 1897*

#### **News Notes:**

Mrs. Patterson is entertaining friends from Oregon.  
Mrs. Bennett is the guest of **Mrs. Lyle**.  
Miss Lotta Johnston of Hayward spent several days of this week as the guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. Olsen.  
Fred Hellwig of Alvarado will be married next Wednesday to Miss Emma Eichter of Mt. Eden at the home of the bride's parents.  
Mrs. Hattie Covert of Stockton visited her sister, Mrs. E. H. Ives several days this week.  
Mrs. E. Huff is visiting in San Francisco.  
Mrs. Fleischner of Visalia is visiting her daughter, **Mrs. M. R. Lyle**.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 25, 1897*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Bennett of Alameda is the guest of Mrs. R. Lyle.

Mrs. Bedinger and daughter, Lily, of San Francisco moved into their new home Tuesday. After two weeks visit in Sacramento Mrs. D. Jackson is again at home. Miss Ella Mathews of San Francisco is being entertained by her mother, Mrs. P. Mathews. Mrs. Borchgrevink is now residing in one of the Bedinger cottages. Mrs. C. R. Nauert and daughter, Dot, were visiting friends in San Francisco Friday and Saturday. The Misses Ross of Newark were visiting friends in town Tuesday. Pulp is being hauled from the mill daily. Miss Lena Mills and Miss M. Dennis of Centerville paid Alvarado a visit Wednesday. Mrs. Hanson and son Charles are visiting friends in Berkeley. Mrs. J. Tobey and family have moved from the house near the sugar mill to the Scott house. Mr. O. J. Backus of Oakland was in town Thursday looking after the interests of the Geo. Tay Co. Mrs. John M. Scribner is visiting friends in San Francisco. Our roads are fixed in town. The men say they will strike a couple of Klondykes before they are done.

*The Hayward Review, October 29, 1897*

### **Autumn Picnic:**

W. B. Standeford ([Oakland](#)) was the host at a very pleasant picnic at Alvarado at which about thirty-five High School boys were his guests. The party drove out in two big omnibuses. The sugar refinery, the artesian wells and the salt works were inspected. Much profit and pleasure was derived from the trip. Luncheon was enjoyed at Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 30, 1897*

### **Sugar:**

Owing to the long drought early last summer the beets grown in this county contain an unusual amount of a chemical known as pectine, which is causing considerable trouble to the factory people at Alvarado. This is the first season in which there has been enough pectine in the beets at Alvarado to cause any trouble, but it has greatly retarded the work of crushing.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 6, 1897*

### **Around Town:**

Louis Christensen has returned to Alvarado after a most enjoyable six-month's visit to the East Coast of the U.S.

Andy Muller of this place is visiting relatives in Stockton.

Mr. & Mrs. Harold P. Dyer and daughter, Jeannette, left their old home here for Cleveland Ohio, where they will reside for awhile. Their many friends regret to see them leave.

Albert Smithurst of San Francisco was the guest of the Richmond boys Sunday.

Miss Millie Eichter of Mt. Eden was in town this week.

A reception was tendered for Mr. & Mrs. F. P. Hellwig by their respective parents upon their return from their honeymoon Saturday evening, in the hall to which a large number of their friends and acquaintances were invited; many responded. An enjoyable time was had by all.

A shooting scrape took place on the Centerville Road, near town, Sunday. One Portuguese was shot by another in the jaw with a rifle. He will recover. The case will come up in Judge Richmond's court on Thursday.

Dr. L. T. Cranz of San Francisco was the guest of Gus Nauert Saturday and Sunday.

Wm. Lee spent Sunday at home with his folks.

Mrs. L. Quinlan and Miss Lottie Johnson spent several days of this week in San Francisco.

Miss M. Nauert has been very ill.

No services were held in the Presbyterian Church Sunday as Rev. Shier had a funeral.

C. E. will be led by Mrs. W. W. Brier this Sunday.

*The Hayward Review, November 12, 1897*

### **Real Estate:**

Manuel & Isabella Foster to Antonio L. Flores, lot beginning at a point 100 SE from S line of land of Phillip Gilbert where same intersects "V" Street, thence NE 150, SE 100, SW 150, NW to beginning, town of Alvarado, Washington Township, \$250.

*The San Francisco Call, November 12, 1897*

**Bridges:**

Supervisor Wells, as District supervisor for the Alvarado Road District, today received authority to have three bridges built on the road between Alvarado and Centerville at a cost not to exceed \$695.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 13, 1897*

**News Notes:**

Mrs. Augustus Perkins of Alvarado has been visiting Mr. & Mrs. Eschenburg in Gilroy. M.D. Gilman was in Lodi last week.

*The San Francisco Call, November 14, 1897*

**Sugar:**

A number of citizens have been invited to the Alameda Sugar Company to visit their factory at Alvarado, Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 15, 1897*

**Around Town:**

Percy Gilman was home over Sunday.

William Lee spent Sunday with his folks.

House cleaning at the **foundry** this week.

Mrs. K. Liston is spending the week in Oakland.

The **sugar mill** will grind the last beets on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Miss Lillie Bedinger entertained friends from the city Sunday.

Miss Nina Dyer spent Saturday and Sunday with her cousin, Miss I. Ingalls in Napa.

Mrs. D. C. Owen of Oakland spent Tuesday and Wednesday visiting relatives in town.

It is reported by good authority that the **sugar mill** will run all year around. We sincerely hope that this report is true.

A number of our people attended the entertainment and dance given by the Woodmen in Mt. Eden Tuesday evening. All report having had a good time.

Our people regret exceedingly to see **A. Muller**, Wm. Davidson and Wm. Steinbow leave town.

H. P. Dyer of Oakland spent several days at the home of his uncle in town.

John Stanton of Hayward was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. P. Mathews is confined to her bed this week.

C. R. Nauert informs us that the **foundry** is exceedingly busy, having just received three large government orders.

Mrs. L. Quinlan has taken up residence in Hayward.

W. W. Brier is in San Luis Obispo this week.

Miss Jennie Jackson was entertained by her sister, Mrs. J. Henningsen at the Alvarado Hotel.

**Mr. A. Muller** left Monday for Stockton where he has accepted a position in the tannery.

Mr. Erwin McDevitt of San Francisco was the guest of the Sylvester family a number of days last week.

Miss K. Mathews is home again after spending three months in the metropolis.

*The Hayward Review, November 19, 1897*

**Sugar:**

It was announced today that the mill at Alvarado would implement transportation from the delta and islands around Sacramento in 1898. The mill is looking to sign up interested farmers.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 26, 1897*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

B.W. Harrigan of Alvarado checked into the New Western Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Call, November 27, 1897*

**Around Town:**

Miss Blanche Emery is on the sick list.



Miss Carrie Neilson of Mt. Eden is now a resident of Alvarado.  
Mrs. H. Wilde spent several days of last week with her daughter, Miss Minnie Wilde in San Francisco.  
Wm. Davidson spent Sunday in town. Will cannot seem to tear himself away, or so it seems.  
Little Helen Granger has been quite ill, but is much improved now.  
Percy Gilman spent over Sunday at home.  
The Searby family has moved into one of the Schmidt's new cottages.  
Mrs. F. Valencia and children of Napa are in town visiting friends.  
Miss Annie Kruz of Pleasanton is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. F. Wiegman.  
Riley Jury of Irvington spent Sunday afternoon in Alvarado.  
Fred Bedinger spent Sunday with his mother in Alvarado.  
Mrs. R. Lyle will lead the C. E. on Sunday.  
Mrs. A. S. Perkins spent Sunday with her husband here in Alvarado. Her many friends will be pleased to hear that her health is greatly improved.

A special train of five coaches Friday morning carried about 300 of the best known businessmen in the state to the Alvarado Sugar Company's factory, where they had been invited as guests of the officers and stockholders of the company to inspect the recent improvements and additions to the plant. Under the guidance of President Howard, Manager Burr and Superintendent Atkinson the guests were shown the process of sugar making from the beet sheds to the finishing when sugar is ready for refinement. After inspecting the factory the guests were invited to the second floor, where an elegant lunch was served. Many toasts were offered. Among those who responded were: Hon. Jos. Phelan, Senator Perkins, Prof. Hilgard, Secretary Coffin, Manager Burr, L. Steinhart, Messrs. McNear, Heyer, Taylor, Goodman, Hooker, Hamilton and Brown.  
*The Hayward Review, December 3, 1897*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. P. Mathews, who has been seriously ill, is recovering.  
A lunch party given by Mrs. H. H. Meyers in her beautiful new home in Alameda. Those present from Alvarado were Mrs. F. B. Granger, Jr., Mrs. A. May, Mrs. J. A. Atkinson, Mrs. O. J. Emery, Miss Mildred Nauert, Miss Annie Ralph and Miss Ella Mathews.  
Mr. A. Lee is still on the sick list.  
Mrs. F. Behrmann is entertaining a lady friend from San Jose.  
Miss Lottie Johnson is the guest of her aunt Mrs. J. Olsen.  
*The Oakland Tribune, December 6, 1897*

#### **Sugar:**

The Alvarado beet sugar mill has closed down after an 89 day run. A large number of beets were crushed and the season has been a very successful one. It is probable that more storage sheds will be erected next year and arrangements made to refine sugar from Hawaii.  
*The Oakland Tribune, December 7, 1897*

#### **Sugar:**

One hundred thousand tons is the record of the Alvarado beet sugar factory for the season just closed. Alameda County farmers are awakening to the possibilities of the business, and next year will find a thousand more acres sown to the crop. All the expectations regarding it are being more than realized.  
*The Oakland Tribune, December 8, 1897*

#### **Around Town:**

School closed today for the winter vacation.  
The Gilman family expects to move to Oakland.  
Miss Mildred Nauert has returned from a trip to Oakland and San Francisco.  
Miss Zida Silva spent several days of the last week with her sister in the metropolis.  
Miss Mary Riley of Oakland was the guest of her sister, Mrs. K. Riley Sunday.

Mrs. Sophie May of Oakland spent several days of this week with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. & Mrs. August May.

Mrs. C. Elliot and Mrs. Barth of San Francisco were the guests of the formers sister, Mrs. J. J. Liston.

F. McDevitt of the metropolis was the guest of his old friends, Mr. & Mrs. G. Sylvester.

The Alvarado correspondent of *The Niles Herald* is a little behind the times with the news. Seems as though things have happened twice.

*The Hayward Review, December 10, 1897*

#### **San Francisco Visitor:**

W. Nicol of Alvarado has checked into the New Western Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Call, December 28, 1897*

#### **Lot Sold:**

Joseph L. Rodrigues to Antonio I. Rodrigues, a lot in Alvarado.

*The San Francisco Call, December 28, 1897*

#### **Lot Sold:**

Manuel E. and Mary Furtado to Joseph L. Rodrigues, a lot in Alvarado.

*The San Francisco Call, December 31, 1897*

#### **Around Town:**

We need rain.

Ducks are plentiful.

The Alvarado foundry is rushed with work.

Mr. & Mrs. Brooks of San Francisco spent Christmas with the Richmond family.

The boilers at the water works were inspected Tuesday.

This hamlet is not as lively as it used to be since the sugar mill ended it's run.

Mr. Ed Winegar and Mr. Arthur Joyce, of San Francisco, were visiting relatives in town.

Wedding bells will soon ring in town.

The Leland place recently purchased by F. B. Granger, Jr. is being fixed up in great style.

Edward Huff has come to the conclusion the he does not know whether he resides in Alvarado or Hayward.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 3, 1898*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Minnie Wilde is the guest of her mother.

Judge Richmond spent Monday in San Francisco.

Mrs. F. Costa was coming home from her daughter's, who lives near the glue factory, when her buggy tipped over and she was thrown to the ground. When she was picked up by several men, she was unconscious. She was then taken to the Alvarado Hotel and Dr. Hauber was sent for, and it was necessary to take 16 stitches on the wound on her head.

*The Hayward Review, January 14, 1898*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Louisa Muller, of Mission San Jose, was the guest of her mother Sunday.

Dr. L. T. Cranz and Chief Jailer of San Francisco, who are members of the Swan Gun Club, were in town shooting Saturday & Sunday of last week.

The Beebe cottage, formerly occupied by the Wilson family, is now occupied by the Manuel Roderigs family.

O. P. Nauert and W. F. Emery visited the IOOF Lodge at Irvington Wednesday evening.

Mrs. J. Joyce and daughter, Miss Dora are again at home after a week's visit with friends in San Francisco.

Alvarado public school opened today with the same corps of teachers.

While Ed Farley was unloading coal at a residence near the sugar mill, his horses became frightened and ran down town. C. R. Nauert had his horse and wagon tied in front of his home and the runaway team ran into it, breaking his wagon to pieces and tearing the hitching posts up. The horses were stopped in front of Sylvester's Restaurant by John Ralph and others.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 17, 1898*

**Real Estate:**

F.B. Granger Jr. and Sue H. Granger to Fred C. Harvey, lots 7, 8, and 9, block 79, town of Alvarado, Washington Township, \$10.  
*The San Francisco Call, January 18, 1898*

**Mrs. Fanetta Ralph Dies:**

In San Francisco, January 20, Mrs. Fanetta Ralph, beloved wife of the late Joseph Ralph, and mother of W.T. and I.V. Ralph and Mrs. F.W. Randolph, a native of New Jersey and late of Alvarado, aged 77 years.  
*The San Francisco Call, January 22, 1898*

**Tramps:**

A band of tramps, fifty strong, has pitched its camp on the outskirts of Alvarado, and from this point of operation is terrorizing the contiguous country. The camp is on the line of the Southern Pacific Narrow Gauge R.R.. Last Monday night a freight train was boarded by several of the desperadoes and relieved of considerable burden. They three off cases of ham, eggs, boxes of flour and coffee, and then jumped off themselves to rake up the scattered booty. On Wednesday night the deed was repeated. The gang makes a regular practice of traveling between Alvarado and Roberts Landing. Southern Pacific authorities are at work on the case.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 24, 1898*

**Wm J. Tilley Dies:**

William J. Tilley, aged 76 years, died in San Francisco on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Tilley first came and settled in Alvarado, then moved to Grass Valley, Sacramento and finally settled in San Francisco. Mr. Tilley was an early Alvarado settler.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 24, 1898*

**Tramps:**

Those tramps who terrorized residents around Alvarado ought to be rounded up and given a good term on the rock pile. It is no punishment to gather them in as vagrants and give them three meals a day, a warm room to sleep in and nothing to do. They couldn't expect much more comfort than that anyhow, and it is farcical to call it a penalty.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 26, 1898*

**News Note:**

Farley B. Granger, Sr., L. F. Larsen and Daniel Jackson have been named as trial jurors for Washington Township in the First District.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 31, 1898*

**Antone Lee Dies:**

After a lingering illness of five months Antone Lee, the old pioneer of Alvarado, passed away at his home Friday evening, January 20<sup>th</sup>, he was 55 years old. There were 160 carriages filled with people at the funeral. The remains were taken to the IOOF Hall which was packed to the doors. He was a member of the Masons and the Reliance Lodge of A. O. U. W. He was also a member of the Holy Ghost Society and the Portuguese Union.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 7, 1898*

**Local Lodge:**

The ladies of the Degree of Honor Lodge at Alvarado are making preparations to give a grand masquerade ball on February 18<sup>th</sup> in the IOOF Hall, Alvarado. Good music has been engaged and it is expected that a large number of persons will be present.

***The Oakland Tribune, February 10, 1898***

**Sugar:**

A valuable ledge of lime rock has been found on D. Culp's place ([Hayward](#)) outside of town. About a year ago the rock was tested at the Alvarado Sugar Mill and found to be the best yet used, and as large quantities of lime rock are used in a sugar mill, the importance of this find is readily understood. The sugar mill has been using Santa Cruz lime rock that does not begin to compare with the Culp rock already tested. Mr. Culp is now developing a quarry site for lime rock in anticipation of supplying the Alvarado mill.

***The Oakland Tribune, February 14, 1898***

**Around Town:**

Miss A. Muller is attending to her brother, Andrew Muller of Stockton, who is ill.

Little Frank Jasper is down typhoid pneumonia.

Judge Richmond spent Thursday in Oakland.

Born to the wife of William Jung a daughter, also a daughter to Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Newman. La Mar Fleischner, who has been visiting his parents the last three weeks in Visalia, returned to Alvarado on Thursday.

The Misses Jaulin of Newark were entertained by the Lee family.

Miss Harriet Joyce spent Sunday with the Neilson family of Mt. Eden.

Mrs. L. Smith of Stockton and Mrs. C. Elliot of San Francisco were the guests of Mrs. J. J. Liston.

Miss M. Postlewaite of Decoto is in town.

E. H. Ives and J. Rojas are painting Mrs. K. Smith's fence.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Randolph of San Francisco spent Sunday with her brother, I. V. Ralph.

Gus Biddinger of San Francisco was the guest of his mother Sunday.

Do not forget the masquerade ball tonight, February 18<sup>th</sup> at the IOOF Hall, given by the Degree of Honor of A. O. U. W. Admission 50¢; supper included.

Ralph & Harvey have partitioned off their cash store for a drug store.

***The Hayward Review, February 18, 1898***

**Around Town:**

We now have a drug store in town.

Miss Moore of Oakland is the guest E. H. Wagner and wife.

Miss Nauert, who is visiting friends in San Francisco, returned home Wednesday.

**Edward Huff** and wife spent Tuesday in Oakland.

Several houses are being built in Union City.

O. J. Backus, Vice President of Geo. H. Tay & Co. was in town Tuesday looking after interest of the Alvarado foundry.

Mrs. G. Sylvester and Miss F. Godfrey were driving to Plummer's Salt Works Saturday with Mr.

**Edward Huff** in his rig, the horses became frightened, backed into a ditch and threw Edward and the young ladies out and tipped the wagon over. Miss Godfrey sprained her right arm. The others were unhurt but were badly shaken.

***The Oakland Tribune, February 21, 1898***

**William Hayes Dies:**

William Hayes, who has lived continuously on his ranch near Alvarado since 1852, died this morning at Alvarado at the age of 83. The deceased came to California in 1850, around the Horn, and at first began to work at his trade as a carpenter in San Francisco. Soon after he moved to Alvarado and worked in the first flourmill in the State.

***The San Francisco Call, San Francisco, Calif., Feb 24, 1898***

**Baker to da Silva:**

Abijah Baker conveys to M. G. da Silva 2 acres of land on the Baker tract for \$225 with the remainder due with 7% interest.

***The Oakland Tribune, February 24, 1898***

### **Alvarado Road District Improvements:**

In the Alvarado Road District the road between Mt. Eden and Alvarado there has been a great deal of filling in and graveling done. This is probably one of the most substantial improvements in the district as this is a most important and highly traveled road. The people are well pleased with the results.

One thousand four hundred and eighty feet of replanking has been done on the long bridge near Alvarado and 650 feet of the same work has been done on the three bridges to Centerville on the same road.

A very important improvement has been the putting and construction of 350 feet of bulkhead on the same road, by which the highway will be saved from serious washouts, which have resulted in the past owing to the winter floods.

Another very important and satisfactory improvement has been the covering with red rock of about 1,000 feet of County Road No. 653, known as the Marsh Road.

Another substantial improvement has been the covering of 1,800 feet of the road from the railroad depot at Alvarado towards Centerville with crushed rock. These improvement in the Alvarado district where there is a great deal of travel, have greatly improved the highways.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 5, 1898*

### **Fishing:**

For some weeks prior to the late storm the residents of Alvarado have been catching large steelheads in the tidewaters of Alameda Creek by means of nets and spears. The attention of the Fish Commissioners was called to this fact and Deputy Cross paid a visit to a slough near Alvarado, where the fishes were lodged in deep pools. He discovered that nets had been used for the capture of the fishes, and before leaving the deputy notified the people who were fishing unlawfully that if they persisted in netting or spearing steelheads the commissioners would make their sport cost them more than they bargained for.

*The San Francisco Call, March 5, 1898*

### **Liquor License Application:**

Malvas & Silveira, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, March 7, 1898*

### **Workman's Lodge:**

The Alvarado Lodge of Workman entertained a large group of Hayward members Wednesday night. They received a fine welcome from the Alvarado folks and were treated to a reception and a fine banquet, and the affect of the opposite sex so effected Brother A. Harrington that he made a most eloquent speech. Brother Goodell was about in the same boat.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 10, 1898*

### **Around Town:**

Tony Lee, Jr. is on the sick list.

Seth Beck is confined to his bed.

The Sylvester family have moved to San Francisco.

Miss Edith Moore of Oakland is the guest of Mrs. E. H. Wagner.

Mrs. A. S. Perkins is again in town after an absence of three months.

A lodge of the Woodmen of the World will be instituted on Tuesday evening.

The American restaurant is now closed, but will reopen soon.

Geo. Beck and Dr. Herrick spent Sunday with the parents of the former.

Alvarado lost in the deaths of Wm. Hayes and James Smith last month, two of our oldest settlers.

They both came here in the early 1850's.

Geo. Biddinger of San Francisco spent Sunday with his mother.

Elton Charvoz is the guest of his grandmother, Mrs. K. Ralph.

Miss Hazel Hurst of San Ramon, who has been visiting relatives, left for her home Monday. She was accompanied by her grandmother Mrs. Lyle.

*The Hayward Review, March 11, 1898*

#### **Real Estate:**

F. B. & Anna Granger sold to Perry & Emma Sunderland a lot adjoining the Alvarado School on Smith Street.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 22, 1898*

#### **Farmer's Institute:**

On Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, a Farmer's Institute will be convened in Niles at Ford Hall. The institute will be under the auspices of the State University, and should be largely attended. The institute will not only be instructive, but entertaining. The morning agenda:

10 A.M. Music, Address of Welcome, Wm. H. Ford, Chairman; Response: Prof. E. J. Wickson; Soil Analysis & Fertilizers, Prof R. H. Loughridge; Discussion, Irrigation & Cultivation, J. C. Shinn; Beet Culture, E. W. Burr, Alvarado Beet Factory.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 22, 1898*

#### **Liquor License Application:**

Thomas Fanstine of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 28, 1898*

#### **Crop Damage:**

The report of Horticultural Commissioner Barry, filed with the board this week, shows that the damage to the fruit crop in Alameda County has not been overestimated. The report is as follows: "I am sorry to say that after going over the whole ground I find that the destruction of the apricot and almond crop is almost complete. On the south side of the Alameda Creek from Irvington to Alvarado, with the exception of the orchard's of Messrs. Shinn, Ellsworth, Ford and my own, every apricot and almond is killed. On the north bank of the Alameda Creek from Niles to Decoto, with the small exception of Mr. Snyder's' small orchard at Niles, they are in the same condition. The California Nursery has suffered severely also.'

*The Hayward Review, April 1, 1898*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Eliot of San Francisco and Mrs. Parkinson of Oakland were the guests of Mrs. J. J. Liston. Miss Emma Teuscher of Oakland, who has been visiting friends in town, returned to her home this week.

D. C. Owen of Oakland was in town Sunday shaking hands with old acquaintances.

Mrs. K. Liston and Mrs. Seth Beebe are lying seriously ill.

Our road master is doing some good work on the road from Alvarado to Centerville.

M. R. Lyle is making extensive improvements in his store.

Geo. Beebe of Oakland was in town Sunday.

Leland Brook of Alameda was entertained by Gus Nauert Saturday.

Mrs. Harvey spent several days of this week visiting friends in the metropolis.

M. Davilla is having a fine well dug on his place in Union City.

**Mr. & Mrs. Ford** and little Dorothy are spending several weeks in Ione.

Howard Pridgeon of Stockton is the guest of his grandparents Mr. & Mrs. A. Muller.

A Camp of the Woodmen of the World has been instituted here. Installed officers are: O. P. Nauert, A. S. Perkins, J. M. Scribner, **B. H. Ford**, E. Foley, C. P. Lang and W. Emery.

*The Hayward Review, April 1, 1898*

#### **Bicycle Race:**

The Alvarado boys, not forgetting their defeat of last year over the triangle, have issued a challenge to the Newark boys for a bicycle relay race of from nineteen to twenty five miles. Newark has accepted the challenge and both teams are making preparations for the race.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 8, 1898*

**Around Town:**

**Mrs. E. H. Wagner** is quite ill.

Little Miss Leslie Manuel is visiting Mrs. Fred Hellwig.

The pupils and teachers of Alvarado School are having their vacations.

Miss Elyda Ives has returned from a four-month vacation in Lodi.

Miss Belle Owen of Oakland visited relatives in town Saturday.

Miss Lillie White is a guest at the **Wagner home**.

Franklin Cehm of Buffalo, NY, visited at the Nauert home the past weeks.

Rod Allguire is visiting relatives in Canada. He will probably be gone a month.

Miss Katie Riley entertained her sister, Miss Mary Riley of Oakland several days last week.

Miss Marian Ingalls of Napa is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. K. Liston who is very ill.

Mr. Clayton, who relieved station agent Harry Ford, left Saturday for his home in Santa Cruz.

Mr. & Mrs. B. H. Ford have returned to Alvarado after a two weeks visiting with relatives.

Miss Parrie Usher, the well-known artist from San Francisco, is organizing a class in drawing and painting in Alvarado.

Mrs. M. D. Bryden, the milliner, is retiring from business.

Grandma Lyle has returned to her home in Alvarado after spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Hurst of San Ramon.

Mr. A. Larsen has purchased the store recently built by John Henningsen on the Alvarado Hotel grounds and will have the same moved on the lot adjoining his residence. It will be renovated and occupied as a residence by his brother-in-law George Lang.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 11, 1898***

**Around Town:**

Miss Sarah Harvey is lying seriously ill.

C. W. Heyer of San Francisco was the guest of his sister, Mrs. C. R. Nauert, Sunday.

Miss Marian Ingalls of Napa is visiting her relatives, Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Liston.

"Ginger" W. Anderson and family have moved into M. Foster's house near Union City.

Mrs. J. M. Scribner presented her husband with a bouncing baby boy a week ago Saturday.

Edwin Richmond of San Luis Obispo spent several days of last week with his parents.

E. H. Ives and J. Rojas are painting M. Jasper's fence.

Miss Annie Ralph is in San Francisco.

Manuel Duarte died last Thursday at his home on the Whitten Ranch. At the time of his death he was 15 years old.

***The Hayward Review, April 15, 1898***

**Tillie Kerr Dies:**

In Alvarado, April 14<sup>th</sup>, Tillie R. Kerr, beloved daughter of A. and Jane Kerr, a native of San Francisco, aged 19 years.

***The San Francisco Call, April 16, 1898***

**Alvarado Not Dead:**

Alvarado is not dead. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of this month a grand ball will be given by the U.P.E.C. This is a Portuguese order, which numbers among its members some of our best citizens and businessmen. On May 13<sup>th</sup>, the Wisteria Parlor, No. 127, NSGW, will give a ball. On May 27, the Olivina Parlor, No. 61, NDGW, will give an entertainment and dance. The new Camp of the Woodman of the World, recently organized here, will follow suit.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 18, 1898***

**Seth Beebe Dies:**

In Alvarado, April 19<sup>th</sup>, Seth G. Beebe, a native of Monroe County, New York, aged 64 years.

***The San Francisco Call, April 22, 1898***

**Alvarado School Census:**

Alvarado Grammar School has reported to the County Superintendents Office the number of students in attendance.

Boys = 88  
Girls = 75  
Total = 168

*The Oakland Tribune, May 12, 1898*

#### **Land Mortgaged:**

Two of the late John Lowrie's most coveted possessions, "The Home Place" and "Selfridge Place," both on the Alvarado-Centerville Road were mortgaged by his son and heir John Frederick Lowrie for the sum of \$28,000 to businessman L. N. McQuestin, of San Francisco.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 17, 1898*

#### **NSGW Dance:**

The Native Son's dance at Alvarado Friday evening was a decided success and those who attended report having a delightful time.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 26, 1898*

#### **Washington Township Grammar Schools:**

Outside of the grammar schools we have the Union High School at Centerville, Curtner Seminary at Irvington and the Sister's School at Mission San Jose. The attendance in the public school in Washington Township is as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>No. Pupils</u>
Alvarado	117
Alviso	79
Centerville	182
Decoto	140
Mission San Jose	136
Mowry	28
Lincoln	22
Newark	116
Niles	132
Rosedale	17
Stony Brook	23
Sheridan	29
Warm Springs	124
Washington (Irvington)	147

The total enrollment is 1,293 pupils; 650 boys and 643 girls.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 23, 1898*

#### **Alvarado School Trustee:**

I. V. Ralph is running unopposed for re-election for the lone trustee slot open and his re-election is almost assured.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 3, 1898*

#### **Local Crop Report:**

From Irvington to Warm Springs the hay and grain crop has been nearly a total failure. Most of it that looked well at the date of my last report is being cut now and is only six to ten inches high. Along the south bank of the Alameda Creek the grain crop looks good. Between Centerville and Alvarado some fields of hay will go from two to four tons per acre while on the north bank from Decoto to Alvarado the grain is equally heavy.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 6, 1898*

#### **Pound Master:**



G. Rojas has resigned as Pound master of the Alvarado District and Phillip Gebbert was appointed to succeed him.

*The Hayward Review, June 29, 1898*

#### **Around Town:**

The many friends of Mrs. Anna Granger were shocked to hear of her sudden passing. She was interred at the Decoto Cemetery accompanied by many friends and relatives. She was 63 years old. She is survived by her sons, Farley B. Granger, Jr., of Alvarado and Clarence Granger of La Grande, Oregon and a daughter Mrs. E. E. Chase of San Jose.

An entertainment and dance will be given by the Mistletoe Lodge, No. 54, Degree of Honor, in the IOOF Hall on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> in aid of the Red Cross. Tickets 25¢, dancing badges 25¢. Barney's Orchestra of Oakland will provide music. All are cordially invited.

Mrs. Lizzie Center and sons, Frank and Ray, are guests at the Richmond home.

Chas. W. Heyer, auditor of the German Savings and Loan Society of San Francisco, spent Saturday, Sunday and Monday with his sister, Mrs. C. R. Nauert.

Miss Josephine Ingemundsen of Napa City is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. C. Harvey.

Mr. & Mrs. S. A. Archibald and Miss Clara Archibald of Centerville were in town Tuesday.

A number of Alvarado people attended the picnic at San Lorenzo Grove.

Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Atkinson have returned to Alvarado after having spent four months in Santa Maria.

Miss Anna Senias is home for a short stay.

Andrew Muller took a run up from Crockett Monday.

Miss A. Ives of Alvarado is visiting in Oakland.

Misses Mildred and Dot Nauert visited in San Francisco last week.

Miss Elishia Doyle of San Francisco is a guest at the home of Mrs. S. H. Harvey.

Mr. I. V. Ralph and family have gone to Capitola.

Mrs. A. May is entertaining Miss Jennie Cilker of Los Gatos.

Will Davidson of Stockton was in town Sunday and Monday. Will cannot leave us for long. Strange.

The Warren children of Oakland are the guests of her aunt, Mrs. E. H. Wagner.

*The Hayward Review, July 8, 1898*

#### **Alvarado Deputy Killed:**

D. C. Cameron, a sheriff's deputy from Alvarado was one of six people who died in an explosion at the site of the Western Fuse and Explosives Company, a short distance from High Street in Oakland. A desperate Chinese, Gung Ung Chang, took refuge from the sheriff's deputies in a powder magazine at the plant after having shot one of his countryman and hatched another who died a short time later. Chang had taken shelter in the magazine and threatened to blow it to atoms if anyone came in after him. Eight people went in and only two were lucky enough to make it out.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 19, 1898*

#### **Forty-Sixth Assembly District:**

Alvarado Precinct:

Polling Place: Odd Fellows Hall, Alvarado

Inspector: J.G. Vandeppeer

Judge: George Althausen

Clerks: Manuel George and I.V. Ralph

*The San Francisco Call, August 12, 1898*

#### **Letters of Administration:**

Charles E. Dennett of Alvarado has petitioned for letters of administration on the estate of Frederick L. Dennett, who was killed at Redding yesterday.

*The San Francisco Call, August 27, 1898*

### **Around Town:**

**Miss Mildred Nauert** is visiting friends in Napa.

Miss S. Beebe and Miss Jennie McCormick have returned from Capitola.

Dr. Jones has rented a store in the Lyle Building, which will be fixed up as a dental office.

Mrs. A. Lee and daughter have returned from a three-week visit to Santa Cruz.

Mrs. L. Louden and daughter, Annie, have returned after spending three months in Buffalo, NY.

The Native Daughters will celebrate their eight anniversary, September 30, by a social dance.

This lodge has an established reputation for its fine socials.

The Riverside Hotel presents a fine appearance illuminated throughout with gas, as also are the following: the store of Ralph & Harvey and both their residences. We understand that a plant will be put in at the residence of C. R. Nauert next week. No doubt our town will soon be illuminated throughout with gas.

Installation of officers of the N. D. G. W. took place last week, District Deputy **Jeannette May** installed the following: Mrs. Nellie Foley, Past President; Mrs. Nellie Scribner, President; Mrs. Sue Granger, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Mrs. Carrie Ives, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Miss Dora Joyce, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President; **Miss Mildred Nauert**, Recording Secretary; **Mrs. Jeannette May**, Financial Secretary; Miss Eva Corey, Marshal; Miss Anna Miller, Inside Sentinel; Miss Nellie Wills, Outside Sentinel; **Miss Mildred Nauert**, Mrs. Mary Crosby and Mrs. Hattie Nauert, Trustees. After the installation all adjourned to the dining room, where dainty refreshments were served.

*The Hayward Review, September 2, 1898*

### **New Arrival:**

Born to Mr. & Mrs. A.E. Hansen, a son.

*The San Francisco Call, September 4, 1898*

### **Sugar:**

The Alameda Sugar Company started its annual run last week, says the *Pleasanton Bulletin*. For a week or more they have been engaged in working up some of the low-grade syrup left over from last season, but from now on the work will go steadily forward on the new crop of beets. While the acreage is larger this year than it was last, it is not expected that the yield will be larger, as the drought has affected the beets severely. For ten days or more beets have been coming in and stored in the sheds. Most of these were from the Livermore Valley, those from Pleasanton always being the first received. Now, however, the local crop is being harvested, and shipments will come in from other places.

Work is progressing on the new storage sheds, and in a month these should be completed. It is not uncommon sight to see a trainload of beets passing on the railroad route to the Alvarado factory. The plant gives work to a large number of people and places a big sum of money in circulation each year.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 6, 1898*

### **Hayward Opera House:**

Captain Barron and F. B. Hooson, proprietor and manager of the Hayward Opera House, have reason to be proud of the large turnout at the opening of the opera house. People from Alvarado were well represented in the audience as well persons from other outlying areas.

*The Hayward Review, September 9, 1898*

### **Around Town:**

A number of our young people will attend the celebration in San Jose on Admission Day.

C. W. Heyer and family of San Francisco spent Sunday and Monday with her sister, Mrs. C. R. Nauert.

Mrs. Larsen is entertaining friends from the city.

A medicine company is holding nightly shows in IOOF Hall.

Miss Tillie Baron of San Francisco has been the guest of Mrs. S. Beebe. Andrew Brown, a former resident of Alvarado and whose brother is now working for the Oakland Water Company, is in town. Two years ago he joined the Army in Colorado and during the war was in Cuba. While there he fought in one battle and several skirmishes. He says the Spanish are good fighters when behind brush and rocks, but in the open fields they are cowards.  
*The Hayward Review, September 9, 1898*

#### **Real Estate:**

Lewis C. Smith to The Investors' and Promoters' Corporation, a right of way for pipe lines, water mains, etc., on lands formerly occupied as a glue factory, and which is now owned by the Alvarado Artesian Water Company, Washington Township, \$1,500.  
*The San Francisco Call, September 11, 1898*

#### **Sugar:**

Beet shipments from Pleasanton to Alvarado are now very brisk and on an average day fourteen carloads arrive at the Alvarado Plant. This is only the beginning of the rush, if the help necessary to harvest the crop can be found the freight cars will rise to 25 a day.  
*The Oakland Tribune, September 12, 1898*

#### **New Arrival:**

In Alvarado, September 15<sup>th</sup>, to the wife of Frederick P. Hellwig, a son.  
*The San Francisco Call, September 20, 1898*

#### **Sudden Death:**

Mrs. Gilbert, of Alvarado, died suddenly this morning. She was 65 years of age. When she became ill, Dr. Hauber of Alvarado was summoned, but Mrs. Gilbert expired before he arrived. He could not, therefore, give an explanation of the death. An inquest will be held.  
*The Oakland Tribune, September 28, 1898*

#### **Right of Way in Alvarado:**

A deed filed late yesterday afternoon with the county recorder partially discloses the mystery that has surrounded recent operations in the Alvarado artesian well belt. The indenture gives to the Investors and Promoters, a corporation, headed by Orestes Pierce of Oakland, valuable right-of-way privileges for pipe lines out of the Alvarado District.

The deed also gives intelligence that the new pumping plant erected at Alvarado belongs to the same corporation. The deed provides that the corporation may at all times have free access to the land for the purpose of putting down new water mains. These mains have extended to Mt. Eden, and survey stakes have been set for some distance this side of that point.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 6, 1898*

#### **Gun Club:**

The Indian Gun Club has leased the Louis Smith preserves near Alvarado for duck shooting, comprising some 500 acres; and will make a number of needed improvements, such as erecting a windmill for flooding the ponds, etc.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 17, 1898*

#### **Queer Changes in Alvarado:**

There is a big change taking place in the low-lying lands in that section of the county near Alvarado, through which the San Leandro (Alameda?) Creek flows. A tract of land from twelve to fifteen thousand acres is being reclaimed by nature, and in a few years, the geological work now going slowly on the property will be completed, and many acres of valuable land will be added to this section of the county.

The land level, which was almost always submerged, is a swamp no more, owing to the deposits left on the marsh, which have lifted the land higher and higher each season. Instead of the mud the soil is hard, and thus it would have been possible to use the lands for beet producing. There is

a large beet factory at Alvarado, and this newly acquired land used for growing beets will add greatly to the interests of the district.

The Alvarado marshes have been a favorite resort for duck hunters, and many gun clubs have houses on some part of the marsh. It will not be long before they will have to locate in some other place if they wish to shoot ducks. An old resident of Alvarado proved that a fence, which in 1868 was five feet high, is now almost covered by land deposits.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 26, 1898*

**Alvarado Election Officials:**

Inspectors: Thomas Roche and M. George  
Judges: S. Franz and F. C. Harvey  
Clerks: A. May and O. J. Emery  
Ballot Clerks: J. Buchannan and P.G. Lowrie

*The Oakland Tribune, October 28, 1898*

**Liquor License:**

Jose Silveira Amaral of Alvarado has filed an application for a saloon license, accompanied by the necessary bond. Eighteen residents of the Alvarado School District protested against the granting of a license to Amaral, saying that he had bought a lot near the school house with the intention of opening a saloon there, much to the detriment of the of the morals of the children. A hearing was set for next Monday.

*The Hayward Review, November 25, 1898*

**Sugar:**

The Alameda Sugar Works at Alvarado closed down Saturday after a short but successful run. The last shipment of beets was received on Tuesday, and the balance of the week was used to clean up. The company had about 600 acres of beets contracted for, but owing to the drought much of this did not yield a ton of beets. Under normal circumstances this acreage would have yielded 80,000 tons of beets, but only 36,000 were secured this year. They very best of the beets were from the low country around the sugar mill.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 28, 1898*

**Lot Sold:**

Sold by Manuel and Isabella J. Foster to Jose S. Rose, a lot on "V" Street in Alvarado for \$200.

*The San Francisco Call, San Francisco, Calif., November 30, 1898*

**Married:**

In San Francisco, November 19<sup>th</sup>, Lamar Fleischner and Olive A. Coulter, both of Alvarado.

*The San Francisco Call, December 7, 1898*

**Classified Ad:**

LOST & FOUND:

Lost, double-barreled gun near Mr. Eden, Alameda County. Return to HENNINGSEN, Alvarado Hotel and receive reward.

*The San Francisco Call, December 7, 1898*

**Sugar:**

Pleasanton beet growers are unhappy with the Southern Pacific Railroad and the Alameda Sugar Company in Alvarado. Last season there was a scarcity of freight cars, and the freight yards were tied up because of lack of local engines. The farmers have petitioned SP to allocate more freight cars and a local engine to move empty cars to the loading zone.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 28, 1898*

**Application for Relief:**

(The following is a report to the Board of Supervisors on the Application for Relief from an Alvarado resident.)

Supervisor Wells reported on the Application of Relief of John Monesse of Alvarado as follows:

"I find this man has a large family and he also has a cow running loose on the roads. The Pound master attempted to arrest the cow and the man's son took the animal away from the pound man. The pound man sued Monesse, who employed a lawyer and won. If he is able to employ an attorney he is able to take care of himself, and I, therefore move the application be denied."

*The Oakland Tribune, January 3, 1899*

#### **Water:**

Considerable excitement was caused in Oakland tonight by the announcement that the stock of the Contra Costa Water Company had taken a sudden jump from \$50 to \$65 per share, and \$63 was refused. Last Friday the stock could not be sold for \$50. It was openly stated that the Contra Costa had absorbed the Oakland or Dingee (Water) Company, and that henceforth there was to be no competition.

The Contra Costa Company has been forced to open an immense pumping plant at Alvarado, and this has cost it nearly one fourth of its entire bonded indebtedness. Both companies fully realize that their combined plants are necessary to tide Oakland over in a dry year, and they also realize that for the protection of their stockholders they must come under one general management.

*The San Francisco Call, January 4, 1899*

#### **Odd Fellows:**

Past Grand's O. J. Emery and F. B. Granger, Jr., assisted in the installation of officers at the Sycamore Lodge in Hayward.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 2, 1899*

#### **Lots Sold:**

F.C. and Selma Harvey to I.V. Ralph, undivided half interest in lots 4, 5, 8 & 9, Block 82, Alvarado.

*The San Francisco Call, February 2, 1899*

#### **Boxing:**

On Wednesday evening, March 1<sup>st</sup>, the second of the series of amateur boxing tournaments will be held in the Olympic Club Gymnasium. This will be the preliminary battle of the lightweight class, the weight limit of which is fixed at 135 pounds. There are ten entries in all, making five matches. There will be two entrants from the Alvarado Athletic Club, A.N. Barry and Robert Elwood (Elwert?).

*The San Francisco Call, February 25, 1899*

#### **Weston F. Emery Dies:**

In Alvarado, February 26, Weston F. Emery, beloved husband of Diantha F. Emery, and father of Orman J., Guy C., Blanche Richmond, Lara, Roy, Inez, Barbara and Aldythe Emery, a native of Maine, aged 59 years.

*The San Francisco Call, February 27, 1899*

#### **Classified Ad:**

LOST:

February 24<sup>th</sup>, white skiff, 4 feet long, 3½ beam, with bow and side fenders, containing 4 oars. Finder please notify: Bob Elwert, Alvarado, reward.

*The San Francisco Call, February 28, 1899*

#### **San Francisco Visitor:**

Miss Ruth Robinson of Alvarado, age 6, received special mention in the San Francisco Call Junior Page.

*The San Francisco Call, March 13, 1899*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. E. M. Foley is in San Francisco.

It is rumored that E. Ives and family will move to Vallejo.

Dr. Hauber has purchased a fine horse and buggy.

Thomas Roche, who has been ill for the past three months, has gone to St. Mary's Hospital to undergo treatment.

Joe Silvey's family has arrived from San Diego and will live in the Correa residence.

Judge Richmond will represent the Reliance Lodge, No. 93, at the Grand Lodge held in San Francisco.

Do not forget the entertainment and dance to be given by the Olivina Parlor, No. 61, N. D. G. W., for the benefit of the Native Daughters. Excellent program, fine music for dancing.

Miss Mildred Nauert was elected by the Mistletoe Lodge, Lodge No. 54, Degree of Honor, A. O. U. W. as delegate to the Grand Lodge, which convenes in San Francisco in April.

William Lee, son of Mrs. M. Lee of Alvarado, has been seriously ill with typhoid fever in San Francisco and is slowly recovering.

Charles Simpson of Maine is visiting at the home of his uncle, E. H. Dyer.

*The Hayward Review, March 24, 1899*

**Flood:**

In the last nine days 7 inches of rain has fallen filling the Alameda Creek and causing farmers to cry. At Alvarado the flood is very high and portions of the railroad track at the Sugar Mill spur is washed out. The Chinese section is under water and the Chinese are roosting on the tops of their houses.

*The Fresno Morning Republican, March 25, 1899*

**Flood:**

The heavy rain has flooded the low land around Alvarado and has drowned thousands of gophers, which have for years be a great nuisance to raisers of sugar beets and garden truck.

*The San Francisco Call, March 26, 1899*

**Edna Ralph:**

Miss Edna Ralph of Alvarado has received mention in the *San Francisco Call's* Game Page for correctly solving the day's puzzle.

*The San Francisco Call, March 26, 1899*

**Sugar:**

The heavy rain has flooded the lowland around Alvarado and has drowned thousands of gophers, which have for years been a great nuisance to raisers of sugar beets and truck gardeners. The Alameda Sugar people are now expecting a big crop of beets and the longest run of the mill known for years. The acreage of beets will be greatly increased since the rain.

*The Fresno Morning Republican, Fresno California, March 26, 1899*

**Wiegman & Beebe Lose Suit:**

Judge Ogden found for F.C. Harvey and against Wiegman & Beebe, storekeepers at Alvarado. Wiegman claims he sold out to Harvey while suffering from too much liquor, but Judge Ogden held that Harvey purchased in good faith.

*The San Francisco Call, March 29, 1899*

**News Notes:**

Olivina Parlor, NDGW of Alvarado, will give a grand entertainment and dance at the IOOF Hall, Friday evening, March 24<sup>th</sup>. A very novel and unique entertainment was rehearsed. In addition to local celebrities, Miss Josephine Butler of Oakland, a dramatic reader, appeared. Dr. O. S. Dean of Oakland and George Beebe also delighted the auditors.

Alvarado Lodge, Degree of Honor, has sent word that Ivy Lodge's visit has caused a revival in the Degree of Honor in our vicinity.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 30, 1899*

**Lots Sold:**

Mary S. Stokes to I.V. Ralph, lots 4, 5, 8 & 9, Block 82, Alvarado.  
*The San Francisco Call, April 13, 1899*

**Sugar:**

*The San Francisco Trade Journal* of February 24<sup>th</sup> says: "The growth of the beet sugar industry in this country has been quite rapid in the past two years, and the outlook promises a further expansion in the industry."

The following factories were in operation in 1898, with a statement of daily capacity in tons:

<u>Factory/Location</u>	<u>Daily Capacity/Tons</u>
Alameda Sugar Co., Alvarado California	800
Binghamton Beet Sugar Co., Binghamton New York	350
California Beet Sugar & Refining Co., Crockett California	500
Chino Valley Beet Sugar Co., Chino California	1,000
First N.Y. Beet Sugar Co., Rome New York	200
Los Alamitos Sugar Co., Los Alamitos California	700
Michigan Sugar Co., Bay City Michigan	350
Minnesota Sugar Co., St. Louis Park Minnesota	350
Norfolk Beet Sugar Co., Norfolk Nebraska	350
Ogden Sugar Co., Ogden Utah	350
Oregon Sugar Co., La Grande Oregon	350
Oxnard Beet Sugar Co., Grand Island Nebraska	350
Pecos Valley Beet Sugar Co., Eddy New Mexico	200
Utah Sugar Co., Lehi Utah	350
Wisconsin Beet Sugar Co., Menominee Wisc. (In liquidation)	200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,400</b>

The following factories are presently being built and nearing completion:

<u>Factory/Location</u>	<u>Daily Capacity/Tons</u>
Spreckels Sugar Co., Spreckels (Salinas) California	3,000
Pacific Beet Sugar Co., Oxnard California	1,000
Union Sugar Co., Santa Maria California	500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,500</b>

*The Hawaiian Gazette, Honolulu Hawaii, April 14, 1899*

**Sugar:**

Arthur Peralta of Temescal will arrive in Alvarado on Monday to begin his position as a chemist at the sugar beet factory.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 14, 1899*

**Sugar:**

E. W. Burr, Superintendent of the sugar refinery has announced that they will pay farmers \$4.60 a ton for sugar beets this year.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 1, 1899*

**Alvarado School Trustee:**

D. Jackson, Alvarado School Trustee, is up for re-election this year.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 1, 1899*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

O.P. Maust of Alvarado has checked into the Grand Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Call, May 12, 1899*

**Washington Township School Census:**

The school census returns of Alameda County are nearly all in. The following is a list of the returns for Washington Township:

<u>Name</u>	<u>No. Pupils</u>
Alvarado	172
Alviso	92
Centerville	246
Decoto	211
Lincoln	24
Mission San Jose	197
Mowry	20
Newark	133
Niles	171
Rosedale	28
Stony Brook	19
Sheridan	52
Warm Springs	143
Washington (Irvington)	176

*The Oakland Tribune, May 13, 1899*

**New Postmaster:**

Postmaster E. A. Richmond has been removed and I. V. Ralph has been appointed in his stead. No reason is known for the change. No man in this county has seen continual service longer under Uncle Sam than Mr. Richmond, and it is the wish of nearly every resident of this district that he might continue in office. Mr. Richmond was commissioned Postmaster of Alvarado by President Hayes in September 1877. From that day to this Mr. Richmond has gone along attending to the work of his office, serving under Presidents Garfield, Arthur, Cleveland, Harrison, Cleveland and McKinley in turn.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 16, 1899*

**News Notes:**

Mrs. George Obermuller was called from Hayward to Alvarado the early part of last week because of the serious illness of her parents, but now they have about recovered.

A delegation from the Union Lodge, Degree of Honor, paid a fraternal visit to the Degree of Honor Lodge at Alvarado Wednesday evening.

The German plays, songs and recitations and dialogs given in the Hayward Opera House last evening by the German class students of Union High School No. 3 (Hayward) were greatly enjoyed by the large audience present. Hayward, Mt. Eden, Alvarado, San Lorenzo and Oakland were represented in the audience.

*The Hayward Review, May 26, 1899*

**Lot Sold in Town:**

Mrs. Catherine K. Liston to Mertie Liston, a lot near Vallejo and Smith Streets in Alvarado.

*The San Francisco Call, June 11, 1899*

**Marriage License:**

Niels Laursen Koue, Alvarado, 22; Dorothea Schnowpoy, Alvarado, 24.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 17, 1899*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. M Correa is remodeling her house.

Mrs. F. C. Harvey spent Tuesday in the city.

Miss Dora Franz is the guest of the Nauert family.

Dr. Clazie has again opened dental parlors in the Lyle Building.



Alvarado was well represented at the Danish picnic in Mt. Eden.  
Mrs. J. J. Liston is again at home after a two-week visit with relatives in Stockton.  
Little Ethel Foley, who has been seriously ill in the city with pneumonia, is much improved.  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 20, 1899*

**Around Town:**

J. S. Watkinson of the Water Company was out on an inspection last week.  
Ed Harvey has gone for a visit to New Hampshire. He will be absent several months.  
F. R. Buchanan and Andrew Anderson are the proud fathers of daughters that arrived last week.  
**Mr. I. V. Ralph** has returned from several days visit in Capitola, where he installed his family in a cottage. They will be gone a month.  
**Mr. I. V. Ralph** will assume charge of the post office Saturday, and it will be moved to its new quarters in his store that day or the first of the week.  
The U. P. E. C. has postponed their regular election of officers until July 9<sup>th</sup>, so as to be able to participate in the excursion to Sunset Park Sunday.  
F. B. Granger, Jr., as road foreman, has expended \$90 in the past seven months, \$66 of which is for his personal expenses.  
Will Schuette has returned from a six-week's trip to Santa Barbara and resumed his old position at Granger's Hotel. He reports that business is pretty good in the south.  
Laura Anderson, who fell from hammock a couple of weeks ago and broke the right femur near the hip, is getting along nicely, thanks to the good care of Dr. C. A. Hauber, who reset the fracture.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 6, 1899*

**Around Town:**

F. B. Granger is enjoying a visit to Santa Cruz.  
William Woolsey is out from the city visiting with his sister, Mrs. B. H. Ford.  
Farley Granger is suffering from rheumatism of the foot.  
Miss Mildred Nauert has returned from a weeks' visit with Livermore friends.  
Allen Richmond has returned to his home in Santa Maria, after a visit with his parents.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 18, 1899*

**F. C. Harvey:**

Fred Harvey has filed a demurrer to second the amended complaint in the action of Fred Wiegman to recover from George Beebe and others an interest in a store in Alvarado. Harvey claims there is a misjoinder of defendants in that it is not shown that he is not a co-partner with Beebe.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 21, 1899*

**Around Town:**

Dr. C. A. Hauber reports that there is considerable sickness about. Cholera morbus is quite frequent just at present, owing to the quantity of fruit eaten.  
The Supervisors accepted the resignation of Pound master Phillip Gebbert and appoint John Brugge to fill the vacancy.  
Louis A. Critchelow, a former night watchman at the sugar works, has moved his family to Elmhurst and joined his brother in the painting business.  
Mr. & Mrs. Julius Wilde entertained a dozen friends at dinner recently during which the engagement of daughter, Miss Minnie, was announced.  
H. C. Coward and J. E. Johnston were in town recently. The former purchased fifty tons of salt from John Quigley, which was shipped to Fresno this week.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 24, 1899*

**Water:**

The Oakland Water Company plant at Alvarado, which was recently consolidated with the Contra Costa Water Co., is one of the marvels of this township. Located out on the low marshland adjoining the salt plants, it furnishes millions of gallons of water each day to Oakland and suburbs. The water is the purest artesian, right from the depths of the earth.

There are now 31 wells, with depths of 197 to 1,000 feet and diameters of 4" to 10". These wells all flow steadily and are worthy of a visit. They are scattered over a 500 acre tract and are all connected with reservoirs at the pumping plant. The daily capacity of the wells is 10,000,000 gallons, although less than 5,000,000 gallons a day are being pumped.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 24, 1899*

#### **Salt:**

The Oakland City Wharf was piled with salt yesterday, the steamer Emma arrived from Alvarado with a cargo of 100 tons of salt for the Oakland Salt Works.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 27, 1899*

#### **Sugar:**

California is giving not only example but skill to the building up of the beet sugar interest in other States. The latest gift of this sort is the acceptance of the superintendency of the new beet sugar factory at Grand Junction, Colorado, by Hubert Dyer, nephew of the pioneer beet sugar man at Alvarado, E.H. Dyer. Mr. Dyer is well fitted for his work by tradition, education and commercial experience. Recently he has acted as fruit purchasing agent of the Cutting Packing Co., but he was trained in beet sugar lines and the services thereunto pertaining, and has now probably found his field for a life work.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, August 5, 1899*

#### **Buried Treasure in Alvarado:**

\$10,000 in gold coin (1899 pricing, over \$200,000 at today's value) lies buried in downtown Alvarado. It was buried years ago by a tight fisted miser, George Simpson, who despised his wife and made sure she would never come across it. He did make a map of the treasure and entrusted it to two close friends before his death. The two persons that inherited the map are William Kent, a well-known Alvarado liquor man, and John Aylward of Livermore. No record has ever been found that shows they located the buried treasure (in an oyster can) which means that it must still be there for the taking.

The location of the site? Lot 7, Block 35, on the corner of Levee Street and Maiden Lane.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 9, 1899*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Lizzie Quinlan of Santa Rosa spent a few days in town visiting old friends.

Mrs. S. M. Lyle is entertaining her granddaughter, Mrs. Ola Hurst of San Ramon.

Mr. R. Lyle has returned home in Alvarado after spending a few months at Wheeler Hot Springs, Ventura County. His health is greatly improved.

A little son was welcomed into the home of F. B. Granger, Jr. Saturday.

Ralph Richmond resumed his studies at Haywards High School.

Mrs. Charles Nauert and daughter are spending a few weeks in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Mrs. J. R. Allguire has returned to Crockett after spending ten days here.

Mrs. Fred Harvey is again at home, after spending week in Napa. Her sister Miss Ingemundsen and Miss Derry accompanied her.

Miss E. Smyth of San Francisco, who has been the guest of **E. A. Richmond** and family, returned to her home Wednesday.

After spending a week in Alvarado with her cousin, Miss Edith Dyer has returned to Oakland.

Mrs. Foley and daughter Ethyl spent several days of this week in the metropolis.

**Judge Richmond** has returned from Santa Maria, where he visited with his sons, Edwin and Allen, both of whom are employed by the Union Sugar Company.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 18, 1899*

#### **Louis Loudon Jr. Dies:**

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Loudon of Alvarado are mourning the passing of their son, Louis Loudon Jr., 21, who died unexpectedly in Oxnard, Cal. On August 14, 1899.

***The San Francisco Call, August 19, 1899***

**Around Town:**

J.J. Liston and family left Saturday for Crockett, where they will reside. Their departure will be regretted by a host of friends.

Mrs. A. Silva is visiting in Santa Clara.

The Alvarado Social Tennis Club will give an entertainment or dance in the near future.

Louis Smith of Alvarado has offered his farm to the city of Oakland for \$50,000. It is in the center of the artesian water belt.

The Ives family expects to move to Crockett this week.

A few of our people attended the picnic at Mt. Eden given by the Herrman Sons.

John Ralph has returned from a three-week's stay at Alum Rock.

Mrs. Sophie May of Alameda, a former resident of Alvarado, spent last week with her son, August May, Jr.

William Louden is home from Oxnard.

Misses Mary and Katherine Joyce of the metropolis spent Sunday with their folks in Alvarado.

The last sad rites of Louis Louden, who died in Oxnard, were held at the home of this parent Friday. The services were conducted by the Lutheran minister from Mt. Eden in both English and German. Touching hymns were rendered by a quartet composed of Mrs. E.B. Ford, Miss Dot Nauert, and Messrs. J.M. Scribner and H.B. Ford. The casket was completely covered by beautiful floral offerings sent by loving relatives and friends. A large procession followed the remains to their last resting place, Mr. Eden Cemetery.

***The Oakland Tribune, August 24, 1899***

**Around Town:**

Mrs. P. Henningsen left for the German Hospital Monday where she will have an operation for her knee, which has been bothering her for the past six years.

The Ives family has left for Crockett.

William Keller of the city was entertained by J. Wilde and Family Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. E. M. Foley and daughter, Ethel, are visiting relatives in San Francisco.

The children of the public school enjoyed a holiday Friday.

Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Scribner, Mrs. J. Henrickson and Miss Dora Joyce left Monday for Capitola, where they will remain a week.

Mrs. K. Ralph spent a few days in Centerville with her daughter, Mrs. G. Lowrie.

Mrs. A. W. Lassen is in San Francisco for a few days.

The Alvarado Foundry is very busy for this time of the year. Four new men have been put on. A big government contract is being filled.

Thomas Roche expects to leave for Nevada shortly.

Miss Carrie Parish is visiting her friend Miss Laura Emery.

***The Oakland Tribune, August 30, 1899***

**San Francisco Visitor:**

H. Richmond of Alvarado has checked into the Grand Hotel in San Francisco.

***The San Francisco Call, August 31, 1899***

**Around Town:**

Miss Burns of San Simeon is the guest of Miss Lora Emery.

Miss Clara Bennett of Alameda has returned to her home after two-week stay with Mrs. S. Lyle.

Mrs. B. H. Ford and daughter, Dorothy, spent Monday of this week visiting relatives in Irvington.

Mrs. C. R. Nauert and daughter, Ossie, who have been spending the last three weeks in the Santa Cruz Mountains, returned to their home Wednesday.

Miss Alice Blacow of Irvington is visiting with her grandmother, Mrs. Wicks.

Miss Tina Anderson of Decoto was in town Saturday.

Miss Clara Jackson is in Alameda.

Mr. I. V. Ralph spent Tuesday in San Francisco.

Mr. & Mrs. P. Hellwig are again at home after a week's visit at Madrone Springs.  
Mr. E. A. Richmond can now supply his many friends with bread from the New England Bakery at Hayward.  
Mrs. M. Lee is on the sick list this week.  
Daniel Reilley of Alvarado is lying seriously ill with typhoid malaria, **Dr. Hauber** is attending him.  
Eugene Roach of Nevada City is visiting his uncle Thomas Roche.  
Miss Marie Hanson is visiting friends in San Francisco.  
William Robinson went to Mt. Eden Wednesday to see his brother Johnnie, who was seriously injured while driving a hay wagon. His horses became frightened and ran away, throwing him to the ground rendering him unconscious. **Dr. Hauber** of Alvarado is attending him.  
*The Oakland Tribune, September 1, 1899*

#### **San Francisco Visitor:**

O.P. Nauert of Alvarado has checked into the Grand Hotel in San Francisco.  
*The San Francisco Call, September 3, 1899*

#### **Sugar:**

The Alameda Sugar Company has been busy for some time past doing the necessary preparation work for the coming season. Everything is now in readiness and the campaign will undoubtedly open Monday the 11<sup>th</sup>. The first beets will arrive from Lodi, somewhat later than those from Pleasanton and those in this vicinity. It is estimated that the yield of this year's crop will be double of last year's run, consequently a long run is anticipated. About two hundred men will be employed.  
*The Oakland Tribune, September 6, 1899*

#### **Man Killed by Train:**

John Kump of Crockett, formerly of Alvarado, was killed at the sugar factory in Crockett Calif., while watching the yard engine standing nearby and did not notice the approaching train, which suddenly rounded the curve, running him down before it could be stopped. He leaves a widow and one daughter.  
*The San Francisco Call, September 7, 1899*

#### **Around Town:**

The Earl Fruit Company shipped a carload of pears raised in the Althausen place to Chicago last Tuesday.  
The Supervisors again were in town inspecting our beautiful roads.  
Mrs. A. E. Hansen has returned from a few days' trip to the metropolis.  
Miss Minnie Wilde spent several days last week in the city visiting relatives.  
The Alvarado Portuguese Union will give a grand ball Saturday evening.  
After a several days' visit in Monterey County, O. P. Nauert has returned to Alvarado.  
Chief Jailer Sattler of the city spent Sunday in Alvarado.  
**Mrs. J. M. Scribner** is on the sick list.  
Peanuts are for sale at the restaurant.  
The Sunday School Convention will be held in Alvarado Saturday, the 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Judge Richmond made a flying trip to San Francisco and Oakland Saturday.  
Chas. Heyer of San Francisco spent several days with his sister, Mrs. C. R. Nauert.  
Mrs. J. Boyd and Miss Joyce of San Francisco spent Monday visiting the latter's here in Alvarado.  
The High School pupils enjoyed a holiday Monday.  
One hundred tickets were sold at the Alvarado (**Railroad**) Station, the day of welcoming home the California boys. This is quite a number for our little burg, besides the regular commuters.  
A number of our citizens went to San Francisco Wednesday evening to witness the naval parade and the illuminations.  
It is reported that a spur track (broad gauge) will be laid by the Southern Pacific Company to the Alvarado Water Works, the Alvarado Foundry and several salt works.  
Mrs. William Wells of Warm Springs was the guests of Mrs. A. E. Richmond Friday.

Mr. & **Mrs. J. M. Scribner**, Mrs. H. Henrickson and Miss Dora Joyce returned to their homes Friday after a week's stay in Capitola.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 6, 1899*

**Around Town:**

The Vandervoort family is now living in the Liston cottage.

Miss M. Eichler of Mt. Eden spent several days of this week with her sister, Mrs. F. Hellwig.

John Henningsen of Hayward was in town Thursday.

Miss Addie Allguire is in Crockett.

Many of our people went to Santa Cruz today.

The Portuguese Union will give a dance in the IOOF Hall Saturday evening.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 6, 1899*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

J.B. Silvey of Alvarado has checked into the New Western Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Call, September 11, 1899*

**Around Town:**

The Alvarado Tennis Club will give their first dance in the IOOF Hall next Monday evening, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Henningson's many friends are glad to hear that she is improving.

Miss Mary Meyers of Irvington is being entertained by Mrs. A. Lassen.

Mrs. La Baum of San Francisco is visiting her parents in town.

Supervisor Wells has been instructed to bore a well on the road between Alvarado & Centerville.

The Portuguese dance that was given at the IOOF Hall last Saturday evening was a decided success and enjoyed by all that attended. Barney's Orchestra of Oakland played the music, and an elegant supper was served at the American Restaurant. Hayward, Mt. Eden, Decoto and Centerville were well represented.

Mrs. A. Andaras is entertaining friends from San Francisco.

Mrs. J. Silvey and little daughter are visiting friends in Sunol.

Miss Ella Dellwig of San Francisco is the guest of Mrs. E. Beebe.

E. A. Richmond spent Saturday in San Francisco.

Wm. Richmond and wife of San Francisco spent Saturday and Sunday in town.

Wm. Allguire and Eugene Mathews, who are employed at the Crockett Sugar Refinery, are in town.

Miss C. Jackson is again home after a week's with friends in Alameda.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 13, 1899*

**Around Town:**

While intoxicated, Mr. Rose of Hayward knocked down a Chinaman and made deep gash on his eye and three gashes on his nose. When getting up the Chinaman resented the assault and was wiping the street with Mr. Rose when George Horne separated them. Mr. Rose ran away.

Miss A. Allguire spent several days of last week in San Francisco.

The old boxes at the post office have been replaced with new ones, which are much more convenient.

The Alameda Sugar Company of Alvarado has contracted for 5,000 acres of land for the purpose of raising sugar beets.

Supervisor Wells was authorized to replace two bridges in the Alvarado Road District, one being 140 feet in length and the other being 240 feet in length.

Mrs. J. Joyce is in San Francisco visiting as the guest of her daughter.

Mrs. A. Perkins of Fresno is the guest of her sister Mrs. Harvey.

Mrs. M. D. Bryden of San Francisco spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. E. Beebe.

Many of our people attended the entertainment and cakewalk at Centerville, given at the Town Hall. All reported having a good time.  
After a two-week visit with her parents in Alvarado, Miss K. Mathews returned to her home in San Francisco.  
Miss Minnie Rodgers, formerly from Alvarado, but now of Newark died at her home of consumption Friday and was buried Sunday.

Manuel Rodgers of Alvarado charged the Rose boys of Centerville with grand larceny. Rodgers claims that he traded horses with the Rose's and paid them some cash. Several days later, while he was away from home, the Rose's brought back the horse and, leaving it took the one they had traded him, but kept the cash. The case will come up before Judge Richmond this week.

Peter Henningsen has sworn to a complaint charging George Horne of Hayward with attempt to defraud him of a board bill.  
A traveling medicine company gave open-air concerts for two evenings, and the third night ended up with an entertainment at the IOOF Hall. Dancing was indulged in until 12 o'clock.  
Mrs. F. Vandervoort of the State Normal School spent Saturday and Sunday at home.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 10, 1899*

#### **Druggist:**

O. G. Day, our druggist, who has conducted a drugstore for the past three years, has sold his interest to a Mr. Fitzell, a young gentleman of Jackson, Amador County. The departure of Mr. & Mrs. Day will be regretted by a host of their friends whom they made during their stay in Alvarado.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 18, 1899*

#### **Around Town:**

Ten carloads of tomatoes were shipped from here in one day last week, besides sugar and iron. Harry Meek of San Leandro was in town on business Saturday.  
Mrs. H. Henrickson is on the sick list this week.  
After a fine month's visit with relatives in San Ramon, Miss Helen Lyle returned home last Monday.  
Mr. I. V. Ralph, our popular merchant is now an agent for a gramophone. He sold five of the machines last week.  
Mrs. Brier returned home Wednesday after a month's visit to San Francisco.  
Miss H. Eichler of Mt. Eden was in town Saturday visiting her sister, Mrs. F. Hellwig.  
The Alvarado Rebekah Lodge will celebrate its eleventh anniversary in the IOOF Hall on October 21<sup>st</sup>. A number of other Rebekah Lodges have been invited to join them.  
A number of our people attended the opening of football season at the C. A. C. grounds on Saturday.  
Miss Ella Mathews of San Francisco Sundayed with her parents.  
The IOOF of Alvarado is making extensive preparations to take part in the Golden Jubilee in San Francisco.  
Miss Addie Allguire of Crockett is visiting her parents.  
Mrs. I. V. Ralph and daughters visited relatives in San Francisco Friday & Saturday.  
The Alvarado Public School was closed for three days last week on account of the Principal, Prof. A. Norris attending the Grand Lodge of Masons in San Francisco.  
Mrs. E. A. Richmond spent Saturday and Sunday in San Francisco.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 18, 1899*

#### **Sugar:**

Peter G. Grindell, who is working in the engine department of the Alvarado Sugar Mill, had a narrow escape from losing his right arm last Saturday night. He became entangled in the machinery, and in a second more his right arm would have been cut off. As it is he has a few black and blue spots to remind him of what might have been.  
*The Hayward Review, October 20, 1899*

**Bicycle Accident:**

James Munyan of Alvarado met with a serious accident last Tuesday morning. He rode to Hayward on his wheel. While turning the corner of B and Castro Streets he ran into a team. He made an effort to save himself by letting go of his wheel and grabbing for the wagon tongue. Luckily the driver of the team had control of his horses and quickly brought them to a standstill before Munyan was trampled. He was somewhat bruised, however, and received a severe gash over his eye. The wound was sewed up and his injuries dressed by Dr. Browning.

*The Hayward Review, October 27, 1899*

**Around Town:**

The Contra Costa Water Company has finished the job of taking up its pipes from Alvarado to San Leandro.

Mrs. Harold Dyer, of Cleveland Ohio, arrived in Alvarado Saturday and will be the guests of her mother, Mrs. Kay Ralph.

Miss Addie Allguire is home again after a two-week visit with her parents in Crockett.

Mrs. B. H. Ford spent Friday and Saturday in San Francisco.

Railroad cars, for the shipment of tomatoes, are a very scarce commodity these days. Our local station agents cannot get one-half the number of cars they need.

A great deal of hay and grain in the hills is reported badly damaged by the recent rains.

The youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Davilla died Wednesday about midnight after illness of a few days. Interment took place at the Catholic Cemetery in Centerville.

Alvarado was well represented at the Haywards Theater Saturday night when Nancy O'Neill placed.

The true reason for the rise in the price of beef, according to the National Provisioner, is the gradual rise in the price of livestock. The increase in the price of the herd has been brought about by the general shortage for slaughter purposes, and the increased cost of producing hand (stall fed) beef, because of the shortage of feed and the increased cost of getting it.

**Dr. Hauber** and family entertained friends from San Francisco Saturday.

Mrs. S. Harvey and Miss Lizzy McKeown and the Misses Lowrie and James Logan took the Sunday school census Friday.

Mrs. George Lowrie and daughter of Centerville visited with relatives in town last Saturday.

Miss Ethel Ralph of Centerville spent Friday and Saturday in town.

Louis Smith spent Friday in San Francisco.

The initial dance of Alvarado Camp No. 429 of the Woodmen of the World was a decided success both socially and financially. The neighboring towns were well represented, as was Oakland, San Francisco and San Jose. At 9:30 p.m. the Grand March was led by Mr. & Mrs. John Scribner, followed by ninety couples. From that time to the wee small hours the merry throng tripped to the light fantastic. Barney's Orchestra furnished the music. The committee in charge of this successful affair was: **Dr. C. A. Hauber**, O. P. Nauert and A. N. Lindsey.

While on the way to the W of W dance in Alvarado, Mr. & Mrs. Blacow of Irvington and Mr. Rathbun of Mowry's Landing had a runaway horse that might have turned into something very serious, but they fortunately ended up with only a severe shaking. The runaway was caused by going over a pile of gravel in the middle of the road. It was very dark and the gravel could not be seen. The road overseers should attend to such matters. By the placing of a lantern on the pile this accident might have been averted. As it was, it is a wonder that no one was more seriously injured.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 30, 1899*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

W. Ralph of Alvarado has checked into the Grand Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Call, November 1, 1899*

**Odd Fellows:**

A large delegation of the Odd Fellows Lodges of Alvarado, Mission San Jose, Irvington and San Leandro surprised the Hayward I. O. O. F on the occasion of their thirty-third anniversary.  
*The Hayward Review, November 3, 1899*

**Anderson Reception:**

Tomorrow night the Native Sons and Daughters will host a reception for Marlin P. Anderson who recently returned from the war.  
*The Hayward Review, November 3, 1899*

**Ducks:**

The Hayward Gun Club is preparing for the season in earnest. A windmill erected on its preserves near Alvarado is the latest improvement.  
*The Hayward Review, November 3, 1899*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

C.G. Wright of Alvarado has checked into the Grand Hotel in San Francisco.  
*The San Francisco Call, November 7, 1899*

**Around Town:**

Christmas comes on Monday this year.

After a four-month visit in Alvarado Mr. & Mrs. Ray Kitchner returned to their home in Oakland last week.

Mr. & Mrs. Hellwig spent several days of last week in San Francisco.

Eggs are higher this fall than a year ago and were higher last fall than they were the year before. An observing Alvarado farmer accounts for it by the fact that people are raising more fancy poultry. He says the new kind are so high bred and so lazy that they have to be lifted to their roosts at night and they are too lazy to lay eggs.

If the weather permits, Alvarado will be well represented at the dance in Mt. Eden put on by the Woodmen.

Mrs. B. H. Ford and daughter spent last Thursday in San Francisco visiting friends and relatives. Alvarado was well represented at the Masquerade Ball given in Newark Saturday evening by the Degree of Honor of A. O. U. W.

After a week's visit with Mrs. E. A. Richmond, Mrs. J. Brook returned to her home in San Francisco.

Every Saturday and Sunday the town is packed with hunters from San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley and other places. The large string of game they bring home is evidence that they have had a successful trip.

According to the predictions of astronomers the people of this vicinity, especially those that don't go to sleep with the chickens, will be treated to a display of aerial fireworks during the nights of the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Faig and daughter, Alice spent Saturday in San Francisco.

It is said that turkeys are unusually large this year; and that prices will run low, so prepare for Thanksgiving. It will be two weeks from next Thursday.

Miss Edith Dyer of Oakland is being visited by her cousin, Miss Nina Dyer of Alvarado.

Our young girls may be seen early in the morning with their baskets in their hands going out mushroom hunting. Beware of toadstools. There is one sure way of telling toadstools from mushrooms; the stem of mushrooms is generally shorter and thicker and the center is solid, while the stems of toadstool are hollow.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 14, 1899*

**The Backing Horse:**



A young man from Alvarado put on quite a show in Hayward the other day. It seems as though try as he may, the horse would not go forward. Even after a genius experimented by drawing a rope rapidly across the horse's forelegs and started him going, the brute stopped short after about fifty yards. The horse's specialty was backing up, and this he did to the queen's taste backing and falling in all directions at once. At last the young man from the sugar city had a happy thought. He turned the horse's head towards Hayward, the rear of the buggy towards Alvarado, and plied the whip vigorously. The horse resumed his backing tactics, and when last seen was backing down the Alvarado road at a two mile gait, more or less.

*The Hayward Review, November 17, 1899*

#### **Ducks:**

There was no shooting down Alvarado way. The members of the Spooney Gun Club were not out, but L.R. Larzalaere, John H. Burfeind, Phil Bekeart and other members will put their fortunes to the test tomorrow if the weather conditions prove favorable.

*The San Francisco Call, November 18, 1899*

#### **E.H. Dyer:**

A deed has been placed on record whereby E.H. Dyer grants to the Utah Sugar Company 118 acres of land at Alvarado. The actual consideration is not named.

*The Daily Alta California, San Francisco, November 29, 1890*

#### **Pioneer Passes:**

In Alvarado, December 5<sup>th</sup>: Farley B. Granger, Sr., one of the oldest residents of Washington Township, died in his sleep in Alvarado last evening after an illness of two weeks. Mr. Granger was 70 years old at the time of death. He came to Washington Township about forty years ago and settled in Alvarado. For the last sixteen years he was the proprietor of the Riverside Hotel at Alvarado. He also owned extensive farming interests. He was the father of Mrs. E.E. Chase, Farley B Granger Jr., and Clarence A. Granger.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 5, 1899*

*The San Francisco Call, December 7, 1899*

#### **Trivial Court Case:**

Attorney F. I. Lemos of Hayward was busy this last week. But of all his cases the most remarkable is that of a young Alvarado boy. The little boy was playing with his pigeon when it flew off to a neighbor's shed. The child started after his pet, and when climbing the fence was pushed down by the neighbor. The boy's mother appeared and ordered her young son home, remarking with elegant irony, that perhaps the neighbor in question could be in need of some meat and that therefore she can have the pigeon. The other lady waxed exceedingly wroth at such a reflection and swore out a warrant for the arrest of the boy and his mother on the charge of using vile and obscene language. Legal talent was secured from Centerville and Oakland to assist in the prosecution. After serious and grave deliberations the defendant was discharged, the Justice who swore out the warrant remarking that such trivial matters should not be allowed to be brought before and disturb the gravity of the court.

*The Hayward Review, December 8, 1899*

#### **Bazaar:**

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church gave a very enjoyable and successful entertainment and bazaar Saturday evening in the IOOF Hall. Refreshments were served during the evening. The program included piano duets by Misses Emery and Jackson and Misses Walker and Johnson; two pantomimes and solo, Misses Gould and Rice; vocal solos, Miss Rice and S. M. Buck; whistling solo, Mr. Rice; dialog, Misses Dora Joyce and Dot Nauert.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 8, 1899*

#### **Farley B. Granger Estate:**

The will of Farley B. Granger, the hotel man and pioneer, who died at Alvarado on December 5<sup>th</sup>, was filed for probate today by the son and executor, Farley B. Granger, Jr., who applied for letters. The instrument is dated November 26, 1899, and the estate it disposes of is valued at \$50,000. By its terms \$7,000 is bequeathed to Clarence A. Granger, eldest son, now in Holland;

\$7,00 to Edith A. Chase, a daughter residing in San Jose, and \$1,000 to John B. Robbins, testator's brother-in-law. The residue goes to the petitioning son.

***The San Francisco Call, December 15, 1899***

**Around Town:**

Miss K. E. Riley, our schoolteacher, is in Oakland on vacation.

Eugene Woolsey of San Francisco is the guest of Mr. & Mrs. B. H. Ford.

Rev. E. P. Shier, of the Presbyterian Church, preached his final sermon in Alvarado Sunday.

J. Joyce and family are entertaining Fred Joyce of San Francisco.

It didn't take M. V. sera long to find out that there are worse places than Alvarado. A few weeks ago he left town for Redwood City with a firm determination never to return, but alas, he is back again, bag and baggage.

Bert Reys and wife have returned from their wedding tour and are occupying one of the Beebe cottages.

Mrs. L. Gas of Oakland spent several days of this week with her mother, Mrs. Cameron.

J. Allen, who has been conducting the American Restaurant for the past four months, has returned to Stockton.

Seth Bartholomew and family spent Christmas with his parents in Oakland.

John Bridge, our harness maker, spent Christmas with his parents in Hayward. Dr. & Mrs.

Trumpour of San Francisco are being entertained by her mother Mrs. S. Biddinger.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 28, 1899***

**Sugar:**

The Alvarado beet sugar works had a close call last evening from destruction by fire. A large barn adjoining the factory buildings and owned by E. H. Dyer, caught fire and threatened the other structures. The efforts of the fire fighters were directed to saving the other buildings from catching fire, so the barn was burned to the ground. The loss on the barn and its contents was put at \$1,000.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 28, 1899***

**Around Town:**

Farmers are busy plowing.

Miss Hussey of Oakland is visiting with the Parisher's.

C. D. Bell of Oregon is in town.

Arthur Joyce of San Francisco is being entertained by his parents.

Mrs. Adle is entertaining friends from San Francisco.

***The Oakland Tribune, January 4, 1900***

**Dance:**

A large delegation of Hayward youths attended a dance at Alvarado five last Saturday evening.

***The Oakland Tribune, January 7, 1900***

**Around Town:**

The Ralph children are down with the mumps.

Mrs. B. H. Ford and daughters left Wednesday for a month's visit with her mother in Ione.

Mrs. K. Ralph is in Centerville as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. George Lowrie.

Our public school expects to open a week from Monday.

***The Oakland Tribune, January 8, 1900***

**Flood:**

Thursday the water overflowed the Crandall Slough Bridge and from there to Alvarado was an almost continuous sheet of water on each side of the road. Many of the town's people drove over the road to see sight.

***The Oakland Tribune, January 9, 1900***

**Around Town:**

Mrs. Fostina of Union City is lying dangerously ill at her home. Dr. Harper of Alvarado and Dr. A. J. Dean of Hayward are her physicians.

After a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. A. May, and Miss Vina Decoto returned to her home in Decoto Wednesday.

Franklin Sheridan of San Francisco spent Sunday with Dr. C. A. Hauber and family.

Mrs. Laughlin and her son returned to their home in Irvington after a week's visit with relatives in town.

F. Mickle and wife of Centerville were in town Friday.

Our public school is expected to open Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, with the same corps of teachers.

Charles Bell of Oregon is in town on business.

Mr. O. Backus of Oakland was visiting C. R. Nauert Monday.

Mrs. Seth Bartholomew is on the sick list this week.

Our high School pupils returned to school in Hayward and Centerville of Monday.

Messrs. Richmond spent several days of last week visiting relatives and friends.

E. S. Hawley of Alvarado is in New York.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 9, 1900*

**News Note:**

Mrs. Kate Ralph is in Centerville with her daughter, Mrs. George Lowrie who is seriously ill.

*The Oakland Tribune, Jan 12, 1900*

**Dance:**

There will be a dance in Alvarado tomorrow night, given by the Alvarado improvement Club.

*The Hayward Review, January 12, 1900*

**De Roza Divorce:**

Judge Ellsworth this morning granted a decree of divorce to Jorgiana G. De Roza from her husband Manuel P. De Roza on grounds of extreme cruelty. In order to support the seven young children Mrs. De Roza was awarded community property and the farming interests near Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 15, 1900*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. Lee of San Jose spent Saturday as the guest of Mrs. Martin on the Louis Smith Ranch.

Mrs. Adle and children spent last week in San Francisco visiting friends.

Miss Burns of San Simeon is being entertained by Miss Lora Emery.

Charles Heyer and family of San Francisco spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Heyer's sister, Mrs. Charles Nauert.

F. Randolph and wife of San Francisco spent Sunday with Mrs. Randolph's brother, I. V. Ralph.

After a six-month visit with relatives and friends in Boston, Ed Harvey returned home Monday evening.

William Lee spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. M. Lee.

Arthur Joyce of San Francisco was the guest of his parents Sunday.

Wedding bells will soon ring in town.

Mrs. J. Nichols spent Saturday of last week in San Francisco.

The dance given last evening by the boys of the Alvarado Improvement Club was a huge success socially and financially. They cleared \$40 and this goes towards building a new sidewalk from the depot to town. All present had a good time, and it is hoped that they boys will another such dance in the future.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 18, 1900*

**Annie Lowrie Dies:**

In Centerville on January 16<sup>th</sup>; Mrs. Annie Lowrie, beloved wife of George P. Lowrie, sister of Mars. A Charvoz, Mrs. H.P. Dyer, Mrs. J.W. Atkinson and brother of J.H. Ralph, at the age of 25 years.

***The San Francisco Call, January 18, 1900***

**License to Marry:**

Lincoln Fitzell 32, Alvarado and Bertha Weck 30, San Francisco

***The San Francisco Call, January 18, 1900***

**Albert E. Ackerman Dies:**

Last Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, A. E. Ackerman came to a peaceful end at his with his daughter at his side. Mr. Ackerman was 76 years old. In the latter part of the 60's he resided in Alvarado and joined the Crusade Lodge of the IOOF In 1876 he moved to Hayward with his family and resided there until his death.

***The Hayward Review, January 19, 1900***

**School Funds:**

The apportionment of the state school money is made by the County Superintendent of Schools.

Alvarado's share this year is \$1,332.

***The Hayward Review, January 19, 1900***

**Fines Collected:**

The fines collected in 1899 in Alvarado by Justice of the Peace, E.A. Richmond, and turned over to the County Treasurer amounted to \$85.40.

***The Oakland Tribune, January 22, 1900***

**Around Town:**

If you have a calendar from 1894 it will serve this year, as the dates are the same.

D. Plurde, formerly of Alvarado but now living in San Francisco spent Sunday with the Adle family.

M. R. Lyle spent Monday of this week in Alameda.

H. Henrickson spent Thursday of last week in the metropolis.

Miss V. Decoto of Decoto is being entertained by her sister, Mrs. August May.

After a six-week leave of absence, B. H. Ford is back at his job at the depot.

O. Backus of Oakland was in town visiting C. R. Nauert.

Mrs. S. Lyle is in San Ramon visiting her daughter.

Samuel Poorman of Menlo was in town looking after interests of his dairy.

Mrs. F. Clazie is in San Francisco visiting relatives.

Alvarado Camp of the Woodmen of the World held an installation last Tuesday evening.

Lincoln Fitzell, our druggist and Miss Bertha Week of San Francisco were married in San Francisco last Thursday. They will live in one of the cottages on the Granger tract.

Miss Edith Dyer of Oakland is visiting the place of her uncle, Mr. E. H. Dyer.

George Althaus spent Thursday in San Francisco.

Mrs. E. Beebe is entertaining a lady friend from San Francisco.

A little daughter was born to the wife of Orman J. Emery.

Hans Jepson is back home after a month's treatment at the German Hospital for blood poisoning of the hand.

***The Oakland Tribune, January 25, 1900***

**Words of Wisdom:**

A quote from a local: "If some people would tell what they know instead of what they believe, they would have very little to say."

***The Oakland Tribune, January 27, 1900***

**Stolen Check:**

The trial of Thomas Hussey, charged with allegedly stealing a check for \$366.75 from his employer, L. C. Smith of Alvarado about three months ago, was before a jury this morning.

***The Oakland Tribune, January 30, 1900***

**The Alvarado Improvement Club:**

The Alvarado Improvement Club, which is composed of representative young men of Alvarado that gave such a successful dance several weeks ago, will give another elegant party on the 10<sup>th</sup>, two weeks from tonight.

*The Hayward Review, February 2, 1900*

### **Sugar:**

R.C. Peach, the representative of the Alameda Sugar Company at Pleasanton, is making contracts with the farmers for the coming season. He is offering the usual price of \$4.50 a ton. It is estimated that the acreage this year will be about 4,000 acres. If the crop comes up to expectations the railroad company will put on a special train during the beet season to handle this project exclusively.

*The Mountain Democrat, Placerville California, February 3, 1900*

### **Liquor Permit:**

I.V. Ralph has applied for a liquor license.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 3, 1900*

### **Ducks:**

Cranston, Carlson, Ostrander, Dr. F.J. Lane (San Francisco) and others of the Pastime Club secured small returns at the Alvarado grounds.

L.R. Larzalaere and J.H. Burfeind were on the preserves of the Spooney Gun Club, near Alvarado, last Sunday, but had no shooting. They sat in their "blinds" all day but there was no flight of birds. Phil Bekeart of the club has invited D. E.N. Short, the all-around sportsman to share the shooting with him tomorrow.

*The San Francisco Call, San Francisco, Calif., February 3, 1900*

### **News Note:**

Next Friday night the Improvement Club of Alvarado will give a dance in the Odd Fellow's Hall of Alvarado.

*The Hayward Review, February 9, 1900*

### **Around Town:**

Supervisor Thomas Wells spent Wednesday with Mr. F. B. Granger.

Mrs. I. V. Ralph and daughter, Miss Edna, spent Thursday in the metropolis.

Miss S. Poorman and Miss Jackson of Concord are being entertained by D. Jackson and family.

Mrs. C. Hauber spent Wednesday and Thursday of last week in San Francisco.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 10, 1900*

### **News Note:**

Mr. North paid a social visit to Mr. Crocker of Mt. Eden on Thursday evening.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 12, 1900*

### **News Note:**

Mrs. Royce of Alvarado visited relatives in Newark last week.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 19, 1900*

### **Reclaiming Tideland:**

*The Oakland Enquirer:* The Contra Costa Water Co. has commenced work on reclaiming 460 acres of tideland adjacent to Alvarado. A levy is to be constructed around the land with the aid of a big dredger. It is to be 20 feet thick at the base, 6 feet high and 8 feet across on top. A drainage canal will be cut through the land, with feeders, the earth thus secured to be used in making the levee. Sluice gates will put in so that the land may get the fresh water floods, with their alluvium deposits.

After the deposit has become settled the water will be drained from it. Steam plows will then break it up as soon as the ground is dry, and then it will be ready to receive another alluvial

flood. After the land has been reclaimed it will be a valuable tract for farming purposes. There will be no danger of drought, as one of the water company's big artesian wells can be pumped on to it at any time, flooding it in a day.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, February 24, 1900*

### **Alvarado Improvement Club:**

On Friday evening, March 16, the Alvarado Improvement Club will present a grand musical and dramatic entertainment and dance. The two-act farce "Handicapped," will be put on, giving an opportunity to a number of prominent people of the Sugar City to display their histrionic abilities. The Improvement Club is doing much to provide amusement for the people of Alvarado and its efforts would be appreciated.

*The Hayward Review, March 2, 1900*

### **Assessor's Deputy Named:**

Emanuel George has been appointed as a Deputy Assessor for the Alvarado vicinity.

*The San Francisco Call, March 6, 1900*

### **Around Town:**

The dredger has been located on the Water Company's land for the past two weeks. A big levee is being built, by means of which it is indented to reclaim a large acreage of land.

Unless all signs fail, the wedding chimes will again be pealing in the near future.

George Beebe will leave for Cape Nome in a few days. All his friends wish him luck.

B. Bernard and wife of San Francisco visited at the home of **Mr. & Mrs. C. R. Nauert** last Wednesday.

The members of the Whist Club went on a hayride to the Hawley place last Tuesday night. They had a gilt-edged time, and managed to keep warm despite the cold weather.

John Olson, manipulator of the tar bucket at the foundry, had his toe crushed a few days ago. It is not thought the injury will be life threatening.

L. Fitzell, the genial and handsome druggist, now owns a bicycle built for two. The denouement is anxiously awaited.

Mrs. J. Martin is visiting with friends in Pawnee, Shasta County. Her husband returned a short time ago.

The tennis players are preparing for the spring campaign. The court is being put into condition and playing will soon commence.

*The Hayward Review, March 9, 1900*

### **Alvarado's Pride:**

One of the busiest industries in the interior of Alameda County is the stove foundry at Alvarado, of which **Mr. C. R. Nauert** is manager. From early morning until night there is the continuous ring of metal and belching smoke, denoting that all is life and activity within. This year has been particularly favorable. Orders are coming in steadily from all parts of the country.

The payroll includes about twenty-five workers, each of whom is drawing good wages and is well satisfied. Alvarado may well congratulate itself on such a progressive and valuable industry.

*The Hayward Review, March 9, 1900*

### **Sugar:**

*(From The Oxnard Carrier)*

Although slow in its beginnings, the beet sugar industry in the United States has of late taken a start, which is surprising. It may be said that the real beginning of the industry dates from the establishment of the Alvarado, Cal. Factory and thirty years have elapsed since it's founding. All former enterprises proved to be failures, and either the discouragement of these failures or other unfavorable circumstances resulted in neglect of the industry, which gave such substantial results at Alvarado. For a long time Americans failed to grasp the possibilities of the business.

Nearly twenty years the Alvarado continued as the sole representative of its class in the United States before its success started to attract the attention of others and new factories were gradually established.

*The Oxnard Carrier, Oxnard California, March 24, 1900*

#### **San Francisco Visitor:**

H.H. Warren of Alvarado has checked into the Grand Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Call, March 18, 1900*

#### **Alvarado Improvement Club:**

At a meeting of the Alvarado Improvement Club, held on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, the following resolution was adopted:

**Whereas**, the dance and entertainment given on Friday evening, March 16<sup>th</sup>, proved a success, both socially and financially, and as we feel that its success was greatly due to the efficient and untiring work of the committees having its different features in charge, together with those who so willingly donated their time and talent, and also to the ladies who so kindly donated toward the refreshment tables, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that by this publication they may be tendered a most hearty vote of thanks,  
THE ALVARADO IMPROVEMENT CLUB

*The Hayward Review, March 30, 1900*

#### **News Note:**

Miss Welsh and Miss Dyer ([both of Oakland](#)) have been visiting in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 4, 1900*

#### **Around Town:**

George Althaus has been confined to his home during the past week with the grip.

Mrs. Gump of Crockett is visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Onyman.

Mrs. Sophie May of Alameda is spending a few days with her son, August May Jr.

Alvarado Camp, Woodmen of the World, initiated four candidates last meeting. The Camp has one of the finest drill teams in the county. At the close of the lodge all were invited to the banquet hall, where a bounteous supper was served.

Mr. Combs, Grand Officer of the NSGW, paid the Wisteria Parlor a visit last Thursday evening.

After the meeting all did ample justice to dainty lunch served by the Native Daughters.

O.J. Backus was the guest of C.R. Nauert Wednesday.

Mrs. August May entertained a number of her friends at whist Friday evening.

Miss Alice Poorman of San Mateo is the guest of Miss Nina Dyer.

Miss Clara Jackson has gone to Sacramento to be absent a month.

Miss Myrtle Vandervoort of Oakland spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents.

Arthur Joyce of San Francisco Sundayed in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 12, 1900*

#### **Suicide Attempt:**

Mrs. C.E. Adle of Alvarado took a tablespoon of rat poison Thursday with suicidal intent, in spite of her small son, who did his utmost to prevent her. A doctor was summoned and saved her life by prompt work. Despondency over her husband's leaving her was the cause of her attempted suicide.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 14, 1900*

#### **Around Town:**

A. Mattos has had a critical operation performed on his knee and is doing nicely.

Mrs. William Richmond of San Francisco spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother.

Miss Addie Allguire has returned home after a month's visit in Crockett.  
John Phillip and family have moved into the Smith cottage, having secured work in the sugar refinery.

Frank Jones of Newark was calling on old friends yesterday.

Miss Minnie Soito has been ill the past week.

Mrs. John Olsen has been confined to her home the past week with the grippe.

Miss Nina Dyer has gone to Omaha to spend several months with relatives.

John L. Olsen, as delegate from Wisteria Parlor, which is to convene in Oroville, and George Hellwig as visitor, will leave on Saturday to attend the Grand Lodge of the NSGW

Mrs. D. Jackson has a fine lot of Belgian hares.

The Whist Club met at the home of Miss Carrie Parish Friday evening.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 17, 1900***

### **Rebekah's:**

A large contingent of Hayward Odd Fellows and Rebekah's attended the Alvarado installation of officers last Saturday night.

***The Hayward Review, April 20, 1900***

### **News Note:**

George Beebe of Alvarado has been visiting in Oakland. He has just returned from the Klondike.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 21, 1900***

### **Around Town:**

The Louden family is entertaining friends.

Frank Platzman is confined to his home with the grippe.

The foundry is doing a rushing business making gas pipe.

Mr. & Mrs. Bert Royce are spending the week in Stockton.

Mrs. E. Beebe entertained a number of her lady friends at lunch Tuesday.

Mr. A. Lassen purchased a fine new piano for his daughter, May.

Mrs. John Stark of San Francisco spent Monday and Tuesday with E.A. Richmond.

Miss Dora Joyce has entered the McDowell Dressmaking School in San Francisco.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 24, 1900***

### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Frank Starr and children will leave Saturday for Oakland, where they will remain.

George Beebe left Tuesday for Cape Nome to be absent for about six months. He will be greatly missed, especially among the fair sex. His many friends wish him every success.

William Lee of the metropolis Sundayed with his parents.

Marshall Ramage of Haywards was in town Tuesday.

The dance given by the U.P.E.C. in the IOOF Hall Saturday was a success both socially and financially. It was well patronized by both Americans and Portuguese.

Fred Joyce of San Francisco was in town visiting with relatives Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Ella Mathews of San Francisco Sundayed with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. P. Mathews.

Daniel Jackson was in Concord, Contra Costa County, Saturday.

After a week's visit with her mother, Mrs. S. Silva, Mrs. La Bum of San Francisco returned to her home on Monday.

The social dance given in the IOOF Hall by Crusade Lodge of the IOOF Lodge was a great success. The Grand March was led by F.B. Granger and wife.

After a week's visit with relatives in Santa Cruz, A.W. Lindsay returned to Alvarado Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Nauert spent Monday of last week in the city.

John Olson and George Hellwig returned home from Oroville last Sunday.

Louis Smith of Oakland was in town last week as the guest of Mr. & Mrs. F. Martin.

Eugene Mathews and Harry Vandervoort were up from Crockett Saturday and Sunday.

After a week's visit with relatives and friends in San Francisco, Miss Minnie Wilde returned to her Monday.



W. Vanderpeer, formerly of Alvarado but now of Santa Clara, spent several days last week in town.

Charles Faig of San Francisco spent Sunday with his mother.

M.R. Lyle and family have returned home after two months visit with Mrs. S. Lyle of Crockett.

While there Miss Helen Lyle was dangerously ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Fred Hellwig is entertaining a lady friend from San Francisco.

Miss Carrie Sunhold of Centerville is being entertained by Andrew Lund and family.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 3, 1900*

#### **Liquor Permits:**

F.C. Harvey has made application for a liquor permit to the Board of Supervisors.

John and Peter Henningsen have received approval for their liquor permit, as has Thomas Faustina.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 5, 1900*

#### **Alvarado Tennis Club:**

The Alvarado Tennis Club has elected officers as follows: A.A. Norris, President; W. Lawson, Vice-President; Miss Laura Emery, Secretary; Will Burr, Treasurer; Ralph Richmond, Court Captain.

The club now has about thirty members and may arrange a try-out tourney for Decoration Day.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 7, 1900*

#### **Native Sons of the Golden West:**

Wisteria Parlor, NSGW of Alvarado will give its grand ball in the IOOF Hall this evening.

*The Hayward Review, May 11, 1900*

#### **Wheelman:**

The West Oakland Wheelman went out on a club run to Alvarado Sunday and had a very enjoyable ride. The wheelmen left Alvarado at 12:45 p.m. heading for San Lorenzo.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 23, 1900*

#### **Around Town:**

Cherries will soon be ripe in this vicinity.

Miss M. Postlethwaite of Oakland is being entertained by Mr. A. May and wife.

Miss Florence Borchgrevink was presented with a fine bicycle by her father last week.

Mrs. Sederman of Angel's Camp is the guest of **Dr. Hauber and family**.

Mr. & Mrs. Ford of Irvington visited with their son, B.H. Ford of Alvarado Sunday,

Daylight lasts about fifteen hours each day now.

**Mrs. C. Hauber**, C.R. Nauert and J. Olson are down with the grippe.

A.J. Atkinson of Santa Maria is in town.

O.J. Backus of Oakland was in town this week.

Miss D. Joyce and Arthur Joyce of the metropolis spent Saturday and Sunday in town visiting with relatives.

Charles Faig of the metropolis was home over Sunday.

Wedding bells will ring in town next month.

John Joyce is seriously ill.

Miss M. Eichler of Mt. Eden is the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. Hellwig.

Miss Mary Joyce of San Francisco Sundayed at her home.

**Dr. C.A. Hauber** can now be seen on our streets riding a wheel.

Mrs. Richard Partington of Oakland Sundayed with the Parrish family.

Miss L. Lanormade of the city is visiting with the Hellwig family.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 23, 1900*

#### **Disturbing the Peace:**

Reno Jensen of Alvarado has been brought to the County Jail to serve ten days for disturbing the peace.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 24, 1900*

### **Alvarado Wheelmen Win:**

The twenty-five mile bicycle relay race today at Centerville between the towns of Pleasanton, Alvarado and San Leandro was won by Alvarado. The Pleasanton riders lost in the first relay.  
*The San Francisco Call, May 28, 1900*

### **School Trustee Elections:**

The annual election of school trustees occurs next week. The trustees whose terms expire in this township are:

From Alvarado: W.F. Emery.  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 28, 1900*

### **Around Town:**

**Mrs. A. May** entertained a number of her friends at whist last Wednesday evening. Mrs. H. Henrickson is visiting with relatives in San Lorenzo. The Alvarado Social and Tennis Club will have an invitational dance sometime in June. After spending two months visiting with relatives and friends in Ogden, Miss Nina Dyer returned to her home on Monday. Mrs. K. Ralph has returned to her home after visiting with her daughter in Santa Maria the past two months. Miss Martha Cilker of Los Gatos and Miss Vina Decoto of Decoto spent last week with **Mrs. August May**. Mrs. St. Clair of the metropolis was the guest of E.M. Foley last week. Miss Ossie Nauert is visiting with friends in Santa Cruz. E. Woolsey of Ione is being entertained by her sister, Mrs. B.H. Ford. Miss Moore of Oakland was the guest of E.H. Wagner and his wife Saturday and Sunday of this week. J. Burtlend of the "Spoony Gun Club" of San Francisco was in town Sunday. I.V. Ralph made his weekly visit to the metropolis Tuesday.  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 31, 1900*

### **News Note:**

Mrs. F.B. Granger gave a tea at her pretty home in Alvarado on Wednesday afternoon. The tea was given in honor of Mrs. H.H. Meyers of Alameda and Miss Martha Cilka of Los Gatos. The house was very prettily decorated for the occasion and the tables presented an inviting appearance. Those present were: Mrs. H.H. Meyers, Miss Martha Cilker, Miss S. May, Mrs. O.J. Emery, Mrs. Fred Harvey and others.  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 31, 1900*

### **Around Town:**

Sarah Adle of Alvarado has commenced a suit for a divorce from Cornelius E. Adle, on the grounds of desertion and failure to provide. Her attorney is B.C. Mickle of Centerville. Many of the schoolboys are busy picking cherries. Mrs. E. Chase and daughter of San Jose are in town visiting with her brother **F.B. Granger**. Mrs. Meyers of Irvington spent several days in town as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Alex Hansen of the Plummer's Salt Works. After a three-months visit with relatives in San Francisco, Mrs. K. Ralph returned to her home in Alvarado. D.C. Jackson spent Tuesday in the metropolis. A little baby girl has arrived at the home of Mr. & Mrs. J. Scribner last Wednesday. Miss E. Dyer returned to her home in Oakland after spending a week with her uncle, Herrick Dyer. **F.B. Granger** left Monday morning for Utah. All of our Portuguese citizens spent Sunday either in San Leandro or Mission San Jose to witness the annual festival of the Holy Ghost celebration. William Norris of Alvarado graduated from the Centerville High School last week. A son was born to Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Atkinson (nee Ralph) of Santa Maria last Monday.

The Alvarado Public School closed last Friday for a two-month's vacation. The members of the eighth will take their final examinations at in Irvington next Saturday. Alvarado will have a band in the near future. Mrs. Richard Partington of Oakland is visiting with the Parrish family.  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 7, 1900*

**License to Marry:**

John H. Ralph, 24, of Alvarado  
Laura E. Lowrie, 20, of Alvarado  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 7, 1900*

**News Note:**

R. Henderlong of Alvarado is visiting the Skaggs Hot Springs in Sonoma.  
*The San Francisco Call, June 10, 1900*

**Althauser Barn Burns Down:**

The immense barn of George Althauser, adjoining the railroad depot and Granger's Riverside Hotel was completely destroyed by fire last Saturday night.

The structure was burned to the ground. Its contents, 4,000 bales of straw, were destroyed as was four flat cars of the Southern Pacific Railroad, which stood on the track beside the barn were reduced to ashes.

The barn was 40 feet wide, 200 feet long and 20 feet high. It cost about \$2,000. The straw was valued at \$1,000, and the flat cars at \$6,000, making the loss \$9,000. The fire was supposedly caused by tramps. The amount of insurance held by Mr. Althauser was not known.  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 11, 1900*

**Salt:**

P. Marsicano, an Alvarado salt dealer, has commenced a suit against Sophia Johanna Droste to restrain her from maintaining floodgates in a canal that passes through the properties of both parties. He also \$5,000 damages on account of injury already sustained to his business. Marsicano alleges that he and John Johnson, whose properties adjoin, constructed the canal for the purpose of manufacturing salt by evaporation. Both were to have free use of the canal. Johnson died about three years ago and his property was distributed to Sophia J. Droste as heir. Marsicano now objects that the maintaining of a floodgate in the canal is in violation of the original agreement and his rights.  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 13, 1900*

**Downtown Fire:**

A fire, which for a time threatened to destroy the town of Alvarado, was discovered about 2 o'clock this morning in the rear of A.L. Fitzell's drug store. Before the flames were extinguished by the volunteers who answered the alarm, the buildings belonging to the Ralph estate and occupied by the drug store, I.V. Ralph's furniture store and a restaurant were destroyed. One of the burned buildings was formerly the Alvarado Methodist Church, but had been remodeled a number of years ago.

That the entire town was not burned down was due to the fact that the wind was blowing from the southeast. As it was the Alvarado Hotel and Thomas Fostino's building had a narrow escape. Both of these buildings were badly scorched. The loss is about \$5,000. The cause of the fire is unknown.

*The San Francisco Call, San Francisco, Calif., June 16, 1900*

**Liquor Permit:**

A liquor permit was issued to Mattos & Silva of Alvarado.  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 18, 1900*

### **Justice Richmond's Courtroom:**

John Ramos, a farmer, was found not guilty by a jury at Niles on a charge of disturbing the peace of his neighbor, Mrs. Mary Furtado. From the testimony it appeared that Ramos and Mrs. Furtado got into an altercation on account of some goats owned by the latter invading the premises of the former.

Court was held in a barbershop in Niles, Justice Richmond of Alvarado sitting on the bench. The proprietor of the place continued shaving customers while the trial was in progress

*The Oakland Tribune, June 27, 1900*

### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Spillane of San Francisco is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Cody.  
Miss Florence Vandervoort of the San Jose Normal (teachers college) is spending her vacation with her parents.

Miss Addie Allguire has gone to Crockett to spend a week with her parents.

Miss Kimball of Salt Lake is visiting Mr. & Mrs. F. B. Granger.

Mrs. C. Camman is remodeling her home.

Miss May Smith of San Francisco is spending a vacation with her grandmother, Mrs. P. Mathews.

C.W. Heyer of San Francisco spent Saturday and Sunday with his sister, Mrs. C.R. Nauert and family.

Mr. & Mrs. A. Anderson celebrated their fifth anniversary of their marriage by entertaining a number of their friends.

Fred Joyce was the guest of his parents Sunday.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 5, 1900*

### **Alvarado Voting Precinct:**

Alvarado is general election precinct #9 of the first Supervisorial district.

Polling Place: IOOF Hall

Inspector: Fred Wiegman (D)

Ballot Clerk: George Althaus (R)

Judges: Adolph W. Lassen (D)

Farley B. Granger Jr. (R)

Clerks: John Buchanan (D)

Fred C. Harvey (R)

*The San Francisco Call, July 11, 1900*

### **Around Town:**

The foundry is still overflowing with orders, there being enough work on hand to keep the whole work force busy for the rest of the year. One of the latest contracts is with the Government for 300 stoves.

The Alvarado Improvement Club, which has been comparatively quiet for some time, elected two new officers this week. They are **W. B. Straub**, President and Duncan Buchanan, Treasurer. The club has begun construction of a sidewalk to the depot, which was one of the main objects in view when the organization was started. Several highly successful entertainments have already been given by the Club and another is being planned in the near future.

**W. B. Straub** returned last week from a week's vacation trip

The deadly firebug, the only blight on this beautiful village, has been quiet for some time.

Altogether there have been four fires all of which have taken place in the last four months, which were of incendiary origin. The chances the scoundrel would be caught are very slim. The county would probably not be burdened by the expense of a trial.

*The Hayward Review, July 13, 1900*

**Sugar:**

*The Niles Herald:* The Alameda Sugar Works at Alvarado is looking forward to a very good season, if one should judge by the improvements under way. The old beet sheds have been torn out and 4,000 feet of new trestle has been erected similar to that put in last year, where the trains are run up and the beets are dumped from the cars direct into runs. The agents report about 5,000 acres contracted. The outlook for a crop is very good at present, considerable more so than a month ago, when it was feared a pest was destroying young plants.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, July 14, 1900*

**State Funds:**

Alvarado has received \$761.98 from Alameda County as their part of California State funds apportioned for teacher's salaries.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 16, 1900*

**Liquor Permit:**

The Board of supervisors has ruled favorably in issuing a liquor permit to Jose Amaral of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 17, 1900*

**Around Town:**

Miss Wilhelmina Wilde of Alvarado and William Keller of San Francisco were married last Tuesday in San Francisco, where they will make their future home.

While riding a bicycle last Thursday afternoon, little Freddie Wiegman had a serious fall, the effects of which he has since been confined to his home.

Miss Dora Joyce of San Francisco spent last Sunday at the home of her parents in Alvarado.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Nauert have returned from a week's visit with friends in Stockton.

The Dyer family has gone to Madrone Springs for two weeks of vacation.

The Ladies' Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. M.R. Lyle on Thursday afternoon.

Edward Huff made a flying trip up to San Francisco yesterday.

The Misses Ingalls of San Jose are being entertained by their grandparents, Mr. And Mrs. Hawley.

Mrs. J. Silva and child are again at home after a four months absence in San Diego.

Miss K. Rasmussen of San Francisco was the guest of Miss M. Lassen of Alvarado this past week.

Miss May Smith of San Francisco is visiting friends in town.

Seth Bartholomew has returned from a sojourn at Santa Cruz.

Mr. & Mrs. F. Francis of Centerville were in town visiting friends last Thursday.

Mrs. Spillane and child of San Francisco are the guests of Mrs. Spillane's mother, Mrs. F. Cody.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 21, 1900*

**School District Clerks:**

Local school districts clerks are: I.V. Ralph, Alvarado Grammar School and Anthony A.

Bettencourt, Alviso Grammar School

*The San Francisco Call, July 22, 1900*

**San Francisco Visitors:**

Mr. & Mrs. E.H. Wagner & party from Alvarado have checked into the Grand Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Call, July 22, 1900*

**Around Town:**

F. Smith of San Francisco spent Sunday with P. Mathews and family.

Dr. F. Clazie and family are entertaining friends from the metropolis.

Miss Addie Allguire is in Crockett visiting with friends.

Miss V. Decoto was the guest of her sister, Mrs. August May, several days last week.

After a two weeks' visit with her parents, Miss M. Joyce returned to her home in San Francisco on Monday.

Franklin Sheridan came up from the city Sunday and spent the day with Dr. Hauber and family.

The Ralph family is camping at Capitola.  
George Cash of Irvington was in town this week.  
Charles Heyer of San Francisco spent Saturday and Sunday with his sister, **Mrs. Charles Nauert**.  
Stephen Smith of San Francisco spent Sunday at home.  
F.C. Harvey and wife are in Los Angeles.  
Percy Gilman of La Grande is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. D. Emery.  
John Butterworth and family and Mrs. L. Centre of San Francisco spent Sunday with Judge Richmond and family.  
Mr. & Mrs. Keller (nee Wilde) of San Francisco spent several days of last week with Mrs. Keller's parents.  
Mrs. Taylor of Livermore returned to her home Monday after a week's visit with the **Nauert family**.  
Mrs. E. H. Wagner is entertaining friends from Santa Cruz.  
*The Oakland Tribune, August 3, 1900*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss D. Joyce is home from San Francisco.  
E.H. Wagner was laid up with rheumatism several days this week.  
C. Rasmussen and family of the city spent Sunday with Mr. & Mrs. A.W. Lassen.  
Gus Nauert and William Lee returned from Santa Cruz after spending two weeks at the seashore.  
Mrs. F. Stratton and children of San Francisco are spending the summer at the Richmond home.  
Herrick Dyer and family have returned home from Madrone Springs.  
Harry Vandervoort was up from Crockett Sunday.  
Miss May Smith returned to her home in San Francisco after spending her vacation with her grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. P. Mathews.  
*The Oakland Tribune, August 4, 1900*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss C. Parish spent Saturday and Sunday of last week in Oakland, visiting with relatives.  
Mrs. A. Simas is seriously ill at her home in Alvarado.  
Miss Drennan of Oakland is the guest of her sister, Miss K. Riley of Alvarado.

The following Alvarado students are in high schools:

Centerville High: The Misses Ivy Ralph, Edna Ralph, Mary Jackson, Harriet Patterson and Theo Vandervoort.

Haywards High: Miss Ossie Nauert and Ralph Richmond.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 11, 1900*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Sophia Biddinger, an old resident of this town, died after a long illness last Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. Trumpour, of San Francisco. The funeral took place Friday on the arrival of the 12 o'clock train from Decoto. The body was buried beside that of the husband and son in the Decoto cemetery. Many friends from San Francisco and Alvarado were present and many beautiful floral offerings were sent. The deceased was 65 years of age and a native of Germany. She leaves two daughters and three sons to mourn her loss.

Mrs. A. Miller of Crockett and her daughter, Mrs. E. Schletter of Niles, were in town one day last week calling on friends.

The Grangers have a new cushion-tired carriage.

Mrs. John Joyce is in San Francisco where she will spend the week.

Miss Carrie Parish entertained the Alvarado Whist Club at her home south of town Friday evening. All had a most delightful time.

Mrs. Amy Horner visited her sister, Miss Helen Blacow, here Sunday.

Miss Clara France has returned from a most enjoyable stay in the city.

Misses Hattie and Ella Parish of San Francisco are home on their vacation.

The Cosmopolitan Saloon and the Alvarado Drug Store have been painted and now present a very neat appearance.

Three new members were received into the Presbyterian Church.

The infant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Buchanan was christened Sunday.

The Kerr family has returned from a month's stay in Santa Cruz.

"Shorty" Phillips has so far recovered as to resume work at the sugar mill.

The severe scalp wound received by James Logan, in falling from the water wagon, is now nearly well.

Mrs. Edwin Huff has returned from an extended stay in San Francisco.

Miss Tina Behrmann and Henry Schroeder will be married Thursday at the home of the bride's mother. It will be a quiet wedding, only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties being present.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 14, 1900*

#### **Real Estate:**

Sophie Biddinger to Lillie Trumpour, NW corner of the Presbyterian Church, lot on S side of "V" St., in town of Union City, Washington Township, \$10.

*The San Francisco Call, August 16, 1900*

#### **Around Town:**

The members of the Alvarado Whist Club were entertained at the Parrish home last Friday night.

Miss Nina Dyer is visiting with relatives in Oakland.

After a week's visit with her sister in San Francisco, Mrs. E. Foley returned home Sunday.

Miss A. Simas of San Francisco is the guest of her parents.

Eugene Mathews was down from Crockett Sunday.

S. Archibald of Centerville was in town Tuesday.

A bouncing baby girl was born to the wife of J. Martin Monday.

Mr. & Mrs. Winegar of San Francisco were the guests recently of Mrs. Winegar's mother, Mrs. J. Joyce of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 16, 1900*

#### **Alvarado Death:**

Fire destroyed the two-story blacksmith shop of Henry Henrickson last night. The building belonged to the estate of Joseph McKeown and was valued at \$3,000. The tools and materials in the barn were valued at \$2,000. The building was insured for \$850 and contents for \$350.

George Simas, aged 23, a native of Alvarado, who was sleeping on the second floor, was burned to death. His mother is lying at the point of death and has not yet been notified. It is supposed that he carelessly threw a match or a cigarette on the floor when retiring.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 22, 1900*

#### **Republican Primary Convention:**

The Republican County Committee of the County of Alameda, State of California, on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August does call for the nomination of primary candidates from the following precincts:

Alvarado: two delegates.

Polling Place:

IOOF Hall

Inspector: P.G. Lowrie

Judge: A.A. Bettencourt

Clerk: S.A.D. Buchannan

*The Oakland Tribune, August 22, 1900*

#### **Liquor Permit:**

F.B. Granger has made application for a liquor license.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 27, 1900*

**Sugar:**

The Alameda Sugar mill at Alvarado began work on Monday on this seasons run.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 28, 1900*

**Around Town:**

F. Sheridan of San Francisco spent Saturday and Sunday with Dr. C.A. Hauber and family.

William Lee was up from the city Sunday.

Miss V. Decoto of Decoto was the guest of her sister, Mrs. August May, Monday.

Mrs. Charles Heyer of San Francisco spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday with the Nauert family.

Alexander Pape, championship oarsman of the Coast, was in town Sunday.

Relatives from Tracy have been the guests of L. Phillips and family for the past week.

After spending a week with relatives in Napa County, Mrs. F. Hellwig and son returned to their home last Saturday.

Mrs. W. Ralph of San Francisco is visiting the family of J. Ralph.

Mrs. Faig spent Saturday in Oakland.

The many friends of Miss Ivy B. Ralph will be pleased to learn that she is on the road to recovery after a two-weeks illness with pleurisy.

A. Baker, formerly of Pleasanton, has bought two lots belonging to the Ralph Estate and will shortly erect a bakery.

Mrs. L. Gas of Oakland spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. C. Cameron of Alvarado.

Mr. & Mrs. L. Patterson of Haywards are now occupying rooms in the Lyle Building.

Mr. & Mrs. M. Andrade are entertaining friends from San Francisco.

Mrs. J. Joyce is in San Francisco visiting relatives and friends.

The Alvarado Improvement Club will give a social dance in the IOOF Hall, September 7<sup>th</sup>, admission: Gentlemen, \$1.00, Ladies free. Music will be provided the Barney's Orchestra of Oakland.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 29, 1900*

**Sugar:**

J. Nevis of Newark is taking large quantities of sugar beets to Alvarado, nowadays, and his four-horse team takes a big load twice a day. His ground is nearly cleared.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 3, 1900*

**Disastrous Fire:**

A disastrous fire broke out at 11:35 o'clock last night in the rear portion of the Hellwig block, occupied by the butcher shop on P. Hellwig and Company. The building was totally destroyed and also the residence of Samuel Foster, which was next to the block where the fire originated. On the other side of the Hellwig block was the saloon and shoemaker's shop belonging to Manuel de Sequeira, and this was also destroyed.

Alvarado has no fire department, and what opposition the flames met was furnished by the citizens of the town. Early reports place the loss at \$12,000, but these figures are probably too high, and it is thought that \$3,000 will cover all the damage done. The amount of insurance has not yet been made known, but it is slight.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 5, 1900*

**Alvarado Wedding:**

A wedding, which has a certain interest for many Hayward people, took place in Alvarado yesterday. The connecting parties were Eddie Patterson of Hayward and Miss Anderson of Alvarado. Rev. G. W. Lyons performed the ceremony.



The groom is well known here and in Alvarado, his high-class ability as a melodeon manipulator having endeared him to many. He formerly furnished the music for Dale's Dance Academy. The bride is one of Alvarado's popular young ladies.

*The Hayward Review, September 7, 1900*

#### **Alvarado Fire:**

Alvarado was visited by another disastrous fire last night. The Hellwig Block, Foster residence and the shoe shop of Manuel de Sequeira were destroyed. The losses are estimated at \$5,000 to \$12,000, with small insurance. The fire was of incendiary origin, and it was rumored yesterday that pretty strong proof centered on a well-known citizen of that place. The firebug has appeared there frequently and with the results that insurance rates are very high and some insurance companies refuse to take the risk at all.

*The Hayward Review, September 7, 1900*

#### **Road Improvement Contract:**

On the motion of Supervisor Wells a contract was award to E. B. Stone for grading and macadamizing the county road in Alvarado district for \$3,250, the work to be completed in sixty days.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 28, 1900*

#### **Hunters:**

Hunting season opens Sunday and hunters are beginning to flock to Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 24, 1900*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. E. A. Richmond will entertain the Whist Club this evening at her home.

Miss Dora Joyce has gone to San Francisco to remain for a few weeks.

Miss Kate Mathews of the metropolis spent Sunday with her parents here.

Mrs. K. Ralph has returned home after spending six weeks with her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Atkinson, of Santa Maria.

Miss A. Drennan of Oakland spent several days last week with her sister, Miss K. E. Riley, at the Riverside Hotel.

Mrs. M. Lee is having the damage done to her home by the recent fire, repaired by G. Willis of Centerville.

District Attorney and Mrs. John J. Allen and Mr. & Mrs. E. Crandall of Oakland, Dr. L. T. Franz, Mr. F. Holland, and Miss Ida Bernhard of San Francisco, **Miss Edna Ingalls** of Napa, and Miss Dyer of Alvarado were the guests of Mr. & Mrs. Nauert Sunday.

Mrs. D. Jackson has returned from a week's visit with friends and relatives in Sacramento.

Mrs. A. S. Perkins of Fresno and Miss Ingemundsen of Napa are the guests of their sister Mrs. Fred Harvey.

**Miss Edna Ingalls** returned to home in Napa Monday after a pleasant visit of two weeks.

Manuel Foster is having a fine new brick building erected in place of the one recently destroyed by fire, and Hellwig and Co., have plans for a handsome brick structure to replace their loss, also by the recent fire. These buildings will greatly improve the appearance of our town.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 28, 1900*

#### **Hunters:**

Extraordinary bags, even by opening day standards were reported Monday at the opening of duck season. In some instances the sport practically degenerated into a slaughter.

One party of four secured 600 ducks in two hours shooting on the Alvarado marshes. Three other members of the Spoonbill Club killed 320 in the same locality.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 3, 1900*

#### **Fire Bug:**

The firebug of Alvarado is at it again. Last night the cattle barn of P. Hellwig was destroyed by an incendiary blaze and four horses and fifty tons of hay burned. The loss was estimated at \$5,000.

There have been a large number of incendiary fires in the Alvarado area within the last three months and the citizens are thoroughly aroused. If they could capture the culprit a lynching would likely follow.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 4, 1900*

### **Republican Campaign Dates:**

At a meeting of the Republican Central Committee Saturday afternoon the following campaign dates were arranged:

Alvarado: October 25<sup>th</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 8, 1900*

### **The Prohibition Committee:**

The Prohibition County Committee held a meeting at its state headquarters in Oakland last night, and planned a speaking campaign for Alameda County. Next Friday evening a Prohibition Club will be organized at the State University ([Berkeley?](#)). Several students there have the matter in hand and for the first time in the history of the party University students will help in the Prohibition Campaign.

Speaking campaigns have been set for towns throughout Alameda County. The speaking tour will be in Alvarado on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 17, 1900*

### **Liquor License:**

The application of A.W. Lassen of Alvarado for a liquor license was referred to the judiciary committee.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 22, 1900*

### **News Note:**

Miss Alice Vandervoort of Alvarado was visiting friends in Irvington on Thursday.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 24, 1900*

### **Alvarado Polling Place:**

Alvarado Precinct:

Polling Place: IOOF Hall

Inspectors: F. C. Harvey; A. W. Lassen

Judges: George Althausen, F. Wiegman

Clerks: O. J. Emery, August May

Ballot Clerks: Emanuel George, John Buchannan

Alvarado precinct, which shall consist of that portion of Washington Township, bounded as follows:

Beginning where the northerly line of Washington Township intersects the west line of County Road (No. 214 or 314?); thence westerly along the northerly line of said township to the westerly line of Alameda County; thence southerly along the western boundary of Alameda County to Beard's Creek as shown on map of Alameda County; thence up the center of Beard's Creek to the northwesterly line of County Road No. 250 (?) (known as the Bell Ranch Road\*) at Mayhew's Landing; thence northeasterly along the northwesterly line of said Bell Ranch Road to the center of Alameda Creek; thence northwesterly along the center line of Alameda Creek to the line dividing the land of the estate of William Meek and lands of E.H. Dyer; thence northerly along the west line of the land of the Meek estate and lands of I.B. Haines to the southwest corner of the lands of Rosa; thence westerly to the southeast corner of the lands of William Hayes; thence northerly along the land of William Hayes to the northeast corner thereof; thence westerly along

the northerly boundary of the lands of Hayes to the west line of County Road (No. 214 or 314?) and thence northerly along said line of said road to the place of beginning.

\*Bell Ranch Road would appear to be Jarvis/Decoto Road. Hence from Mayhews Landing to the Center of Alameda Creek would put that from Mayhews Landing in the west to just east of the intersection of today's Paseo Padre Parkway and Decoto Road.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 30, 1900*

#### **Around Town:**

Guy Dyer, of La Grande, Oregon, visited several days last week with his relatives, E. H. Dyer and family.

Miss A. Allguire is in Crockett, Contra Costa County.

A daughter was born to the wife of Neils Koue last Friday.

Mrs. K. Ralph is visiting friends in San Francisco

William Lee came up from the city and Sundayed with his folks.

Eugene Mathews of Crockett was the guest of his mother last week.

Mrs. J. Henrickson is visiting with friends in San Francisco.

After a two weeks visit with relatives, Miss M. Nauert returned to her home last Sunday.

Miss M. Eichler of Mt. Eden was in town last Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. F. Randolph spent Sunday with their brother **I. V. Ralph**.

The dance given in the store by **I. V. Ralph** last Wednesday evening was largely attended by young folks. Barney's Orchestra furnished the music. All had a delightful time and will remember the event.

P. Hellwig's meat market and M. Foster's residence and new saloon are near completion.

Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Wagner entertained friends from San Francisco this week.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 31, 1900*

#### **Mt. Eden Sniping:**

"There is quite an epidemic of bad colds and accompanying sore throats going around Mt. Eden.

This is not to be wondered at when one considers the condition of the atmosphere. It is only surprising that something more fatal does not visit this community as upon the start of the sugar making season at the Alvarado mill, with the south wind, we get the benefit of the aroma that arises from the refuse of that mill and the stench is at times unbearable. People are compelled to keep their houses all closed in order to keep the smell out."

*The Oakland Tribune, November 1, 1900*

#### **Married:**

E. Willard Burr and Miss Ada Belle Jewett of San Francisco. Mr. Burr is the Superintendent of the Alvarado Beet Sugar Works.

*The San Francisco Call, November 5, 1900*

#### **Around Town:**

After a two-month visit with relatives and friends in San Francisco, Mrs. K. Ralph and little grandchild returned home Tuesday.

Fred Joyce came up from the city and spent Sunday with his parents in Alvarado.

The dance given in the IOOF Hall was not largely attended, but all who went enjoyed themselves.

The Ladies Aid Society will have a bazaar in the IOOF Hall some time in December.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 15, 1900*

#### **Around Town:**

William Lee came up from the metropolis and Sundayed with his mother.

A marriage license was issued to Antonio Ignacio Pereira, aged 26, and Miss Minnie Machado, aged 21, both of Alvarado.

The members of the "Spoony Gun Club" bagged 250 ducks last Sunday.

Harry Vandervoort of Crockett spent Saturday and Sunday in Alvarado.

Mrs. A. W. Lassen and daughter visited with friends in San Francisco several days last week. Mrs. K. E. Riley visited with her relatives in Oakland last Saturday and Sunday. The teachers of our public school attended the institute, which was held in Centerville last Friday afternoon, and the pupils enjoyed a day's vacation. The Ladies Aid Society will hold its annual bazaar in the IOOF Hall December 14<sup>th</sup>.  
*The Oakland Tribune, November 22, 1900*

**Salt:**

Representatives of the National Salt Company (a large eastern trust) are in town quietly trying to buy up all the salt produced around Alvarado. Their hopes in doing so is to monopolize the industry, raise prices, and make a killing. The Alvarado area salt producers are, to their credit, holding out for higher prices of their crude salt.  
*The Oakland Tribune, November 28, 1900*

**Mattos & Silva:**

F. P. Mattos and Josef Silva, doing business at Alvarado under the firm name of Mattos & Silva have filed a notice that they have agreed to disagree and have dissolved their co-partnership.  
*The Oakland Tribune, November 30, 1900*

**Salt:**

The production of salt is one of the principal industries of Alameda County and the work extends along the bay shore from Mt. Eden to Newark. The Union Pacific Salt Works, controlling 1,100 acres of salt lands in the vicinity of Alvarado was organized in 1872.

The oldest salt works are those of the Plummer & Sons, the Crystal Salt Works at Newark, started in 1864; and the Turk Island Salt Works at Alvarado. The latter was so named owing to the similarity of its product to that of Turk Island in the West Indies.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 1, 1900*

**Around Town:**

Elaborate arrangements have been completed for the bazaar to be given by the Ladies Aid Society tomorrow evening December 7<sup>th</sup> at the IOOF Hall. The affair promises to be a great success.

The approaching holiday season has created an unusual activity among merchants, who are now bringing out their wares and toys for Christmas.

Hugh Dyer of Oregon is a guest of relatives here for a few days.

William Norris has returned to his studies at the State University.

Mrs. E. M. Foley is enjoying a visit from Mrs. St. Clair of San Francisco.

Miss M. Nauert has returned after a week's visit to friends in Livermore,

Mrs. E. Farley and daughter have just returned from San Jose.

Mr. A. N. Lindsay enjoyed Thanksgiving with relatives in Capitola.

Mr. & Mrs. August May had as guests at Thanksgiving dinner: Mr. & Mrs. Meyers and Mrs. S. May of Alameda, H. May and family of Decoto and Mr. & Mrs. George May of San Jose.

Charles Nauert went to Santa Cruz last Sunday.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 6, 1900*

**Around Town:**

Wm. Randolph of San Francisco spent several days of this week as the guest of E. Hanson and family.

Miss Dyer is visiting relatives in Oakland.

The entertainment and bazaar given by the Ladies Aid Society in the IOOF Hall last evening was success both socially and financially. The ladies cleared over \$120.

Wm. Lee came up from the metropolis and visited with his parents.

Miss Joyce of the metropolis spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 15, 1900*

**Long Bridge:**

Repairs on the long bridge on the county road in the Alvarado District were declared an emergency case and the bid of E. B. Stone & Co. was accepted for the work.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 17, 1900*

**Plummer Salt:**

An agreement was placed on record today whereby John A. and C. A. Plummer transfer the Crystal Salt Works and the Turk Island Salt Works to the salt trust known as the Federal Salt Co. The former plant consists of 219 acres near Newark and latter of 205 acres near Alvarado. The agreement is to last five years with a no compete clause against the Plummer's

*The Oakland Tribune, December 18, 1900*

**News Note:**

Miss Myrtle Vandervoort is visiting Miss Sophie Hirsch of Irvington.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 19, 1900*

**News Note:**

Miss Anna Drennan has returned to Oakland after a short stay with her sister, Miss Katie Riley.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 20, 1900*

**Salt:**

The Federal Salt Company, according to the *Chronicle*, has acquired complete control of the salt industry in Alameda County and of the entire output west of the Rocky Mountains. The headquarters of the company will be in San Francisco and one of the first acts was the issuance of a list quoting the price of salt to the trade at about double former rates.

"This should not increase the cost to the consumer," said on of the firm, "for it represents only about one-half of the retailers' profits. Heretofore we have made nothing and the retailers have made it all; now we will be in a position to divide with them. Everything will be consolidated and operated by the Federal Salt Company. As that company is subsidiary to the National Salt Company, the salt output of the United States will be controlled, practically, by one management."

The production of salt is one of the principal industries of Alameda County and the works extend all along the Bayshore from Mt. Eden to Newark. The Union Pacific Salt Works, controlling 1,100 acres of salt lands in the vicinity of Alvarado, was organized in 1872 and produces about 14,000 tons of salt annually. Fifty men are employed.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, December 22, 1900*

**New Bridge:**

The county supervisors have approved the addition of a new bridge to cover Crandall's Slough between Alvarado and Centerville.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 7, 1901*

**News Note:**

Mrs. Dave Lowrie of Alvarado called on friends in Irvington on Saturday.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 9, 1901*

**Alvarado Murder:**

Deputy Sheriff Wales, who went to Alvarado to investigate the murder of Jesse Broderson, has returned from the scene of the tragedy without discovering the slightest clue as to who the murderer may be.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 14, 1901*

**Broderson Murder:**

It is believed that Jesse Broderson, the Alvarado rancher found dead near his cabin a week ago, was murdered by a stranger whom he had befriended and offered shelter for the night. The

coroner's jury at the inquest was held at Alvarado yesterday found that the chicken rancher had been killed by a shot fired by some unknown person.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 17, 1901*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Clara Jackson returned to her home in Alvarado, after a six-week's visit in Sacramento.

Mrs. H. Behrmann is visiting in the capitol city.

Mrs. Thomas Borchgrevink is entertaining city friends.

The Whist Club met at the IOOF Library last evening.

Charles Olsen was called home Wednesday evening on account of the sudden death of his mother.

Mrs. A. Muller of Crockett who has been visiting the London family, left for her home Tuesday accompanied by Miss Annie London, who will visit there for a few weeks.

Herbert Dyer of San Francisco is at the home of E.H. Dyer of Alvarado.

Miss Elyda Ives of Benecia is being entertained by Mrs. C.A. Hanson

Mrs. H. Henrickson is the guest of Mrs. E.M. Foley.

Mrs. J. Brooks of the metropolis was a guest at the **Richmond home** several days last week as was also Mrs. E. Edwards of the city.

Mr. & Mrs. John Foster and child of San Jose are spending the week with his parents at their home near town.

Miss Florence Vandervoort left for San Jose to resume her studies at the Normal School.

Miss Inez Emery is in San Francisco. She will be gone for a few weeks.

Mrs. W. Keller of the metropolis spent the week with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. J. Wilde of Alvarado.

D.C. Owen of Oakland was in town Sunday.

**Mrs. E.A. Richmond**, Mrs. C.R. Nauert, Miss Mary Joyce, Mrs. D. Joyce and Fred Wiegman were all confined to their homes with the grippe.

Thomas Foster, who was so seriously ill, is improved.

The Lassen family is entertaining Mrs. Rasmussen of San Francisco.

Mrs. John Olsen died at her home last Wednesday. She had resided in this district for the past thirty years. The funeral took place Friday afternoon.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 19, 1901*

#### **Salt:**

*Niles Herald*, Jan 18<sup>th</sup>: A new company has been incorporated and is actively engaged in extending operations along the Bayshore in this township. An officer of the corporation says: "The company at present is employing a big force of men at work erecting an extensive new plant near Alvarado, with a capacity for producing 40,000 tons of salt annually. A new \$20,000 refinery is also being erected, which will turn out 100 tons of table salt per day. One great advantage, which we have over the trust, is in our convenient location with regard to the railroad. A survey for a sidetrack to our works was made two years ago and the line will soon be built, as it can be constructed at very slight expense. Of the twenty-three salt makers and seven refineries, which stretch up and down, the marshes from Russels to Newark, none beside ours connect with the railroad without great expense for embankments and fills.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, January 26, 1901*

#### **Around Town:**

W. Lasson, head chemist at the sugar mill, returned from his visit east last week.

William H. Lee, the champion bowler of San Francisco, spent Sunday with his mother.

Mrs. Alex Hansen, who has been so seriously ill, is on the high road to recovery.

Henry Henrickson is the owner of a fine double team.

F. Hellwig of San Francisco is in town.

Mrs. E. Huff spent several days this week in San Francisco.

Miss Carter has returned from a visit to Madrone Springs.

F.B. Granger purchased the Lyle Building this week. A number of changes will be made shortly.

Fred Wiegman, who has been quite sick, is much improved.

Daniel Jackson and family moved into the Hauber cottage this week.

Manuel de August is having a windmill erected on his place near town.  
Miss Edith Dyer of Oakland is a guest at the home of her uncle, E.H. Dyer.  
Judge Richmond is again on the sick list.  
Phillip Hellwig is very sick.  
Mrs. Katy Ralph is again at her home in Alvarado after a month's visit with her daughter in the metropolis.  
Miss Amelia Eichler of Mr. Eden was in town Thursday.  
Miss Alice Vandervoort is visiting in Irvington.  
Allen Richmond and a friend from San Francisco came up from the city Sunday for a day of shooting.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 26, 1901*

#### **Addie Cox Dies:**

Addie Cox died at Alvarado yesterday of "grippe" after five weeks illness. She was a native of Missouri and 35 years old. Until recently she was a resident of Salem, Oregon, where her remains will be shipped for burial.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 29, 1901*

#### **Around Town:**

The Alvarado Whist Club will give an invitational party next month.  
Many of our people are confined to their homes by the grippe.  
Successful home meetings were held at the home of I. V. Ralph and O. J. Emery this week. The Rev. M. Gunn conducted the meetings, which were held principally to introduce the hymnal.  
Miss Dora Joyce, who has been home for the past month, returned to San Francisco Monday.  
Miss Dot Nauert of this place spent several days of the week visiting friends in the metropolis.  
Judge Richmond, who has been suffering from pleurisy, is better.

Musical and dramatical recitals will be given in commemoration of Washington in the IOOF Hall the evening of the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of February, under the auspices of the Town Improvement Club. These entertainments will be under the direction of the well-known vaudeville actor, George Emmett Beebe and this in itself is enough to insure success. Full particulars will be given later.

John Robbins is suffering from rheumatism.  
Miss May Lowrie spent several days of the week with her sister, Mrs. John R. Ralph.  
Miss Kate Mathews of San Francisco spent Sunday with her parents in Alvarado.  
Phillip Hellwig and Thomas Foster, who have been seriously ill in their homes the past ten days, are much improved.  
Miss Edith Dyer of Oakland who visited her cousin Miss Nina Dyer last week, left for home Sunday.  
Miss K. E. Riley spent Sunday at her home in Oakland.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 31, 1901*

#### **Around Town:**

George Beebe is spending a few days in San Francisco.  
Mrs. A. Dunn, who will be remembered as Miss Mabel Smithurst, was the guest of the **Nauert family** Sunday.  
Mrs. Frank Starr is on the sick list.  
Mrs. O.J. Emery and children were in San Francisco several days last week.  
Mrs. C.A. Hauber has gone to San Francisco, where she will remain for several months.  
The hunting season is about over. Ducks were scarce this year.  
Mrs. Kate Joyce of San Francisco spent Sunday with her parents at their home here.  
Mr. & Mrs. Munson, who have been visiting at the home of John Olsen, left Sunday for Washington.  
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Palmtag and daughters of Watsonville and Mrs. Ann Miss Palmtag of Haywards spent Saturday with **Mrs. C. R. Nauert**.  
Miss Nina Dyer has returned from a short visit to San Francisco.

Mrs. H. Behrmann is again at home after spending a few pleasant weeks in Sacramento. High mass was held this morning for in the Catholic Church for the repose of the soul of Mathew Davilla, who died in Siskiyou County. Invitations have been issued for a hop to be given by the Whist Club in the IOOF Hall Friday evening. It will be a very fine affair and doubtless will be well attended. It strictly invitational. Miss Florence Vandervoort is home from the San Jose Normal School for several days. Miss Annie London has returned from Crockett, accompanied by her friend, Miss Anna Miller, who will be her guest for a week. Andrew Miller is also a guest at the London home.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 8, 1901*

#### **Edw. Harvey Marries:**

The friends of Edward Harvey and Miss Elizabeth J. McKeown were rather surprised to hear that they were married Saturday. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, south of town, and the ceremony was performed by the Reverend Mr. Gunn of the Presbyterian Church. The wedding was attended by relatives of the contracting parties. The groom is a farmer and a native of Alvarado, while the bride has resided here for a number of years. She has been most active in Sunday school work. On their return from the wedding trip to Santa Cruz they will reside on the ranch of the groom's mother near town.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 8, 1901*

#### **Alvarado Improvement Club:**

The Alvarado Improvement Club will give a grand musical and dramatic entertainment at the IOOF Hall Friday and Saturday evenings, February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> under the direction of Mr. **George Beebe**. The program will be changed each evening and the following well-known artists will assist: Miss Ruby Dawson, mimic; Mr. J.J. Pettee, vocalist; Miss Edith Jackson, reader; Master Willie Rickey, violin; Mrs. J. Bardellini, soprano; The Ralph Orchestra; Miss Jesse Foster, Soprano; **J.M. Scribner**, baritone; Charles Neal, flute; Miss Anna Obermuller, soprano; **George Beebe**, specialties; and others.

On Friday evening, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, "Handicapped" will be reproduced. The piece has been revised and new specialties have been introduced. The cast is as follows:

Mrs. Lawton, principal of the academy: Mrs. F.C. Harvey  
Mrs. Thurston, her sister: Mrs. E.A. Richmond;  
Nella Lawton: Miss Dora Joyce  
May: Miss Ossie Nauert  
Gertie: Miss Margie Jackson  
Roberta: **Miss Kathryn Nauert**  
Georgina: Mrs. E.M. Foley  
Miss Pinks: Ass't to the principal, Mrs. August May  
Rev. Theophilus Stiggs: a clergyman, **A.N. Lindsay**  
Tom, a Negro servant: **J.M. Scribner**  
Teddy Thurston: Will Burr

On Saturday evening, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, "A Social Outcast" will be given with the following cast:

Lawrence Emmet: **J.M. Scribner**  
Hon. Frank Kenmore: a politician and rascal, **George Beebe**  
Judge Montgomery: of the Circuit Court, **A.N. Lindsay**  
Julia, his alleged daughter: **Miss Kathryn Nauert**  
Genie, his niece: Miss Minnie De Puy

Tickets: Reserved seats 50¢, general admission 25¢  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 8, 1901*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. E.M. Foley and daughter, Miss Ethyl, spent several days of the week in San Francisco. Mrs. Henrickson is visiting with friends in town.



Mr. & Mrs. Edward Harvey have returned from their wedding trip, and are now residing in the Harvey home place.

Miss Ella Mathews of San Francisco spent the week with her parents here.

Mr. & Mrs. E.W. Burr entertained the Misses Burr (Jewett and Green). All attended the dance Friday evening.

Miss Alice Poorman of San Francisco was the guest of **Miss Dyer** several days last week. She came up to attend the Whist Club dance.

Mrs. C.W. Heyer of Haywards and Miss Alice Marlins of San Lorenzo attended the dance Friday evening and spent a few days with the Misses Nauert.

Messrs. Hellwig and Foster, who have been so seriously ill, are improving slowly.

Fred Wiegman is able to be out again after suffering a serious attack of the grippe.

Miss Dora Joyce came up from San Francisco Monday and will remain at home several weeks.

Mrs. E.A. Richmond spent Sunday in San Francisco.

Miss M. Riley spent Sunday with her parents at their home near town.

Miss Alice Drennan and Arthur Drennan were the guests of their sister, Miss K.E. Riley, at the dance Friday night.

Harry Vandervoort came up from Crockett last Friday and returned home on Sunday.

**Miss Nina Dyer** spent Wednesday in San Francisco.

William Allguire of Crockett is spending a few days at the home place.

The hop given Friday evening by the Whist Club at the IOOF Hall was one of the most pleasant affairs ever given in Alvarado. It was strictly invitational and a full dress affair. Music was furnished by Blum's Orchestra of San Francisco. The ballroom on the lower floor was decorated in palms, bamboo and potted plants, and festooned with cards. The walls were also decorated with clubs, spades, diamonds and hearts draped around the room. Fully 150 persons were present and a most enjoyable evening was spent. It is hoped that the Whist Club will give another of their delightful affairs in the near future.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 21, 1901*

#### **Around Town:**

John M. Ingalls, a former resident of this place but for the past few years residing in San Jose, is visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. E. H. Dyer. Mrs. Ingalls is and has been quite sick, although she is able to be about.

Miss Nina Dyer is visiting friends and relatives in San Jose.

Clarence De Puy of Fruitvale spent Thursday with the family of Dr. De Puy of Alvarado.

Miss Clara Jackson left Monday for Sacramento.

George Beebe is spending the week in Oakland and San Francisco.

Alvarado will soon boast of a nice livery stable as one is to be erected next to the blacksmith's shop.

The Peck Free Show is drawing crowded houses. The small boy is particularly delightful.

The bang of guns will not be heard now for a number of months as the hunting season closed on midnight Friday. Alvarado is the most popular "shooting town" on the bay shore, and in consequence was visited by numerous city hunters.

Charles E. Jacox, a young man from Mt. Eden who was lost on the Rio de Janeiro, was a popular and well-known young man hereabouts and will be greatly missed.

The interior of the merchandise store of **F. C. Harvey & Co.** is being renovated.

The popular clerk "Bill" who has been in the employ of **F. C. Harvey & Co.** this week has resigned his position.

Hugh T. Dyer left Sunday for Ogden, Utah where he is superintendent of a large sugar factory. He had been home for two months.

Miss Ruby Dawson of the city has been the guest of **Miss D. A. Nauert** last week.

Mrs. & Mrs. E. W. Burr entertained several city friends on Friday evening.

Miss Annie Drennan of Oakland spent from Friday until Tuesday with her sister, Miss K. Riley. The "Foundry boys" had Friday and Saturday "off." These are the first two days they have had off for a number of months.

The entertainment given by the Improvement Club in the IOOF Hall Friday and Saturday nights was a decided success. Both nights the hall was crowded, with standing being at a premium.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 1, 1901*

### **Dramatic Nights:**

The two nights of dramatic entertainment at Alvarado last Friday and Saturday nights were hugely successful. Even in spite of the rain, which came down heavily both nights, the hall was packed with people. Everybody in Alvarado was there as well as many people from outside communities. The presentation of "Handicapped" on Friday and "The Social Outcast" on Saturday were both ably acted and both well received by the audience. The 'dramatis personae' included:

**Miss Kathryn Nauert**, Miss Minnie De Puy, J. M. Scribner, George Roche, A. N. Lindsay and all played their parts well. Dancing concluded a most successful carnival of music and drama.

*The Hayward Review, March 1, 1901*

### **Around Town:**

E. Danforth, President of the Geo. H. **Tay Co.**, O. J. Backus, Vice President, and Frank Baker, Secretary spent Saturday with foundry manager C. R. Nauert at the stove foundry.

P. Hellwig, who has been seriously ill, is slowly recovering.

Mr. I. V. Ralph hosted sister and brother-in-law Mr. & Mrs. Frank Randolph of San Francisco.

Joaquin Munyan is comfortably settled in his barbershop near the Post Office.

Miss K. E. Riley, one of Alvarado's schoolteachers spent Sunday with her parents in Oakland.

Mr. A. Simmenssen has moved into one of the Granger cottages in the Granger tract.

Edward Haas, a popular young man from Hayward, was driving his fine pneumatic run-about in Alvarado Saturday.

Miss Del Nauert is in Hayward visiting friends.

John Scribner had his third finger badly smashed at the **Tay & Co.** Foundry Friday. It will disable him for a few weeks, however he is congratulating himself that he did not smash his whole hand.

Fred Joyce has accepted a clerkship with F. C. Harvey & Co.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 7, 1901*

### **Real Estate:**

James and Annie McKeown to Henry Henricksen 3.42 acres on S line of present road connecting Union City with town of Alvarado, \$10.

Emily H and John M. Ingalls to Diedrich Wiegman, all interest in 27.22 acres near the land of the California Beet Sugar Co., \$10.

*The San Francisco Call, March 8, 1901*

### **Around Town:**

The Whist Club has changed its place of meeting from the I.O.O.F Hall to the assembly hall in the schoolhouse.

John Silva has opened tonsorial parlors in the Foster brick building.

**Mrs. E.M. Foley** is entertaining her friend Mrs. Hemmelway of San Francisco.

Miss Alvina Decoto was in town Monday.

John S. Leal was a visitor in the metropolis Sunday.

A. Lindsay, the assistant station agent, spent Saturday in Oakland.

Thomas Foster has so far recovered as to be able to walk about, and Phillip Hellwig is doing as well as can be expected considering his age. He now sits up for a while each day.

Mr. & **Mrs. E.M. Foley** spent several days of the week in San Francisco.

**John M. Ingalls** has returned to his home in San Jose after several days' visit with relatives.

Fred D. Wiegman purchased the **John M. Ingalls** farm last week.

Mrs. S. May, who resides with her daughter in Alameda, is spending the week at the home of her son, August May.

Mrs. Ellen Cockefair of Decoto spent Sunday at the Emery home.

E.A. Richmond Jr. left Alvarado Tuesday for Spokane, Washington, to accept a position with the Standard Sugar Company. His mother accompanied him as far as San Francisco.

Miss Dot Nauert has returned from a ten days' visit with relatives in Haywards.

Mrs. Henry Meyers and daughter of Alameda visited with friends and relatives here Monday. Mrs. Meyers will be remembered as Miss Bertha May.

Mrs. G. Macquart received the tidings of the death of her father, Mr. Knox, who died in the northern part of the state.

Many of our young folks attended the ball game in Centerville Saturday between the Centerville and Haywards High School teams. Alvarado sends scholars to both schools, consequently the game proved to be exciting.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 15, 1901*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. M. Edwards is the guest of the Richmond family. Mrs. Edwards will leave in few weeks for Honolulu, where she will join her husband. They intend to make their home in the Islands.

John Leal was a visitor in San Francisco Sunday.

A.W. Lindsay, the assistant station agent, spent Saturday in Oakland.

Miss Dora Joyce has returned to her work in the city, after a month's visit at home.

H. Henderlong, who has resigned his position as night engineer at the Contra Costa Water Company, has returned to his home in Alameda. E.A. Hansen is the new night engineer at the water works. Mr. Hansen has been in the employ of the company for many years as oiler and his many friends will be pleased to hear of his promotion.

Edward Huff, the mail carrier, is driving a new horse.

A.P. Bryden has gone to San Francisco for a week.

Miss Dot Nauert has returned from a visit to Haywards.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 16, 1901*

#### **San Francisco Visitor:**

W. Lawson, a cattleman from Alvarado, has checked into the Grand Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Call, March 17, 1901*

#### **Around Town:**

William Lee spent Sunday at the home of his mother, and Allen Richmond spent Sunday with his folks. Both are employed in San Francisco.

Miss Myrtle Vandervoort is in Centerville.

Mr. Hyde, a well-known attorney in San Francisco, while returning from a trip to San Jose Sunday in his automobile, met with a breakdown which necessitated leaving the automobile in Alvarado until a man from could be sent from San Francisco to make repairs.

Dr. O.G. Day, our former town druggist, was in town Monday and Tuesday of this week, the guest of his niece, Mrs. Clazie. His many friends were pleased to see him. He is now residing in Fruitvale.

A.N. Lindsay and **J.M. Scribner** spent Monday and Tuesday in Oakland on business.

Miss A. Allguire is in Crockett, visiting with relatives.

**J.M. Scribner** and family have returned from Centerville, where they were the guests of Mrs. McCormick.

Frank London has accepted a position in Oakland as a bookkeeper in a large dry goods house.

Mr. & Mrs. E.W. Burr spent Sunday in San Francisco.

Joseph Futanio has left the employ of F.C. Harvey & Co. and his place is being filled by a young man from Sunol.

It is rumored that the Ladies' Aid Society will give a rummage sale in the near future. The Edward's cottage has been rented to San Francisco parties for the summer. The pulpit at the Presbyterian Church will be occupied by the Rev. Mr. Miller of Newark next Sunday.

The Whist Club will give its at the home of Jessie Beard on its next meeting night. A number from our local lodge of IOOF joined the encampment instituted in Niles Saturday evening. B.H. Ford and E.M. Hawley were elected to fill offices.

Mrs. H.A. Postlethwaite of Decoto was in town calling on friends last Tuesday.

Mrs. Katy Ralph is entertaining her niece, Miss E. Schmidt of San Francisco for a few days.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 22, 1901*

### **Argonaut Society:**

The annual meeting of the Argonaut Society was held a few days ago in Alvarado. There was not a very large attendance for the reason that many of the members of the organization have died during the year. Mr. Osgood and Mrs. Montross of Irvington were present at the meeting and took a great interest in the proceedings. The annual banquet will be held soon.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 27, 1901*

### **License to Marry:**

Joe Silveira Fortune, 30, Irvington; to Mamie Rose Williams, 21, Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 27, 1901*

### **A. N. Lindsay:**

Mr. A. N. Lindsay, the popular assistant at the Alvarado Depot, especially among the fair sex, and also well-known in Mt. Eden, has given up his place with the Southern Pacific Company and accepted a position as organizer for the Woodmen in this state.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 28, 1901*

### **News Note:**

Bert Royce, of Irvington, will move to Alvarado this week.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 28, 1901*

### **Sad News:**

Miss Myra Ingalls, 19, of San Jose passed away recently. Myra, formerly of Alvarado was born on the family homestead here in Alvarado. Many friends and schoolmates were here to pay their respects. Myra's grave was covered in beautiful flowers.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 1, 1901*

### **Around Town:**

Judge E. A. Richmond will represent Reliance Lodge No. 93, AOUW, at its Grand Lodge, which meets in San Francisco next week.

W.F. Ingalls of Napa was a visitor in town last Monday

Fred Wiegman has resold the property he purchased last week from John M. Ingalls to Antone Borges.

Mrs. A. Lassen and daughter, Miss Marie, spent several days in the metropolis.

Miss Edith Dyer of Oakland is the guest of her cousin, Miss Nina Dyer, at her home near town.

The ladies auxiliary of the Portuguese Union instituted a new lodge in the IOOF Hall Sunday. Over fifty signed the list to become members.

Miss Mildred Nauert spent several days of the week in San Francisco.

Bert Royce, who was formerly in the employ of the F.C. Harvey Co., this week accepted a clerkship with I.V. Ralph. He will occupy one of the Beebe cottages.

John M. Scribner's finger, which was badly jammed a month ago, is healing rapidly.

At the last meeting of the Wisteria, No. 128, NSGW, after a spirited contest, Edward A Foley was elected delegate and George P. Hellwig alternate. The Grand Parlor meets in Santa Barbara next month. A fine time is expected.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 1, 1901*

**Chinese Suicide:**

Ah Jay, a Chinese, committed suicide last evening by hanging himself. Coroner Mehrmann was notified and will hold an inquest.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 3, 1901*

**Presbyterian Church:**

The Presbyterian Churches of Centerville and Alvarado will hold their annual meetings Sunday to hear reports and also to elect a pastor if the way is clear. Rev. J.G. Anderson of Golden Gate will preach at both places and preside.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 3, 1901*

**Sugar:**

Deputy County Surveyor Prather was in town Friday doing some surveying for the Alameda Sugar Company.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 8, 1901*

**Easter Service:**

The Presbyterian Church was filled to the utmost for a beautiful Easter Service. Rejoices were given by Mr. Harold Rogers, an organ solo; a vocal praise by Mrs. F. C. Harvey, Miss D. A. Nauert, Mr. J. M. Scribner and Mr. B. H. Ford, a duet by Miss D. A. Nauert and Miss Edna Ralph; Miss Harriet Patterson, violin obbligato, and solo with full chorus, L. M. Scribner.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 11, 1901*

**Around Town:**

Ernest Lange is at home suffering with the measles and is therefore is prevented from attending Heald's College.

Mr. & Mrs. L. Sinclair of San Francisco spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Foley at their home near Alvarado.

Mrs. Royce of Michigan is visiting her son Bert. This is her first visit to California she is delighted with the place.

Louis Smith has returned from a visit to Michigan his boyhood home.

Fred Wiegman has returned from Arizona where he went on a business trip.

Oscar Nauert spent Saturday and Sunday in the metropolis.

Mrs. A. Muller of Crockett has been visiting the London family here.

Alvarado sent about 15 couples to the Society Dania Hall Saturday evening. All reported having an enjoyable time.

Henry Silva has accepted a position with an insurance company in San Francisco.

Many of our Woodmen attended the monster meeting at the McDonough Theatre in Oakland Saturday evening.

Miss Fanny Cash, who was the guest of Miss D. N. Nauert, has returned to her home in Irvington.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 11, 1901*

**Mt. Eden Picnic:**

The Grand Lodge and the local lodge of the Society Dania had a picnic at Dry Creek Friday and later in the day enjoyed a drive through Alvarado. They all stopped at the Alvarado Hotel, fully fifty carriages in line.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 11, 1901*

**Around Town:**

A family service will be held in the Presbyterian Church Sunday at 2:30 p.m. The Sunday school is invited to remain for the service. Preaching by the **Rev. W. Chalmers Gunn**. Special music has been prepared. The public is cordially invited to attend. Sunday school at the usual hour 1:10 p.m.

Mrs. Edwards of San Francisco and her sister, Miss Mary, now of England, were in town calling on friends Saturday and Sunday.

A son was born to the wife of W. B. Richmond, Saturday, at their home in San Francisco.

Mr. A. A. Peralta spent Sunday with his parents in Oakland.

The Tennis Club will hold a meeting at the schoolhouse tonight.

**Mr. & Mrs. Nauert** spent Sunday in Oakland.

Mrs. E. A. Richmond is visiting in San Francisco.

Mrs. E. M. Foley and daughter have returned from a visit to San Francisco.

Dr. & Mrs. Munson and son Herrick of Tacoma, Washington are at the home of Mrs. Munson's father, E. H. Dyer. They will remain here several months.

Franklin Orhm of Honolulu, who is on his way to New York, was a visitor at the **Nauert home** several days this week.

Mrs. B. H. Ford and children are spending the week in Oakland.

The Alvarado Improvement Club will give a dance in the IOOF Hall Saturday evening. Good music will be provided.

Miss Florence Vandervoort, who is attending the Normal School, is spending her spring vacation at her home here.

The many friends of Mrs. Helen White, who will be remembered as Helen Church, were saddened to hear of her sudden death. Mrs. White lived here years ago.

Mrs. O. J. Emery and Miss Laura Emery spent Saturday in San Francisco.

The Centerville and Alvarado boys enjoyed a good game of tennis Sunday.

Mrs. Lizzie Henrickson has applied for divorce from Henry H. on grounds of cruelty.

Leo Adle was in town Saturday and Sunday.

A new oil company was formed last week at the Riverside Hotel with Fred Hellwig as President and F. B. Granger, Jr., as Secretary-Treasurer. The company has 120 acres in McKittrick district.

Olivina Parlor No. 61, N. D. G. W. received a visit from the grand secretary Saturday. She was accompanied by two lady friends and members of the order.

Mr. & Mrs. F. Martin went to San Francisco recently to attend the golden wedding anniversary of Mrs. Martin's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Collins.

Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, **Rev. W. Chalmers Gunn**, Pastor of the Centerville Presbyterian Church, will be installed in the Alvarado Presbyterian Church. The Centerville congregation will attend in a body. The Rev. Mr. Frazer of the Brooklyn Presbyterian Church will give the charge and the Rev. Mr. Anderson of the Golden Gate, the Rev. Robert McKenzie of San Francisco, and two other well known divines will be in attendance. Members are earnestly requested to be present.

Mrs. A. Norris spent several days of the week visiting relatives in San Francisco.

Mrs. F. B. Granger, Mrs. A. May, Miss Clara Franz and Miss Mildred Nauert attended a lunch given by Mrs. H. Meyers, nee Bertha May, at her home in Alameda last Wednesday. Many former Alvaradan's were present and all spent a most delightful day.

Allen Richmond of San Francisco spent Sunday with his parents.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 17, 1901*

### **Surprise Party:**

A few of the friends of Grandma Hayes planned a pleasant surprise for her Friday in honor of the eighty-third anniversary of her birth. At 1:30 p.m. the invited ladies gathered at the Riverside Hotel and drove to the Hayes farm. Mrs. Hayes was completely surprised. During the afternoon dainty refreshments were served. A most delightful afternoon was spent by all. Mrs. Hayes has lived here in Alameda County over 50 years and is loved and respected by all. Considering her years she is very strong.

Among those present were: the Miss Whipple, Mrs. Emerson, Mrs. I. B. Haines of Decoto, Mrs. E. Beebe, Mrs. P. Mathews, **Miss Addie Allguire**, Mrs. S. Harvey, Mrs. Dano, Mrs. O. J. Emery, Mrs. J. Scribner, Mrs. C. R. Nauert, Mrs. E. A. Richmond, Mrs. Royce, Mrs. F. B. Granger and **Mrs. Thomas Cronin**. Every one listed has lived here for more than thirty years.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 18, 1901*

### **Around Town:**

**Mrs. Thomas Cronin** and infant son are at Crockett, the guests of Mrs. Cronin's sister, **Miss Addie Allguire**.

Harry Vandervoort of Crockett visited with friends in Alvarado Sunday.

The Portuguese Union will give its annual ball in the IOOF Hall Saturday evening.

A body of the Women of Woodcraft is to be organized in Alvarado.

Miss Mildred Nauert has returned from a visit to San Francisco.

Miss Hazel and Master Willie Warren spent Sunday with their father in Oakland.

Many of our young Portuguese people attended the reception tendered to Mr. & Mrs. J. Futardo Tuesday at the De Roza home, near town. The couple was married last week.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 18, 1901*

#### **Washington Township Pioneers:**

The Washington Township Pioneers (Argonaut Society) held their annual election of officers and banquet at the Gregory House in Centerville on Saturday. From a membership of 111 they have dwindled to eight. Those present were H. Dusterberry, J.C. Whipple, William Barry, F.C. Rose and John Buchanan and Sebastian Franz from Alvarado. Absent were Ed Niehouse, who is in Fresno and C.G. Healy.

The pioneers met first November 29, 1876 at the suggestion of William Barry and William M. Liston of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 20, 1901*

#### **U. P. E. C:**

The Conselho A. Fonte No. 41, U. P. E. C. dance held in Alvarado on Saturday night was attended by some sixteen young people from Hayward. They drove down together and report having an exceedingly good time.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 23, 1901*

#### **Sugar:**

Sugar beets are coming up in all parts of the Livermore/Pleasanton Valley and the prospects of a fine crop are assured. The Alameda Sugar Co.'s ranch seems to be delayed in planting their beets and are somewhat behind other districts. The Alameda Sugar Company received a carload of sugar beet seeds to be used in this district.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 24, 1901*

#### **News Note:**

Miss Florence Vandervoort came up from Alvarado on Wednesday and visited Miss Helen Blacow until Thursday night. Miss Vandervoort is a student at the Normal School in San Jose but came home for ten day's vacation.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 24, 1901*

#### **Japanese:**

The old Ralph house, opposite the Catholic Church, has been leased to a Japanese family, who have opened a Japanese boarding house. This is quite a novelty for this part of the county. Many Japanese are employed at the various salt works and in the sugar beet fields.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 27, 1901*

#### **Around Town:**

Master Harvey Richmond is a visitor in San Francisco.

Mrs. Edward Winegar spent Saturday with her mother, Mrs. J.A. Joyce.

Our local camp, W of W, initiated several new members Tuesday evening.

George P. Hellwig left Saturday for Santa Barbara to attend the Grand Parlor, NSGW He represents the local lodge, Wisteria Parlor No. 126.

Miss Dot Nauert returned from a visit to San Francisco.

Mrs. A.W. Lassen spent Monday and Tuesday in San Francisco.

Ernest Lange has fully recovered from the measles, and will resume his studies at Heald's next week.

O.J. Backus, Vice President of the Geo. Tay & Co. was in town Saturday.

Mrs. K. Ralph is again at her home here.

Clarence McLaughlin of Irvington is the guest of his brother's family this week.

It is reported on good authority that Alvarado will have four June weddings.

Mrs. Leburn of San Francisco is visiting her brother, Manuel A. de Silva.

Little Weston Emery, who has been so seriously ill with congestion of the lungs, is now out of danger.

A. A. Norris is taking the census.

Mrs. S. Bartholomew and children spent several days of this week visiting relatives in Oakland.

Do not forget that the Alvarado Improvement Club will give a social dance in the IOOF Hall this evening. All are invited.

Dr. A.A. De Puy has a new rubber tired rig that he has just received from the east.

The most delightful dance ever given by Alvarado Council, U.P.E.C., was given in the I.O.O.F Hall Saturday evening. The Grand March was led by A.A. Lee and Miss Ada MacQuart, followed by about 100 couples. Dancing was indulged into a late hour. At midnight all adjourned to the banquet hall, where a sumptuous repast was served. All in all the dance was a decided success, and it is hoped the council will give another in the near future. The floor committee consisted of Joe L. Machado, M.A. Silva and the following committee of arrangements: A.S. Machado, M.B. John Lynch, Frank Jasper and M.J. Rose. (The final sentence is from *The San Francisco Call*, May 1, 1901).

***The Oakland Tribune, April 27, 1901***

#### **Sugar:**

The sugar mill will use oil for fuel this season. They are now making the necessary changes and a few other improvements that will cost about \$10,000.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 27, 1901***

#### **Around Town:**

**Mrs. E.M. Foley** and daughter spent Saturday until Wednesday visiting relatives in the metropolis.

Mrs. Spillane and infant son have been visiting the formers mother, Mrs. Cody, this past week.

Allen Richmond came up from San Francisco Saturday evening to attend the Improvement Club dance. He returned Sunday evening.

M. Furtado purchased the Liston property next to the Catholic Church this week.

Mrs. H. Camman was called to San Francisco Saturday by a telegram announcing the death of her grandson, Valentine Kendall, Jr. She returned Monday.

Miss Edna Ralph entertained two San Francisco friends recently.

The Portuguese lodges will send a large delegation to the picnic to be given by Grand Council at the San Lorenzo Grove tomorrow.

Mrs. H. Henrickson spent Friday with **Mrs. E.M. Foley**.

After a two weeks' visit with friends and relatives in San Francisco and Oakland, Mrs. B.H. Ford and daughter have returned to their home.

Mrs. Hughes of Irvington is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Edward McLaughlin.

Mrs. & Mrs. De Puy of Los Angeles are the guests of Dr. & Mrs. De Puy of Alvarado.

The school children enjoyed a holiday on May Day.

Mrs. Oliver Southwick of Fruitvale spent Saturday with the **Richmond family**.

Mrs. P. Henningsen entertained Miss Peterson of San Francisco Sunday and Monday. Miss Peterson leaves soon for a few months visit to Europe.

Dr. & Mrs. Clazie are visitors in Oakland.

Mr. Stark, an old friend of **Judge Richmond** spent a day with him this week. He just returned from a trip South.

The U.P.E.C. ladies entertained Oakland visitors Sunday at their regular meeting.

Miss Myrtle Vandervoort is at Niles.



Raymond Crane of Oakland spent Saturday with Gus Nauert.

**Miss Dot Nauert** is visiting friends in Irvington.

Harvey Richmond has returned from a pleasant visit in San Francisco.

The Alvarado Whist Club was entertained by Miss Jessie Beard at her home near town last evening.

Fred Wiegman and Samuel Poorman are in Arizona. They have bought a \$25,000 herd of cattle, which will be brought to Alvarado on a special train. This is an exceedingly large cattle deal for Alvarado.

Mr. & Mrs. B. Fay Mills were guests at the Riverside Hotel Friday. They drove from Oakland and returned there the same evening.

Another rubber tire rig is in town. This time Bert Royce has a new vehicle.

The dance given by the Improvement Club in the IOOF Hall recently was success socially, but not financially.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 4, 1901*

### **The Reverend Gunn:**

The Presbyterian Church was beautifully decorated with potted plants and cut flowers Sunday and was filled to its utmost, the occasion being the installation of the pastor-elect, the Reverend W. Chalmers Gunn of the Alvarado and Centerville Presbyterian Churches. The members of the Centerville Church were present in a body. The organ loft was a perfect bank of roses and lilies adorned the pulpit.

The exercises were as follows:

Voluntary: "Looking Backward," by Mendelssohn, Miss Nauert

Invocation: Dr. Hugh Fraser, Brooklyn Church

Hymn: "I Love They Kingdom Lord"

Scripture Reading

Song: "As It Was Written," Alvarado Bible Class

Offertory: "Coeurs et Fleur...Tobani Violin," Miss H.A. Patterson

Anthem: Come Unto Me," Alvarado Quartet

Sermon: Reverend J.S. McDonald, D.D., Oakland

Anthem: "Praise the Lord O' Jesus, by Thomas Danks," Alvarado Quartet

Charge to Pastor: Reverend G.F. Withworth, D.D., Seattle, Wash.

Charge to People: Reverend J.G. Anderson, Golden Gate

Hymn: Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Benediction: New Pastor, W.C. Gunn

Postlude: "by Rinck," Soprano, Mrs. Harvey; Basso, J. Scribner; Alto, **Miss Dot Nauert**; Tenor, B.H. Ford.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 4, 1901*

### **Lecture by Rev. Mills:**

The lecture given Friday afternoon and evening in the IOOF Hall by the Reverend B. Fay Mills under the auspices of the Washington Township Teachers Association were largely attended and exceedingly interesting. In the afternoon he spoke on the "Wonderful Century," while in the evening the topic was "The More Wonderful Century."

Mr. Mills is well known throughout the country, so it is unnecessary to make any remarks other than to say that his lectures were intensely interesting and instructive, and it is hoped that the people here will have an opportunity of hearing him again in Washington Township.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 4, 1901*

### **News Note:**

Miss Dot Nauert is visiting Miss Fannie Cash in Irvington this week.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 8, 1901*

### **Around Town:**

The Whist Club was entertained last Friday evening by Miss Jessie Beard at her home. The first prize for last quarter was won by Miss Mildred Nauert and **Dr. A. A. De Puy**. The next meeting will be held in the assembly room at the schoolhouse.

Fire was discovered in the rear of the Ralph place, now occupied by Japs as a boarding house, but before any damage was done the fire was extinguished. It was thought that the fire was started by a spark from the Chinese Laundry next door.

Louis C. Smith was in town Sunday. He just returned from a prolonged trip to Tulare County and expects to leave soon for Buffalo to attend the Pan-American Exposition.

Miss K. E. Riley, the popular teacher, spent over Sunday with her folks in Oakland.

A traveling show gave performances at the IOOF Hall Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The players were fairly good, and as usual, were well attended.

James Hawley and George Small were elected delegates by the Crusade Lodge No. 93, IOOF to represent them at the Grand Lodge, which convenes in the metropolis the coming week.

Miss Myrtle Vandervoort spent Thursday at home.

Mrs. F. C. Harvey spent Sunday in Oakland.

The little Amaral girl had a finger amputated owing to the decay of the bone. **Dr. A. A. De Puy** assisted by Dr. Dean of Hayward who performed the surgery.

Mrs. Diantha Emery will represent the local lodge Rubiccus at the Grand Lodge, which meets in San Francisco next week.

Mrs. Fanny Cash of Irvington was the guest of Miss Dot Nauert several days of the week.

**Gus Nauert** is the possessor of the swellest rig in town. It is a pneumatic runabout.

**George Hellwig**, the delegate to the Grand Lodge of the NSGW has returned. He had a wonderful time.

Miss Mary Joyce is home from San Francisco for a prolonged stay.

Miss Harriet Joyce spent Saturday & Sunday in the metropolis.

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Farley are entertaining a married sister and two children and Miss Gracie McDonald of Portland Oregon.

Little Westin Emery, who was so seriously ill with congestion of the lungs, is now able to be out.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 11, 1901*

### **The New Club:**

Our young men have organized a new club to be known as the Andrade. The following officers were elected: President, A. W. Lindsay; Vice President, A. A. Peralta; Secretary, A. W. Lassen;

Treasurer, R. W. Elwert; Board of Directors, **Gus Nauert, George Hellwig, Dr. A. A. De Puy**.

The new club has a membership of forty-five, and applications are coming in thick and fast. It is a very good thing and it is hoped that it will be successful.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 11, 1901*

### **San Francisco Boy Drowns:**

The body of Louis Henriouille, the San Francisco schoolboy, was found in the water near Alvarado today. The boy fell out of a launch Sunday while his father was asleep in the boat.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 14, 1901*

### **To The Editor:**

I was instructed by the President of the "Alvarado Athletic & Social Club" to ask you to kindly correct a statement, which appeared in the Alvarado items section of your issue of May 11<sup>th</sup>.

The club is named the "Alvarado Athletic & Social Club" and not the "Andrade" as stated in your newspaper. Your correspondent for here is unknown to us, and certainly our "doings" are unknown to him or her. It would be a wise plan for such a correspondent to be better posted, as on this occasion the boys are not given a square write-up.

Thanking you in advance for this, allow me to remain,  
Very Respectfully Yours,

Arthur A. Peralta, Secretary  
Alvarado Athletic & Social Club  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 16, 1901*

#### **New Athletic Club:**

Alvarado has a new athletic club with the following young men as officers: A.N. Lindsay, President; Ernest Foster, Vice-President; A.A. Peralta, Secretary; George P. Hellwig, Treasurer, Robert Elwert, Leader; A.B. Nauert, P. J. Grindell and Charles Pape, Board of Directors.  
*The Hayward Review, May 17, 1901*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. E.A. Richmond and sons, Ralph, Robert and Everett, went to San Francisco to visit her new granddaughter.

Wisteria Parlor No. 127, NSGW, gave its thirtieth anniversary ball last evening in the IOOF Hall. The affair was a great success.

Misses Ida Bernhard and Ida Stillwell of San Francisco were guests at the Nauert home Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Katy Ralph is in San Francisco.

O.J. Backus, Vice-President of the Geo. Tay Co. was in town Wednesday.

Elizabeth Henrickson has been granted a divorce from Henry Henrickson.

The interior of the saloon of F. Mattos is being fitted up in fine style.

Mrs. Graves of Sacramento is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Daniel Jackson.

Mrs. & Mrs. Julius Wilde are happy over the arrival of a little granddaughter at the home of Mr. & Mrs. William Keller in San Francisco.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Wiegman entertained out of town friends at their home.

Your correspondent wishes to make a correction in regard to the quarterly prizes of the **Alvarado Whist Club** before Mrs. Peralta sends in a correction. The first prizes were won by **Miss Nauert** and **Mr. A.A. Norris**, not **Dr. De Puy**, as published last week.

At the last meeting of the **Alvarado** Social Tennis and **Whist Club** the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, **Dr. A.A. De Puy**; Vice-President, **Prof. A.A. Norris**; Secretary, **Miss Mildred Nauert**; Treasurer, E. William Burr; Captain, Henry H. Patterson.

Mrs. Fred Harvey left for Fresno. She will be gone for a month. She will spend the time with her sister, Mrs. A.S. Perkins.

Mrs. H. Laufer and daughter of the metropolis spent several days of the week with Mrs. Laufer's mother, Mrs. John Joyce.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 25, 1901*

#### **Road Repairs:**

A report was made as follows of expenditures for road repairs: D. Jackson, Alvarado Road District, from January 28<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>, \$144.80.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 25, 1901*

#### **News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. William Blacow of Irvington drove to Alvarado on Thursday to visit Mrs. Wicks, Mrs. Blacow's mother.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 30, 1901*

#### **Phillip Hellwig Dies:**

In Alvarado, May 29<sup>th</sup>, Phillip Hellwig, beloved husband of Elizabeth Hellwig and father of Fredrick P. and George P. Hellwig, a native of Germany, aged 79 years.

*The San Francisco Call, May 31, 1901*

**San Francisco Visitor:**

T.W. Ballard of Alvarado has checked into the Grand Hotel in San Francisco.  
*The San Francisco Call, June 2, 1901*

**Around Town:**

Misses Jane & Mary Low of San Francisco spent several days of the week in town. Mrs. E. Beebe has returned from several days visit to her mother Mrs. McCormick of Centerville. The Whist Club held its last meeting at the home of Miss Mae Hawley. Miss Oscarna Nauert has returned from a visit to Pleasanton and Livermore. Miss Bertha Shippey has returned to her home in Santa Clara, after ten days' visit to Miss Edna Ralph and Miss Fanny Cash of Irvington. Mr. & Mrs. Will Richmond and infant daughter of San Francisco are visiting Mrs. Richmond's parents here. Mrs. & Miss Schmidt of San Francisco spent Monday with the formers sister, **Mrs. K. Ralph**. Allen Richmond, an electrician of the city, is home on a weeks' visit. Alvarado was well represented at both the Hayward and Centerville High School dances. All reported a delightful time. Mrs. H. P. Dyer and two children of Cleveland Ohio, and Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Atkinson and son of Santa Maria are at the home of **Mrs. K. Ralph**, where they will spend the summer.  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 8, 1901*

**Sugar:**

The Alvarado sugar mill is preparing for a big crop this season by adding to its shed and warehouse room and making other necessary improvements that will require a force of carpenters all summer long to complete. A cattle shed 350 feet long, which will accommodate 200 head of cattle, is being built. The beet pulp which is left over after the sugar has been extracted is used to feed stock, and there is so much of it during a season's run that some means had to be adopted to get rid of it, so a shed for cattle is being built and stock will be brought in by the mill people and fed upon it.  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 8, 1901*

**32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Masons:**

The masons had a large time at the Cathedral on Thirteenth Street ([Oakland](#)) last Monday evening, when thirty applicants were given the 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Master of the Royal Secret, ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. The officers of Oakland Consistory No. 2, in the presence of 150 Masons performed the work.

Alvaradan's receiving the degree were Frederick Philip Hellwig and Ivens Vernet Ralph.  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 12, 1901*

**Land Purchase:**

Manuel S. Gomes 49+ acres of land by A.P. Rose and M.H. Nunes from the Pacific Land Investment Company near the county road ([Marsh Road](#)) from Alvarado to Newark.  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 12, 1901*

**Land Purchase:**

J.S. Gomes 10-acres of land from J.G. Vanderpeer, next to W.F. Ingalls and the road from Alvarado to Newark ([Marsh Road](#)), including improvements and personal property.  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 12, 1901*

**Land Purchase:**

To Camille A. Chaquette from Lillie and J.P. Trumpour at NW corner of Presbyterian lot on south side of "V" Street to beginning being in Union City.  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 14, 1901*

**School Examination:**

The Alameda County Board of Education has finished reviewing the examination papers of the pupils in the county districts and has completed a list of graduates. Lester Norris of Alvarado received his Certificate of Graduation.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 17, 1901*

**News Note:**

Miss Nina Ingalls Dyer is entertaining friends from Seattle at her home in Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, June 18, 1901*

**Tramps:**

Six tramps were taken to the county jail today by Constable Roderick to serve sentences of ten days each imposed by Justice Richmond for vagrancy.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 20, 1901*

**Baseball:**

The P & H's of Hayward will again play Alvarado in a baseball game. Much interest is being shown in this game, as the P & H's are now solely comprised of players from Hayward. Admission is 15¢ and seats are free.

*The Hayward Review, June 21, 1901*

**Meat Wagon Runaway:**

August May's butcher wagon team ran away Saturday while the driver was selling meat at the E. Whipple Ranch. The wagon scooped up a wheelbarrow on its run, which it carried some distance. No damage other than spoiling the load of meat was reported. The team ran home to Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 24, 1901*

**Baseball:**

The Alvarado team defeated the Hayward team 11 – 5 in a game played at Hayward.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 25, 1901*

**Around Town:**

The Butterworth family of the city is sojourning at the home of Judge Richmond. Mr. Butterworth and Mrs. Richmond are brother and sister.

W. B. Straub spent Sunday in the Metropolis.

Dean Scribner has nearly recovered from the mumps.

Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Burr are entertaining relatives from the city.

Miss Nauert has returned from a pleasant two-week visit in Stockton and Sacramento. While in Sacramento she represented Olivina Parlor, No. 61, NDGW at the Grand Parlor.

The Young Men's Club was "at home" to their male friends Saturday evening at the Club House. A most enjoyable evening was spent, a good program rendered and refreshments were served.

Miss Margie Jackson has returned from a few days' visit in Livermore as the guest of Miss Minnie De Puy.

Mrs. Palmtag and Miss Lena Palmtag of Hayward were in town Friday.

A few of the young people attended the Danish picnic at Mt. Eden Grove on Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Vandervoort has returned from a two-week stay in Irvington.

Harry Vandervoort of Crockett took a run to Alvarado Saturday and remained over Sunday.

Little Annie Lowrie came from Centerville one day last week to visit her grandmother.

Mrs. K. Ralph was taken down with the measles. She is doing nicely.

Mrs. F. C. Harvey is home after spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. A. S. Perkins near Fresno.

Miss Jacob's of San Francisco is visiting the Hellwig's

The **I. V. Ralph** family is in Capitola and will be gone for two weeks.

Miss Mae Smith of the city is spending her vacation here with her grand parents Mr. & Mrs. P. Mathews.

Miss Munson of Seattle and Miss Bennett of Oakland are the guests of Miss Dyer at her home near Alvarado.

John Quigley is again in town after an absence of several weeks.  
The next Whist Club will meet with **Dr. & Mrs. De Puy** Friday eve.  
J. J. Pettee, the popular assistant bookkeeper at the **sugar mill** is again in town.  
J. S. Leal and wife returned from their wedding tour Wednesday and J. L. Olson and bride returned from their trip on Sunday. Both couples were serenaded by the boys of town.  
George Cronin had a broken rib while trying to catch August May's runaway butcher wagon Saturday. **Dr. De Puy** is in attendance. At last report George is doing nicely.  
On June 25<sup>th</sup> Alvarado defeated Hayward 11 – 3 in baseball.  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 27, 1901*

#### **Sugar:**

The yield from the beet crop this year in Pleasanton will be very large, and extra trains will be needed to get the beets to **the mill in Alvarado**.  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 27, 1901*

#### **Baseball:**

The team from Alvarado defeated the Hayward P & H's in a slow game by the score 11–9. Fred Schilling acted as umpire.  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 28, 1901*

#### **License to Marry:**

Christian A. Anderson 34, Alvarado and Bodel K. Petersen, 35, Mt. Eden.  
*The San Francisco Call, July 4, 1901*

#### **Around Town:**

John Butterworth, wife and their four girls, Mr. & Mrs. J.H. Brooks and son, Grandpa Brooks and Miss Dupont, all of San Francisco, spent the Fourth with **Judge Richmond's family**.  
Mrs. D. Jackson and the Misses Clara and Margie are visiting relatives in Concord.  
Charles and Oscar Nauert received the news of the death of their mother in Buffalo, N.Y., Tuesday. She was 86 years old and had resided in that city for over 60 years.  
Mrs. De Puy of Alvarado is in Livermore with her daughter, Mrs. Stone.  
L.C. Smith was in town one day this week looking after his property interests.  
**Mrs. August May** is entertaining her sister, Mrs. H. Crosby of Centerville.

Mr. And **Mrs. August May** had as their guest Sunday Mr. & Mrs. Ezra Decoto and Miss Alvina Decoto of Decoto, Ezra Decoto of the University of California, Dr. Jarvis and Miss Jarvis of Oakland.

Miss Jewett of San Francisco spent this week with her sister, Mrs. E.W. Burr.  
Miss Dora Joyce is home on a prolonged visit.  
A game of baseball will be played on the ball grounds Sunday between the San Leandros and the Alvarados.  
A.P. Bryden has returned home from his month's vacation  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 6, 1901*

#### **Alvarado Visitors:**

Will Richmond has accepted a position as engineer in town; consequently he and his family will remain here.  
Will Lee spent Sunday here with his mother. He is head bookkeeper for a San Francisco liquor firm.  
Miss Ella Smith and niece of the metropolis came from the city Sunday to visit the **Richmond family**. Miss Ella returned, but her niece stayed for the Fourth.  
J.L. Beard is registered at Congress Springs.  
Dr. Munson and family are at Madrone springs.  
Florence Vandervoort is at home from the Normal School for her vacation.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 6, 1901*

**Road Foreman:**

The Road Foreman for Alvarado is D. Jackson.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 8, 1901*

**Turkey Fight:**

A rather unusual case came up before City Justice Stetson ([Oakland](#)) this afternoon, when the suit of Fred Walters against the Continental Salt and Chemical Company was called. The suit was ostensibly for a lot of turkeys sold to the company, but in reality it was the result of the fight between the two rival salt companies.

The trouble dates back to the time when H.C. Coward was manager for the Continental Company. Last Christmas Coward, as manager, gave each of the employees a turkey, and those who did not receive a bird got the equivalent in cash. The bill for the turkeys, which amounted to \$11.50, was presented by Merriam & Co., but when Coward withdrew and became manager of the California Salt Company, the Continental Company refused to pay it. Merriam then assigned the claim to Walters, who brought suit.

Coward enjoys the distinction of owning stock in each of the rival salt companies and he is manager of the California Salt Co. He says it is usual to give turkeys to the employees and that the only reason the company refused to pay Merriam was its animosity toward him. The two companies occupy adjoining offices.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 9, 1901*

**Baseball:**

The Tar Flat baseball team from Hayward met defeat at the hands of the Alvarado team by a score of 11-9.

*The Hayward Review, July 12, 1901*

**Mrs. Mary Cagmacchi Dies:**

Mrs. Mary Cagmacchi, a native of Alvarado, died yesterday at her home in Oakland. She was four months shy of her thirtieth birthday. Death is attributed to consumption.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 12, 1901*

**Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. William Jamison and son of San Francisco have come to Alvarado to spend the summer with Mrs. Jamison's mother, Mrs. H. Behrmann. Mr. Jamison will go to his place of business in San Francisco daily.

Miss Doris Joyce has gone to San Francisco for a few days.

J.W. Atkinson, superintendent of the sugar mill in Betteravia recently visited his wife and son, who are visiting Mrs. Atkinson's mother, **Mrs. K. Ralph**.

Mrs. A. Charvoz and infant son of San Francisco are here and will spend several weeks with her mother, **Mrs. K. Ralph**.

**Charles R. Nauert** is in Stockton.

The Butterworth family returned to their home in San Francisco after a month's stay with Richmond's.

Mrs. Lewis of Oakland and Mrs. Bailey of San Francisco have been visiting **Mrs. Charles Nauert**. Miss Nina Dyer and Miss Munson are at Madrone Springs.

Misses Lilabelle and Mary Liston of Crockett are spending the week with the **Nauert family**.

Miss Emma Dellwig, a prominent Native Daughter of San Francisco was the guest of Mrs. E. Beebe several days this week.

Mr. & Mrs. J.M. Scribner and children spent Saturday and Sunday with her grandmother, Mrs. McCormick of Centerville.

Miss Frances Mathews of San Francisco is visiting her parents, Mr. & Mrs. P. Mathews.

The Whist Club met in the schoolhouse last evening.

Mrs. Philip Hellwig entertained the Ladies' Aid Society Thursday.

***The Oakland Tribune, July 13, 1901***

**Salt:**

In view the extensive salt works at Alvarado, Alameda County is very much interested in all the talk that is going the rounds about a mammoth trust that is "to control the salt of the earth." To show how ridiculous such a proposition is, some statistics have been collected on the subject, and as meager as they are they are sufficient to prove that the possibility of such an octopus is so remote as to be not even within reason.

In the first place, nearly all saline lands, such as those in the Alvarado district, can be converted into salt preserves, thus practically throwing the entire coast line open for competition in the event of an hour of need. In addition to this limitless resource, many of the states contain vast deposits of salt so pure that about all that is necessary to cut and market it.

***The Oakland Tribune, July 15, 1901***

**Around Town:**

**C.R. Nauert** has returned from a week's visit with his old schoolmate Louis Hansel of Stockton. I.V. Ralph returned from Capitola Monday after a few days' visit with his family who are sojourning there.

Harold Dyer left Tuesday for Santa Maria for a few days stay.

The Alvarado Grammar School will reopen Monday.

Mrs. F.B. Granger and two children are in Capitola the guests of Mr. & Mrs. E.E. Chase.

Fred Joyce has resigned his position with the F.C. Harvey Co.

The **Nauert family** attended the family reunion of Mayor and Mrs. C.W. Heyer of Haywards.

Miss Alice Vandervoort is home for a short stay.

Miss Kate Mathews of the metropolis is visiting her parents, Mr. & Mrs. P. Mathews.

The IOOF had installation of officers Saturday evening. After the ceremonies all enjoyed a banquet.

William Mohr of Mt. Eden was in town with his automobile.

R.C. Peach, a former Alvaradoite, but now of Pleasanton, was in town on business.

Mrs. Edward Huff is undergoing medical treatment in the city. She has been ailing for months and her friends hope for relief.

Little Tony Davilla was rather badly burned about the face Saturday by powder.

D.C. Owen of Oakland was in town Tuesday on business.

The IOOF Hall is receiving a thorough cleaning.

***The Oakland Tribune, July 20, 1901***

**Hunting Ponds for Lease:**

It has been announced that the San Lorenzo Water Company will receive sealed bids from those wishing to lease the hunting grounds belonging to that company, which are situated between Alvarado and Mt. Eden.

***The Oakland Tribune July 23, 1901***

**A.E. Crane Dies:**

Albert E. Crane, aged 74 years passed away Saturday evening at the home of his son, C.C. Crane of Decoto. Mr. Crane had been ailing for some days and his death was not unexpected. He was one of the best-known pioneers in Alameda County.

Between 1855-60 Mr. Crane conducted a business in Alvarado when that town was the capitol of Alameda County. Subsequently in 1865 he became the partner of William Whidden and together they owned large tracts of land in Alameda County. Mr. Crane was the brother of A.M. Crane at one time Superior Court Judge of this county.

***The Oakland Tribune, July 29, 1901***

**Around Town:**



Charles W. Heyer, auditor of the German Savings & Loan Society of San Francisco, is spending a few days with his sister, **Mrs. Charles R. Nauert**.

Edward Huff, the popular mail carrier, went to the city today to visit with his wife, who is at the Lane Hospital. She is not improving as was expected.

The I.V. Ralph baseball nine will cross bats with the Hiby's on the Alvarado grounds Sunday. The Alvarado Band will be out and render music during the game.

Miss Kate Joyce returned to her work in the city after a weeks visit with relatives in town.

Mrs. Silveira spent a few days of the week in the city.

Miss Clara Jackson is confined home due to an illness.

The Grindell family is visiting relatives in Haywards. Mr. Grindell has recovered from a serious illness.

Miss Elyda Ives of Benecia is the guest of Mrs. E.A. Hansen.

Miss Dyer and Miss Munson have returned from a month's outing at Madrone Springs.

Mrs. A.W. Lassen is on the sick list. Dr. A.A. De Puy is in attendance.

Mrs. McLaughlin of Irvington is visiting her son here.

William Allguire and Harry Vandervoort of Crockett are in town.

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Cronin and son, who have been residents of Crockett the past two years, are again in Alvarado. Mr. Cronin has accepted a position in the sugar mill here.

George Cronin, who has been in the employ of Hellwig & Co. the past four years, resigned this week to accept a job at the sugar mill.

R.C. Peach and wife of Pleasanton are the guests of A.P. Bryden.

Edna Adle has returned from a visit to Pleasanton.

Misses Mary and Margie Jackson and Miss Oscarna (**Ossie**) Nauert were the guests of Miss Helen Haley of Newark several days of the week.

Mr. & Mrs. John H. Ralph are on a camping trip.

Mrs. E. Costello and son have returned to their home in the city after a pleasant visit with her sister, **Mrs. E.M. Foley**.

Mrs. L. Henrickson is visiting **Mrs. E.M. Foley** at her home near town.

Miss Jewett of San Francisco is visiting her sister, **Mrs. E.W. Burr**.

The Athletic Club had "a big time" in one of the Granger's warehouses last Saturday evening, to which many friends of the club were invited.

Mr. & **Mrs. Burr** entertained the Whist Club at its last meeting, at their home near town.

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Hansel of Stockton spent Tuesday with **C.R. Nauert and family**. Mr. Hansel and Mr. Nauert are old friends and schoolmates.

Mrs. Katy Ralph is in San Francisco for a few days' stay.

Miss Kate Mathews entertained a young lady friend from the city Sunday.

***The Oakland Tribune, August 3, 1901***

### **Sugar:**

The harvesting of the sugar beets on the Finnel lands (**Tehama**) begins today. A large number of men and teams will be employed for two or three months gathering, hauling and loading them on cars for shipment to the factory at Alvarado. The crop is estimated at 15,000 tons, and it is intended to ship about ten cars daily.

***The Oakland Tribune, August 8, 1901***

### **San Francisco Visitor:**

Miss Nina Dyer of Alvarado has checked into the Grand Hotel in San Francisco.

***The San Francisco Call, August 11, 1901***

### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. J.H. Ralph have returned from their camping trip.

S.A.D. Buchanan is again in town, after spending a week in Shasta County.

Mrs. E. Beebe is in Centerville visiting her sister Mrs. McCormick.

S.S. Poorman Jr. of the city was in town last week.

Mrs. Wm. Jamison of the metropolis is the guest of her mother, Mrs. H. Behrmann, at her home near town.

Mrs. A.W. Lassen and Miss Clara Jackson are convalescing from their illness. Miss Elsa Schmidt is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Katy Ralph. Miss Alpha West of San Jose and Miss Alice Marlin of San Lorenzo are the guests of Miss Oscarna Nauert. Frank Gaspar fell from a wagonload of hay last week and broke his arm.  
*The Oakland Tribune, August 12, 1901*

#### **Collision:**

Frank Zambresky (Hayward) had a more or less exciting collision while he was driving some people to Alvarado last Sunday night. He had just past the Peterman's when another rig, coming toward Hayward bore down on him, and in a second both teams were tangled and twisted. The vehicles were more or less injured, but the occupants escaped without as much as a scratch.  
*The Hayward Review, August 16, 1901*

#### **Masonic Home Reception:**

Mrs. Aiken, M.D. and Mrs. Charles Evans entertained about sixty ladies from Niles, Alvarado, Centerville and other adjacent towns last Friday afternoon at the Masonic Home in Decoto. Mrs. Aiken is the matron of the home. The assembly hall was beautifully decorated pink and green being the color scheme, and this was carried out in the spacious dining hall, where the ladies were served. "Hearts," "guess how many in the pot" and quotations were the amusements for the guests. Everyone had a lovely time.  
*The Oakland Tribune, August 20, 1901*

#### **Sugar:**

The first sugar beets of the season arrived at the Alvarado sugar mill from Pleasanton a few days ago. The shipments will be unusually large this year. It is expected that it will run through the holidays this season, which will be the longest run in years.  
*The Oakland Tribune, August 20, 1901*

#### **Around Town:**

A Jap riding a wheel was run down by one of the Alvarado Dairy wagons Sunday near the train. He escaped with a few bruises, which is considered quite a miracle.

Samuel Poorman, Jr., a young attorney and former resident of this place, was in town Friday, calling on old friends.

Pipes are being laid from the Water Works to the station.

Wm. H. Lee, who has a fine position with a wholesale liquor firm in San Francisco, is spending a portion of his vacation here with his parents.

Miss Dora Joyce and her niece Ruth Laufer have returned to San Francisco after a months' stay with her mother.

Miss Mildred Nauert has returned from a weeks' stay in Hayward.

Miss Ella Mathews and a young lady friend of the city are visiting the formers parents at their home in town.

Mr. & Mrs. A. May are entertaining a young lady from San Jose.

John Stevenson of Mowry's has a contract to haul salt from the works to the station.

Charles Love, one of the assistants in the office at the mill, is again in town.

Mrs. H. L. Peterman of the city spent the week with Mrs. Fred Hellwig.

There is not a vacant house in Alvarado and the hotels are full to overflowing.

The Alvarado Whist Club was entertained by Miss Carrie Parish at her home near town last Friday evening.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 20, 1901*

#### **Retail Merchants Association:**

The Retail Grocers Association held a successful meeting in the rooms of the Merchants' Exchange. At the present time there are about 130 grocers in the association in the greater Alameda County area. New members were elected including I.V. Ralph of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 27, 1901*

**Around Town:**

The local Camp of W of W entertained the Centerville camp and drill teams Tuesday evening. A tamale supper was afterwards served.

Mrs. Straub and daughter, Miss Gussie Straub, spent a few days with Mr. & **Mrs. August May**. Mr. & Mrs. George Peterman of Mt. Eden were in town one day this week.

Mrs. D. Jackson and Miss Clara Jackson spent Saturday and Sunday in San Francisco.

A. August, the Haywards shoemaker, has again returned to Haywards after doing business here for a few weeks.

The Reverend Gunn, father of the pastor, Reverend W. Chalmers Gunn, filled the pulpit in the Presbyterian Church Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. J.M. Scribner and children attended the circus in Oakland Saturday.

The Ladies' Aid Society met with **Mrs. A. May** Thursday.

The Alvarado Stone Works are rushed with work.

Mr. & Mrs. S. Leal entertained a lady friend from San Francisco Saturday and Sunday.

Ed McLaughlin is the proud father of a baby daughter.

Mrs. John Olson entertained a young lady from the city Thursday.

The Athletic Club will hold high jinks in the Granger Pavilion this evening.

Now that the sugar mill has opened the town is booming.

Allen Richmond spent Sunday with his parents here.

William Lee has returned to San Francisco.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 31, 1901*

**Application for Liquor License:**

Joseph Nunes of Alvarado has applied for a liquor license.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 4, 1901*

**Insolvency Petition:**

Hilbert Bros., Bielenber & Weniger, and Michaellitschke Bros. & Co. filed a petition in the U.S. District Court yesterday to declare F.P. Mattos of Alvarado, Alameda County, an involuntary insolvent. The petition alleges that he owes \$681.58 and that he has committed an act of insolvency by turning over his property to a preferred creditor.

*The San Francisco Call, September 5, 1901*

**The Improvement Club:**

The Alvarado Improvement Club will hold a dance in the Odd Fellow's Hall in Alvarado. This organization has made a reputation for elegant parties and this one promises to be no exception.

*The Hayward Review, September 6, 1901*

**Alvarado School District:**

Two petitions signed by the members of the High School Board of Union High District No. 2 of Alameda County and the heads of families residing in the Alvarado School District were received, ordered filed and referred to the County Superintendent of Schools.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 7, 1901*

**Japanese Couple Beaten:**

Clarence Kerr was arraigned before Justice Richmond today on a charge of having assaulted J. Sanon and wife, proprietors of a Japanese restaurant. The assault took place Thursday. Kerr and a companion entered the Japanese restaurant and went through the building to the rear, where Sanon and his wife were. Sanon says Kerr offered an insult to his wife. Sanon ejected Kerr from the room. A moment later Kerr returned with a knife in his hand. Sanon, with the assistance of another Japanese, succeeded in disarming Kerr. The latter went into an adjoining room and returned a moment later with a heavy club. With this weapon he gave Sanon and his wife a severe beating and then left the place.

Yesterday Kerr offered to plead guilty to a charge of battery, but Assistant District Attorney Samuels, who appeared for the prosecution, had a complaint issued charging the defendant with assault with a deadly weapon.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 7, 1901*

#### **Alvarado School District:**

The petition of the heads of families in the Alvarado School District to have that district annexed to Union High School District No. 2 was referred to the District attorney. Later the subject was taken up again and the request was granted. It will not go to the Auditor, who will settle the tax.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 10, 1901*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Mildred Nauert has returned to her home after spending two weeks in San Francisco.

Miss Edna Hollings and two friends from San Francisco spent Sunday and Monday at the home of Judge Richmond.

Miss Anna Simas of San Francisco is visiting her sister, Mrs. S.S. Bartholomew.

A bouncing baby boy is the latest visitor at the home of Edward Harvey. The father is receiving congratulations.

J.J. Liston of Crockett transacted business here yesterday.

William Norris, who is attending the University of California, spent several days last with his parents.

Mr. & Mrs. A.A. Norris have returned from a visit to San Jose.

The Alvarado Whist Club met at the home of the Misses Whipple in Decoto last Friday.

Miss Alice Vandervoort is at her home after an extended visit with various friends.

Charles W. Heyer left town after several days of visiting among his old friends and relatives at Alvarado.

There is to be regular Sunday service at the Presbyterian Church, according to Rev. W. Chalmers Gunn, pastor.

The Alvarado Improvement Club will give a dance and supper this evening at the I.O.U.W. Hall.

All are cordially invited to attend. Every effort will be exerted to the end that enjoyment prevails.

Captain Roberts, of Roberts Landing near Alvarado, visited Pleasanton last Tuesday.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 14, 1901*

#### **Baseball:**

The baseball game yesterday between the Alvarado club and the Howard Tailoring Club of Livermore resulted in a win for the Livermore club 14 to 7 on Livermore's home field.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 23, 1901*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. J. H. Brooks, a former resident of Alvarado, is in town visiting Mrs. E. A. Richmond.

Miss Mildred Nauert is in San Francisco for a few days visiting friends.

Mr. & Mrs. E. Dyer and son of Cleveland Ohio are guests at the home of his uncle, E. H. Dyer of Alvarado, as are also Mr. & Mrs. H. S. Dyer of Michigan.

The Alvarado Whist Club met at the home of Mr. Henry Patterson near town Friday evening.

There will be preaching in the Presbyterian Church every Sunday at 2:30 p.m. by the Rev. W. C. Gunn, Sabbath School at 1:15 p.m.

A few of our young people attended the dance at Newark Friday night and reported an enjoyable time.

Mr. & Mrs. Andrews have moved from the Bryden to the Correa cottage.

Mr. I. V. Ralph and daughter, Miss Edna, took a trip to the city Wednesday.

Mrs. Daniel Jackson is visiting relatives in Sacramento.

Mrs. Ed Farley's sister of Portland, who spent the summer with her, has return to her home.

A representative of the Standard Electric Light Company was in town one day this week.

Misses Myrtle and Alice Vandervoort are at their home here.

Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Taylor of Livermore and Miss Alice Martin of San Lorenzo were entertained several days of this week by the Nauert family.

Mrs. Katy Ralph is again at her home here, after spending several weeks with relatives in the metropolis.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 28, 1901*

### **Ducks:**

The open season for duck and quail was ushered in auspiciously yesterday by a great throng of sportsmen although the results were not up to expectations. Throughout the length of the marsh line from above Suisun to Alviso ([Santa Clara County](#)) on the south the glistening barrels of shotguns reflected the too ardent rays of the sun. The sport was fairly good on the Alvarado marsh. Everyone is getting some birds. Few secured the limit of birds, however. The bags were made up of teal, curlew, rail, snipe, sprig and spoonbills. A number of sportsmen returned with well-filled game bags last night and reported that many more remained over to try the sport this morning.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 2, 1901*

### **Serious Injury:**

Jerry Gallivan of the pipe gang employed by the Contra Costa Water Company at Alvarado was crushed yesterday afternoon between heavy joints of pipe. His injury is of such a nature that they attending physicians entertain little of his recovery. He has no family.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 2, 1901*

### **Sugar:**

Few people around here realize how much interest is attached to the manufacture of sugar as it is carried on in the big refinery at Alvarado. This probably is because the factory is so near to us, for it is part of human nature to make eternally true the old saw that distance lends enchantment. But there is much entertainment and instruction to be derived from watching a tough and dirty beet run through the various processes until from a huge funnel it pours, a snowy cataract of as fine sugar as ever made business for dentists. But to you who would go, just one word of advice. In your journey to and fro while you tarry there, be prepared for the most variegated bunch of the vilest smells that ever committed an assault upon the olfactory nerve of man.

*The Hayward Review, October 4, 1901*

### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Daniel Jackson has returned from a short visit to Sacramento.

Franklin Behm of Buffalo, N.Y., was the guest of the Nauert family Monday.

Allen Richmond of the Metropolis Sundayed with his folks here.

The town is overrun with hunters.

Dr. Lathrop is the guest of Dr. De Puy.

On account of the heavy rain on Sunday afternoon the last ballgame between Alvarado and a team from Oakland was not finished.

W.B. Straub spent Sunday in the metropolis.

Miss Walthmann of San Francisco is being entertained by Fred Wiegman and family.

Rallying Day will be observed in the Presbyterian Church next Sunday. A special program has been arranged. The school members, their parents and friends, the usual congregation, and everybody is invited to attend the meeting, which will open at 2:30 p.m.

Mrs. A.A. De Puy has returned from a months' visit to Livermore. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Stone, and her infant son.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Taylor of Boulder Creek stopped in Alvarado on their way to Oakland. This was Mr. Taylor's first visit to this town since his childhood. His friends were pleased to see him.

Mr. & Mrs. Solon of Mission San Jose visited this week with her mother, Mrs. H. Camman.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 5, 1901*

### **Sugar:**

Mr. Brier, superintendent of the Alvarado Sugar Mill, was in Pleasanton Thursday evening.

***The Oakland Tribune, October 12, 1901***

**News Note:**

Mr. Burr was in Pleasanton on Thursday.

***The Oakland Tribune, October 19, 1901***

**Tall Story:**

Dr. Harry Travers and Senator Frank Leavitt were down around Alvarado Monday and returned with the story of having killed eighty beauties, but nobody has been found in town that could testify to the beauty of a single bird in their possession.

***The Oakland Tribune, October 23, 1901***

**Around Town:**

Neils Koue went to the German Hospital and had an operation performed for appendicitis. At last accounts he was doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

Including the business houses and private residences, twenty-three places have been wired for the electric lights.

The Rev. W.C. Gunn is working hard with his churches subscription list. So far he has done exceedingly well, and it is hoped that enough can be raised in a few days to see the way for work.

The friends of E.H. Wagner will regret to hear that he has resigned his position as superintendent of the Water Works in Alvarado and will leave town the first of the month. It is understood that he will reside in Berkeley.

Mrs. P. Joyce returned from St. Mary's Hospital recently. Her many friends will be pained to hear that not much can be done for her there.

Mrs. H. Behrmann is entertaining city friends.

Mr. Warren of Berkeley visited his sister, Mrs. E.H. Wagner at the Water Works recently.

Miss Lowe of Scotland arrived Monday and will stay for an indefinite time with her sister, Mrs.

John Leal. She will, in all probability, make this place her home.

Alvarado was visited by fully fifty hunters, and nearly all returned with good bags.

Gus Nauert and his sister, Miss Mildred Nauert, spent several days of this week in San Francisco.

The ark belonging to Alex Pape of San Francisco was destroyed by fire Monday morning. It was well furnished and has been in the marsh here for the past three years.

Mrs. Stone and child have returned to their home in Livermore, after spending a number of weeks with her parents, Dr. & Mrs. De Puy.

Mrs. E.A. Richmond entertained her cousin, Mrs. J.H. Brooks, several days this week.

Some of our citizens are around with a subscription list to raise money to have the streets illuminated by electric lights. This could be done at small expense. The improvement would be splendid for the town.

Miss Minnie De Puy is home on a visit.

Mrs. J. Dill of Alameda has started an embroidery class in town. The class will meet at Mrs. O.J. Emery's every Saturday.

Miss Clara Jackson is the guest of her aunt, Miss Alice Jackson, near Danville.

For the past few days the stench from the sugar mill has been vile and many are the complaints of our people.

***The Oakland Tribune, October 26, 1901***

**License to Marry:**

Joaquin Roderick Amaral, Warm Springs, 35

Margaret Rose, Alvarado, 21

***The Oakland Tribune, October 30, 1901***

**Tangles in Japanese Business and Society:**

A Japanese feud that has been raging around Alvarado culminated yesterday in two Japanese being held to answer for trial before the Superior Court for extortion and another Japanese being arrested for criminal libel.

S. Takamoto, who runs a Japanese restaurant in Alvarado, accused K. Miyogawa, who is the editor of the Japanese Tribune in San Francisco, and M. Furukawa, his clerk, of trying to extort \$150 from him under the threat of arrest. The two men got \$20, it is charged, which was all the restaurant man had. The two who were held to answer swore that they were paid the \$20 for interpreting work for the restaurant man and they assert that they were interested in the moral welfare of the Japanese community and knew that the restaurant man was not keeping those morals up to the high standard necessary.

Justice E. A. Richmond held the men to answer upon the showing made by Deputy District Attorney Phil M. Walsh.

On the way to the courtroom T. Tanabe, another Japanese, asked anxiously: "who wins?"

"You win," replied the constable, at that moment serving a warrant upon Tanabe for criminal libel sworn out in San Francisco by the Japanese editor. Tanabe gave an interview in a Japanese paper calling the editor all kinds of hard names. The editor forthwith swore a warrant for libel.

***The San Francisco Call, November 4, 1901***

#### **Baseball:**

The Alvarado baseball team will again cross bats with the Newark club on a game that will be played on Sunday.

***The Oakland Tribune, November 5, 1901***

#### **Around Town:**

The Jackson family is being visited by Mr. Jackson's sister, Mrs. Murray from Sacramento. The exterior of the IOOF Hall is being repaired. Messrs. Hawley, Cockefair and Joyce have the job. Rawson's Pacific Shows exhibited to a small audience in the hall on Thursday evening. The Alvarado Whist Club will meet at the home of Miss Mildred Nauert this evening. Alvarado is enthusiastic over the new church. The trustees have decided on a plan of the cottage style. It will be a very unique and attractive building, and cannot be anything but a great benefit to the town. Already \$1,400 has been subscribed toward the fund. All donations will be thankfully received.

Dr. Eugene Woolsey of Ione, brother of Mrs. B. H. Ford, is spending the week with her.

The business houses and residences that were wired some time ago were supplied with electric light this week. It is hoped that the streets will be illuminated.

The Ladies Aid Society is extremely busy completing work for their fair that will take place on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup>. Many useful and ornamental articles will be placed on sale.

Miss Oscarna Nauert has returned from a month's stay in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Mrs. E. M. Foley is again at home here after a week's stay in the city.

There will be Sunday School in the Presbyterian Church every Sunday at 1:15 p.m., with religious exercises at 2:30 p.m., preaching conducted the Rev. Mr. Gunn. Everybody is welcome.

Charles Beady, the popular clerk at the F. C. Harvey store has returned from a visit in Tuolumne County, where he went for the benefit of his health. The trip improved him greatly.

Allen Richmond was home from San Francisco and tried his luck on the marshes.

Hunters are thicker than ducks in town on Saturday and Sunday.

***The Oakland Tribune, November 16, 1901***

#### **Around Town:**

Alvarado was well represented at the concert in Centerville Thursday evening. Quite a few Alvaradan's are members of the Washington Township Lecture and Concert Club, under whose auspices the concert was given.

The Rev. Wm. Layson will occupy the pulpit in the **Presbyterian Church** Sunday evening. The Ladies Aid Society will meet with Mrs. O. J. Emery Tuesday. This will be last meeting before their bazaar.

Mrs. Beebe is with her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Scribner for a week.

Misses Ella and Kate Mathews of San Francisco spent Sunday with their parents here.

Dr. Woolsey has returned home after a few days visit with his sister, Mrs. B. H. Ford.

The entertainment that was given a visiting elocutionist in the Town Hall, Wednesday evening, was very poorly attended. Reports had preceded her. However, the numbers by our home people were enjoyed very much by the few present.

Gus Biddinger was a visitor in town one day this week.

Contractors desiring to bid on the new (**Presbyterian**) church should address A. Kerr, Alvarado, secretary of the Board of Trustees, at once and secure specifications, etc.

The picture of the plan of the new church is on display in the Post Office window,

The Ladies Aid Society of Alvarado will hold its annual bazaar, Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup>, in the afternoon and the evening at IOOF Hall. Many ornamental and useful articles, suitable for holiday presents will be placed on sale. Among the various attraction will be two fish ponds, five and ten cents each, a rummage table, art gallery, candy stand, fancy booth, refreshment stands, fortune telling tent, etc. In the evening a musical program will be given, to which the admission fee is for adults ten cents, children will be admitted free.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 23, 1901*

#### **Ducks:**

Last Saturday evening Game Warden S. B. Vandervoort of Irvington arrested Dr. Cranz of Alameda, L. C. Williams of Williams, Belcher & Co., and W. A. Tilley, three members of the Swan Gun Club at their headquarters on the Alvarado marshes charging them with a violation of that clause of the bird law that prohibits the shooting of game from one-hour after sunset and one-hour before sunrise. The gentlemen arrested were taken before Judge Richmond of Alvarado where they gave their names as John Doe, Richard Roe, and John Rock, pleaded not guilty and demanded a jury trial. They were released upon their own recognizance and must appear before Judge Richmond next Saturday at 4:00 pm.

Members of the Swan Gun Club, which is composed of men of the highest standing, assert that this arrest is a piece of spite work, instigated by Jack Ahern of Alvarado, who was arrested at their insistence on November 10<sup>th</sup> for trespass and vulgar language. Ahern went off swearing vengeance, and is said to have brought Vandervoort to the place. The single duck seized by the deputy from one of the gentlemen's pockets they state was shot at 4:00 p.m. that day and was the only game in their possession as they had observed the law conscientiously.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 26, 1901*

#### **Adolph Lassen Dies:**

Adolph Wilhelm Lassen died November 28<sup>th</sup> in Alvarado, he was 39 years old. He was a native of Schleswig, Germany. He had been a resident of Alvarado for twelve years and leaves a widow and three small children. He was a well-liked and influential citizen of Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, November 29, 1901*

#### **Grand Ball:**

Miss Myrtle and Alice Vandervoort of Alvarado attended the Grand Ball of the Native Daughters at the Nevis Pavilion in Pleasanton on Thanksgiving Eve.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 30, 1901*

#### **Ducks:**

Game wardens are determined to put a stop to the shooting of ducks on the Alvarado marshes after sunset and before sunrise. Some days since a doctor and two of his guests were arrested for participating in the unlawful sport. The fine for persons convicted of violating this section of the game law is \$25. As the game wardens receive half of this for each conviction their interest is



considerably sharpened. The sportsmen, who would not think of taking advantage of the moonlight shooting, naturally object to men who do take this advantage and return with big strings of birds. It means a slaughter of ducks, as under good conditions a great many can be bagged. The flash of the shotguns has the tendency to scare away a lot of birds and in the long run makes for bad shooting.

*The San Francisco Call, San Francisco, Calif., November 30, 1901*

### **New Presbyterian Church:**

Rather than spend money for repairs to their pioneer church edifice the Presbyterians of Alvarado have decided to erect a new house of worship to take the place of one, which for forty years has been used in the service of God. With enthusiasm the project has met favor among the church people. They have pressed forward so successfully that already \$1,500 has been pledged toward the cost of the edifice.

The movement to supplant the structure, which has stood at Alvarado since 1859 began only a few weeks ago. There was such ready response that plans have been completed, working drawings made and the trustees are now ready to receive bids at Alvarado.

The new church will be of composite architecture, ornate and fully equipped with all the convenience for worship, Sunday school and other meetings. The interior will be finished in open timbering of dark redwood.

The old church was built of lumber that was brought around the Horn. The congregation formed in 1853 by the late W.W. Brier and has since been in existence. For many years the Presbyterian Pastor stationed at Centerville has occupied the pulpit. The present Pastor, the Rev. W.C. Gunn, has been very successful in his ministrations.

*The San Francisco Call, San Francisco, Calif., December 2, 1901*

### **Around Town:**

The Ladies Aid Society held its annual bazaar of the organization at the IOOF Hall on Saturday. The affair was a success in every way with \$300 over expenses taken in.

The inclement weather of the past week has made duck shooting good and the crack of the shotguns on the marshes near Alvarado is heard during the night as well as the day. Many good bags have been gotten lately, and there seems to be plenty of game for everyone.

Miss Florence Vandervoort, who is now a teacher at the San Jose Normal School, spent several days last week as the guest of her relatives in Alvarado.

Mrs. George Harvey of Oakland was the guest of her relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Belle Hayes of Santa Cruz is the guest of Miss Nauert at her home here.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 7, 1901*

### **Pioneers Meet:**

The pioneers of Washington Township have arranged their annual dinner to be given Saturday in Centerville. No one has been eligible for membership in the association who did not settle in Washington Township prior to February 1853, and death is fast making its inroad on the rolls of the society. At present the members are:

Niles:	William Barry
Centerville:	H. Dusterberry and E. Nelhaus
Decoto:	J. W. Whipple
Newark	G. G. Healy
Alvarado	J. Buchannan and Sebastian Franz

*The Oakland Tribune, December 9, 1901*

### **Liquor License:**

M. E. Silva, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, December 16, 1901*

**License to Marry:**

Manuel P. Rogers, Alvarado, 25  
Rosie Martin, Newark, 17  
*The Oakland Tribune, December 16, 1901*

**License to Marry:**

Joseph Rodricks, 23, San Francisco  
Miss Annie B. Machado, 20, Alvarado  
*The San Francisco Call, December 17, 1901*

**Around Town:**

Allan Richmond and a friend from San Francisco spent Sunday at the home of formers parents. Charles W. Heyer of the city visited with his sister, **Mrs. C. R. Nauert** Sunday. F. C. Harvey, our popular merchant, is the happiest man in town, owing to the arrival of a bouncing baby boy. Shooting in the marshes was extremely good Sunday. The Whist Club met with Miss Clara Jackson. Harry Fortuna has sold out his saloon to a young man from Warm Springs. Mrs. & Mrs. Edwards of the Hawaiian Islands and Miss Lowe of San Francisco spent one day of the week with their sister, Mrs. J. Leal. E. A. Richmond Jr. is here on several months visit to his parents after an absence of one year while in Spokane Washington. Miss Ingemundsen of Napa is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. C. Harvey. **Mrs. C. R. Nauert**, who has been very ill, is somewhat improved. The Alvarado Public School closed Friday for winter vacation. Miss K. E. Riley has gone home to Oakland to spend her vacation. Mrs. Sunkel is entertaining her mother at her home near the Water Works.  
*The Oakland Tribune, December 21, 1901*

**Newark Marriage:**

There was a marriage at St. Edward's Church in Newark before the 8 o'clock Christmas Mass, the happy couple being Mr. Manuel P. Rogers, 25, from Alvarado and Miss Rosie Martin, 17, of Newark.  
*The Oakland Tribune, December 27, 1901*

**James Boyd Dies:**

In Alvarado, December 29<sup>th</sup>, James Boyd, beloved husband of Augusta Boyd, father of Katie Boyd, stepfather of Grace and George Boyd, a native of the Isle of Man.  
*The San Francisco Call, December 30, 1901*

**Chinese Highwayman:**

George Hoosen figured in a holdup last Tuesday night, while driving three men from San Francisco to the Brigg's place below Alvarado. When just out of the latter town a Chinaman, brandishing a big beet knife, blocked the road. George whipped up his horses and rushed past. One the return trip the same highwayman was met, but this time with a lantern. As he ran for the horses, George, who was ready for him this time, used his pistol with great effect, shattering the lantern. The Chinaman turned and ran. George thinks he was more a dangerous lunatic than dangerous highwaymen.  
*The Hayward Review, January 3, 1902*

**Marriages:**

William H. Klaproth, Alvarado and Mary E. Pearson, Modesto  
*The Hayward Review, January 6, 1902*

**Around Town:**

The sugar mill has closed after an exceptionally long run. Mrs. Thomas Cronin has been confined to her bed this week with the grippe.

Mrs. J. J. Sunkel is entertaining her mother and her father in her home near the Water Works. Mrs. E. M. Foley has returned home from Mill Valley where she was called to her dying mother's bedside.

The Alvarado Whist Club will give an invitational party Friday evening February 21<sup>st</sup>. The Whist Club gives enjoyable affairs and invitations are in demand.

A musical and elocutionary recital will be given in the IOOF Hall on Friday evening the 25<sup>th</sup> of January. Miss Katherine Alva Nauert will be assisted by her class in elocution and delarte. Fine outside talent also been procured and a one-act comedy will be produced by a good cast of characters.

*The Hayward Review, January 17, 1902*

### **Society Event:**

A large gathering of society people of San Francisco and Oakland was entertained at the handsomely decorated home of Miss Elsie Bennet on Oak Street yesterday afternoon. The brilliant assemblage at the informal "At Home" of Miss Bennet was a notable one. The many brightly hued gowns of women, blended artistically with the softened glow of red candelabra and holiday effects of bright foliage. An orchestra was in attendance.

Miss Nina Ingalls Dyer of Alvarado was one of a corps of ladies that assisted Miss Bennet in the reception of well over one hundred ladies from throughout the Bay Area. Also included from Alvarado were Mrs. E. Willard Burr and Mrs. E.H. Dyer.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 18, 1902*

### **San Francisco Visitor:**

J. Jepson and R.E. Snapp of Alvarado checked into the New Western Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Call, January 18, 1902*

### **Around town:**

Frederick Hellwig, brother of the late Philip Hellwig of Alvarado died in San Francisco on Saturday. The deceased was well known in Alvarado, where he was a frequent visitor.

Mrs. J.W. Atkinson and her son of Santa Maria are guests this week at the home of Mrs. K. Ralph. B. Nichter, of Buffalo, N.Y., was a recent visitor at the home of Charles R. Nauert.

Miss Goldie Snow of San Francisco was the guest of Mr. & Mrs. I.V. Ralph recently.

Miss Myrtle Vandervoort of Pleasanton is a guest at the home of Alvarado relatives.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 18, 1902*

### **Alvarado to Get New Bank:**

The much-needed bank for Washington Township is at last to materialize and is to be located at Alvarado as a result of the energy and enterprise of the citizens of that place.

It is the to have a State bank with 600 shares of \$100 each, most of which will be local capital. The subscription paper had the names of W.H. Layson, I.V. Ralph, F.B. Granger, F.P. Hellwig and Mrs. P. Hellwig Wednesday night for \$2,500 each and it is expected that the balance will be subscribed today.

The subscribers have been notified to meet tonight for the purpose of organizing and preparing for incorporation. The plan is to have 20 percent of each subscription payable on demand and at once erect a suitable brick structure with a fire and burglarproof vault. If all goes well the bank will be in operation in season to handle money for this year's crops.

Those who going into this enterprise deserve the greatest encouragement and commendation, as it means much for the valley. It is regretted that the bank could not be more centrally located, but the enterprise of Alvarado has won for it the prize and all must accommodate themselves to the location and use it as a place of deposit instead of going to Haywards, Oakland or San Francisco.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 25, 1902*

**Sugar:**

*Niles Herald:* The Alameda Sugar Company at Alvarado has completed the season's run and it has proved to be one of the best it has ever had. During the year just closed the mill has used about 67,000 tons of sugar beets and produced about 14,500,000 pounds of sugar. Taking cars of 30 tons capacity it would require over 2,223 cars or 49 trains of 45 cars each and one of 28 to handle the beets alone. Then about 483 cars, or 10 trains of 45 cars and one of 33 cars to handle the manufactured product. The railroad company has received in round figures over \$75,000 as freight charges. The price of beets for several years has been \$4.50 per ton delivered at the mill and this item alone the past season has run over \$301,000. Next season the price will be \$4.75 a ton.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, January 25, 1902*

**License to Marry:**

Henry R. Silva, Alvarado, 27

Annie Rose, Alvarado, 25

*The Oakland Tribune, January 25, 1902*

**Alvarado Bank:**

The stockholders of the Alvarado Bank met yesterday afternoon and took necessary steps to incorporate with \$25,000 capital, divided into 1,000 of \$25 each. The following parties subscribed for 40 shares each, paying in the full amount: W.H. Layson, F.D. Wiegman, William Jung, James McCuen (McKeown?), I.V. Ralph, C.J. Perry, E.H. Stephenson, August May, G.P. Hellwig, Mrs. Sophie May, H.H. Patterson, F.C. Harvey, Mrs. E. Hellwig, F.P. Hellwig, Andrew Ross, F.B. Granger, Clara B. Layson, H. Henrickson, and George R. Althausen 80 shares.

The following directors were elected: W.H. Layson, I.V. Ralph, August May, G.R. Althausen, E.H. Stephenson, F.P. Hellwig and F.B. Granger.

The directors met and immediately met and elected officers as follows: W.H. Layson, President; I.V. Ralph, Vice-President; F.T. Hellwig, Secretary; August May, Cashier.

The directors were authorized to select a suitable site, ascertain the cost of building and necessary furnishings and report to the stockholders at a meeting to be held February 17<sup>th</sup>.

The incorporation papers and by-laws were presented, thoroughly discussed and adopted. The former will be filed with the Secretary of State at once.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 1, 1902*

**License to Marry:**

Joseph S. Secada, over 21, and Louise P. Machado, over 18.

Frank P. Machado, over 21, of Alvarado and Mary S. Marshall, over 18, of Centerville.

*The San Francisco Call, February 8, 1902*

**James Hawley:**

James Hawley of Alvarado attended the Berkeley Lodge of the IOOF to visit the office of the Grand Secretary Shaw last week. Hawley is a member of the Alvarado Crusade Lodge. He is 78 years of age and has been an Odd Fellow for fifty-seven years.

*The San Francisco Call, February 9, 1902*

**Around Town:**

The musical and elocutionary recital given by Miss Kathryn Nauert, assisted by her class in elocution, was a decided success. The children did exceptionally well. Little Lotta Young (Jung) as a Chinese and Mabel Lassen as a colored lady were clever. The children in the farce did fine. Little Ethel Foley made an excellent mistress and Helen Lyle a typical Irishwoman. Dancing was indulged in until midnight. Mrs. Percy Jacobus presided at the organ.

The stockholders of the bank have elected the following directors: Wm Layson, I.V. Ralph, F.P. Hellwig, George Althaus, Eugene Stevenson, F.B. Granger. The following officers were elected: William Layson, President; I.V. Ralph, Vice-President; F.P. Hellwig, Secretary; and August May, Cashier.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 13, 1902*

#### **Around Town:**

Charles Breedy has resigned his position at F.C. Harvey & Co.

W.F. Ingalls of Napa was in town Thursday.

Andrew Lund is the proud father of a bouncing baby girl.

Mrs. Sunkel entertained friends from San Francisco Sunday.

Miss Mildred Nauert spent several days of this week in San Francisco.

Miss Dora Joyce is home for a month's visit.

Mrs. M. Gillman and son, former residents of Alvarado, but now of Utah, are visiting relatives and friends here.

The Whist Club will give its small invitational party next Friday evening.

Alvarado, Woodmen of the World, will give a musical and dramatic entertainment next Friday evening. The entertainment will conclude with a social dance.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 13, 1902*

#### **Sugar:**

Extensive improvements are being made for the Alvarado sugar plant. The buildings will be enlarged, and new machinery, which will include some of the most improved sugar making devices, will be put in. It is the intentions of the company to make the plant one of the largest and most complete in the state. The work on the proposed improvements will begin soon and will continue for some time, as they are quite extensive.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 14, 1902*

#### **News Note:**

Mrs. E.A. Babb of Irvington has returned home after visiting her mother, Mrs. L. Wicks.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 18, 1902*

#### **Around Town:**

The Alvarado Camp, Woodmen of the World, will give a musical and dramatical entertainment in the IOOF Hall next Friday evening. A fine program has been arranged, and a one-act comedy entitled "Freezing a Mother-in-law," will be presented by a fine cast of characters. Dancing will follow the program.

The dance given by the Alvarado Whist Club at the IOOF Hall Friday evening was a success. The hall was a complete bower of palms and peppers, with red hearts at intervals, while hearts festooned the ceiling. Although it was a stormy night, fully seventy-five couples accepted the hospitality of the club, people being present from the neighboring towns, and many from Oakland, San Francisco, Berkeley and Alameda. The Jacobus Orchestra furnished the music. The "Moonlight Dance," a novelty introduced, was a great surprise and enjoyed by all fortunate enough to be present. Taken all in all, it was one of the most pleasant and successful affairs ever given in Alvarado.

Rev. W. Chalmers Gunn, pastor the Presbyterian Church, is taking a month's vacation, which he will spend in his old home in Washington. The pulpit will be supplied each Sunday in his absence. Miss Edna Shuey of Oakland is being entertained by Mrs. E. Beebe.

The Alvarado Brass Band has reorganized.

Miss Florence Vandervoort was home over Sunday from her studies at the State Normal School.

The stockholders of the Alvarado Bank held a meeting Monday and filed papers of incorporation.

Arthur Drennan of Oakland spent Friday and Saturday with sister, Miss K.E. Riley. He attended the Whist Club dance.

John L. Olson is confined to his home with a severe cold.  
Miss Lizzie Jacobs of San Francisco spent several days of this week visiting relatives in Alvarado.  
Mr. & Mrs. W. Maffey of Oakland are in town and will reside here, as Mr. Maffey has accepted a position in the foundry.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 22, 1902*

#### **Alvarado Bank:**

Joe Herrscher of San Leandro purchased 80 shares of stock in the new Alvarado Bank.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 27, 1902*

#### **Wedding:**

William B. Robinson and Miss Emma Eden were recently joined in matrimony at the home she knew as a child in Mt. Eden. The town of Mt. Eden was named after the parents of the bride. The groom is a departmental superintendent at the Alameda Sugar Company's Alvarado mill and is highly esteemed by his employers for his business integrity. The happy couple will go on a short wedding journey and then will make their home in Alvarado.

*The Hayward Review, February 28, 1902*

#### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. E.H. Dyer and Miss Dyer have taken a house in Oakland and will there the next few months.

Miss Dot Nauert spent several days of the week in San Francisco.

Mrs. E. Beebe who has been in town the past few weeks with her daughter, **Mrs. J. Scribner**, has returned to Centerville.

Miss Edna Shuey, who was the guest of **Mrs. J.M. Scribner**, has returned to her home in the city.

William Richmond left for San Jose Monday, where he has accepted a position as engineer of an irrigating plant.

Mrs. J. Sunkel spent several days of the week in Alameda.

Allan Richmond, who is employed in San Francisco, came home Saturday evening, returning Sunday evening.

The many friends of M.R. Lyle and family were sorry to see them leave Tuesday for Oakland, where they will reside in the future. Mr. Lyle was an enterprising citizen and improved our town greatly. He built the fine store now occupied by F.C. Harvey & Co.

Mrs. Rasmussen and daughter spent several days of the week at the Riverside Hotel.

Mrs. Frank Starr and children have returned from a two-weeks' visit in Crockett.

I.V. Ralph and family are entertaining his niece, Miss Goldie Snow of New Jersey.

Orders are rushing in at the foundry and new men are put on every week.

Cards are out for a party to be given by Henry Nauert Saturday.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 1, 1902*

#### **First Annual Hayward Horse Show:**

Two horses from Alvarado were entered in the Hayward Horse Show.

Entrant: **Lady**, sire Longstreet, dam Lady Whipple, owners: Reed Brothers, Alvarado.

Entrant: **Chief**: Sire Benoit, dam Percheron Mare, owners: Alvarado Stock Farm.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 6, 1902*

#### **Woodmen:**

The Woodmen entertained in Alvarado last Friday night and was well attended. The farce, in which Vic La Grave took part, was cleverly acted.

*The Hayward Review, March 7, 1902*

#### **Water:**

The Contra Costa Water Co. has announced its intention of building a reservoir of 7,000,000 gallons' capacity for the supply of the southern portion of Berkeley and the annexed district of Oakland.

Water will be pumped from the company's station in Alvarado, a distance of twenty-five miles.  
*The Oakland Tribune, March 7, 1902*

#### **Real Estate:**

Giovanni Baptiste Guidice to E.S. Harvey, lots 10 and 11, block 79, map of town of Alvarado, Washington Township, \$10.  
*The San Francisco Call, March 8, 1902*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Barclay of Newark spent Thursday with her granddaughter, Mrs. Wm. Maffey.  
George Hellwig spent Wednesday and Thursday in the city.  
Mrs. Jacobs and daughter are visitors in the city.  
W. B. Richmond left for the city Monday, where he has accepted a position.  
Miss Dot Nauert is in San Francisco for a stay.  
Judge Richmond, Ed Huff, **Ed Farley**, F. B. Granger and a number of Japanese went to Oakland Thursday to testify in the Japanese extortion case.  
D. C. Owen of Oakland was in town Sunday on business.  
It is rumored that **Ed Farley** has purchased a piece of land near the station from George Althausen.  
Joaquin Munyan, our popular barber, has opened a shop in Hayward. Mr. Dunlap has charge of Munyan's Alvarado shop.  
Mrs. E. Crandall of Oakland spent Monday with the Misses Nauert.  
Miss Ella Mathews and John Mathews of the city spent Sunday with their parents here.  
Mrs. L. Phillips entertained a few of her lady friends Tuesday afternoon.  
Mrs. & Mrs. William Robinson are now settled into their new home.  
Mr. & Mrs. F. A. Starr entertained friends Thursday evening in honor of his birthday.  
Grand Officers of the NDGW visited our parlor Monday.  
A business meeting of the tennis club will be held this Sunday evening.  
George Drummond is again in town working at the sugar factory.  
Will Goard, who has long been employed at the Graham Foundry in Newark, has gone to work for the C. R. Nauert in Alvarado.  
*The Oakland Tribune, March 15, 1902*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. William Maffey spent Friday and Saturday with relatives in the metropolis.  
Mrs. E.A. Richmond and Mrs. C.R. Nauert visited in the city several days this week.  
Miss K.E. Riley went to her home in Oakland Friday and stayed until Sunday evening.  
Edward Laughlin is confined to his bed, but he is not seriously ill.

The friends of Mrs. Nicol and her two small sons will be pleased to learn that they have returned from Oakland, where both boys had been for the past ten days. Both boys were in the hospital, but are now able to be around and doing nicely. It was thought for a time that Melvin, the elder boy would not live.

**Judge Richmond** and family had as their guest Sunday Miss Grace Livingstone of Oakland.  
W.B. Richmond, who is working in San Francisco, spent Sunday at his home here.  
The band boys serenaded William Robinson and his bride the other night.

F.C. Harvey is building an addition to his store. It will be 40x40 feet and two stories. O.J. Emery has the contract, and work has already begun. It will be an improvement to the store as well as to the town.

Lumber has been hauled to the lot between the Half-Way House and the Catholic Church, and a building will soon be in the course of construction. The contract has been awarded and it is rumored that it will be a wine cellar, while others say it will be a vegetable stand. It is to be that it is the latter.

Rev. Wm Chalmers Gunn has returned from a month's visit to his former home in Washington. He brought his little daughter home with him. He had a most enjoyable trip.

Mrs. Borchgrevink entertained lady friends at her home Monday afternoon.

**Judge Richmond** went to Warm Springs Wednesday to hold an inquest.

The Alvarado Foundry is doing a rushing business. They are making stoves again and many more men have been employed.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 24, 1902*

#### **Liquor License:**

Approved: Mrs. C. Faig.

Application: P. Hansen and Mrs. Fredericka Lassen

*The Oakland Tribune, March 26, 1902*

#### **Young Boy Dies:**

Lester Norris, son of Mr. & Mrs. A.A. Norris died of diphtheria and pneumonia at the home of his parents. His death was a great blow to his classmates and the many friends of the family as he was sick only a few days. The boy was graduated from the Alvarado public school, and was a student at Centerville High School. He was a native of California and was 15 years of age.

The flag on the schoolhouse is flying at half-mast due to his death.

Alvarado is much worked up over the diphtheria scare. Every precaution is being taken and it is hoped the dread disease will not spread.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 27, 1902*

#### **Around Town:**

W.B. and Allan Richmond, who are employed in San Francisco, spent Sunday here.

Mrs. London and family entertained Mrs. A.A. Miller of Crockett for several days. Mrs. Miller lived in Alvarado many years and moved to Crockett about four years ago.

Charles Heyer, Jr. of San Francisco is spending his mid-term vacation with his cousin, Henry Nauert.

W.B. Straub, who is employed in San Francisco but who formerly worked here, was in town Sunday.

Miss K.E. Riley went home Tuesday to spend the week.

Mrs. William Nicol is entertaining her sister from Alameda.

Mr. & Mrs. Sunkel entertained Alameda relatives Tuesday. Gladys Sunkel accompanied them home.

Mrs. Symons is receiving a visit from her mother.

Miss Perna Ingemundsen of Napa, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. F.C. Harvey for four months, left for her home on Monday.

Manuel Silva, the popular clerk of F.C. Harvey & Co., has returned from his vacation, which he spent in Sacramento.

Mr. R. Allguire, who has been in town for the past week, left Saturday for his home in Crockett.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 27, 1902*

#### **Sugar:**

There are now nine sugar refineries in California alone. The largest is the Spreckels Refinery in Spreckels, which can handle 3,000 tons of beets per day. The plant in Alvarado is the fifth largest in California and can handle 800 tons a day.

*The Oxnard Courier, Oxnard California, March 29, 1902*



### **Oakland Society:**

One of the most interesting teas of the season was that given by the Misses Alma and Adah Brown at their home on Brown Street in Oakland in honor of Miss Edna Bricknell of Los Angeles. The house was prettily decorated for the occasion. Later the receiving party was entertained at dinner and in the evening hearts was played.

Among the scores of young ladies attending was Miss Nina Dyer of Alvarado.  
*The Oakland Tribune, April 5, 1902*

### **Liquor Licenses:**

Applied for: John Henningsen of Alvarado  
Approved: Antone Davilla, Alvarado  
*The Oakland Tribune, April 7, 1902*

### **Around Town:**

Mrs. William Maffey and Mrs. Richmond of Alvarado visited friends in Newark last week.

Memorial services were held recently in the Odd Fellows Hall in memory of **Lester Norris**, and they were largely attended by friends and relatives, pupils of the high school, of which the deceased was a member, and pupils of the **grammar school**. The Rev. Mr. Gunn delivered a eulogy, offering consolation to the family in their hour of affliction. Lester Norris would have been sixteen Sunday had he lived. He died of diphtheria and pneumonia. A father, a mother, four brothers and a sister survive him.

The **Alvarado public school** will open Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. The children have had three weeks vacation, two weeks on account of diphtheria and one week during the Teacher's Institute.

Mrs. A.A. Norris and Joseph are spending a week with relatives in Alameda.

Mr. Coleman, Mrs. Naber and Mr. & Mrs. C.W. Heyer of San Francisco were in town Sunday to attend the **Lester Norris** memorial services.

Mrs. C.R. Nauert and Henry Nauert spent several days of the week in the metropolis.

Mrs. J. Dill of Alameda was the guest of her cousin, Mrs. O.J. Emery, last Saturday.

Mrs. W.B. Richmond and child spent several days of the week in San Francisco and Oakland.

Mrs. Kate Joyce spent Sunday with her folks.

Dr. and Mrs. Trumpour and their son, of San Francisco, were visitors in town Sunday.

Mrs. Sunkel entertained an uncle from Red Bluff this week.

The new store near the Catholic Church is nearing completion.

Mrs. I.V. Ralph and daughter spent Monday and Tuesday in San Francisco.

Mr. & Mrs. E.H. Dyer, and daughter Nina, are again at home after a six weeks' stay in Oakland.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 12, 1902*

### **License to Marry:**

Harry W. Vandervoort, Alvarado, 26

Adeline L. Allguire, Alvarado, 24.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 19, 1902*

### **Around Town:**

Miss Adeline L. Allguire, the eldest daughter of Rodney Allguire, and Harry Vandervoort of Canada were quietly married Sunday at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Thomas Cronin. The Reverend Mr. Gunn of the Presbyterian Church performed the ceremony. **Miss Florence Vandervoort** was the maid of honor. The groom was attended by William Allguire, a brother of the bride. After a short wedding journey the happy couple will return to Alvarado where they will make their home.

The Alvarado Republicans have organized a league to participate in the coming campaign. The following officers have been elected: President, A.A. Norris; Secretary, **Dr. A.A. De Puy**; Treasurer, O.J. Emery. **Dr. De Puy** and **F.B. Granger** were delegates of the league to the recent convention.

The dance given by the U.P.E.C. in the IOOF Hall Saturday was a success. The music was good and the supper was excellent. A large crowd attended.

Irvine & Turner of Irvington have secured the contract to build the Alvarado Bank. It will be a fine building and work will be commenced this week.

Mrs. Laufer and daughter, Ruth, of San Francisco, are the guest of Mrs. Laufer's mother, Mrs. John Joyce.

Ralph Richmond had his finger broken while playing ball Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. E.W. Burr entertained San Francisco friends last week.

Miss Nina Dyer has as her guest, Miss Hopper of San Francisco.

Mrs. R. Allguire of Crockett is spending the week here.

Miss Ella Mathews of San Francisco spent Sunday with her parents here.

Mrs. A. Lee is recovering from her recent illness.

Miss Myrtle Vandervoort of Palo Alto and **Miss Florence Vandervoort** of San Jose are spending the week at their home here.

**Mr. & Mrs. F.B. Granger** and children visited in San Jose recently.

F.C. Harvey & Co.'s store is receiving a new coat of paint.

Mr. & Mrs. Maffey are now settled into one of the Beebe cottages.

Miss Minnie De Puy, who has been living with her sister in Livermore for the past six months, is again at the home of her parents, **Dr. & Mrs. De Puy**.

Articles of Incorporation have been filed for the First Presbyterian Church with Sim H. Granger, A. Kerr, James Logan, James McKeown and John Buchannan as directors.

Mrs. Nauert and Miss Mildred Nauert have returned from a trip to San Francisco.

W.B. Richmond spent several days of the week at his home here.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 24, 1902*

#### **Asparagus:**

This writer went looking for the place where they pack asparagus, but it could not be found. The four syllable asparagus is an unknown word down by the railroad tracks, and "grass" has taken its place. It takes much less time to pronounce, and minutes are valuable. The Meek Estate has gone into the "grass" shipping business on a scale never attempted here, and the experiment has been highly successful. Car after car of asparagus, grown near Alvarado and Milpitas, has been sent out, and every bunch has commanded a good price. About 100 people, mostly girls, have been employed this season. Their duties are to arrange the "grass" into bunches; tie it with a species of seaweed, and slice off the stem end, and place the completed bunches into boxes. Miss Annie Grey, daughter of George Grey, is the bookkeeper and timekeeper of this department. The packinghouse has been doubled in size this season, and next year will probably see a further increase in capacity.

*The Hayward Review, April 25, 1902*

#### **News Note:**

H. C. Searles, of Decoto, left Sunday for Santa Cruz to attend the Native Son's Convention as the delegate from the Alvarado Lodge.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 3, 1902*

#### **I. B. Haines Dies:**

I. B. Haines, one of the oldest residents of Alvarado, passed away Sunday last at his home here. A few weeks ago while driving from town to his home, he fainted and fell from his cart. He was picked up unconscious, and little hopes were entertained of his recovery. He was 78 years old and left a wife, four sons, and a daughter to mourn his loss.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 10, 1902*

#### **Fourth of July:**

The people of Washington Township, which includes the towns of Mission San Jose, Alvarado, Niles, Centerville, Newark, Warm Springs and Irvington, have planned for a Fourth of July celebration, which is to be held in Centerville. This is the first attempt in many years to hold a

celebration in the township. Plans are being formulated for a big parade, speechmaking and fire works.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 10, 1902*

### **Around Town:**

Perry Norris has returned from a two-months' visit with relatives in El Dorado County.

Mrs. J.M. Scribner and children and Mrs. E. Beebe spent Thursday with relatives in Centerville.

The vault is now being built in the bank.

Mrs. J. Symons is entertaining her mother from San Francisco.

C.P. Lange represents Crusade Lodge No. 93, IOOF, at its Grand Lodge, which convenes in San Francisco this week.

The Alvarado baseball nine were presented with new uniforms (red with blue letters) by I.V.

Ralph. They are very neat, and were worn by the team on Sunday.

Mrs. E.A. Richmond entertained twenty-five ladies at luncheon, Thursday, in honor of her guest,

### **Mrs. J.H. Brooks.**

About thirty of our people will attend the picnic at Sunset Park, in the Santa Cruz Mountains, to be given by the Alameda County Christian Endeavor Union.

Miss Martha Cilker, a U.C. Berkeley co-ed., is the guest of Mrs. August May. Miss Cilker formerly taught in our grammar school.

Miss Jewett, of the city, is visiting her sister, Mrs. E.W. Burr.

Miss Minnie De Puy is visiting relatives in Fruitvale.

Mrs. Burt of San Jose is staying at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Edw. Farley.

Fred Wiegman has returned from his trip to Nevada.

Mr. & Mrs. F.B. Granger entertained their cousin, George Harvey, Sunday.

Charles Faig was home several days this week.

Mrs. J. Olson and Miss Harriett Joyce were in the city a few days this week.

Harry Vandervoort has resigned his position at the sugar mill, and has purchased an interest in the express company in Palo Alto.

**Mrs. J.H. Brooks** is much improved since her stay at Judge Richmond's.

Miss Mildred Nauert spent Monday and Tuesday in the metropolis.

Miss Munson is a guest at the home of her grandfather, E.H. Dyer.

Miss Maggie Riley Sundayed with her parents here.

Mrs. Jury of Mowry's spent several days of the week with the family of her son, Theodore Vandervoort.

Allan Richmond spent Sunday with his folks here, and attended the ball game.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 17, 1902*

### **Baseball:**

Alvarado has its "baseball craze." The streets are positively deserted Sunday, as nearly everyone attended the ball games that place on its diamond. The Alvarados have won every game so far this year. Sunday they played the Leon Strauss Co. with a score of 10 - 25 in our favor, and the boys were jubilant. Next Sunday they meet the Dunham, Carrigan, and Hayden's of San Francisco.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 17, 1902*

### **Baseball:**

The baseball game Sunday at Alvarado between the Ralph's of Alvarado and the Dunham, Carrigan, and Hayden's of San Francisco resulted in a score of 12-6 in favor of Alvarado, and demonstrated the Ralph's is about as fast a team as there is around here. They play Hayward Sunday.

*The Hayward Review, May 23, 1902*

### **Around Town:**

Antone Lee was married to Miss Ada McInart recently. They are now in San Francisco spending their honeymoon. Mr. Lee is the bookkeeper for I.V. Ralph, and has worked there for about six

years. The bride is the second daughter of G. McInart, Superintendent of the San Lorenzo Water Company. Upon their return they will reside in Alvarado.

Alvarado is the victim of an epidemic of measles, which has caused the withdrawal of a third of the children from the public school. The physicians report, however, that they have checked the spread of the disease.

W.B. Straub, a former resident of Alvarado, but now residing in San Francisco, was in town Sunday.

Bert Royce will leave for Alaska with a party of friends on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Alvarado baseball team will cross bats with the Haywards nine Sunday on the Haywards diamond.

The Alvarado tennis court is now in fine condition, and new interest is being taken in the game.

W.B. Richmond spent Sunday at his Alvarado home.

Mrs. Fred Helling and children have returned from a weeks' visit with Oakland friends.

Miss Hopper, of Oakland, who has been the guest of Miss Nina Dyer several days of the week, has returned to her home.

After a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. E.W. Burr, Miss Jewett has returned to San Francisco.

William Norris is home from the University of California for his summer vacation.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 24, 1902*

### **Mrs. Adeline Hayes:**

U.S. Genweb Tombstone Project, Mrs. Adeline Hayes, date of death: May 26, 1902. Interred: Decoto Cemetery, Hayward California.

<http://files.usgwarchives.net/ca/alameda/cemeteries/decoto.txt>

### **Baseball:**

The most interesting and by far the best game of baseball that has taken place in Haywards for some time was the recent contest between the Alvarados and P&H's of Haywards. The game was played at Athletic Park and was witnessed by more than 400 people. The P&H's won their first game of the season and in a manner that again has established their reputation as one of the finest amateur teams in the State. From the opening of the game to the finish, P&H's proved their superiority, although the score was only 3-2. It was a close fight, the equal of which will not be witnessed here for some time, unless it is when the return game is played. which will be in about three weeks. The loss for the Alvarados was the first of the season, which adds to the glory of the P&H's victory. After the game there was a discussion of starting a league comprising Hayward, Alvarado, Centerville and Newark.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 27, 1902*

### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Adeline Hayes, one of the oldest settlers of this township, died at her home on Monday. She had been in poor health for the past year and the last few months she has been confined to her bed, so death was not unexpected. The deceased was 84 years old and a native of New Hampshire, but had resided in Alvarado for fifty years. Her husband passed away five years ago. She leaves behind an adopted son and daughter.

Alvarado was almost deserted Sunday. Many people went to Haywards to witness the baseball game between Alvarado and P&H's of Haywards. The score was 3 to 2 in favor of the Haywards, but the Alvarado boys claim that the score should have been 3 to 1 in favor of Alvarado.

Mrs. Hemelrout is being entertained by Mrs. E.M. Foley

A few of the young Alvarado people attended the High School dance in Centerville Monday evening.

Miss Dot Nauert spent Sunday at her home here.

Mrs. F. Randolph is the guest of her brother, I.V. Ralph.

W.B. Richmond spent Sunday with his wife and child here.

Charles Love has returned to town and will occupy his old post at the sugar mill. Miss Nina Dyer spent the latter part of the week in San Francisco. Mrs. Martha Miller and niece of San Jose are guests Judge Richmond. The grammar school closed Thursday for summer vacation.  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 31, 1902*

**Baseball:**

At a baseball game played between Alvarado and Newark the former won by a score of 3-2.  
*The Hayward Review, June 6, 1902*

**Train Travel:**

All trains on the narrow gauge line between Oakland and San Jose were delayed about two hours this morning by a fire, which destroyed fifty feet of trestle two miles south of Alvarado. The break was made passable as soon as possible, and will soon be permanently repaired.  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 9, 1902*

**Washington Township School Children:**

The school children in Washington Township are apportioned among the various school districts as follows.

Alvarado	177	
Alviso	91	
Centerville	238	
Decoto	239	
Lincoln	20	Newark
Mission San Jose	166	
Mowry's Landing	30	Newark/Irvington
Newark	151	
Niles	217	
Warm Springs	134	
Washington	167	Irvington

*The Oakland Tribune, June 16, 1902*

**Baseball League:**

The three managers of the P&H's of Haywards, Alvarado and Newark baseball teams met Sunday at Newark and discussed the proposition of forming a minor league for the purpose of increasing public interest in the baseball contests. Manager Zambresky of Haywards, Cahill of Newark and LaGrave of Alvarado are the managers who are working up the league question. They are very enthusiastic over the proposition and all that is needed to constitute the league is adding another team. For the purpose of forming another team to compete the league the three managers will shortly visit San Leandro to seek cooperation of that town.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 17, 1902*

**Baseball:**

Many people traveled from Hayward and Alvarado to watch the game being played at Newark. Alvarado came away with a win 4-0 over Newark.

*The Hayward Review, June 20, 1902*

**Licensed to Marry:**

Manuel Bettencourt aged 28, Alvarado  
Lena Roderick aged 20, Centerville

*The San Francisco Call, July 20, 1902*

**Liquor License Applications:**

L. V. Rolfe and Thomas Faustina, both of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 23, 1902*

**Baseball:**

The plans of organizing a league of baseball team with Hayward, Alvarado, San Leandro and Newark has fallen through.

*The Hayward Review, June 27, 1902*

**The Fourth:**

Independence Day is being celebrated in Centerville today by an immense throng from the surrounding country. This morning there an industrial and school parade, which was very creditable indeed, and this afternoon there was literary exercises, including music, singing and reading of the Declaration of Independence. The rest of the afternoon is given over to games, races and other recreations. In the evening there will be a fire works display.

This is a joint celebrate in which, Alvarado, Decoto, Irvington, Niles, Newark, Warm Springs and Mission San Jose jointly participated with Centerville, large crowds are here from each of the towns named. Hundreds of teams and thousands of people are in town.

Each town was represented on the various committees that put this event together. Participating from Alvarado were: C.A. Plummer, W.T. Ralph, I.V. Ralph, F.C. Harvey and Antone George Jr.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 4, 1902*

**Liquor Licenses:**

Application: Rose and Roderick Brothers, and I.V. Ralph of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 5, 1902*

**Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Vandervoort have gone to Crockett, where they will now reside. Mr. Vandervoort is in the express business there.

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Cronin and son, Master John Pomeroy, spent several days of the week in Crockett.

Martin Anderson spent several days of the week sightseeing in the metropolis.

Alvarado was almost deserted on the Fourth. Nearly all our people attended the celebration in Centerville, with a few going to San Jose.

Alvarado business houses were well represented in the parade in Centerville on the Fourth.

Miss Mildred Nauert is in San Francisco, where she was maid of honor at the Woodworth-Bernhard wedding Wednesday. The bride is well known in Alvarado, having visited here frequently.

The Sunkel and **Maffey** homes this week have received fine new pianos.

**Mrs. William Maffey** and son came home Wednesday. Both are doing nicely.

A.A. Norris is entertaining Miss Hale, a cousin from Iowa.

A.A. Merriman, the insurance man, is quite sick at the Alvarado Hotel.

The I.V. Ralph family left Wednesday for a two weeks' stay at Capitola.

Work has commenced on Judge Richmond's house.

The framework of the new church is now up.

The Bank of Alvarado is nearing completion.

Charles R. Nauert is spending the week in Stockton.

Miss Clara Franz is entertaining a young lady friend from Oakland.

Each week brings a few new cases of measles.

Charles W. Heyer, William Lee and friend, Allan and William Richmond, Miss Kate Joyce and friend, and Miss Dot Nauert spent the time from Thursday until Sunday at their respective homes here.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 14, 1902*

**Republican Club:**

A meeting of the Alvarado Republican Club will be held on Monday, the 28<sup>th</sup> inst., at 8 o'clock p.m. in the IOOF Hall in Alvarado, to take some action in the matter of naming Republican delegates to State, district and local conventions, to be voted for at primaries of August 12<sup>th</sup> next.

***The Oakland Tribune, July 26, 1902***

**Salt:**

A misunderstanding has arisen in the Continental Salt and Chemical Co., the only salt company near Alvarado that is not controlled by the Salt Trust, and yet the trust claims to own a majority of the stock issued by the company and also has possession of the mill of the concern at Alvarado.

H.C. Coward, of Oakland, one of the newly elected directors, and chosen manager of the new board, went to Alvarado last Saturday evening to take possession of the mill and the salt marsh lands belonging to the company. He was accompanied by his brother R.W. Coward, but they found J.C. Symons, Frank McMahon and Vincent Brink in charge. They did not attempt to interfere with possession of the plant. Mr. Coward has been associated with the company since its incipency, and knows the situation thoroughly.

Mr. Coward explains the situation as follows:

"There are 400,000 shares of capital stock, of the par value of fifty-cents a share in the Continental Salt and Chemical Company. Of this number 168,500 have been issued and the balance is treasury stock. Of the issued stock, L.R. Eilert, L.A. Bertelling and John Lackman owned 83,300 shares. Eilert is dead; Bertelling is in South America and Mr. Lackman, like his former associates has sold out the trust, which was represented on the Board of Directors by a number of clerks. This whole affair was a job. The attempt to hold a meeting of the board immediately after the interests of the three men I have named had been sold out was a failure. This was in March last. Between that time and June 24<sup>th</sup>, the minutes were distorted to make it appear that the meeting adjourned temporarily only, and at a pretended adjourned meeting the dummies of the Salt Trust were elected directors. Of the 168,500 shares, the trust controls just 150 shares over the half; but the stock was not at Saturday's meeting, and so the shareholders chose William J. Dingee, William G. Henshaw, Oscar T. Weber, Francis J. Heney and myself."

***The Oakland Tribune, July 28, 1902***

**Polling Place:**

The polling place and officers for the upcoming election for the Alvarado District are as follows:

Polling Place: IOOF Hall, Smith and Vallejo Streets, Alvarado

Inspector: George Hellwig

Judge: A.A. De Puy

Clerk: F.B. Granger

***The Oakland Tribune, July 29, 1902***

**Around Town:**

Mrs. Jacobs and Miss Lizzy Jacobs are spending a few days in town.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Wiegman and son have returned from a two-weeks' visit in Oregon.

William B. Richmond spent Sunday here with his wife and child.

Allen Richmond spent Sunday with his parents.

School opened Monday, with Prof. A. Norris as principal and Mrs. Chisholm as intermediate teacher and Miss Carrie Parish as primary teacher.

Miss Kate Riley was in town on Tuesday.

Raymond Boyd has returned to his home in San Francisco, after a three weeks' stay with the P. Joyce family.

Mr. & Mrs. John Butterworth and family from San Francisco, went home Sunday after a pleasant visit with his sister, Mrs. E.A. Richmond.

Rev. Stone of Livermore occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church Sunday. He was the guest of his father-in-law, Dr. A.A. De Puy.

Hugh Dyer and his niece, Miss Munson are at Lake Tahoe.

Miss Mildred Nauert is registered at the Hotel Lyndon in Los Gatos.

The Republican Club held a meeting in the IOOF Hall Monday evening.

Crusade Lodge, No. 93, IOOF and Alvarado Rebekah Lodge No. 102, held a joint installation Saturday evening.

The Ladies' Aid society met with Mrs. F.B. Granger Thursday.

George Drummond spent Saturday and Sunday with his folks in San Francisco.

Miss Katherine Mathews spent a few days this week at her home here.

Miss Gladys Sunkel is visiting relatives in Sacramento.

Louis Kone and his two children are convalescing from severe cases of diphtheria

*The Oakland Tribune, August 1, 1902*

#### **License to Marry:**

Daniel J. Harvey, 32, Alvarado, and Lizzie Paul, 30, Alameda.

*The San Francisco Call, August 3, 1902*

#### **Alvarado School Changes:**

Mrs. Edythe Chisholm and Miss Carrie Parish have filled the vacancies caused by the resignations of Miss K.E. Riley and Miss Lora Emery, two popular and efficient teachers of the Alvarado Grammar School. Miss Riley resigned her position to accept one in the Emery School of this county, while Miss Emery will not continue her teaching career.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 4, 1902*

#### **News Note:**

Mrs. F.M. Godfrey of Alvarado was in Elmhurst yesterday. She had just returned from Seattle, where she has been visiting for some time and stopped here to see some friends.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 8, 1902*

#### **Around Town:**

A circle of Women of Woodcraft was organized here last Friday with a goodly number of charter members. The Woodmen of the local camp were invited with their friends to partake of a banquet. The new organization will be known as the Alvarado Camp. The following Officers were elected: P.G.N., Mrs. C.R. Nauert; G.N., Mrs. B.H. Ford; Advisor, Mrs. Franklin Clazie; Banker, Mrs. W. Simonson; Magician, Mrs. E.M. Foley; Attendant, Mrs. John L. Olson; Physician, Dr. A.A. De Puy; L.S., Mrs. L. Kone; O.S., Mrs. E. Franzen; Captain of the Guard, Mrs. E. Laughlin. The new body will meet on the first and third Friday evenings in the IOOF Hall.

The new church and the new bank are nearing completion. The latter will be finished in two weeks.

The members of the Gun Club are in town every Sunday preparing for the hunting season.

Allan Richmond of San Francisco spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents here.

William B. Richmond spent Sunday with his family.

William B. Straub, formerly from Alvarado but now of San Francisco, was in town calling on friends.

Miss Stillwell of San Francisco spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Mildred Nauert.

Miss Josephine Ingemundsen of Napa is the guest of her sister, Mrs. F.C. Harvey.

Mr. & Mrs. George Harvey of Oakland were the guests of Mrs. S.H. Harvey Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. F. Helling entertained out-of-town friends Sunday.

Miss Frances Mathews of San Francisco spent the latter part of the week here with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. P. Mathews.

After a two-weeks' stay with his parents, John Mathews has returned to his home in San Francisco.

William Trefry of Newark was a visitor at Judge Richmond's home Sunday.

Alvarado will send thirteen pupils to the high school in Centerville, the largest number attending the school from Alvarado at any one time.

The Alvarado Tennis Club will give one of its pleasant invitation parties next Friday evening.

Mrs. Toyne of Alameda, who was so badly burned at her home while using gasoline, is a sister of J. Sunkel, superintendent of the Water Works at Alvarado.

Mrs. Hardy and three children of San Francisco were the guests of Mrs. J.M. Scribner.



*The Oakland Tribune, August 13, 1902*

**Around Town:**

O.J. Backus of Los Angeles was in town visiting C.R. Nauert Saturday.

Mr. & Mrs. H. Schroeder, who have been living in Pleasanton, will again take up their residence here having rented the Hayes place.

Miss Dot Nauert is spending a few days at her home here.

Miss Alice Poorman of Belvedere, who formerly lived in Alvarado, is visiting friends here.

Miss Marie Hauptmann has returned from a ten days visit with her parents in Lake County.

Wm. Straub of San Francisco spent Saturday and Sunday with Alvarado friends.

The sugar mill commenced grinding beets Monday.

The entertainment given by the Athletic Club at the Riverside Pavilion Friday evening was largely attended and the program was greatly enjoyed.

On account of sickness, Royal Emery is home from his work at San Francisco.

Dr. and Mrs. L.T. Cranz of Alameda and Mr. & Mrs. George Gould of San Francisco were visitors in town on Sunday.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 23, 1902*

**Vic La Grave:**

Vic La Grave, who has been working in Alvarado for some time now, will return to Hayward to work for Strobel and Neudeck.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 1, 1902*

**Around Town:**

Miss Kate Joyce of San Francisco spent Sunday and Monday with her parents here.

**Miss Mildred Nauert** has returned to her home after a weeks' visit with San Francisco friends.

Miss Maggie Riley spent Labor Day at the home of her parents near town.

Miss Mary Low has returned to the city after a two-week's stay with her sister, Mrs. J. S. Leal.

Mr. & Mrs. A. Lee entertained out-of-town friends Sunday.

Mrs. P. Mathews spent several days of this week with her son, Eugene, in Crockett.

Miss Clara Jackson has returned from a week's stay in Pacific Grove.

Mrs. A. Laufer and daughter of San Francisco spent Friday and Saturday with her mother, Mrs. P. Joyce.

Mrs. A. May delightfully entertained a number of lady friends and a luncheon at her home

Thursday. Mrs. John Scribner carried off the prize, a handsome silver cold meat fork.

Judge and Mrs. Richmond entertained Miss Edna Hillings and Mr. Sydney Jones of the city Sunday and Monday.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Symons spent Sunday and Monday in San Francisco.

Every Sunday brings members of the various gun clubs into town, getting in readiness for the coming duck season shooting.

Mesdames Gauld, Cranz, Williams, Nauert, and **Misses Nauert**, Marlin and Cranz were guests of the Swan Gun Club at their preserve on the marsh Sunday.

J. McWade, the driver for the Lowry Bros. Butchers, resigned and is now driving truck for the Enterprise Bottling Co.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 4, 1902*

**Around Town:**

The Ellis Brothers this week purchased the I.V. Ralph store stock and leased the building for three years.

The Union Labor Party held a meeting in the public hall Saturday evening. The band was in attendance.

**Judge E.A. Richmond** of Alvarado is out for re-election as an independent candidate.

Alvarado furnishes two independent candidates for Constable, E.L. Farley and Martin P. Anderson.

Mr. Anderson has been a Deputy Constable.

Miss Dot Nauert spent from Saturday until Wednesday at her home here.

Mr. & Mrs. J.M. Scribner and I.M. Dean spent from Saturday until Tuesday with relatives and friends in Alvarado.

Miss Dora Joyce has returned to San Francisco after spending several months at her home here. The infant child of Mr. & Mrs. Anderson died at their home Thursday. Mr. & Mrs. Anderson have lately moved here from Utah They have the sympathy of our little community.

Mrs. M Lee has returned from a few days' visit with friends in Haywards.

Mrs. Stoppel and two children of Sacramento are the guests of her sister, Mrs. Hayden.

Mr. & Mrs. Symons are entertaining her mother from San Francisco.

Gus Nauert spent his holiday in the city.

Mrs. Penke of Mt. Eden has been visiting the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Young (Jung).

Mrs. William Robinson entertained a number of her lady friends at her home here.

Miss Miller of San Francisco is the guest of Mr. & Mrs. Wilde.

Miss Ivybelle Ralph entertained her Sabbath school class one day this week. Twenty children were present, and the little tots had a most enjoyable afternoon.

Mr. & Mrs. E.W. Burr entertained friends and relatives on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Ed Farley is the possessor of a new piano.

Mr. & Mrs. William Maffey took a trip to Oakland on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. P. Mathews has returned from a visit to her son Eugene in Crockett.

Mrs. Katy Ralph is home again after an absence of six months.

John Schmidt of San Francisco was a visitor in Town Wednesday.

Mrs. A.A. De Puy is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Stone of Livermore.

**Mr. & Mrs. E.A. Richmond** expect to be in their new in two weeks.

Mr. & Mrs. William Richmond moved to San Francisco this week. Mr. Richmond has secured a permanent position there.

Miss Burnes of San Jose is the guest of Miss Lora Emery.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 15, 1902*

#### **News Note:**

Mrs. Albert Merle of Alvarado was a recent visitor in the home of Mrs. M Short of San Leandro.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 19, 1902*

#### **Commercial Advertisement:**

Fresh Bread, Pies, & Cakes every day, at the:

NEW ENGLAND HOME BAKERY

HAMANN BROS., PROPRIETORS

Hayward, California

Wagon to Mt. Eden and Alvarado daily

*The Hayward Review, September 19, 1902*

#### **Fire on the Marshes:**

A fire is reported on the lonely marshes of Alvarado. Last year the "Spoonbill Club" lost its grounds near Alvarado to another club, and now its new clubhouse in the same locality has gone up in smoke to the accompaniment of popping shells.

Anticipating a glorious duck hunt on the first day of the season, the members shipped a "wide awake" hunter down to the clubhouse with instructions to paint the decoys and give the house a general burnishing for the reception of its owners. The wide-awake hunter worked hard at the decoys and painted them in a way that the worldliest duck would regard with favor. Then, on Sunday afternoon, he started at the house with a tar bucket to give the outside a weatherly coat. In his haste he allowed the fire to connect with the tar, and shortly there was nothing left of the house and the decoys but a heap of hot ashes. The ammunition that was stored within kept up such a lively fusillade that the amateur painter did not dare stay close enough to throw water on the flames, and members of the club now insist that the exploding shells frightened away all the birds in the neighborhood. This leaves them with blinds and ponds, but minus house, ammunition, decoys and ducks.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 23, 1902*

**License to Marry:**

Sherman Van Gordon, 29, Cambria and Miss Lora Emery, 29, Alvarado.  
*The San Francisco Call, September 23, 1902*

**Sunday Store Closings:**

Suddenly the move afoot to force Sunday closing of stores is gaining in favor. Hayward has secured such a move from its stores and San Leandro is likely to follow. This will put pressure on Mt. Eden and Alvarado to follow suit.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 1, 1902*

**News Note:**

Mrs. August May spent Monday visiting her sister Mrs. Henry Crosby of Decoto.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 1, 1902*

**Ducks:**

The ducks received a terrible bombardment all along the bay shore yesterday morning upon the opening of the season. Down Alvarado way, on the Suisun marsh, in Sonoma and near Petaluma the same conditions obtained. Otto Founder shot over the Zindo Gun Club preserve, near Alvarado, as is his custom, severed a limit bag.  
*The San Francisco Call, October 2, 1902*

**Liquor License:**

License granted: The Ellis Bros., Alvarado  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 6, 1902*

**Baseball:**

The Hayward team again bested the Alvarado team in a baseball game played on the Hayward field. The score was 6 to 3.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 10, 1902*

**Around Town:**

W. B. Stunt, formerly of Alvarado, was in town recently shaking hands with old friends.  
The **Richmond family** is now fairly settled in their new home.  
Mrs. J. Schmidt and daughter, Miss Eliza Schmidt, of San Francisco, are visiting with Mrs. Katy Ralph.  
Miss Hopper, of Oakland, spent several days of this week with Miss Nina Dyer.  
Miss Nauert is visiting friends and relatives in Hayward.  
The Union Labor meeting was largely attended.  
Mrs. John Olson entertained friends at cards Thursday afternoon. Miss Franz won the prize a pretty vase.  
Miss Ethel Foley is spending her vacation in the city.  
Charles W. Heyer, Jr. of San Francisco spent his mid-term vacation with his cousins, the Daniels.  
**Mrs. E. A. Richmond** entertained the Ladies Aid Society Thursday.  
Many of our children have whooping cough.  
Miss Ella Mathews is visiting her parents here.  
Mrs. Henry Crosby of Centerville is being entertained by her sister, Mrs. August May of Alvarado.  
Miss Kate Joyce is visiting relatives in town.  
After a week's stay with her cousin, **Mrs. E. A. Richmond**, Mrs. J. H. Brooks has returned to her home in San Francisco.  
After visiting friends and relatives for two weeks, Mrs. & Miss Jacobs left for their home in San Francisco Monday.  
The Vandervoort family, who have resided here eight years, have left for Palo Alto, where they will reside in the future.  
Mr. Ellis, the merchant, has moved from Niles to a home he recently bought in Alvarado.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 11, 1902*

**News Note:**

R. Ralph visited Mr. & Mrs. A. Ralph of Pleasanton on Sunday.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 13, 1902*

**News Note:**

R. Ralph of Alvarado was in Pleasanton as the guest of Mr. & Mrs. A. Ralph Sunday.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 14, 1902*

**Around Town:**

The next dance of the Union Dancing Club will be held in Alvarado on or about November 15<sup>th</sup>. Miss Nina Dyer entertained Mrs. Kathryn Cook, a well-known artist, at her home here. Miss K.E. Riley, a former teacher here, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. & Mrs. F. Wiegman. The Republicans will hold a meeting in the I.O.O.F Hall. Miss Mildred Nauert has returned from a weeks' stay in Oakland. The many hunters enjoyed good sport on the marshes Sunday, all returning with good bags. Miss Kathryn Joyce, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. C. Joyce, was married in the city to Mr. L. Aurich of that place on Wednesday. Miss Edna Hollings and Mr. Sydney Jones Sundayed with Judge Richmond. The concert given by the Ladies' Aid Society was a big success. Excellent program and a crowded house. A goodly sum was realized. Oscar P. Nauert, who has been in New York on business for the past three months, returned Tuesday. The Ben Hur Medicine and Concert Company is here and will stay for two weeks. A fair sized audience listens to a fairly good program each night. F.H. Starr moved from one of the Granger flats to one of the Nauert cottages. A photographer is in town and prepared for all kinds of work in his line. Mr. C. Getchell, our druggist, has a doctor and druggist with him. He comes well recommended. Miss Josephine Ingemundsen has returned to her home in Napa after a three months' stay with her sister, Mrs. F.C. Harvey.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 27, 1902*

**Around Town:**

Allan Richmond of San Francisco and his Eastern friends spent Sunday here with his parents. The second dance of the Union Dancing Club will be given in the IOOF Hall next Friday evening. The home of N. Koue and C. Andrews were brightened this week by the arrival of little girls. Harry Fortuna was a visitor to San Francisco last week. Mrs. John Trumpour was a visitor in Alvarado Sunday. Mr. A. Lee has moved into the new Smith cottage. The public school was closed Tuesday, Election Day. Mrs. C. R. Nauert and son Henry spent several days of last week with relatives in San Francisco.  
*The Oakland Tribune, November 12, 1902*

**News Note:**

A. Poorman of Alvarado was in San Leandro visiting friends one day this week. Lorin Phillips was in Livermore visiting relatives.  
*The Oakland Tribune, November 22, 1902*

**Classified Ad:****HORSES & CATTLE:**

Percheron stallion, five years old, weight 1850 pounds, color dark steel grey, sired by the best imported stock in the State. This animal is a perfect specimen of his class. F.E. Behrman, Alvarado, Alameda County.  
*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, November 22, 1902*

**Around Town:**

Dean Scribner, the four-year old son of Mr. & Mrs. John Scribner, died last Sunday from ptomaine poisoning, after a weeks' illness. The funeral was held at the Presbyterian Church, Rev. W. Chalmers Gunn officiating. There were a number of beautiful floral tributes, among them being offerings from the Alvarado stove works, where Mr. Scribner is employed, and from the members of the Alvarado Camp of the Woodmen of the World, of which Mr. Scribner is a prominent member.

Miss Mildred Nauert is spending the week with her friend, Mrs. Will Taylor, of Livermore. The Richmond family entertained several relatives of San Francisco at dinner Thanksgiving Day. Beet cutting ceased at the sugar mill Wednesday morning.

Manuel August left this morning for a three-month trip to Portugal.

Miss Dot Nauert spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. C.R. Nauert.

Charles Olsen, who was seriously injured while hunting a month ago, is still in the German Hospital, but is improving.

The Oakland Presbytery will meet in the Presbyterian Church in Alvarado Monday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of December. Rev. E.E. Clark of East Oakland will be the moderator.

Mrs. William Young (**Jung**) has returned to her home from the German Hospital where an operation was performed.

Mrs. William Sinclair of San Francisco spent several days of last week with Mrs. Foley.

Clarence De Puy of San Francisco spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Dr. & Mrs. De Puy.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 1, 1902***

#### **License to Marry:**

Martin S. Francis, 30, Alvarado

Lenora G. Colhoun, 28, San Leandro

***The San Francisco Call, December 2, 1902***

#### **Ducks:**

A feud that has run a long time among the sportsmen who spend their holidays on the Alvarado marshes had its sequel today in the Police Court, where F.J. Horn, a San Francisco liquor merchant, was on trial for battery upon Dr. L.F. Cranz of Alameda, a former member of the State Board of Dental Examiners. The trouble all grew out of a contention over the boundaries of the Swan Gun Club at Alvarado. The gun club has had a lot of trouble with poachers lately, and one day when Horn got into the preserve in his quest for game some one took a shot at him. Horn claimed that he was shinnying on his own side, and that it was a shame to shoot at him. Every time the sides to the controversy have met lately they have managed to get into a row.

The last time Cranz and Horn met was a week ago at First & Webster Streets, where they were waiting for the train to take them to the unhappy hunting grounds. They had words first, and then fists. Cranz was hit on the head with a cane, and he had Horn arrested. When the case came up today Judge Smith's courtroom was filled with sportsmen ready to testify, among whom were C.G. Gould, a Deputy Game Commissioner and president of the Swan Gun Club. The upshot of it all was that Horn was found guilty of assault and made to pay a fine of \$50.

***The San Francisco Call, December 4, 1902***

#### **News Note:**

Mrs. Jane Morgan of Alvarado is the guest of her cousin, Joseph Wilkenson of Livermore.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 8, 1902***

#### **News Note:**

The wedding of Miss Lida E. Thomas and Charles F. Pape took place last Sunday at the Catholic Church in Haywards. Mr. Pape has been employed at the sugar factory in Alvarado for several years. When they return from their honeymoon they will reside in Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 9, 1902***

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. E.M. Foley spent the week in San Francisco visiting her sister, Mrs. Costello. While chopping wood, Andrew Moffit accidentally cut his foot. Dr. De Puy took several stitches to close the wound.

Mrs. J. Simons is entertaining her mother, who lives in San Francisco.  
*The Oakland Tribune, December 11, 1902*

#### **License to Marry:**

George P. Halden, 24, Alvarado and Miss May Lassen, 19, Alvarado  
*The San Francisco Call, December 28, 1902*

#### **San Francisco Visitor:**

J. Jepson of Alvarado has checked into the New Western Hotel in San Francisco.  
*The San Francisco Call, December 29, 1902*

#### **Licensed to Marry:**

Manuel F. Perry, Alvarado, over 21.  
Mary S. Roderick, Alvarado, over 18.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 3, 1903*

#### **Around Town:**

The members of the Presbyterian Church of Alvarado will be sorry to learn that their pastor, Rev. W. Chalmers Gunn, has resigned and accepted a call to Washington. The Rev. Gunn has been pastor of Alvarado and Centerville churches for the past four years and it has been largely due to his efforts that the membership has increased so wonderfully in these two churches. It is due also to his efforts that the new church at Alvarado was built and by his personal labors on the construction considerable of the expense was saved.

#### **Masonic Rites:**

Elaborate preparations are being made for the initiation into the Thirtieth Degree of Scottish Rite Masonry of nineteen aspirants tomorrow night by De-Molay Council, No. 2, Knights Kadosh in Oakland.

Among the aspirants are Farley B. Granger Jr. and George P. Hellwig of Alvarado and Edwin Whipple of Decoto.

*The San Francisco Call, January 19, 1903*

**Mrs. E.A. Richmond** is spending week with friends and relatives in the city.

Miss Ella Mathews of San Francisco spent Sunday and Monday with her parents here.

Miss Dot Jones has recovered from her attack of tonsillitis and is able to be out again.

Mrs. J.H. Brooks of San Francisco is a guest at the **Richmond home**.

John S. Leal sold his home on Watkins Street this week to Rose Rodrigues.

The Fourth Assembly of the Union Dancing Club will be held in Decoto Friday evening, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

A few of the young people of Alvarado attended the IOOF encampment installation in Niles Friday evening.

Mrs. Charles W. Heyer of San Francisco spent Sunday with the Nauert family.

The Lassen Hotel is fast nearing completion. It will be a great improvement to the town.

Mr. & Mrs. R. Allguire and son of Crockett, and Mr. & Mrs. Harry Vandervoort of Palo Alto returned to their respective homes after spending the holidays with Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Cronin.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 20, 1903*

#### **News Note:**

William Joseph of Alvarado has secured a position in H. Reichraths hardware store in San Leandro.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 24, 1903*

#### **License to Marry:**

J. Enos Rodrigues, 38, and Clara Dias, 32, Haywards  
*The San Francisco Call, January 30, 1903*

**Around Town:**

The Chinese celebrated their New Year in the usual fine style.  
Roy & Miss Inez Emery, of San Francisco, spent Sunday with their mother at her home here.  
John Scribner and William Maffey are in San Francisco this week.  
Miss Dora Joyce of San Francisco spent Saturday and Sunday at her home here.  
Miss Kathryn Nauert returned to San Francisco Monday after living here since the holidays on account of illness.  
Miss Dyer has returned from Ogden where she went to attend the wedding of her brother.  
Mrs. Chisholm, teacher of the intermediate department of our school is ill, and a substitute is in charge.

Mrs. Joseph Sunkel gave a luncheon Thursday in honor of her sister-in-law, Mrs. George P. Haiden. Twenty ladies were invited to meet the guest of honor. Whist was enjoyed the early part of the afternoon. The prizes were awarded to the following ladies: Mrs. John Olson and Mrs. James Symons and Miss Mildred Nauert. After cards all were invited to the dining room, where a sumptuous luncheon was served. The rooms were elaborately decorated in red and green. Altogether it was a pleasant afternoon.

Mrs. L. Aurich was the guest of relatives here Thursday.  
Mr. P. Joyce, who has been working in Newark, is here at his home sick, but he is improving.  
Martin Anderson was confined to home for several days with the grippe. Chris Lange took his place as the night watchman.  
A. Anderson and Ham Malsen go daily to Mt. Eden, where they are chopping wood.  
Mrs. O. Aston is in San Francisco attending her sister, who is seriously ill.  
Mrs. Martin Anderson returned from the city on account of the illness of her husband.  
The Hellwig Meat Co. is making extensive improvement to their property.  
The new addition of Mr. Lassen's Hotel is nearing completion.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 31, 1903*

**Gruesome Find in Alameda Creek:**

The dead body of an infant girl, concealed in a common dry goods box, was found today floating down Alameda Creek between Decoto and Alvarado. To all appearances the box and its gruesome contents had been in the water about a month. The body of the babe was in a bad state of decomposition and the features were unrecognizable.

The body had been carefully wrapped in its shroud and then placed in the box. Pains had been taken to nail on the cover securely. Then the box and its human freight were set adrift. Judging by the state of the body and the marks on the box made by the action of water, it is thought by officials at Centerville that the atrocious deed was committed by some person above Sunol.

The box was found by Manuel Silveira, who was hunting for driftwood. The discovery was made on ranch near Alvarado.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 5, 1903*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. L. Aurich of San Francisco spent several days of the week with her mother, Mrs. P. Joyce.  
Many of our people are confined to their beds by colds.  
Thomas Foster has been confined to his bed with pleurisy, but is improving with Dr. Chalmers of Niles in attendance.  
Miss Theresa Silvey of San Francisco, but formerly of Alvarado, is a guest at the Richmond home.  
John M. Scribner is in San Francisco this week.  
Mrs. G. MacQuart and daughter, Miss Mabel, spent several days of the week in San Francisco.

Herrick Munson is quite ill at the home of his grandfather, E.H. Dyer. Dr. Aiken of Decoto is attending him.

Peter Rudolph is entertaining his brother, who arrived Tuesday from Denmark.

The Rev. G.A. McKinlay occupied the pulpit at the Presbyterian Church Sunday and declared it vacant, as the resignation of Rev. W. Chalmers Gunn had been received and accepted by the Presbytery and its congregation. Mr. Gunn leaves shortly to accept a call at his old home in Washington.

The many friends of Dr. and Mrs. Clazie regret that they have decided to move to Oakland. The Doctor will, however, be in Alvarado two or three times a week to attend to his practice.

Mrs. Hansen and son William have procured jobs in the city.

Mrs. James Sunkel and Mrs. George Hayden spent Wednesday and Thursday in Oakland.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 7, 1903*

#### **Licenses to Marry:**

Manuel G. King, Alvarado, 25

Lucy Castro, Alvarado, 22

*The Oakland Tribune, February 7, 1903*

#### **Around Town:**

Allan Richmond returned to his work in San Francisco Sunday, after a ten-day's visit at his home in Alvarado.

Miss Kathryn Nauert visited home here Sunday.

**Mrs. J. Symons** has been confined to her home with a severe cold.

E.A. Richmond is also suffering from a cold.

Mr. & Mrs. A. Lee entertained several friends from San Francisco Sunday.

A number of members and friends of Alvarado Circle, Women of Woodcraft, went to Haywards Thursday evening to attend a social given by the Haywards Circle.

A.A. Peralta, a former resident of Alvarado and vicinity and now from Greeley, Colorado, visited Alvarado Tuesday.

Mrs. Mitchell of San Francisco is visiting at the home of her daughter, **Mrs. J. Symons**.

A.B. Nauert spent several days of the week in San Francisco.

The Nicol and Guiarden families were made happy by the arrival this week of a son for each family.

The Ladies' Aid Society met with Mrs. E.A. Richmond Thursday.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 14, 1903*

#### **Around Town:**

Cards are out announcing the marriage of A.A. Peralta to Miss Ruby Dawson. The wedding took place in the bride's home in San Francisco. They will reside in Greeley, Colorado, where the groom is employed. He was the assistant chemist at the sugar mill in Alvarado for many years. The bride is also well known in Alvarado.

Alvarado was well represented at the High School dance at Centerville Friday evening and at the baseball game on Sunday.

The Women of Woodcraft initiated a school of candidates Friday evening. After the ceremony a banquet was enjoyed.

F.B. Granger and George Helling have gone to Nevada to take a degree in Masonry.

Mrs. B.H. Ford entertained Miss Frances Godfrey of San Francisco Sunday and Monday.

Miss Oscarna Nauert of Alvarado was the guest of Miss Salz of Centerville several days this week.

Mr. & Mrs. E.W. Burr had as their guests Mrs. Burr's sister and brother of San Francisco Monday.

William Maffey and John Scribner spent Sunday and Monday with their respective families here.

Mrs. J.M. Scribner visited with friends in San Francisco this week.

Miss Maggie Riley spent several days of this week at her home here.

F.C. Harvey is confined to his home by illness.



Mrs. M. Lee and her daughter are confined to their home by severe colds.  
Miss Ivybelle and Joseph Ralph came from Oakland to attend the dance Saturday.  
Miss Dora Joyce of San Francisco spent from Saturday until Tuesday with her mother.  
Victor La Grave, formerly of Alvarado but now of Haywards, was in town on business Thursday.  
Miss Katy Ralph is in San Francisco.  
Mrs. W.B. Richmond and family are visiting relatives here  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 28, 1903*

#### **News Note:**

Mrs. Edythe Chisholm of Alvarado and her mother, Mrs. H. Turner, were guests at the Gregory House in Centerville Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Chisholm's guests over Sunday were J. M. and R. Rugg and Percy Hardenberg of San Francisco.  
*The Oakland Tribune, March 2, 1903*

#### **News Note:**

Miss Annie Cardoza of Alvarado is visiting at the home of her brother A. J. Cardoza in San Leandro.  
*The Oakland Tribune, March 6, 1903*

#### **Postmaster:**

E. A. Richmond, one of the pioneers of Washington Township, has been appointed Postmaster of Alvarado.  
*The Oakland Tribune, March 17, 1903*

#### **Around Town:**

The Ladies Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. J. Leal Thursday afternoon.  
Mrs. Merrill Ingalls of Utah is the guest of the E. H. Dyer family.  
Mrs. E. Huff spent several days last week in San Francisco.  
Mr. E. Orem of Buffalo, NY was the guest of **Mr. C. R. Nauert** on Wednesday last.  
Eugene Mathews of Crockett is visiting his parents, Mr. & Mrs. P. Mathews.  
Miss Dot Nauert of San Francisco spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents **Mr. & Mrs. C. R. Nauert**.  
Mrs. E. Stone and children spent the week with the formers parents, Dr. & Mrs. De Puy.  
*The Oakland Tribune, March 21, 1903*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Wm. Richmond and daughter, of San Francisco, are spending the week with the Richmond family.  
Miss Dora Joyce, who has been home the past two weeks, has returned to San Francisco to resume her duties at the McDowell Dressmaking School.  
**E. A. Hansen** of San Francisco spent Sunday with his family here.  
A number of friends were entertained at the home of Mrs. A. W. Lassen Saturday evening. Dancing and a fine dinner were indulged in.  
Miss Mildred Nauert has returned to her home after a three weeks' visit with relatives in Hayward.  
Niels Simmensen and family are moving to San Leandro where he has secured employment in the agricultural works.  
Miss Hattie Patterson of Oakland was entertained at the home of Prof. Norris last week.  
Tony Lee and wife have moved to Mt. Eden.  
**E. A. Hansen** of Alvarado Camp W. O. W. entertained Alvarado Circle Women of Woodcraft on Tuesday evening. Progressive Euchre was played. F. R. Starr, J. M. Leal, and Mrs. De Puy won the prizes. A supper was served.  
Mrs. Jacobs, and daughter Miss Elise, returned to their home in the city after spending a week here with relatives.  
Frank Perry, brother of Mrs. A. Lee, is now living in Hayward.  
Eugene Mathews has returned to his work in Crockett after spending a week here.  
Charles Heyer, Jr. spent his mid-term vacation here with relatives.

Miss Kathryn Nauert spent Saturday and Sunday at her home here.  
Mrs. F. P. Hellwig entertained a number of friends at a party at her home Friday.  
*The Oakland Tribune, March 28, 1903*

#### **Sugar:**

In financial circles the belief prevails that the Alameda Sugar Company is going into the sugar trust. That a deal is being made in the stock of the company is openly announced but an effort is being made by the brokers having the transaction in charge to conceal the identity of those interested. Sutro & Company has been commissioned to gather in the outstanding stock and have already secured 14,500 shares.

About the company: The Alameda Sugar Company has been in operation since about 1892 and in that time has paid over 200% in dividends. It is a comparatively small concern, employing about 200 workers. In the last year its sales have been between \$900,000 and \$1,000,000. The sugar interests are to be advanced in the fall of this year by reason of the agreement reached at the Brussels Conference last year, and this fact is supposed to account for the extraordinary activity being displayed by the sugar trust in reaching out for independent plants.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 28, 1903*

#### **Sugar:**

An important deal in the stock of the Alameda Sugar Co. has been made. It is rumored that the Sugar Trust will absorb the plant. Col. George Macfarlane, one of the stockholders in the sugar refinery, said last evening that letters he had received recently from San Francisco were to the effect that the absorption of the refinery by the Trust was imminent and it was no surprise to him that the deal had been affected. About two years ago Col. Macfarlane acquired about \$15,000 worth of stock in the refinery, \$5,000 of which was sold to Joseph Marsden, formerly of Honolulu, and interests were acquired by John Fowler & Co., of London, whose steam plows Col Macfarlane has succeeded in placing upon many beet sugar lands in California. Col. Macfarlane said that when he took the stock it was with the feeling that sooner or later the refinery would be absorbed by the Trust. He expects to see the trust absorb the beet sugar factories of Colorado, Utah and other states in the near future. The stock was a good dividend payer, the investment averaging about 13 per cent per annum in dividends.

*The Hawaiian Gazette, Honolulu Hawaii, March 31, 1903*

#### **The Gypsy & John Buchannan:**

John Buchannan, a resident of Alvarado for over 30 years was seduced into giving up gold pieces to a lovely young Gypsy temptress for the telling of his fortune. When he told his friends they told him that he had been duped. The young lady, from a bank of itinerant Gypsy's was arrested and posted \$50 bail. When the trial date came she didn't appear, the court was \$50 richer and John Buchannan was \$20 poorer.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 1, 1903*

#### **Flood:**

The high water in the various creeks in this locality has been the cause of a flood here. The outskirts of town are under water and the trainmen are finding it difficult to run the trains over this section of the narrow gauge track (South Pacific Coast Railroad).

*The Oakland Tribune, April 2, 1903*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Dora Joyce, who has been in San Francisco the past year, returned to her home here to stay indefinitely.

Gus Nauert is spending the week in San Francisco.

John Hopper of Sonora is the guest of E. H. Dyer.

Miss Nina Dyer has returned home from Bakersfield where she was the guest of her cousin.

Prof. & Mrs. A. A. Norris entertained a lady friend from Colfax last week.

Miss Minnie De Puy is spending her vacation in Livermore.

It is reported that Mrs. Lawson has sold out her hotel.  
Andrew Moffitt has accepted a position with A. Hansen of the Riverside Hotel.  
Royal Emery is home from San Francisco for a few days.  
Miss Inez Emery is at home to spend a few weeks with her mother.  
Miss Barbara Emery is taking a course at the Polytechnic Business College of Oakland.  
The Ellis Brothers are having one of their fire sales this week.  
J. Symons will move from the Harvey cottage into the Smythe house, lately vacated by A. Lee.  
Alvarado enjoyed an old-time flood Tuesday, much to the delight of a small boy.  
The teachers and children of our public school are enjoying their mid-term vacation.  
*The Oakland Tribune, April 4, 1903*

#### **Liquor License Applications:**

Christian Jensen, Alvarado  
*The Oakland Tribune, April 6, 1903*

#### **News Notes:**

About forty students of the Centerville Grammar School visited Alvarado to see the Water Works and the other sights around town.  
Mrs. Edith Chisholm visited part of last week with her mother, Mrs. Turner in Centerville.  
*The Oakland Tribune, April 11, 1903*

#### **Sugar:**

The Sugar Trust has now complete control of the Alameda Sugar Co., which means that the Trust is all-powerful on the Coast. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Alameda Sugar Company was held today, when the Board of Directors were elected to serve for the ensuing year. The election resulted as follows: John L. Howard, President; James Coffin, Secretary; E.C. Burr, Joseph Hyman, M. H. Hecht, Charles Sutro and Andrew Welch.

With the exception of Andrew Welch, the personality of the board remains unchanged. Mr. Welch took the place of Joseph Marsden of Honolulu, but as to whose place he took is immaterial. Mr. Welch is on hand to represent the Eastern purchasers, who succeeded in acquiring one-half of the stock, and perhaps a little more. The Eastern purchasers are supposed to be the Trust, and the supposition is more than well founded. The hand of the Trust was seen in the closing down of the California-Hawaiian refinery at Crockett after Ritter and Spreckels had been fighting each other for years.

Not a single employee is to be found at Crockett, and the works are closed tighter than a drum. The directors of the Alameda Sugar Company, with the addition of Mr. Welch, are satisfactory to the Trust.

The price of refined sugar has been raised in the East within the past few days, and the Coast follows the East. The price is now 6 cents per pound. There has been a falling off of price of the raw material, which is natural when the Trust is in the saddle. The aim of the Trust is to buy raw material low and sell the refined product high.  
*The Oakland Tribune, April 14, 1903*

#### **Mail Carrier Injured:**

The horse of mail carrier Huff ran away at the station last Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Huff was thrown to the ground and dragged some distance, the wheels of the vehicle running over him. Those who witnessed the accident ran to his assistance, and it first it was feared he was seriously hurt, but luckily, he escaped with a few bruises. He will, however, be confined to bed for several days.  
*The Oakland Tribune, April 18, 1903*

#### **Classified Ad:**

HELP WANTED – MALE:

Barber shop in Alvarado, very cheap; half cash, living room, cheap rent.

A. Davilla

*The San Francisco Call, April 22, 1903*

**Salt:**

A deed was filed for record today conveying 250 acres of salt marsh near Alvarado from the Federal Salt Company to the Imperial Salt Company. The purchase price is stated to be \$8,847.50.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 29, 1903*

**I. V. Ralph:**

By the removal of I. V. Ralph, a prominent businessman of Alvarado, the mercantile fraternity of Oakland has been greatly strengthened. Mr. Ralph purchased an interest in the F. J. Lea & Co. flavoring extracts manufacturing concern.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 29, 1903*

**Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. A. Lee are visiting at the home of the parents of the latter, Mr. & Mrs. G. Mac Inart. Miss Dot Nauert spent Sunday with her parents here.

The residence of Mr. F. C. Harvey is now illuminated by electricity.

F. B. Granger has had his home raised and added two new rooms.

The Kern's are entertaining their lady relations from Ireland.

Two young men in an auto were ditched on the road between Alvarado and Mt. Eden Sunday.

Both escaped serious injury, but the auto was badly damaged, one wheel being entirely broken.

Crusade Lodge, No. 93, IOOF, preached on "Odd Fellowship" in the Presbyterian Church. The local lodge, IOOF and Rebekah's attended in a body.

J. Ludwig Olson and John Ralph purchased the General Merchandise store of Mr. Young of Decoto. They will move to Decoto and take charge in about two weeks. Both young men have worked in a store here for a number of years.

Duncan Buchanan is in Bakersfield, where he was sent as a delegate by Wisteria Parlor, No. 127, NSGW

Alvarado Camp, W. of the W. expect to give a fair in the near future.

W. A. Patterson, druggist will move his drug store from Alvarado. Where he will go is not decided.

His many friends regret his leaving.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 2, 1903*

**Classified Ad:**

BUSINESS CHANCES:

Barbershop in Alvarado must be sold this month.

CONTACT: E.A. Richmond, Alvarado Calif.

*The San Francisco Call, May 5, 1903*

**Around Town:**

The piano raffle will come off next Saturday evening in Ellis' Store.

Thomas Foster is home on a visit to his parents in San Jose.

Neils Koue is attending a sick friend in Mt. Eden.

J. R. Allguire of Crockett is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Thomas Cronin, at her home here.

Manuel August has returned home from a ten-month visit in the Azores. He surprised his many friends by bringing back a bride with him.

Miss Nauert spent a few days of this week in San Francisco.

Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Maffey moved to San Francisco Tuesday. Mr. Beebe will occupy the cottage vacated by them.

George Drummond of San Francisco has returned to resume his duties at the sugar factory.

Word has been received from Palo Alto that Mrs. Addie Allguire Vandervoort is on the road to recovery.

Mr. Welsh, an old resident now living in San Francisco was a visitor on Sunday on business.

Carl Jepson is building a house on his place near town.

Mr. & Mrs. Peterson and their two sons of the metropolis were guests at the Riverside Hotel Sunday.

H. Borchgrevink has accepted a position in San Francisco.

Mrs. E. Laughlin and children are staying with her mother in Irvington since the death of her father.

Edward Huff is slowly recovering from a recent accident.

Dr. Morrison went to San Francisco to assist in an operations Tuesday.

A few of our people attended the May Day picnic at Fernbrook.

The Woodmen of the World are rehearsing a farce to be given soon.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 8, 1903*

### **Bicycle Riding:**

City Clerk J. W. Gillogly and Deputy Assessor George Sturtovant (both of the City of Alameda) took a seventy-five mile bicycle ride yesterday. They visited Mission San Jose, Niles Canyon, Centerville and Alvarado. The day was very warm. As a result, Mr. Gillogly is pretty well sunburned and somewhat lame, while Mr. Sturtevant is so sore that he was unable to be around this morning.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 11, 1903*

### **Fire Destroys Barn:**

The barn in back of the F. C. Harvey Store was destroyed by fire Wednesday afternoon. One horse was burned to death. Had the wind been blowing the opposite direction it would have also caused the destruction of the other Harvey barn.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 18, 1903*

### **Around Town:**

B. W. Royce, who is in the general merchandise business in Tuolumne, but formerly of Alvarado, spent several days of the week in town as the guest of Mr. E. A. Richmond.

Mrs. Katy Ralph entertained city relatives at her home on Sunday.

Miss Harriet Joyce spent Sunday with her friends in the metropolis.

Mrs. F. C. Harvey and son have returned from a month's visit to her sister, Mrs. A. S. Perkins in Fresno.

Miss Mildred Nauert spent several days of the week in the city.

Mrs. A. May attended the commencement exercises of the State University Thursday.

Miss Elma Salz of Centerville was the guest of Miss Ossie Nauert several days of last week.

Miss Jewett of San Francisco is the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. W. Burr.

The Woodmen are busy rehearsing the farce they expect to give next month.

Mrs. Stone and child, of Livermore, are visiting with their parents, Dr. & Mrs. De Puy.

B. H. Ford is in San Francisco this week, attending the Grand Lodge of the IOOF He represents Crusade Lodge of Alvarado. Oscar Nauert is also an attendant.

Miss Mae Hawley is the delegate of the local lodge of Rebekah's to the Grand Lodge of that order.

Mrs. P. A. Ellis and daughter, Miss Grace, spent Wednesday & Thursday in San Francisco.

Frank Rodgers of Niles has taken the place of J. Ludwig Olson, as delivery clerk for the Ellis Bros.

Alvarado was deserted Wednesday and Thursday as many people went to San Francisco and Oakland to see President Roosevelt.

The High School was closed Thursday and the Grammar School Wednesday to give the pupils who so wished, a chance to see the President.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 18, 1903*

### **Historical Day:**

Mrs. C. C. Crane presented the historical outline of "Alvarado and Union City" to the audience at "Historical Day" at Centerville Town Hall yesterday. Other presenters were: Mrs. J. E. Thane, "Early History of Mission San Jose;" Mrs. T. C. Huxley, "Modern History of Mission San Jose;" Mrs. J. A. Bunting, "Centerville;" Mrs. Julia Straven, "Irvington;" Mrs. M. L. Mowry, "Warm Springs;" Mrs. G. H. Hudson, "Niles;" Mrs. C. L. Haines, "Decoto;" and Mrs. C. S. Haley, "Newark."

*The Oakland Tribune, May 20, 1903*

**Around Town:**

**Mrs. F. B. Granger Jr.** was the hostess in honor of her mother Mr. S. H. Harvey, who leaves for an extended visit of her old home in New Hampshire this month.

Mrs. S. Beebe of this place is visiting the city.

Mrs. Cilker and Miss Cilker of Los Gatos spent a part of the week with Mr. & Mrs. May. Miss Cilker was graduated from UC Berkeley earlier this year and was formerly a teacher in the **grammar school** here.

Mr. A. Lee has accepted his old position with Ellis Bros. at their local store.

Miss Nauert spent the week visiting in San Francisco.

Clarence Granger, an Alvarado boy who has become well known in the East through his sugar interests is here with his daughter as guests of Mr. & **Mrs. F. B. Granger, Jr.**

*The Oakland Tribune, May 30, 1903*

**High School Graduates:**

The graduates for Washington Union High School No. 2 for 1903 are: Mary Jackson, Alvarado; Belle and Nellie Jarvis, Newark; Elsie Sandholdt, Centerville; and Manuel Telles, Mission San Jose.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 30, 1903*

**Around Town:**

Alvarado Camp, Woodmen of the World, will give an entertainment followed by a special dance in the IOOF Hall on June 19<sup>th</sup>. A one-act comedy "To Oblige Benson" will be presented. The farce is under the direction of Miss Kathryn Nauert. Other numbers will be given by outside talent. Wisteria Parlor, No. 127, NSGW, expects to initiate a school of its candidates at their next meeting.

Mr. & Mrs. A. Charvoz and sons of San Francisco, were in town Sunday, the guests of Mrs. Charvoz' mother, Mrs. K. Ralph. They came to bid their friends goodbye as next week they leave for their new home in Santa Monica.

Mrs. F. A. Starr is entertaining city relations.

F. A. Starr and John S. Leal have gone to Thermolito in the interest of the sugar company. They expect to be gone for two weeks.

Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Burr are the proud parents of another son.

Miss Maggie Riley of San Francisco spent Sunday with her parents here.

Mr. A. Lee has moved into the Beebe Cottage recently vacated by William Maffey.

Dr. A. A. De Puy is away on a two-week vacation.

The Roger Gonsalves' are in quarantine on account of scarlet fever. They reside near Hall's Station.

Mrs. Edna Hollings was entertained at the Richmond home Sunday.

Mrs. J. Symons entertained her sister from San Francisco last week.

Mrs. S. H. Harvey, who left for the east, is delayed because of floods in Kansas.

Samuel Poorman, Jr., an attorney from San Francisco was in town several times during the week renewing acquaintances.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 6, 1903*

**Hayward NDGW:**

The Hayward Parlor of the Native Daughters entertained the members of the Olivina Parlor of Alvarado, the Piedmont and Aloha Parlors of Oakland at a picnic held in Niles Canyon on Saturday.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 8, 1903*

**Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Richmond went to San Francisco to attend the wedding of Edna Hollings, a niece of Mrs. Richmond, who often visited here and who has a large circle of friends in Alvarado.

Miss Clara Jackson has returned from Sacramento where she has been visiting for some months.

Mr. & Mrs. Ellis are entertaining the mother and sister of Mrs. Ellis from Sunol.

Mrs. Jones and daughter from Sacramento are visiting relatives in town.

O. J. Backus and son from Oakland were in town in their new automobile Thursday and spent the day with Charles Nauert.

Mrs. H. Laufer and daughter from San Francisco are visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. John Joyce.

Mr. & Mrs. John L. Olson are now settled in their new home in Decoto, where Mr. Olson has gone into the general merchandising business.

At the election of school trustee, Friday, F. B. Granger and F. P. Helling were elected trustees.

Contrary to reports they were not the only candidates on the ballot.

Special services will be held in the Presbyterian Church Sunday evening.

The Misses Mount spent a portion of the week visiting some friends in Hayward.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 13, 1903*

#### **Marriage Licenses Issued:**

Manuel E. Amaral, 27, Alvarado & Jefrenina Serpa, Alvarado 19.

Manuel J. Rose, 26, Alvarado & Mary Freitas, 22, Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 15, 1903*

#### **John Ralph:**

Mrs. Kate Ralph went to Decoto to visit the new store of Ralph and Olson. J. H. Ralph one of the owners of the firm is her son. Mrs. Ralph will soon leave for Santa Maria.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 19, 1903*

#### **School Census:**

The result of the school census in Alameda county is: Number of children of school age 35,063.

The results for Washington Township are:

Alvarado	180
Alviso	71
Centerville	224
Decoto	184
Lincoln	14
Mission San Jose	135
Mowry's Landing	21
Newark	140
Niles	175
Warm Springs	118
Washington (Irvington)	170

*The Oakland Tribune, June 22, 1903*

#### **Liquor License Applications:**

Rose & Roderick, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, June 22, 1903*

#### **Jane Kerr Dies:**

In Alvarado, Alameda County, June 21<sup>st</sup>, Jane R. Kerr, beloved wife of Andrew Kerr, a native of Ireland, aged 75 years.

*The San Francisco Call, June 22, 1903*

#### **License to Marry:**

James Kerr, 25, Alvarado

Ella Robinson, 24, Mt. Eden

*The San Francisco Call, June 25, 1903*

#### **Woodmen of the World:**

The musical and dramatical entertainment that was given by the Alvarado Camp, No. 429, of the Woodmen of the World, at the IOOF Hall on Friday, was a decided success in every way. This camp has given many fine affairs, but this was voted by many to be the finest. Leading the show

was Miss Kathryn Nauert along with Miss Joyce, Mr. Lindsay, Mr. J.W. Andrews and Ernest Lange received good reviews. The officers of the Alvarado Camp are: E. L. Laughlin, J. W. Andrews, B. H. Ford, **A. B. Nauert**, A. Franzen, C. Jepson, G. P. Hellwig, F. A. Starr and Wm. Robinson.  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 27, 1903*

#### **Around Town:**

Edward H. Dyer and wife spent a few days of the week with his father, E. H. Dyer of Alvarado. They are on a visit to the coast from Cleveland Ohio where has resided the past few years. Miss K. E. Riley of Oakland, who formerly taught here, was in town Tuesday & Wednesday visiting friends.

Mrs. Frank G. Curtis and daughter of Alameda spent the latter part of the week visiting with Mrs. F. B. Granger. Mrs. Curtis will be remembered as the former Miss Sophie Smithurst.

Mrs. Marie Dupont and the Miss Butterworth of San Francisco are being entertained at the home of her aunt, Mrs. E. A. Richmond.

Allen Richmond of San Francisco spent Sunday with his parents here.

Miss Poorman was the guest of **Miss Dyer** for Woodmen entertainment.

Austin Ellis is confined to his bed by a severe case of poison oak.

Miss Grace Ellis spent several days of this week in Oakland visiting relatives.

Dan Schoenfeldt of San Francisco came here Friday to attend the entertainment and was the guest of **Gus Nauert**.

Miss Mae Smith is here from San Francisco to spend her vacation with her grand parents, **Mr. & Mrs. P. Mathews**.

W. L. Lawson who has been visiting at the home of **Mr. & Mrs. P. Mathews** several weeks left for his home on Sunday.

Mrs. E. M. Foley entertained a lady friend from San Francisco on Sunday.

Miss Munson and **Miss Dyer** left Tuesday for Yosemite.

Guy Dyer is home from Utah on a visit.

Joe Norris who had his knee sprained and his wrist broken at the salt works is doing nicely.

The Misses Salz and Huxley were in town Wednesday.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 27, 1903*

#### **Around Town:**

Robert Richmond was the host of a delightful party given at the home of his parents Wednesday evening, about twenty-five people responded to invitations.

Mrs. Kimball of Salt Lake City is the guest of her cousin, F. B. Granger.

Ralph Richmond of Tuolumne is spending time here with his parents.

Austin Ellis is able to get up and around again after a serious case of poison oak.

Mr. & Mrs. L. Hansel of Stockton spent Wednesday with the Nauert's. Mr. Hansel and Mr. Nauert were schoolboys together in Buffalo, NY.

Mrs. H. Laufer and daughter, Miss Ruth, who have been visiting with the formers mother, Mrs. J. Joyce, left Thursday for her home in San Francisco.

Miss Gladys Sunkel entertained about twenty friends at her home Saturday evening. A most enjoyable time was spent.

Gus Nauert is in San Francisco where he has accepted a position as an invoice clerk with the American Steel and Wire Co.

Mrs. Drennan and her daughter, Kate Riley of Oakland, are spending the week with the Fred Wiegman family.

The Butterwork family is staying at the Richmond home.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 4, 1903*

#### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. John Butterworth and daughter of San Francisco, who have been visiting friends, met with what might have been a serious accident in Niles Canyon Monday. While attempting to turn near the Spring Valley Dam, the buggy upset, and the occupants were thrown violently to the ground. Mrs. Butterworth received a cut on the head, and a large splinter in the cheek. The others received a few scratches and a good shaking. Mrs. Butterworth is under the care of a physician.



Miss Kathryn Nauert and her brother, A. B. Nauert, spent over the fourth with their parents here. W. B. Richmond, wife and daughter, John Butterworth, wife and children, Fred Kruse and wife, Elmore Brown and wife, Miss Marie Dupont, Allan Richmond of San Francisco, Edwin Richmond of Santa Maria, Ralph Richmond of Tuolumne and Miss Dora Joyce of Alvarado spent the fourth with Mr. E. A. Richmond and family here.

The **schoolhouse** has been repainted, inside and out, for the coming term. Miss Kilgo of Colfax has been selected to supply the vacancy in the intermediate department of our public school, caused by the resignation of Mrs. Edythe Chisholm.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Sunkel and mother, Mrs. Halden, have gone to Skaggs for a few weeks stay. Mr. Halden is in Sacramento visiting his daughter, who resides there. Mrs. F. B. Granger entertained about thirty friends at Whist Friday evening in honor of his cousin, Miss Kimball of Salt Lake City, who has been their guest for the past few days. The prizes were won by Mrs. J. M. Scribner and Mr. August May. The prizes were pretty silk flags. Charles Nauert has been under the weather the past week. By order of the Alvarado Board of Trustees **Alvarado School** will open on July 29<sup>th</sup>. After being in existence fourteen years the Olivina Parlor, No. 61, NDGW has decided to surrender their charter. It was a very social lodge and many fine times were given under its auspices. Mr. Threlfall of Stockton is a visitor at the Lowrie's. This is his first visit for ten years. Miss Kimball has gone to San Jose to visit her cousin, Mrs. E. E. Chase. The Woodmen and Ladies of Woodcraft held a joint installation Tuesday evening. Grand officers were present. The Alvarado Rebecca Degree Lodge will hold an installation Saturday evening. Mr. Drennan and daughter, Miss K. E. Riley (a former teacher here) who has been guests at the Wiegman home, left for their home in Oakland on Sunday. Misses Mary and Margie Jackson spent the week in visiting with friends in Oakland.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 11, 1903*

#### **License to Marry:**

Frank P. Rose, over 21, Alvarado  
Miss Mary E. Daviner, over 18, Alvarado  
*The San Francisco Call, San Francisco, Calif., July 12, 1903*

#### **Chinese:**

A Chinese laborer was found hung from the beams of a bridge near Alvarado. He had been there several weeks. The Chinese community refuses to accept the theory of suicide.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 13, 1903*

#### **License to Marry:**

John G. Logan 26, and Annie J. Wilson 21, both of Alvarado  
*The San Francisco Call, July 22, 1903*

#### **Alvarado Reunion:**

**Mrs. F. B. Granger** gave a sort of "old schoolmates' reunion" at her home here Saturday. **Mrs. Bertha Meyers** also gives a luncheon every year at her pretty home in Alameda. They are most delightful and greatly enjoyed. Conversation is the feature of the day, talking over the good old schooldays. Among those at **Mrs. Granger's** from San Francisco were: Mrs. Maude Lowell Langdon, Mrs. Polly Lowell Kruitsman, Mrs. Mabel Smithurst Dunn, Mrs. Frances Ralph Randolph, Mrs. Nettie Ralph Charvoz and Mrs. Grace Barron Harding. From Alameda: **Mrs. Bertha May Meyers** and Mrs. Sophie Smithurst Curtis. From San Jose: Mrs. Edith Granger. From Hayward: Mrs. Laura Vanderpeer Obermuller. From Alvarado: Mrs. Maggie Buchanan Emery, Mrs. Janet Decoto May, Miss Clara Franz, Miss Mildred Nauert and the hostess: **Mrs. Sue Harvey Granger**.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 25, 1903*

**Around Town:**

Wisteria Parlor, No. 127, NSGW, installed officers and initiated a school of candidates Thursday evening. After the meeting everyone adjourned to the banquet hall, where an elaborate menu was served. As every parlor in the county was invited there was a large attendance. Grand officers were also present.

Mrs. Winnie Ralph of the city was a visitor here Saturday and Sunday.

After a month's visit with her grand parents, Mr. & Mrs. P. Mathews, Mrs. Mae Smith left for her home in San Francisco.

Louis Smith, a pioneer and former resident of Alvarado, is visitor here this week.

Miss Jeanette Starr is visiting friends in the metropolis.

Miss Katherine Mathews, who spent the week with her parents here, has returned to her home in San Francisco to resume her duties.

Mrs. John Joyce is on the sick list.

Mrs. F. Helling is entertaining a young lady friend from the city.

Crusade Lodge, No. 93, IOOF, held installation of officers at their last meeting. The ceremonies were followed by a banquet. There was a large attendance.

Miss Nauert and little brother Henry spent the week in San Francisco sightseeing.

Mrs. B. Naber of Alameda spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. A. A. Norris.

After spending two weeks with her sister-in-law, Mrs. E. A. Richmond, Mrs. John Butterworth and children have returned to their home in San Francisco.

Mr. & Mrs. Drendall and Mr. Allen Richmond of San Francisco spent Sunday with the parents of the latter.

Mr. & Mrs. Sunkel and her mother, Mrs. Halden, have returned from a two-week stay at Skaggs Springs.

Miss Kathryn Nauert and Gus Nauert spent Sunday at their home here. The latter was accompanied by Mr. E. Woodard of the American Steel Wire Co. of San Francisco.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 25, 1903*

**License to Marry:**

Manuel De Avila, 29, and Maria L. Silva, 17, both of Alvarado

*The San Francisco Call, July 25, 1903*

**Dr. De Puy:**

Dr. A. A. De Puy and family have moved to Hayward from Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 30, 1903*

**Classified Ad:**

HELP WANTED – FEMALE:

Chambermaid and waitress, Alvarado, \$25.

Apply to: J.F. Crosett & Co., 334 Sutter St., San Francisco

*The San Francisco Call, August 6, 1903*

**Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. Scribner have been spending a week in San Francisco.

Mr. & Mrs. Holgren of San Leandro spent Thursday with the Nauert family.

Mrs. Ellis is entertaining friends from Irvington.

George P. Hellwig is confined to his room with malarial fever.

Mrs. J. Brooks of San Francisco spent last week with Mrs. E. A. Richmond.

Miss Mildred Nauert is at Capitola, the guest of Mrs. William Taylor of Livermore.

Mrs. Orrick, of San Francisco is spending a week with her mother, Mrs. P. Joyce.

Albert Norris of San Jose, son of Professor Norris, spent Monday with his parents.

Mr. A. Bryden, who was seriously injured when thrown from a buggy, is recovering.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 8, 1903*

### **Stolen Bicycle Parts:**

Chief of Police Hodgkins of the Oakland P. D. has cracked a bicycle theft ring in Oakland Calif. Bicycles and bicycle parts have been showing up for sale in Alvarado and other Bay area cities. One of the thieves, Ned Ryan, was arrested after selling three bicycle wheels in Alvarado.  
*The Oakland Tribune, August 12, 1903*

### **Sugar:**

George Clements, of Pleasanton, left Thursday morning for Alvarado where he will be employed by the Alameda Sugar Company as an Assistant Chemist.  
*The Oakland Tribune, August 14, 1903*

### **Dairy Incorporated:**

Articles of Incorporation of the Jackson Granger Dairy Company of Alvarado have been filed with the County Clerk. The directors are: Daniel Jackson, Farley B. Granger, S. H. Granger, T. F. Jackson, and Fred C. Harvey, all of Alvarado as is the location of the business.  
*The Oakland Tribune, August 21, 1903*

### **Around Town:**

Mrs. G. Brown of San Francisco is visiting relatives in town.  
Miss Mildred Nauert is spending the week in San Francisco.  
Mrs. B. H. Ford is visiting her mother in Ione.  
Mrs. E. Laughlin and children are spending the week with Mrs. Laughlin's mother, Mrs. Hugel in Irvington.  
Mr. & Mrs. D. Simons have returned from a two-week stay in Larkspur.  
Miss Grace Ellis is attending Alameda High School.  
William Norris has returned to the State University at Berkeley to resume his studies.  
Mr. A. Lindsay, the general station agent here is again at his post after an absence of two weeks.  
*The Oakland Tribune, August 22, 1903*

### **Marriage License:**

Bernard Vargas, 23, Alvarado  
Miss Mary Serfa, 20, Alvarado  
*The San Francisco Call, San Francisco, Calif., August 23, 1903*

### **Around Town:**

D. C. Parish and **Miss Carrie Parish** were called to Los Angeles by the serious illness of Mrs. Parish, who went there several weeks ago, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Ellie, for the benefit of the daughter's health. While caring for her daughter Mrs. Parish was taken with pneumonia and later suffered a stroke of paralysis. At last report no hopes were entertained for the recovery of Mrs. Parish.

Mrs. F. B. Granger is substituting (teaching) for **Miss Parish**.

Mrs. L. Sinclair of San Francisco was the guest of Mrs. E. M. Foley Saturday and Sunday.

**Mrs. C. R. Nauert** spent Saturday and Sunday in the metropolis. Her son, Gus, accompanied her home, remaining over Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. P. A. Ellis spent Sunday with his parents in Sunol.

Miss Martha Cilker of Los Gatos was the guest of Mrs. A. May Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs. May accompanied her home, returning on Friday.

Dr. A. A. De Puy of Hayward was a visitor in town on Wednesday.

Mrs. C. W. Heyer of Hayward was a visitor at the **Nauert home** the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Katy Ralph has returned from a two months visit in Santa Maria with her daughter, Mrs. A. Charvoz and Mrs. J. W. Atkinson.

Mrs. P. Joyce is again at home here after a two weeks stay with her daughter, Mrs. Olson.

The Men of Woodcraft gave a very pleasant card party in the lodge room Friday evening. Prizes were awarded and refreshments were served.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 5, 1903*

**Mrs. D. C. Parish Dies:**

Mrs. D. C. Parish died at her home here yesterday, having arrived from Los Angeles where she was taken ill but the night before. It was feared that she would not reach home alive. Everything that medical skill could do was done, but all proved in vain.

Mrs. Parish has lived in Alvarado for many years, and was loved by a large list of friends. She leaves a husband and three daughters to mourn her loss.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 12, 1903*

**Around Town:**

Alvarado Circle of Woodcraft entertained its friends Friday evening at cards, preceded by a few musical numbers. The prizes were won by Miss A. Kilgo and Mr. Drummond. The consolation prizes were awarded to Miss Mary Jackson and Mr. John Ralph. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Alvarado was well represented at the Admission Day celebration held in Hayward. A few of our Native Sons and Native Daughters attended the celebration in San Jose.

Mrs. Ida Brooks of San Francisco and her sister Mrs. Arthur Mitchell of Maine spent several days this week with Mrs. E. A. Richmond as did Mrs. Elmore Brown also of San Francisco.

Misses Mildred and Oscarna Nauert spent several days of this week in Hayward with relatives.

Mrs. Henrickson of Livermore is a guest at the Lassen home.

Misses Ivy & Edna Ralph and Robert Ralph spent Admission Day with friends here.

Many of Alvarado's youngsters attended the circus in San Francisco various days of the week.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Symons spent the holidays with their friends in Larkspur.

William J. Dingee of Oakland was here Monday looking after his property.

Miss Dot Nauert and Gus Nauert, accompanied by Ralph Worsley, a friend of the latter, spent Sunday and Monday at the home of the Nauert's.

Frank Furtado has left the hospital where he had a serious operation performed and is now at the home of his sister, Mrs. A. Lee. He is doing nicely.

Mrs. Valentine Kendall of San Francisco, accompanied by her mother-in-law, spent Admission Day with the mother of the former, Mrs. L. Camman, at her home here.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 12, 1903*

**Liquor License Application:**

J. Fortuna, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, September 14, 1903*

**Judge Hamilton Dies:**

An early Washington Township pioneer has passed away. Former Judge of the Superior Court of Alameda County, Noble Hamilton, died at age 81. A native of Indiana he served in the Mexican-American War from 1845 to its conclusion. In 1853 he resided in Alvarado, then the County Seat for Alameda County, where he practiced law. He stayed until 1859 when he relocated to San Leandro, the new county seat. His career flourished and he served with distinction.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 25, 1903*

**Around Town:**

Alvarado was well represented at the handkerchief sale and garden party at Mrs. Layson's for the benefit of the new Sunday school of the Centerville Presbyterian Church.

Mr. A. B. Nauert and Allen Richmond of San Francisco spent Sunday with their respective parents. John Mathews, and his niece, Miss Mae Smith accompanied by a friend of the latter, spent several days of the week with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. P. Mathews.

Misses Dyer and Munson have returned to their home here after a prolonged visit in Tuolumne County.

Mrs. F. C. Harvey entertained twenty ladies at Whist Friday afternoon at her home here. The prize, a pretty cut glass dish, was won by Mrs. Guy C. Emery. Dainty refreshments were served after the game.

Mr. & Mrs. A. A. Norris entertained their daughter-in-law from Mountain View Sunday. Ralph De Puy of Hayward was the guest of the Griffin boys Saturday and Sunday. Mr. & Mrs. George Graham of Newark were in town Sunday. George L. Gould, who just returned from London, was in town Sunday. Mrs. J. Brooks, of San Francisco, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. A. Mitchell of Freeport, Maine, were the guests of Mrs. E. A. Richmond several days of the weeks. The clerks of the various stores are around with petitions for the Sunday closing of stores.  
*The Oakland Tribune, September 26, 1903*

#### **News Notes:**

The Union Cotillion Club has sent out 200 invitations to prospective members. A series of four dances will be given, one each in the following towns: Centerville, Niles, Decoto and Alvarado. The parties last season were very successful and among the most pleasant affairs given in the township. An executive committee was selected consisting of Miss Zadie Whipple of Decoto, Mrs. S. O. Quigley of Niles, Miss Nauert of Alvarado and Mrs. D. Cushing of Mission San Jose. The finance committee is Mrs. Ford of Niles, Miss Dyer of Alvarado and Miss Whipple of Decoto.

F. H. Bachler, head chemist at the sugar mill who was hurt a few weeks ago by the blowing up of the centrifuge in the laboratory, had several large pieces of iron removed from his arm Saturday.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 3, 1903*

#### **News Note:**

George Clements spent Sunday with his parents in Pleasanton.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 8, 1903*

#### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. George Gauld of San Francisco, are spending the week at the Swan Gun Club House. Mr. Gauld is President of the club. Antonio Davilla and Joseph McMasters are unusually happy this week, all caused by the arrival of a little daughter in their respective households. The first assembly of the Union Cotillion Club will be held in the IOOF Hall, Alvarado, Friday evening, November 13, when Decoto will entertain. Miss Dyer and Miss Munson have sent out invitations for cards this evening at the home of Miss Dyer. Mrs. J. M. Scribner has returned from a short stay in San Francisco. Prof. A. A. Norris attended the Masonic Grand Lodge last week. The clubhouse being built on the Briggs place by F. M. Smith of Oakland is nearing completion. It will cost about \$12,000. Mrs. K. Faig has rented her saloon and boarding house. She will move into the John Quigley place. Louis Smith is a guest at the Alvarado Hotel. He will soon occupy his old home with his sister, Mrs. Lavina Gregg. Miss Oscarna Nauert is visiting friends and relatives in San Francisco.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 24, 1903*

#### **Divorce Proceedings:**

A suit for divorce was begun today in behalf of Ada A. Lee against Atone A. Lee on the ground of Cruelty. They were married a year ago and it is alleged that only a short time had elapsed before Lee began to treat his wife in an inhumane manner. They live in Alvarado.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 24, 1903*

#### **Around Town:**

**Mrs. C. W. Heyer** of Hayward and **Gus Nauert** of San Francisco spent Sunday at the Nauert's Home. Mrs. Olson of Decoto and Mrs. Aurich of San Francisco, spent several days with their mother, Mrs. P. Joyce.

Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Scribner and Miss Dora Joyce attended the china-wedding anniversary of their sister, Mrs. H. Laufer in Alvarado on Saturday.

Mrs. P. A. Ellis is in San Francisco to be gone a week or two.

George Helling sailed Friday for Portland. A. N. Lindsay left Saturday by rail for the same place. From there both gentlemen will go east, returning together in about a month.

Misses Poorman and Gibson of Oakland were the guests of **Misses Dyer** and Munson over Sunday.

Mrs. H. P. Dyer and children of Cleveland Ohio left for their home Tuesday, after a ten-month visit with relatives in the area.

**Miss Dyer** and Miss Munson entertained about thirty guests delightfully at cards Saturday evening at the home of Miss Dyer. Euchre was the game. Prizes for progressions were won by **Mrs. C. W. Heyer** and August May, for lone hands by Miss Poorman and Dr. Morrison, while the consolation prizes went to Miss I. Whipple and **Gus Nauert**.

A meeting of the new Whist Club was held Wednesday evening in the IOOF Hall.

Miss Mildred Nauert spent the week in San Francisco with relatives.

Mrs. A. Lowden of San Francisco spent several days this week visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. H. Behrmann entertained several friends from San Francisco this week.

A. Norris of San Jose spent Sunday with his parents, Professor & Mrs. Norris.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 31, 1903*

#### **Liquor License Applications:**

Frank Dutra, Alvarado

Antone Avila, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, November 2, 1903*

#### **Around Town:**

Alvarado Circle of the Women of Woodcraft entertained about sixty friends at Whist in the IOOF Hall Friday evening. First prizes were won by **Mrs. Sunkel** and E. L. Farley; the consolation prizes by Miss Mathews and William Mills. After the game dainty refreshments were served.

A new Whist Club has been organized with about fifty members. Meetings will be held every Wednesday. The following officers were elected: President, A. A. Norris; Secretary, **Mrs. J. M. Scribner**; Treasurer, **Mrs. J. Sunkel**.

After spending time at her parent's home here, Miss Kate Mathews has returned to San Francisco. Miss Mildred Nauert spent the week visiting friends and relatives in the bay cities.

John Hooper of Tuolumne County is a guest at the Dyer home.

D. C. Parish and family are now settled in one of the Beebe cottages.

August May is having the house occupied by E. Laughlin resingled.

Mrs. P. A. Ellis has returned from a two-week stay in San Francisco.

Elmer Barry of the metropolis was the guest of Gus Nauert from Friday until Sunday.

Mrs. S. Beebe is spending the week with her daughter, **Mrs. J. M. Scribner**.

Mrs. Katy Ralph is again at her home here, after spending two months with her daughter in Santa Maria.

Mrs. Hall and Daughter Miss Florence Hall, former residents here, sent Sunday with L. C. Smith, the brother of Mrs. Hall.

Dr. Martin of San Francisco was in town Thursday renewing old acquaintances. He resided here before studying medicine.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 7, 1903*

#### **Saloon License Application:**

F. C. Harvey & Co. asked to be permitted to run a saloon in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 9, 1903*

#### **John L. Beard Dies:**

Ex-State Senator John L. Beard died suddenly from heart failure at his home yesterday about three miles from Alvarado. John L. Beard was the son of Elias Lyman Beard who settled in the Mission San Jose area in 1849, and who, along with John Horner controlled 30,000 acres of farmland known as the ex-Mission lands, the best farmland in Washington Township. John Beard had two sons, Jesse and Eldridge.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 20, 1903*

#### **Around Town:**

The first assembly of the Union Cotillion Club was held in the IOOF Hall in Alvarado Friday evening, with the young ladies of Decoto as hostesses. The hall was beautifully and elaborately decorated with stately palms and boughs of pepper. The inclemency of the weather and the big football game the succeeding day kept some of the members from attending, but those present had an unusually good time. The next assembly will be held at Niles.

Mrs. Oscarna Nauert has returned to her home after a month's stay with friends and relatives in the metropolis.

George P. Hellwig and **A. N. Lindsay** returned Friday after a three-week's trip East. Their destination was Salt Lake City. They report a very enjoyable trip.

Mr. **A. N. Lindsay** spent Tuesday and Wednesday in San Francisco.

E. A. Richmond has been confined to his home most of last week with a severe cold.

D. Jackson and family moved to Decoto Monday where they will reside. Mr. Morrison has occupied the Jackson home.

Many theater parties composed of people from Alvarado have made the trip to San Francisco to see Ben Hur.

Mrs. F. C. Harvey and son are visiting relatives in Napa.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 21, 1903*

#### **Ex-Senator Beard Dies:**

The funeral of ex-senator John L. Beard, who died Thursday last, took place from the former home of the deceased, midway between Alvarado and Centerville, this morning at 10:30 o'clock. The pallbearers were Henry May of Decoto, Sol Ehrman of Mission San Jose, Edwin Whipple of Decoto, James Whipple of Berkeley, Farley Granger of Alvarado, Edward A. Grau of Irvington, Philip Hellwig of Alvarado and George Fishel of Niles.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 21, 1903*

#### **Charles Davis Dies:**

In Modesto, November 21<sup>st</sup>, Charles Davis Jr., son of Captain C. Davis, a native of Alvarado, aged 48 years.

*The San Francisco Call, November 26, 1903*

#### **Around Town:**

Gus and Dot Nauert Allen spent Thanksgiving with their parents.

Mrs. P. Joyce has been confined to her bed for the past week by an abscess in the head, but is reported as improving. She is being attended by Dr. Morrison.

Miss Hattie Parish is spending a few days with her relatives.

The Whist Club met last night. About thirty-seven members were present. Mrs. E. L. Farley won the first prize, a hand painted cake plate. The gentleman's first prize went to O. J. Emery.

Miss Mildred Nauert is visiting relatives in Hayward.

Part of Chinatown was injured last night by fire. Had it not been for the heroic effort of citizens a large portion of the town would have been wholly destroyed.

George Lang and family have moved into the Biddinger cottage.

Mr. & Mrs. George Hayden have moved to San Francisco, where Mr. Hayden has secured a position as an engineer.

Mrs. Laughlin is entertaining her brother from Hanford.

Miss Dora Joyce has been visiting friends in Pleasanton the last few days.

Mrs. A. Bryden is entertaining relatives from the east.

***The Oakland Tribune, November 28, 1903***

**Around Town:**

The Whist Club met in the assembly hall of the schoolhouse Wednesday evening. There were about forty people present.

Miss Mildred Nauert has returned to her home here from a ten-day stay in Hayward.

Mrs. E. W. Burr entertained a few friends at a luncheon Tuesday.

Mrs. Bryden and children moved to San Francisco Wednesday. They had resided here a number of years.

Mrs. Olson and Mrs. Ralph formerly of Alvarado, but now of Decoto, were in town calling on friends.

It is reported the sugar mill will finish cutting beets this month.

The grammar school will close this Friday for one month.

Mrs. A. S. Perkins of Fresno, who formerly resided here, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. C. Harvey.

One Japanese and two Chinese houses are being rebuilt to take the place of those lately destroyed by fire.

Dr. Morrison and family are now settled in the Buchanan house lately vacated by D. Jackson.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 12, 1903***

**Around Town:**

The Ladies Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. J. Symons Thursday.

Mrs. S. H. Harvey has returned to her home after an extended eastern trip of seven months.

Little Lila Larson has been quite ill with pneumonia for the past two weeks. Dr. De Puy is in attendance.

C. Wenkle has rented Mrs. Lee's building and will shortly open a drug store.

School has closed for a month's vacation.

Mr. A. B. Nauert of San Francisco spent Sunday with his parents.

Mrs. Nora Silveria spent part of the week in San Francisco.

Mrs. Simons entertained friends from the city over the Sunday.

Miss Alice Kilgo has gone to Colfax to spend the holiday with relatives.

Ellis Brothers have a fine display of holiday goods.

Miss Ethel Foley is spending the week with her aunt Mrs. Castello in San Francisco.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 19, 1903***

**Alvarado:**

As described in the Oakland Tribune Special Edition of cities and towns of Alameda County:

Alvarado is situated on the Southern Pacific Railroad Line nineteen miles south of Oakland. It was the first capital ([county seat](#)) of Alameda County. The capital was taken away by San Leandro and Oakland took it away from San Leandro.

Alvarado is rich in her salt lands, salt marshes, and her artesian flow of water, her sugar beet lands, her farmlands and her great sugar works. The pumping works of the Contra Costa Water Company are located in Alvarado. At the mouth of the Alameda Creek there are a number of salt works varying in capacity, some of them capable of producing 7,000 tons a year.

The beet sugar factory, which is owned by the Alameda Sugar Company, was established by E. H. Dyer and is the pioneer institution of its kind in the United States. The company raises beets itself near Pleasanton and the surrounding country and buys sugar beets from farmers, paying out annually \$250,000 in this way. During the beet season at the mill, 200 well-paid men are employed. Sixty thousand tons of sugar beets are ground each year and over 600 tons of sugar is produced each year.



Alvarado has several large stove works, a compact business district, and adult population of about 1,200 persons and a school population of about 200 students. They have the following fraternal orders: Native Sons, Native Daughters, U. P. E. C., Odd Fellows and Rebekah's.  
*The Oakland Tribune, December 22, 1903*

#### **New Arrival:**

In Alvarado, December 19<sup>th</sup>, to the wife of Henry Schroeder, a daughter.  
*The San Francisco Call, December 27, 1903*

#### **Marriage License:**

Joseph G. Kaelntz, 43, S.F. and Miss May D Machado, 18, Alvarado.  
*The San Francisco Call, December 19, 1903*

#### **Pleasanton Sugar Beets:**

Pleasanton produced the finest beets this year that they have ever produced for the Alvarado sugar mill. They delivered 43, 819 tons of beets at \$4.75 per ton. The value of the beet crop to Pleasanton farmers was \$208,140.25  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 1, 1904*

#### **New Year's Eve Ball:**

The New Year's Eve costume ball held at the Nevis Pavilion in Pleasanton produced a winner from Alvarado. William Wills of Alvarado won the prize for the best gentlemen's costume. His prize was a lovely pair of patent leather shoes.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 2, 1904*

#### **Around Town:**

The Sunday School held a very Merry Christmas celebration here. A Christmas tree laden with toys brought happiness to many.  
Rumor has it that Fred Stroble is to take charge of the Pleasanton Meat Market in the near future.  
Captain Jacobs, wife and daughter spent the week with relatives here.  
Ralph Richmond is spending the holidays here with his parents. He has given up his position in Sonora and will go to work in San Francisco.  
Gus & Dot Nauert spent the New Year with their parents.  
Miss Kate Mathews and Miss Mae Smith are at their homes for the holidays.  
Mrs. Henry Schroder presented her husband with a native daughter last week.  
Mrs. J. Sunkel is entertaining friends from Alameda  
Mr. A. Muller of Crockett was calling on friends here yesterday.  
Miss Kate Riley is spending a few days with Mrs. F. B. Granger.  
Mrs. E. Dyer of Oakland is visiting at the home of E. H. Dyer.  
Mr. A. Norris of San Jose spent the holidays with his parents, Professor & Mrs. Norris.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 2, 1904*

#### **F. C. Harvey:**

Joseph Herrscher's General store in Centerville has been sold to F. C. Harvey of Alvarado.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 5, 1904*

#### **Mrs. Eliza Farley Dies:**

Many of the settlers of Alvarado will attend the funeral of Mrs. Eliza Farley, 82, who passed away yesterday. She was the widow of Ebenezer Farley and was born in Michigan. She originally settled in Alvarado in 1854, her brother was Henry Clay Smith, "The Father of Alameda County." Another brother, Lewis Cass Smith still resides in Alvarado.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 8, 1904*

#### **Alvarado Bank:**

Alvarado Bank reports net assets of \$127,387.06, with paid in Capital of \$25,000 and Capital Surplus of \$2,364.80 for the close of business December 31, 1903.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 12, 1904*

**Around Town:**

The wedding of Miss Dora Joyce and Edwin Richmond Jr. will take place the latter part of this month. It will be a family affair.

The **Alvarado School** opened Monday after a month's vacation to the same corps of teachers. Miss Kilgo, teacher of the intermediate department has returned from her home in Colfax, where she had spent her vacation.

Alvarado Camp, W. O. W., held installation ceremonies Friday, after which Alvarado Circle, Women of Woodcraft were invited to a game of Whist and a banquet. Past Consul Commander Starr installed the following officers: Past Consul Commander, William Andrews; Consul Commander, W. Hardy Vanderpeer; Advisor, O. J. Emery; Banker, B. H. Ford; Clerk, F. A. Starr; Escort, **O. P. Nauert**; W., J. Avila; Manager, E. L. Laughlin.

D. D. N. G., Mrs. Stivers of Irvington, installed the officers of the Alvarado Rebekah Degree Lodge in the lodge room Saturday evening. After the ceremonies all adjourned to its dining room where refreshments were served.

The Hellwig Meat Company has purchased half interest in the Pleasanton Meat Market. Ferdinand Stroble has been sent from Alvarado to take charge.

Mr. & Mrs. W. D. Trefry of Betteravia were visitors here Saturday. They have been spending the holidays with relatives in the vicinity.

William Wills, Ernest Lange and Fred Larson spent Friday in Pleasanton.

Miss Inez Emery of Oakland spent several days of the week with relatives here.

Augustus Nauert and Miss Kathryn Nauert spent Sunday at their home here, as did Allan Richmond and A. Franzen.

D.D.N.G. **Oscar Nauert** went to Niles to install of the officers of the Niles Lodge of the IOOF He was accompanied Mr. Bachler of Los Angeles.

Mrs. S. May and Mrs. H. H. Meyers and daughters of Alameda, spent Sunday at the home of her son, August May of Alvarado.

Mrs. K. E. Riley of Oakland, who taught in the **Alvarado School** for ten years, spent several days of the week with Mrs. F. B. Granger.

Ralph Richmond is working in Centerville for a short time.

Harvey Richmond has resumed work in Betteravia, after spending a holiday at his home here.

A. N. Lindsay has returned from a two-week visit to his parents in Capitola.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 12, 1904*

**Around Town:**

Crusade Lodge, IOOF, will hold installation ceremonies this evening. Alvarado Circle, Women of Woodcraft installed their officers Friday.

Misses Etta and Florence Graham, of Newark, formerly of Alvarado were visitors here Thursday.

The Misses Whipple of Decoto, will open a juvenile dancing class in the IOOF Hall.

Mrs. Hughil of Irvington is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. E. Laughlin.

Miss Nellie Wills entertained at a luncheon one day this week in honor of bride-elect Miss Dora Joyce.

Miss Bell Hayes, of Santa Cruz, is the guest of Miss Oscarna Nauert this week.

Miss Clara Jackson of Decoto was a visitor in town Wednesday and Thursday.

D. D. N. G., O. P. Nauert went to Livermore Thursday to install the officers of the Livermore Lodge IOOF

The regular meeting of the Whist Club held their regular meeting in the schoolhouse assembly room on Wednesday.

George G. Gauld, President of the Swan Gun Club, was a visitor in town Wednesday.

Messrs. Kinney and Merritt, of The Geo. H. Tay Co., were in town on Thursday.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 16, 1904*

**Around Town:**

August and Kathryn Nauert spent Sunday with their parents here.

Mrs. H. Camman has been confined to her bed the past week from injuries caused by a fall, but is much improved today.

F. Wiegman has purchased the Hayes farm.

Tom Cronin and family have gone to Livermore to attend the funeral of Cronin's mother.

Miss Dora Joyce spent several days in San Francisco this week.

Alvarado Circle, Women of Woodcraft, entertained the Woodmen last Friday. Instrumental and vocal selections were rendered and games were played.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 23, 1904*

### **Water Rights:**

E.H. Dyer of Alvarado has notified Mayor Olney that he proposes to bring suit against the Contra Costa Water Company to prevent further appropriation of water from the Alvarado artesian wells, from which a portion of Oakland's supply is derived.

Oakland Mayor Warren Olney received the following letter:

ALVARADO, February 1, 1904

To The Honorable Warren Foley, Mayor of the City of Oakland:

Dear Sir:

I see by the report of the City Council's committee on water supply that they have reported in favor of leasing or buying the Contra Costa's water plant. In view of the recent decision of the Supreme Court in the Katz-Wolkinshaw case there seems to be no other available water supply for your city. As the pumping plant at Alvarado, which furnished a large portion of your water sold to your city by the Contra Costa Water Company is governed by this same decision and as many of the wells in this vicinity have been rendered almost useless by the operating of the pumping plant, I thought it proper to inform you that it is the intention of the owners of these wells to take legal steps to stop the appropriation of this water by said company. I am,

Yours truly,

E. H. Dyer.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 3, 1904*

### **Claim of the Regents:**

The claim of the Regents of the University of California against the estate of the late Senator John L. Beard of Alvarado for \$30,055 was approved this morning by Judge W. E. Greene. The estate has been appraised at \$60,000. The claim is for money loaned to Senator Beard during his lifetime by the Regents of the University and is secured by a mortgage on what is known as the Jesse Beard homestead near Alvarado containing 200 acres.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 4, 1904*

### **Around Town:**

The last assembly of the Union Cotillion Club will be held in Centerville this evening. Cards have been much sought after, as it is the most select club in this part of the county. Its members comprise the most prominent people of Washington Township, and few from Oakland, Alameda, Berkeley and San Francisco.

Frank Jones was in town Thursday. His many friends were happy to see him able to be about again after his serious illness.

The regular meeting of the Whist Club was held in the assembly room of the schoolhouse on Wednesday evening. The ladies prize was won by **Mrs. John Leal** and the gent's by Joseph Sunkel.

Mr. & Mrs. Symons are entertaining Mr. Symond's mother, Mrs. Symons, and her mother Mrs. Mitchell, both of the metropolis.

A few of the young people of Alvarado attended the reception tendered Mr. & Mrs. Walpert in Niles Friday evening.

Gus Nauert and his sister, accompanied by Miss Ida Stillwell of San Francisco, spent from Saturday until Tuesday with the C. R. Nauert's.

Mr. & Mrs. Brown of San Francisco spent their holiday with Mrs. Brown's aunt, Mrs. E. A. Richmond.

Mr. & **Mrs. J. Leal** are entertaining Mrs. Leal's sister, Miss Lowe from San Francisco.

Miss Grace Huxley of Centerville was in town Thursday.

Mrs. Bryden spent several days of the week in town.

Miss Carrie Parish spent her holidays in San Jose visiting friends.

***The Oakland Tribune, February 27, 1904***

### **Hayward Horse Show:**

If beautiful women and well bred horses please the eyes of men there was a feast in that respect in Hayward this afternoon. The weather threatened but the street was lined nevertheless with throngs of interested people during the day, in attendance upon Hayward's third annual horse show.

Entrants from Alvarado included:

Gray nine-month old colt, sire *Black Point*. Entered by M. Costa.

Cream Mare-"Lady Babble," Sire *Vast*; Dam *Zaza*, Owned by Miss N. Dyer.

Driving Mare, Owned by William Wills.

Bay Colt-"John E. Wiklie," Sire *Welcome 2 10½*, Dam *Belle Morgan*, Entered by Robert Liwert.

***The Oakland Tribune, February 27, 1904***

### **News Notes:**

The Brother Benjamin Medicine Co. is still in town showing to good-sized houses. Much medicine is being sold.

Mrs. J. Costello and son of San Francisco are spending the week with Mrs. Costello's sister, Mrs. E. M. Foley.

Gus Nauert and A. Franzen spent Sunday with their respective parents.

Miss Helen Crane of Oakland was the guest of Miss Nina Dyer Saturday and Sunday. They attended the last assembly of the Union Cotillion in Centerville.

Joseph Ralph was the guest of Ralph Richmond for the Cotillion in Centerville.

Mrs. Symons, who has been a guest at her son's home, has returned to her home in San Francisco.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 5, 1904***

### **Adeline Hayes Estate:**

Petition for the distribution of the estate of the late Adeline S. Hayes of Alvarado was filed today.

***The San Francisco Call, March 11, 1904***

### **Miss Nina Dyer:**

Among the interesting dates of the future will be a luncheon given by Miss Nina Dyer of Alvarado in honor of her niece, Miss Gertrude Munson, of Tacoma. Many of the guests present will be from San Francisco. Among the Oakland contingent will be Mrs. Alice Poorman, Miss Helen Carlton Crane, Miss Gibson, Miss Smith and Miss Helen Gardiner.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 12, 1904***

### **Around Town:**

**Mrs. Gladys Sunkel**, who has been confined to her home with a severe cold for several days, is much improved.

O. P. Nauert spent several days of last week in Oakland and San Francisco.

The regular meeting of the Whist Club was held in the assembly hall of the schoolhouse on Wednesday.

Dr. A. A. De Puy of Hayward was in town several days of last week.

Mrs. J. Costello and son of the metropolis, who have been guests at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. M. Foley, left Sunday for their home.

Augustus Nauert spent Sunday with parents here.

Mrs. A. A. Norris is spending a few days in Alameda with relatives.

Mr. & Mrs. F. P. Hellwig entertained a young lady friend from San Francisco on Sunday. A "Five Hundred Club" is about to be organized by our young people. F. Franzen who is employed in San Francisco spent Sunday with his family here. Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Richmond were in Oakland Sunday. Mrs. J. Joyce is in San Francisco visiting with her daughters. Miss Lizzie Jacobs of San Francisco is in town on a short visit. Mr. Snyder is a guest at the home of his cousins, Mr. & **Mrs. Sunkel**. John Hopper of Tuolumne County is a guest at the **home of E. H. Dyer**. **Mrs. Dyer** spent several days of the week in Alameda.  
*The Oakland Tribune, March 14, 1904*

#### **Oakland Luncheon:**

Mrs. William Lynham Shiels, of Oakland, had a luncheon at her home in honor of Miss Gertrude Munson of Tacoma and Miss Johanna Bendel both of who have announced marriage plans. Locals and those known in Alvarado included: Miss Nina Dyer (Miss Munson's aunt) of Alvarado and Miss Alice Poorman of San Francisco.  
*The Oakland Tribune, March 23, 1904*

#### **Liquor License:**

John Henningsen of Alvarado has applied for a permit to sell liquor. His sureties are F. B. Granger, Jr. and George Althausen. John Henningsen owns the Alvarado Hotel.  
*The Oakland Tribune, March 24, 1904*

#### **Around Town:**

Dr. Clinton Munson of Tacoma Washington died Sunday in San Francisco in a private sanatorium, where he had spent the last six months. For the past few years he and his family have made their home with wife's father E. H. Dyer. For many years he was a prominent physician in Tacoma. Besides his widow he leaves a son and a daughter.

The "500 Club" will meet with Miss Bertha Whipple Friday evening.

**James Symons**, Superintendent of the Continental Salt Works, was called to San Francisco by the serious illness of his father.

William Robinson was gladdened by the arrival of a fine baby girl at his home this week.

Andrew Kerr is on the sick list.

Mrs. E. A. Richmond and **James Symons** were the prizewinners at the Whist Club.

Mr. A. N. Lindsay entertained a few gentlemen friends at the Riverside Hotel Wednesday.

Mrs. Hughitt is with her daughter, Mrs. E. Laughlin, after spending a month with friends in Stockton.

M. Merritt of the Geo. Tay Co. was in town.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 26, 1904*

#### **News Note:**

Mrs. P. A. Ellis entertained about twenty ladies friends at her home. Mrs. Lea won the door prize, a beautiful hand painted cake plate and Mrs. B. H. Ford took the consolation prize, a pretty silver pin. Music and refreshments were enjoyed.

The regular meeting of the Alvarado Whist Club was held Wednesday night.

The "500" club will meet with the Misses Whipple in Decoto Friday evening.

E. A. Richmond is in Fresno this week, attending the Grand Lodge A. O. U. W., being delegated by Reliance Lodge, No. 93 of Alvarado.

Mrs. J. W. Atkinson and son of Santa Maria were visitors in town several days this week.

Mrs. Leo Aurich of this city is the guest of her mother, Mrs. P. Joyce this week.

The Misses Plurde, formerly of Alvarado, but now of San Francisco, spent Sunday with the Jung family.

Miss Kate Riley of Oakland was in town Friday calling on friends.

Mrs. E. M. Foley is entertaining her sister, Mrs. J. Costello and little Wesley Costello.

Gus Nauert spent Sunday with his parents.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 16, 1904*

#### **U. C. Berkeley:**

UC Cal students taking the beet sugar class spent Saturday in Alvarado touring the Alameda Sugar Co. mill.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 25, 1904*

#### **Around Town:**

Gus Nauert of San Francisco spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents here.

William McMasters of San Francisco spent Sunday with his brother, J. McMasters & family.

Mrs. Vanderlip of San Rafael spent several days of last week with her aunt Mrs. S. Harvey.

Mr. Lawson of San Francisco is the guest of Mr. & Mrs. P. Mathews.

The Alvarado Circle of the Women of Woodcraft was well represented at the meeting held in Maple Hall, Oakland, Wednesday evening. All reported having a good time.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 25, 1904*

#### **Around Town:**

The entertainment given by the Woodmen of the World for the benefit of the station sidewalk Friday evening was well attended. The music by the Ralph Orchestra was enjoyed as it always is, and the soprano solo rendered by Miss Minnie Hussey was delightful. The Chinese Orchestra was out of its usual run and therefore amusing, but one number would have been sufficient. The farce, "Larkin's Love Letters" was very good. The affair was a success and a neat sum was realized.

**Mr. & Mrs. Sunkel** entertained a few friends Saturday at "500."

Mrs. & Mrs. Merritt of Oakland were in town Sunday in their automobile. They were the guests of **the Sunkel's**.

Mrs. P. Mathews has been visiting her children in San Francisco. While she was gone her daughter, Miss Ella, of San Francisco, was at home.

Gus Nauert of San Francisco spent Sunday with his parents here. He was accompanied by a friend, Max Keene, also of San Francisco.

Mrs. Halden is in St. Helena, where she will visit for two weeks with her sister.

Miss Elise Jacobs has returned to her home in San Francisco, after a two-week stay here.

Mrs. D. Emery is visiting at the home of her sons, O. J. and Guy Emery, as is also Miss Inez Emery.

M. Anderson has moved from the Schmidt cottage to the Plurde cottage.

Mrs. P. A. Ellis has returned from a two-week visit in Auburn.

Mrs. I. V. Ralph, the Misses Ivybelle and Edna, and Joe and Robert Ralph spent Sunday in town.

Miss Hattie Parish of San Francisco spent several days of this week with her parents here.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 7, 1904*

#### **Marriage License:**

Domingos S. Allegre, 25, Alvarado and Francesca B. De Azevedo, 18, Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 9, 1904*

#### **Around Town:**

New officers were elected at the regular meeting of the Whist Club. They are: President, A. A. Norris; Vice President, Joseph Sunkel; Secretary, Mrs. C. Emery; Guard, Mrs. J. Symons.

F. B. Granger is in San Francisco attending the Grand Lodge of IOOF, where the Crusade Lodge of Alvarado delegated him.

D. Jackson of Decoto was in town Thursday.

Miss Mildred Nauert has returned from a few days visit in Niles, and Miss Oscarna Nauert has returned from San Francisco.

Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Burr entertained the 500 Club Friday evening.

Mrs. S. May of Alameda spent several days at the home of Mr. August May, her son.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 13, 1904*

**Marriage:**

Manuel Silva, an employee at F. C. Harvey & Co. in Alvarado, was married to Miss Mary Dutra on Tuesday of this week. Both presently reside in Newark but will move to Alvarado soon.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 14, 1904*

**Around Town:**

The entertainment given last night by the **Rebekah Lodge** was a success both socially and financially.

F. B. Granger is in San Francisco attending the Grand Lodge of the IOOF, where he was delegated by the Crusade Lodge, No. 93 of Alvarado.

Mrs. F. B. Granger represents the local **Rebekah Lodge** of the grand lodge being held in San Francisco this week.

Mrs. Jewett of San Francisco is the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. W. Burr.

F. C. Harvey, who has been quite ill, is reported to be improving.

D. Jackson of Decoto was in town Thursday.

Miss Mildred Nauert has returned from a week's visit in Niles.

Miss Kathryn and Gus Nauert of San Francisco spent Sunday with their parents.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 14, 1904*

**Marriage License:**

Christian P. Lange, Alvarado, Over 21 and Carrie M. Andreason, Alvarado, Over 18.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 20, 1904*

**Marriage License:**

Frank R. Wilson, 22, Alvarado andf Eloise Mann, 20, Kenwood.

*The San Francisco Call, May 21, 1904*

**Water:**

Alvarado's contribution to the City of Oakland's water supply was described in today's Tribune as: "A system of artesian wells, near Alvarado, on a tract of 377.54 acres, with a yielding capacity of 5,000,000 (gallons) a day and connected with the pump at the pumping station."

*The Oakland Tribune, June 2, 1904*

**Marriage License:**

Frank George, Alvarado, Over 21 and Annie Roderick, Alvarado, Over 18,

*The Oakland Tribune, June 4, 1904*

**Around Town:**

The Five Hundred Club met with Miss Nauert Friday evening. The prizes were won by Miss Dyer and **E. W. Burr**. The next meeting will be held by Mrs. Will Patterson.

**Mrs. E. W. Burr** entertained lady friends at a red luncheon Friday. After lunch, the young ladies enjoyed a hayride in the canyon.

Alvarado was well represented at the High School dance last Saturday evening.

The young men of the Union Cotillion Club will entertain informally (at dancing) in Niles Saturday, the 11<sup>th</sup>. An unusually good time is expected.

Charles Heyer and children and Miss Kathryn and A. B. Nauert spent the holiday with the Nauert family.

Mr. & Mrs. James J. Symons have returned from a few days stay in San Francisco.

Miss Mildred Nauert spent several days in Livermore with friends.

Mr. A. N. Lindsay has returned from a few weeks stay in Santa Cruz County.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Wilson have returned from their wedding tour and are now settled in one of the Beebe cottages.

Mrs. Beebe and her grand daughter little Mavis Scribner, were in town Friday.

Mrs. Jewett, Miss Jewett and Miss Burr of San Francisco spent several days of the week with **Mr. & Mrs. Burr** here.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 6, 1904*

**Around Town:**

The Alvarado Whist Club met Wednesday evening. There was a large attendance. The first prizes were awarded to Mrs. Sunkel and A. A. Norris. The second prize went to Mrs. E. L. Farley and Joseph Sunkel.

The "500" Club will meet with Miss Nina Dyer this evening.

John Hopper of Tuolumne County is a guest at the E. H. Dyer home.

Miss Jewett is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. E. W. Burr.

The Nelson cottage is being repaired.

Mrs. Clarence Granger and Miss Edith and Master Earl Granger, of Colorado, and Mrs. E. E. Chase, of San Jose, are guests at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Farley Granger.

Mr. & Mrs. Henry S. Dyer of Michigan are here and will stay the summer.

Mrs. J. H. Brooks of the metropolis is being entertained by Mrs. E. A. Richmond.

Miss Grace Ellis is going to Shasta County to be gone for a few weeks.

Miss Cluff of Faithburg is being entertained by Miss Gladys Sunkel.

Miss Oscarna Nauert is spending the week in San Jose visiting friends.

F. C. Harvey and John Robbins left this week for Yosemite.

Charles Love has returned to town after a two-week vacation.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 25, 1904*

**Mrs. Carlton Crane:**

Mrs. Carlton Crane ([Oakland](#)) gave a very interesting luncheon at her home "Carlton Orchard" Friday. Carriages met guests at Decoto and they were driven to Carlton Orchard via pretty country roads to the estate with its fabulous picturesque views of the wide spreading valley below. Invited from Alvarado were Mrs. Will Patterson, Mrs. Layson and Miss Nina Dyer.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 9, 1904*

**License to Marry:**

Antone F. Alva, 33, and Rosa T. Dutra, 23, both of Alvarado.

*The San Francisco Call, July 9, 1904*

**Liquor License (Saloon) Applications:**

Carl Boysen, Alvarado

Dutra & Avila, Alvarado

Joe G. Rose, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, July 11, 1904*

**Around Town:**

Will Stabenow was in town calling on old acquaintances.

Alvarado Circle, Women of Woodcraft, were treated by the Woodmen of the World Tuesday evening to an elegant banquet, to which they did ample justice.

The "500" Club was entertained by Miss Parish this week. Prizes were won by Miss Carrie Parish and Mr. E. Long.

Mr. Bachler, head chemist at the sugar mill, has returned after spending two-weeks in Los Angeles and visiting different sugar factories.

Mr. A. Nickel has returned to his home after spending two-weeks in Santa Maria.

Mrs. Symons of San Francisco is visiting her son J. Symons.

A new sidewalk has been laid down at the depot.

Miss Elise Jacobs of San Francisco spent Sunday with Miss Oscarna Nauert.

The Misses Irene and Jeannette Starr are spending the week with their father.

Mrs. E. Beebe and Mrs. J. M. Scribner were in town Tuesday calling on friends.

Mrs. C. W. Heyer and children of San Francisco are spending the week with the Nauert family.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 16, 1904*

**Prize Winner:**



Among the *San Francisco Call's* 150 lucky prizewinners in the children's page was Austin Ellis of Alvarado.

*The San Francisco Call, July 17, 1904*

**Around Town:**

Miss Dot Nauert is spending the week with her parents.

The Alvarado Social Club will give a dance in the IOOF Hall this evening.

Mr. & Mrs. Sunkel and daughter and Mr. & Mrs. Leal have returned after a two-week outing in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Mr. A. Bower and family have moved to Concord.

Mrs. J. Joyce has gone to Santa Maria to visit her daughter, Mrs. Edwin Richmond.

E. Farley is confined to his home with sickness.

Frank Starr had his hand crushed while at work at the sugar mill. He is under the care of Dr. Fearn of Oakland and is doing nicely.

Mrs. E. M. Foley is entertaining guests from San Francisco.

Miss Grace Ellis has returned home after several weeks at Shasta.

Miss May Smith is spending time with her grand parents, Mr. & Mrs. P. Mathews.

Henry Nauert is spending the week with relatives in San Francisco.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 23, 1904*

**Liquor License Application:**

F. E. Vargas, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, July 25, 1904*

**Around Town:**

Miss Emma Salz entertained the "500" Club Friday evening in her home in Centerville. Many guests were present. Miss Jewett and Mr. Flak carried off the prizes.

The Alvarado Grammar School will open with the same corps of teachers this year.

The regular meeting of the Whist Club was held Wednesday evening. Mrs. J. L. Olson and **Mr. August May** won the first prizes. The second place prizes went to Miss Harriet Joyce and R. Richmond. The club will not meeting again for several months.

Miss Ingemundsen of Napa is the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. C. Harvey.

Miss Parish is visiting in San Jose.

Mr. A. Franzen and family have moved to the city, where he has been employed for the past year.

N. Koue will occupy his house.

Ed Farley is up and about again after a siege of sickness.

Mr. S. A. D. Buchanan is confined to his home by illness.

F. C. Harvey is visiting relatives in San Rafael.

**Mr. & Mrs. A. May** are entertaining his aunt, Mrs. Straub of the city.

Mr. & Mrs. Lawson of San Francisco are spending the week with her sister, Mrs. P. Mathews.

Miss Nauert has returned from a month's visit with relatives in Hayward.

Miss Kathryn Nauert has returned to San Francisco after a week's stay at home.

Mrs. J. Joyce is in Santa Maria, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. E. A. Richmond.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 30, 1904*

**Around Town:**

**Miss Nina Dyer** entertained sixteen young ladies at "500" Tuesday afternoon in honor of her cousins Mrs. Champion of Bakersfield and Mrs. Henry Dyer of Cleveland Ohio. The first prize, a beautiful picture, was awarded to Miss Jewett; second prize, a cup and saucer, was taken by Miss B. Whipple.

Word has been received that Miss Barbara Emery is seriously ill in Berkeley.

Supervisor Horner was in town on Tuesday on official business.

Mr. & Mrs. Kruse and child returned to their home in San Francisco Sunday after spending several days with Mrs. E. A. Richmond.

Mr. & Mrs. James Symons entertained many city friends on Sunday.

Miss P. Ingemundsen of Napa is visiting her sister Mrs. F. C. Harvey.

The F. B. Granger family has returned from a month's stay in San Jose.

Miss Alice Poorman of Alameda is the guest of **Miss Dyer**.

Mr. & Mr. E. H. Dyer of Ohio spent Saturday with his father here.

Miss Oscarna Nauert has returned from a visit in the city.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 6, 1904*

#### **Around Town:**

Mr. A. B. Nauert, of the American Steel & Wire Co. of San Francisco, is home on a two-week's vacation.

Miss Jessie Beard will entertain a number of young lady friends at a luncheon today.

Miss Alice Poorman has returned to her home in Alameda after a week's stay with friends here.

Guy S. Dyer of Cleveland Ohio was married on Friday to a lady of that city.

E. H. Dyer, wife and son, of Cleveland Ohio, who are visiting in California, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents here.

Miss Oscarna Nauert is about again after being confined to her home a week with illness.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 13, 1904*

#### **Henry Elwert Dies:**

In Alvarado, Alameda County, August 17<sup>th</sup>, Henry Elwert, Beloved husband of Barbara Elwert, and loving father of Henry Jr., Louis and Baldwin Elwert, a native of Hanover, aged 73 years.

*The San Francisco Call, August 18, 1904*

#### **Around Town:**

The "500" Club will hold an invitational open air meeting to conclude with a corn roast at "The Maples," Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. It undoubtedly will be a pleasant affair and invitations will be in demand.

Mrs. C. R. Nauert has been very ill the past week, but is now rapidly improving.

**Mr. & Mrs. Sunkel** entertained a party of friends from the metropolis Sunday.

E. W. Burr and O. P. Nauert are delegates to the Republican Convention being held in Oakland today.

Wisteria Parlor, No. 127, NSGW, has been entertaining brothers from various parts of the county.

Mrs. F. B. Granger entertained a number of lady friends at her home Thursday in honor of Mrs. S. May and Mrs. H. Meyers of Alameda.

Mrs. Katy Ralph and daughter, Mrs. A. Charvoz of Santa Maria, are here at their old home for a short stay.

Miss Bruner of Woodland is a guest at the **Sunkel home**.

Miss Smith of San Francisco is the guest of Miss Bertha Whipple.

Mrs. J. Joyce has returned from a month's visit with her daughter in Santa Maria.

Allan Richmond of San Francisco spent Sunday with his parents here.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 20, 1904*

#### **NSGW:**

A joint meeting of the representatives from the parlors at Livermore, Hayward, Alvarado and Centerville will meet in Niles on Sunday morning August 21<sup>st</sup> for the purpose of deciding on uniforms and the advisability of the four parlors banding together for the California Admission Day holiday parade.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 22, 1904*

#### **Husband's Rage:**

The charge of assault with intent to commit murder against W. O. Stewart, who, on the night of June 6<sup>th</sup> shot W. S. Kennedy on the old Brigg's Ranch near Alvarado in a quarrel over the latter's wife, was begun this morning before Judge Hall in Department No. 1 of the Superior Court.  
*The Oakland Tribune, August 22, 1904*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. F. B. Granger was hostess Friday at a delightful luncheon of about twenty old-time friends. The affair given in honor of Mrs. Henry Meyers of Alameda who leaves on an extended visit to the eastern states next week.

The homes of B. H. Ford, the genial Southern Pacific Agent and S. Bauman of the Riverside Hotel and C. Hansen of the Crystal Salt Co. were gladdened by the arrival of bouncing baby boys.

**Mrs. C. R. Nauert**, who has been very ill has recovered and is up and around again.

Charles W. Heyer of the German Bank of San Francisco came here Saturday to see his sister,

**Mrs. C. R. Nauert.**

G. S. Dyer and bride are here from Cleveland Ohio, at the home of his parents, prior to their departure for Colusa, where they will reside.

The Five Hundred Club will entertain their friends at "The Maples" near Decoto this Saturday evening. A most enjoyable time is anticipated.

Miss Harriet Joyce has returned from a week's vacation spent in the city and is again attending to her duties in Ellis' store.

John Hopper who has been a guest at the home of E. H. Dyer has returned to Tuolumne County.

Mr. A. B. Nauert has returned to his duties in the city Wednesday, after spending a delightful two-weeks vacation among old friends and acquaintances at his home here,

Fred Wiegman has been on the sick list for several days this week but is able to be out again.

George Kane, a lad of 18 who formerly lived here, was sent by Judge Hunt to the Boy's Aid Society of San Francisco for four years.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 27, 1904*

#### **Classified Ad:**

BUSINESS CHANCES:

For rent - A saloon and 7 rooms. Apply to Antone Davilla, Alvarado Calif.

*The San Francisco Call, August 29, 1904*

#### **World's Fair in St. Louis:**

Commissioner Wilber Walker, Alameda County representative to the World's Fair in St. Louis received a number of blanks ([applications](#)), which must be forwarded to merchants, manufacturers, horticulturists, viticulturists, and other people of this county who have exhibits at the fair. They are to be filled out, giving information on a number of features affecting their display, the manner in which the product is prepared, the number of employees involved in production, and a variety of other subjects the fair officials will use to judge exhibitors.

The companies participating from Alvarado will be the Alameda Sugar Company and the California Salt Company. Other local companies are the Hunt Brothers Cannery and California Packing Company, both of Hayward.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 29, 1904*

#### **Corn Roast:**

The Maple Grove was the scene of a gathering of congenial young people Saturday evening when the "500" Club entertained about seventy-five friends by the fascinating game of "500," which concluded with a corn roast. The grounds were elaborately decorated with Japanese lanterns and a huge bonfire added greatly to the scene.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 31, 1904*

#### **License to Marry:**

John J. Castro, 28, and Annie E. Vargas, 21, both of Alvarado.

***The San Francisco Call, September 3, 1904***

**Around Town:**

The work of rebuilding Chinatown ([Alvarado](#)) is just about complete and is a great improvement. That part of the city was wiped out by a fire some weeks ago but every house been rebuilt. Two Traveling troupes have visited Alvarado during the week and an unusual amount of gaiety has been the result.

Mrs. August May was hostess at a delightful "500" party held at her home Wednesday in honor of her guest Miss M. E. Cilker of Los Gatos.

Miss Nauert spent a few days of the week with relatives in Hayward.

Mrs. Mary Lee has been confined to her home by illness.

Mrs. Robert Englebrecht and son of San Francisco spent Saturday and Sunday with her aunt Mrs. Katy Ralph.

***The Oakland Tribune, September 5, 1904***

**License to Marry:**

Friedrich Bachler, 31, Alvarado, and Gertrude Klein 18, of Germany.

***The San Francisco Call, September 9, 1904***

**Lighting:**

The Hayward Electric Light Company has contracted to install a lighting system in Alvarado and yesterday morning about five employees of the company left for that town, where they will begin work immediately.

***The Oakland Tribune, September 20, 1904***

**Around Town:**

The "500" Club was delightfully entertained by Miss Crane Friday evening. The prizes were carried off by Miss Nauert and Charles Love. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. Chandler in Centerville.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Symons entertained city friends Sunday.

Alvarado sent about thirty people to the Circus in Alameda Monday.

Miss Poorman of Alameda was a guest at the home of E. H. Dyer Sunday.

Mr. A. B. Nauert and his sister, Miss Kathryn. spent over Sunday with their parents here.

Mrs. J. Leal and Mrs. E. A. Richmond are spending the week in San Francisco.

B. H. Ford is in San Francisco during the Grand Encampment of the IOOF

The sugar mill cut the first beets Monday, and the factory will now be running night and day for weeks.

***The Oakland Tribune, September 22, 1904***

**Around Town:**

The sugar factory is now running in full force and the familiar sound of the whistle, heard so often, means prosperity to Alvarado.

Mrs. Graham of Newark has organized a class of music and will be in Alvarado one day of every week.

The Alvarado Circle of Woodcraft will initiate a school of ten candidates at its next meeting.

**Mr. P. Joyce** is home from his work in Newark this week due to illness. He is, however, improving.

Mrs. John Joyce is again at home after spending several days in the metropolis.

George Helling has returned from a short trip to Los Angeles.

Mrs. Chapman and son, who have been visiting at the home of the formers uncle, E. H. Dyer, for the past three weeks has returned home.

William Faull of the metropolis spent Sunday with the Hawley family.

The Potts family has moved from the Grayson flat to the Franzen cottage.

Fred C. Harvey left Saturday for New York for the benefit of his health. He expects to be gone for three months.

Mrs. P. Mathews entertained a few lady friends at her home here Tuesday afternoon.  
Mrs. Leon Aurich of San Francisco is spending the week with her parents **Mr. & Mrs. P. Joyce**.  
Miss Kate Mathews of the city is visiting here with her parents.  
Mrs. Oscarna Nauert is in San Francisco visiting with friends.  
**The Oakland Tribune, October 1, 1904**

**Classified Ad:**

HELP WANTED – MALE:

Barber shop for sale for \$80; all the furniture, chairs and towels; rent \$6 per month; two rooms.  
See: A. Davilla, Alvarado Calif.

**The San Francisco Call, October 4, 1904**

**Around Charles Branin Dies:**

In San Lorenzo, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Charles Albert Branin, a native of Alvarado, Cal., aged 29 years.

**The San Francisco Call, October 4, 1904**

**Town:**

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Gertrude Munson to John G. Hopper of Sonora, which will take place at the home of bride's grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Dyer in Alvarado, Thursday evening, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Immediate relatives and a few intimate friends will witness the ceremony.

The Union Cotillion Club will reorganize this winter. The following young ladies are named on the committee:

Alvarado: Miss Dyer and Miss Nauert.

Decoto: Misses E. & I. Whipple, Miss Crane.

Centerville: Miss Huxley and Miss Salz.

Niles: Miss Mayhew, Miss Hudson and Miss Jacobus.

James N. Symons, father of James Symons of Alvarado, died in San Francisco on Monday. The funeral was held in his home Thursday. The deceased leaves a widow, a daughter and several sons.

The marriage of Miss Bertha Whipple and William Faull will take place in San Francisco, Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

B. H. Ford is spending his vacation in Ione with relatives.

Mrs. Charles Nauert spent several days of the week visiting in the metropolis.

Miss Kate Mathews of San Francisco is spending the week here with her parents.

After a two-month's vacation the Whist Club will meet this coming Wednesday.

Mrs. M. Lee and her daughter, Mrs. Silveira, spent several days of the week in San Francisco.

The "500" Club met in the home of Miss D. Jackson of Decoto Thursday evening.

Mrs. Leo Aurich spent several days of the week with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. P. Joyce.

Mrs. Layson and her son Henry H. Patterson, left Tuesday for the east and are to be gone for six weeks.

Dr. Morrison has moved his office from the Foster Building to his residence.

**The Oakland Tribune, October 8, 1904**

**Sugar:**

(From the *Evening Modesto News*)

It has been rumored, although there is no authority for a definite statement as yet, that the Alameda Beet Sugar Refinery Company is contemplating the use of Modesto for the raising of sugar beets. George Gray, a representative for the company was in Modesto yesterday, and is sending specimens of the soil in this region to the chemist of the company's factory at Alvarado for analysis.

The raising of sugar beet here seems, at first sight, to be feasible. Beets of this variety were raised this summer by C. N. Whitmore. The experimental crop was good in quantity, and the

analysis showed a percentage of 15 percent saccharine matter, which is 3 percent higher than the standard required for the manufacture of sugar. If the soil is found suitable and the beets will mature at the proper time, it is possible that the Alvarado company will buy or lease a large tract of land here.

***The Evening Modesto News Modesto California, October 13, 1904***

#### **Around Town:**

A little girl arrived at the home of James Kerr.

Mrs. Christensen of Oregon is a visitor at the F. P. Hellwig home.

Mrs. F. B. Granger, Jr. and children are spending their vacation in Pacific Grove. Her mother, Mrs. Harvey is with her.

Miss Mildred Nauert and her little brother Henry are visiting in Livermore.

Miss Oscarna Nauert has returned from a two-week stay in San Francisco.

The Peter Larson's have twin boys. The family is in financial straits and a subscription has been started. The various societies in town are working to aid the family.

After visiting the Sunkel family for two months, Miss Brunner returned to her home in Woodland.

The teachers and pupils at Alvarado Grammar School are enjoying their mid-term vacations.

***The Oakland Tribune, October 15, 1904***

#### **Classified Ad:**

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE:

For sale: St. Bernard dog, 11 months old.

Antone Davilla, Alvarado, Calif.

***The San Francisco Call, October 27, 1904***

#### **Around Town:**

At the regular meeting of the Whist Club Mrs. A. May and Fred Helling won the prizes for the highest points, while the second fell to Miss Parish and A. A. Norris.

The Rev. E. P. Shier of Eureka, former Pastor of the Presbyterian Church here, supplied the pulpit of that church Sunday evening, and spoke to 1 old time friends and a large congregation. He was pleased to address the people after an absence of five years. His remarks were appreciated and enjoyed by them.

The death of Dr. A. Dean of Hayward has cast pall over the town of Alvarado. He had many friends and patients here, who deplore his death and sympathize greatly with his mother.

Mr. & Mrs. Leo Aurich of San Francisco and John Olson of Decoto, spent Sunday with the ladies mother, Mrs. P. Joyce.

Miss Grace Huxley of Centerville hosted the "500" Club at her home last evening.

Mr. & Mrs. Solon of Mission San Jose spent Friday with her mother, Mrs. Camman.

Miss Kathryn Nauert is spending the week at her parent's home here.

Gus Nauert came home from the city to attend the Munson-Hopper wedding.

***The Oakland Tribune, October 29, 1904***

#### **Quarrel Over Duck Ponds:**

A row over certain duck ponds between Mt. Eden and Alvarado has been taken into the courts and this morning G. W. Emmons was granted a temporary restraining order against Sebastian Liguori and his wife to keep them from allowing and inviting their friends to shoot over the land in question. In his complaint Emmons states that he in company with J. A. Leonard secured a lease of 120 acres of land near the San Francisco Bay from Liguori in 1898 for a term of ten years.

They were to sink an artesian well upon the land for the purpose of making fresh water ponds that the ducks would be attracted by them and were to build certain levees and dykes. He says that he has made these improvements but that during the last year Liguori has invited H.

Crocker, William Gall and John Brown of Mt. Eden onto the place and allowed them to shoot on the ponds. Upon the showing made, Judge Melvin issued a temporary restraining order.

***The Oakland Tribune, November 3, 1904***

**Around Town:**

The E. W. Burr's have a son, which arrived at their home October 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Mr. & Mrs. A. May are entertaining the former's aunt, Mrs. Straub from the metropolis.  
Mrs. A. A. Norris spent several days of the week visiting relatives around the bay cities.  
A number of young people gave an informal Halloween Party at the hall Monday evening.  
The two new Japanese houses opposite Chinatown are nearing completion.  
An addition is being built to the Rose Company's general merchandise store.  
Alvarado is again overrun with duck hunters from San Francisco; ducks are quite numerous in the marshes.  
Miss Elise Jacobs of San Francisco was the guest of Miss Oscarna Nauert this week.  
Miss K. Nauert has returned to the city after spending a two-week vacation at her home here.  
The Republicans will hold a grand rally in the IOOF Hall this week.  
*The Oakland Tribune, November 5, 1904*

**Salt:**

The director of the Merchants Exchange ([Oakland](#)) and other invited guests enjoyed a pleasant outing yesterday. Leaving the City wharf at 8 o'clock the steamer Caroline proceeded to the factory of the California Salt Company near Alvarado, Alameda County. After making a thorough inspection of the refinery, which is totally modern and up-to-date in every respect, the details of which were explained by Superintendent Coward. The party was entertained at a sumptuous repast given by the salt company. The party arrived back in Oakland at 6 o'clock.  
*The Oakland Tribune, November 7, 1904*

**Republican Rally in Alvarado:**

Saturday night's Republican rally was the largest political meeting ever held in Alvarado. Pleasanton, Niles, Centerville, Newark and surrounding towns sent large delegations. When County Committeeman J. C. Mowry called the meeting to order it was impossible to obtain standing room. Farley Granger was introduced as chairman of the evening. Music was furnished by the Newark Brass Band and the Elk's Glee Club.

When Supervisor Horner was introduced a great demonstration occurred. Cheer after cheer broke forth from the great audience, it being several moments before he could utter a word. Mr. Horner branded the statements made by the opposition, particularly those contained in an unsigned circular, as false in every particular, and his words were received with marked approval.

E.K. Strobridge and John G. Mattos, candidates for the Assembly and State Senate were both most cordially received. J. E. Wamsley, President of the Washington Township Republican Club, called attention to the beautiful silk banner on exhibition in the hall, which is to be presented to the precinct in Washington Township, which returns the largest average for the Republican ticket.  
*The Oakland Tribune, November 7, 1904*

**P. Joyce Dies:**

The many friends of P. Joyce were surprised and grieved to learn of his death yesterday afternoon. He has been suffering from heart trouble the past several months when pneumonia developed Saturday and caused his death. He was native of Ireland and lived most of his life in the United States and about twenty years in Alvarado.  
*The Oakland Tribune, November 11, 1904*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. Katy Ralph is again at her home here after spending the past few months with her daughters in Santa Maria.  
Mrs. A. Drendall of San Francisco left for home on Monday after spending a delightful ten-day stay with Mrs. E. A. Richmond.  
Mrs. Emery has returned from a few months stay in the southern part of the state. She is now with her son O. J. Emery, at his home here.

James Boyd, a former Alvaradan, was here Saturday to attend the funeral of P. Joyce. Miss Dyer has returned from a short stay in Tuolumne County.  
*The Oakland Tribune, November 19, 1904*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. B. H. Ford entertained about thirty of her lady friends at luncheon on Saturday. Mrs. P. Joyce is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. Olson of Decoto. Mrs. J. Brown has a number of friends from Los Gatos spending several days with her. Mr. & Mrs. Symons are spending the week in the city. Miss Mildred Nauert is spending the week in Niles with Mrs. O. Walpert. Mrs. L. Lowden and daughter are visiting friends here the past week.  
*The Oakland Tribune, November 26, 1904*

#### **Alvarado Presented With Banner:**

Alvarado was presented with a handsome banner significant of the fact that the voters of the prosperous town cast the greatest percentage of Republican ballots at the last election. A huge bonfire, suggestive of campaign times, speechmaking, music, and dancing made the night a gala one. Leading citizens of all the precincts in Washington Township assembled to be the guests of Alvarado. The visitors came in buses and carriages until the town was overflowing. As they entered by one of the main streets they were greeted by a banner that read: "Welcome Washington Township—Eat, Drink & Be Merry."

Supervisor Fred Horner was escorted into town in a carriage lead by four fine horses from his home in Centerville. He was greeted with thunderous applause and cheering and a fine display of pyrotechnics in the sky. Organizer of the celebration was Mr. F. B. Granger, Jr.  
*The Oakland Tribune, November 28, 1904*

#### **Sugar:**

Mr. George T. McCabe of the Stanislaus County Board of Trade met with officials of the Alameda Beet Sugar Company to investigate the possibility of growing sugar beets in Stanislaus County for delivery to the sugar refinery at Alvarado. The factory agreed to take all the beets the farmers raise in this experimental year at \$4 per ton, F.O.B. the railway. A committee will start at once to interview farmers in this vicinity ([Modesto](#)) in the matter of pledging acreage for beets for the coming season  
*The Evening Modesto News, Modesto California, November 29, 1904*

#### **Around Town:**

The first assembly of the Union Cotillion Club will take place at the IOOF Hall Alvarado, Saturday evening, December 17<sup>th</sup>. The club parties are the finest affairs ever given in this township. Its membership comprises the most representative young people hereabouts. Much interest is centered in this assembly and it will no doubt be the great success hoped for by the committee in charge.

John Butterworth and Gus Nauert came from the metropolis Saturday to help Alvarado celebrate when she was presented with the Republican Banner for polling the largest Republican vote in the township.

Albert Smithurst, a former resident of Alvarado, who has resided in San Francisco, now for a long time, was in town recently renewing old acquaintances and visiting friends. He was seriously ill with rheumatism for many years, but is now doing nicely and is able to get around without crutches.

Mrs. B. H. Ford entertained about twenty-five of her friends at her home here last Saturday afternoon. A most enjoyable time was had by all. Elaborate refreshments were served. Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Richmond, the Misses Nauert and George Hellwig attended the celebration of the wooden wedding of Mr. & Mrs. Drendall in San Francisco Saturday.



The Continental Salt Works has shut down; it will be closed for about a month. The sugar mill will soon be done grinding beets. Miss Oscarna Nauert spent several days of the week in San Francisco, the guest of Miss Jacobs.  
*The Oakland Tribune, December 3, 1904*

#### **Notable Oakland Affair:**

Mrs. William Lynham Shiels of Oakland has planned a series of delightful Thursdays at her Jackson Street home and the informal affair today was a notable one in the series. Mrs. Charles A. Bennett assisted Mrs. Shiels in receiving her guests. Alvarado was represented by Miss Nina Dyer and from San Francisco Guy S. Dyer.  
*The Oakland Tribune, December 8, 1904*

#### **News Notes:**

Mrs. C. R. Nauert was the hostess at a "thimble-bee" Monday afternoon at her country home here. Sixteen ladies were delightfully entertained. During the afternoon a "drawing and guessing contest of animals" took place. Mrs. Ellis being awarded first prize, a lovely silver spoon. The consolation prize fell to Mrs. Harden. Mrs. Allguire was declared the finest artist. After the game all were invited to the dining room, where everything was suggestive of yuletide. The daylight was excluded, the table decorated with tinsel and holly, and candelabra, and the surprise was a large cake decorated with red candles, for it was the birthday of the hostess. Congratulations followed.

The first assembly of the Union Cotillion Club will be held in the IOOF Hall in Alvarado, Saturday evening, December 17<sup>th</sup>. All members are privileged to invite a few friends. The dances are strictly invitational. Every effort is being made to make this dance a big success.  
*The Oakland Tribune, December 10, 1904*

#### **Around Town:**

Saturday evening the Union Cotillion Club gave its first party. Many were present from Nilas, Decoto, Irvington and Centerville. Miss Nina Dyer is visiting in Oakland. Miss Mildred Nauert is spending a few days in San Francisco. Mrs. H. Camman, who has been quite ill the past month, is able to be around now. Mrs. J. Symons entertained a number of her friends at a luncheon Friday afternoon. Mr. & Mrs. F. B. Granger celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary Tuesday evening. About sixty of their friends were present. Whist was played, Mrs. J. Leal and Ralph Richmond winning first prizes. D. Jackson and E. Whipple took the consolation prizes. Dainty refreshments were served and many useful gifts were received.  
*The Oakland Tribune, December 24, 1904*

#### **Mrs. Sarah Whidden Dies:**

Mrs. Sarah Whidden, 87, passed away yesterday at her home near Alvarado. She and her husband William, who preceded her in death in 1882, arrived in California in 1851 and eventually settled near Alvarado. They, and their sons, played a key role in the development of Washington Township.  
*The Oakland Tribune, December 26, 1904*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Clarence Granger and daughter, Edith, who is now living in San Jose, spent several days of the week with F. B. Granger and family. At the regular meeting of the Whist Club, the first prizes were awarded to Miss Nauert and William Wills, and second prizes to Mrs. E. Farley and Joseph Sunkel. Mr. A. Norris, the principal of the school here, is in San Jose attending the teacher's Association. Miss Dyer is visiting friends in San Francisco and Alameda. The D. Parish family held a family reunion at their home here on Christmas. Mr. & Mrs. John Hooper, nee Munson, of Sonora, spent Christmas at the home of E. H. Dyer here.

Mr. A. B. Nauert and sister Miss Kathryn spent their Christmas at the family home here. Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Richmond, Jr., of Betteravia arrived Sunday to spend a few weeks. Wm. Allguire is home for a few weeks. He has been working at the Oxnard Sugar Refinery.  
*The Oakland Tribune, December 31, 1904*

#### **News Note:**

Mrs. Joyce of Alvarado returned to her home Sunday after spending several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. J. L. Olson  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 6, 1905*

#### **Around Town**

Mrs. J. Sunkel entertained a number of friends at a New Year's party. Miss Mildred Nauert and brother Henry are spending the week with Mr. & Mrs. W. Taylor of Livermore. Professor Norris has returned from San Jose where he has for the past week been attending the teacher's convention. Mrs. Sinclair of San Francisco is the guest of Mrs. E. M. Foley. Mrs. P. Joyce is again at home after spending the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. L. Olson of Decoto.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 7, 1905*

#### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. John Hooper, nee Munson, of Sonora, are guests at the home of Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Dyer. E. A. Richmond has returned to his work in Betteravia after spending the holidays here. Miss Nauert and Henry Nauert have returned to their home here after a ten-day visit with friends in Livermore. The regular meeting of the Whist Club was held Wednesday evening. The Sunkel family attended the wedding of Mrs. Sunkel's cousin in the city Thursday. Mrs. Mitchell and granddaughter are visitors at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Symons.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 14, 1905*

#### **Sugar:**

John Smith, who has been in the employ of Sam Simons for a number of months, has secured a position as one of the foremen under Superintendent Gray of the Alameda Sugar Company.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 16, 1905*

#### **Around Town:**

The regular meeting of the Alvarado Whist Club took place Wednesday evening. The first place was awarded to Miss Nauert and Fred Hellwig, while Mrs. James Symons and E. Farley carried off the second prize.

Miss Ede, who has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. Joseph Sunkel the past week, left for her home at St. Helena Wednesday.

Mrs. John S. Leal entertained a few friends at her new home Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Dyer is in Sonora, the guest of Mr. & Mrs. John Hooper.

Mrs. Will Richmond and child and Mrs. E. A. Richmond, Jr., who have been visiting relatives here since the holidays, have left for their homes in Santa Maria Friday.

Mrs. Brown is entertaining friends from Los Gatos.

Mrs. Camman has returned from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. J. Solon in Mission San Jose.

Miss Nauert spent part of the week in San Francisco.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Alvarado was held in the bank building on Saturday. The officers and board of directors were re-elected.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 28, 1905*

#### **Clerk Resigns:**

J. R. Blacow presented his resignation as indigent clerk and assistant in the Alameda county's expert office, to take effect February 1<sup>st</sup>. The board appointed George A. Cook to take his place at \$100 per month. Mr. Blacow is to accept a position with the Bank of Alvarado.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 30, 1905*

**Around Town:**

Mr. & **Mrs. Symons** are entertaining the formers mother, Mrs. Mitchell, of San Francisco. Mrs. Mitchell has been with them for several weeks.  
Mr. & Mrs. Brown of the city spent Sunday with the Richmond family.  
Herrick Munson is home from Utah, where he has been for several months.  
Victor La Grave who formerly lived here was married in Hayward to Mrs. Emma Seamon.  
**Mrs. Symons** entertained her sister and three children of San Francisco a few days this week.  
Miss A. Emery spent several days of the week in this city.  
R. E. Emery of Oakland was in town Friday.  
Miss Dyer has returned from a trip to Sonora.  
A small flood visited Alvarado Thursday.  
The Misses Parish will entertain Friday afternoon a large number of friends.  
Jack Blacow has accepted a position with the Bank of Alvarado.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 4, 1905*

**Around Town:**

"The Military Girl" will be given in the IOOF Hall this evening. It is composed of young people from Alvarado, Niles, and Centerville. It will be held for the benefit of the Town Hall Association of Centerville.

Alvarado was visited by the Haverly Minstrels, who remained two nights. The entertainments were unusually good for a traveling show.  
The second assembly of the Union Cotillion will be held Saturday evening in Centerville.  
There is not a vacant house in Alvarado.  
Thomas Foster, who has been seriously ill, is slowly recovering.  
Mrs. Leo Aurich has returned to her home in San Francisco after spending a week with her mother, Mrs. P. Joyce.  
Miss Oscarna Nauert is spending the week in the metropolis.  
Mrs. J. Leal entertained about twenty people at Whist Saturday evening. The prizes for the highest points were awarded to Miss Franz and Dunn Buchanan.  
Harvey Richmond is home from Betteravia, having arrived unexpectedly Thursday.  
Miss Nauert has returned from a few days stay with friends in Niles.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 11, 1905*

**Gold Medal:**

The Alameda Sugar Company of Alvarado has been awarded a gold medal at the St. Louis World Fair and International Exposition. Congratulations to a fine local company.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 13, 1905*

**Mrs. Vanderpeer Dies:**

Mrs. Mary J. Vanderpeer died yesterday morning of pneumonia. Mrs. Vanderpeer was a pioneer resident of Alvarado, arriving here with her husband, J. G. Vanderpeer in 1868. She died at the home of her son-in-law, George Obermuller.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 18, 1905*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. John Leal is in Stockton where she was delegated by the Alvarado Circle of Woodcraft to attend the convention convening there. She was accompanied by **Mrs. E. A. Richmond**, who will visit old-time friends.

Alvarado Camp, No. 429, W. of W., will give a social in the IOOF Hall March 12<sup>th</sup>. The few dances given by this lodge have been very pleasant, and it is believed that this will prove to be no exception.

The second of a series of four assemblies of the Union Cotillion Club will be held in Centerville next Saturday evening. These club parties are most enjoyable. The members comprise the best people of Washington Township, and the dances are strictly invitational.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Symons visited Sunday with friends and relatives in the city. Mrs. Kruse and child and Mrs. E. Brown, who spent the week with her aunt, **Mrs. E. A. Richmond** have returned to San Francisco. Mrs. J. M. Scribner and two children of the metropolis are the guest of her mother, Mrs. E. Beebe. Mr. & Mrs. Sunkel was called to the city Saturday by the illness of his father.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 18, 1905*

#### **Betrothal:**

Miss Besse Hargrave was hostess at a card party at her home on Sixtieth Street ([Oakland](#)) Wednesday afternoon, announcing her betrothal to H. Lloyd Drury. The bride to be is the only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Hargrave and a granddaughter of the late Henry C. Smith, a graduate of Oakland High and a great favorite among classmates. The prospective groom, a former student of the university class of '06, is now an Assistant Chemist of the Alameda Sugar Company. The date of the wedding has not been set but will probably take place in early autumn.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 24, 1905*

#### **Alvarado Honeymoon:**

Owen Jay Dutcher and his new wife Mrs. Julia Cronin Dutcher will be spending part of their honeymoon in Alvarado. The happy couple are both from Livermore.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 24, 1905*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Hannah Huff, beloved wife of Edward Huff, of Alvarado died at a hospital last Friday. She was a native of Killarney, Ireland and was 64 years old. She came to this country at a young age and has lived in Alvarado most of her life. She leaves a husband, Edward Huff of Alvarado, and two sisters.

The second assembly of the Union Cotillion Club was held in Centerville on Saturday evening. The hall was prettily decorated, its music excellent, its crowd select, consequently the party was a success in every particular. Many guests were present from Oakland, San Francisco, Alameda, Berkeley, Palo Alto and San Jose.

Alvarado Camp of Woodmen and Alvarado Circle of Women of Woodcraft will give a social hop in the hall this Saturday evening.

Mr. Goforth of Alvarado was married to Miss Klein of Pleasanton one day this week. After a short wedding trip they will reside in Alvarado.

Mrs. John Scribner and son left for their home in San Francisco after spending a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. E. Beebe.

Mrs. Brown is now driving a fine new horse and buggy.

Miss Elma Ingalls of San Jose was the guest of Miss Dyer for its cotillion.

Mr. & Mrs. Burr entertained her sister and brother over Sunday. They attended the assembly given by the Union Cotillion. Gus Nauert also entertained San Francisco friends.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 4, 1905*

#### **Alvarado Wheelman:**

Joe Rogers of Alvarado will try out in San Leandro tomorrow afternoon to see if can become a member of the Eden Wheelmen Racing Team. The team will participate in long distance relay racing.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 4, 1905***

**Around Town:**

Frank A. Starr, who has filled the position of millwright at the **sugar factory** for a number of years, has accepted a position in the same capacity of the Greeley, Colorado Sugar Company. He will leave on the last day of the month and his family will join him in July.

F. H. Bachler has resigned his position at the **sugar factory** in this place and leaves for Lyons, New York, where he will superintend the workings of a large sugar factory. Mr. Bachler has been the chemist here for the past year.

The flag at the Alvarado Foundry has floated at half-mast since Monday on account of the sudden death of Oscar Jerome Backus, Vice President of the George H. Tay, Co. Mr. Backus died suddenly in his home in Oakland Monday. Mr. C. R. Nauert, Manager of the foundry was one of the pallbearers at the funeral.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 5, 1905***

**Newspaper Notice:**

This is to notify the public that my wife, MARIA MACHADO DENIZ, has left my bed and board. I will not stand responsible for any debts incurred by her. JOHN (JOAO) MACHADO DENIZ, Alvarado, California

***The San Francisco Call, March 7, 1905***

**News Note:**

Mrs. Lorin Phillips and children of Alvarado returned Wednesday after a few days' visit with her mother, Mr. D. E. Lamb in Livermore.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 9, 1905***

**Woodmen of the World:**

A large delegation of Hayward Woodman made the trip to Alvarado to participate in the seventh anniversary of the Alvarado Lodge. The guests were entertained with a smoker and supper followed by speeches from many of those present.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 15, 1905***

**Around Town:**

The Alvarado Whist Club met Wednesday evening last. Miss Carrie Parish and Ralph Richmond won the prizes.

Night watchman Haar is on the sick list. A former watchman is attending to his duties.

Mrs. E. Winegar of San Francisco is the guest of her mother, Mrs. John Joyce.

Mr. A. B. Nauert and Harvey Richmond spent Sunday in their respective homes in Alvarado.

Mrs. James Symons is entertaining her mother, Mrs. Mitchell of San Francisco.

Fred. C. Harvey has returned from an extended Eastern trip. He has been much benefited by the rest and the change.

Mrs. J. M. Scribner is at her mother's for an indefinite length of time.

The friends of A. Lee will regret to hear that he is ill at his home, being confined to his bed.

Mr. & Mrs. Martin Coleman of San Francisco spent Sunday at the home of Coleman's sister, Mrs. A. Norris.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 25, 1905***

**Around Town:**

Miss Kate Riley of Oakland is a guest at the F. B. Granger home.

It is reported that Manuel Silva, who has been with the F. C. Harvey, Co. for a number of years, has bought an interest in the General Merchandise store in Newark.

Mr. A. Lee, who has been confined to his mother's home by illness, is able to go out again.

Mrs. C. Nauert and Miss Nauert spent the first of the week in San Francisco.

Our teachers are in Oakland this week attending the teacher's institute.

Henry P. Nauert is spending his vacation in Livermore with friends.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 1, 1905*

### **Alvarado Fire:**

A conflagration which destroyed five buildings valued at about \$15,000 broke out here Saturday evening, and owing to a lack of water it had full sway until a building was torn down and the spread of the flames stayed. The loss is partially covered by insurance. The fire started in an upper room of the Davilla Building, which was occupied by two Portuguese who were using a gasoline stove to cook their supper. An explosion of the gasoline spread the burning gas over the entire room and its contents and severely injured both occupants before they could escape.

The fire quickly consumed the Davilla Building, in which was a saloon, and then attacked and consumed in rapid succession the barbershop of Frank Dabrovich, the residence of Harm Lees, an old church building which has been used for some time as a public meeting hall, and the drug store of Charles Wenkle. These buildings were completely gutted by the flames and the buildings and contents destroyed. The further progress of the flames were stopped by tearing down a building next to the Lee's residence, and the burned out area was bounded on the side of Davilla saloon by an empty lot.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 3, 1905*

### **School Trustees:**

Returns received by Superintendent of Schools for Alameda County, T.O. Crawford of the election of School Trustees throughout the county Saturday resulted in the election of the following: Alvarado, E.W. Burr; Alviso, J.F. Rose.

The following Census Marshals have been appointed in the various districts:

Alvarado, Albert Norris; Alviso, M.J. Bettencourt.

*The San Francisco Call, April 11, 1905*

### **News Note:**

Miss Ethel Foley of Alvarado spent a few days of this week visiting Mrs. Olson of Decoto.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 15, 1905*

### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Silva have left Alvarado for Newark where they will reside, he having purchased an interest in the General Merchandise store there. Mr. Silva was in the employ of the F. C. Harvey, Co. here for a number of years, and the couple's departure is regretted.

Mr. & Mrs. McIntosh of San Francisco has moved into the Granger cottage vacated by Mr. Silva. Frank A. Starr left for Greeley, Colorado this week, where he accepted a position with the sugar company. His family is still here, but will join him in July.

Miss Oscarna Nauert has returned from a week's visit with friends in San Francisco.

It is reported that Mrs. A. Lee and A. Davilla intend to erect a brick building to replace the building recently destroyed by fire.

Miss Parish, one of our teachers, is confined to her home by illness.

Miss Grace Huff, a cousin of **Mrs. Symons**, was the guest of her father Friday.

The next assembly of the Union Cotillion Club will be given in Niles.

The Alvarado Whist Club held a very pleasant meeting. The same officers were elected for the coming year, A. Norris, Joseph Sunkel, Miss Nauert and **Mrs. Symons**.

J. M. Scribner spent Sunday with his family here.

Mrs. S. May of Alameda spent several days here with her son, Mr. August May.

The P. Joyce family moved to Decoto Thursday. They have resided here for many years.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 15, 1905*

### **NSGW:**

Arrangements have been completed for the Wisteria Parlor, No. 127, of Alvarado for the entertainment and social dance to be given at the Odd Fellow's Hall here. It will take place tomorrow night. A supper is to be served at midnight. The Benson Orchestra will supply the music.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 15, 1905*

**News Note:**

Mrs. Phoebe Hall of Alvarado was in Richmond yesterday as the guest of Mrs. R. G. Stitt and Mrs. Alice Harlow.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 17, 1905*

**Baseball:**

The Newark baseball team will play the team from Alvarado Sunday next on the Newark grounds. The Alvarado team, it is said, is unusually strong but Newark is confident that they can best them.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 27, 1905*

**Country Club:**

Mrs. E. W. Burr of Alvarado entertained the Washington Township Country Club in her beautiful home here. A wonderful program of music and recitals were given by members attending.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 11, 1905*

**Around Town:**

F. Foster has purchased the Biddinger lot here and will put up a building to be occupied by a drugstore.

The Five Hundred Club will meet at the home of Mrs. W. Burr on Friday evening.

Mrs. E. A. Richmond is a delegate to the Rebekah Convention, which convenes this week.

Mrs. Foley is spending the week in the city.

Mrs. J. Symon is entertaining her mother and sister of San Francisco this week.

O. P. Nauert and A. B. Nauert spent Sunday with their relatives.

Mrs. W. Brown spent Saturday and Sunday at Los Gatos.

Mrs. J. Sunkel has returned from a visit of several days in Sacramento.

Miss Mildred Nauert is spending a few days in San Francisco.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 15, 1905*

**School Student Count:**

The Alvarado Grammar School has 178 pupils enrolled, the Alviso Grammar School has 88.

*The San Francisco Call, May 17, 1905*

**Around Town:**

The dance given by the U. P. E. C. was largely attended and a very pleasant evening was spent by all.

Miss Dyer will host the next meeting of the "500" Club at her home here. Miss Mary Jackson and Ralph Richmond carried off the prizes at the last meeting of the club held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Burr.

The Ladies Aid Society was reorganized Thursday at the home of Mrs. S. Harvey.

Mr. A. B. Nauert is home for a two-week vacation.

Mrs. Ellen Dyer is a guest at the home of Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Dyer.

Mrs. J. Leal entertained her sister, Miss Low, from San Francisco, several days of this week.

Mr. & Mrs. Jamison and son of San Francisco spent Sunday with Mrs. Jamison's mother, Mrs. Behrmann, at her home here.

Mrs. C. R. Nauert spent several days of the week in the metropolis.

Mrs. E. A. Richmond returned from a week's stay in San Francisco, where she was a delegate of the local Rebekah Lodge.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 22, 1905*

**Native Sons:**

Arrangements have been completed by the Alvarado Native Sons, Wisteria Parlor, No. 127, for the entertainment and social dance to be given at the Odd Fellow's Hall here. It will take place tomorrow night. A supper is to be served at midnight. The music will be supplied by the Benson Orchestra.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 26, 1905*

**Around Town:**

The Whist Club met Wednesday evening and the prizes were awarded to Miss Ella Parish and George Hellwig.

Miss Dyer will entertain the "500" Club at her home near town this evening.

Wisteria Parlor, No. 127, NSGW, will give a dancing party in the IOOF Hall this evening. Excellent music has been engaged, and a general good time is anticipated.

The last assembly of the Union Cotillion Club will be held in Centerville on Saturday on June 10<sup>th</sup>. The dances of this select club are most delightful and invitations are in great demand. This party closes the fourth successful season for this club.

Gus Nauert of the American Steel & Wire Co. is spending his vacation at his parent's home here. Mr. & Mrs. Sunkel and her mother, **Mrs. Halden**, have been called to Sacramento over a death in the family.

The Ladies Aid Society met in a special session with Mrs. O. J. Emery Tuesday to do charity work. Mrs. Moran, who is seriously ill, is somewhat improved.

The Larkins family will move to Oakland next week.

Mr. & **Mrs. George Halden** spent Tuesday & Wednesday with relatives here.

Mrs. A. S. Perkins and her sister Mrs. F. C. Harvey and children of Alvarado, have gone to Napa to visit their sister there.

M. F. Khuen and Miss McCall of San Francisco were entertained at the Nauert home Sunday.

Will Richmond spent Sunday with his family here.

The new two-story frame building of A. Faustina is nearing completion.

The Ellis family will move to Niles within the next two weeks.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 27, 1905*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. E. W. Burr entertained her mother Mrs. Jewett, and her younger brother on Tuesday.

Mrs. John Burnham had as her guest her sister from San Francisco this week.

Miss Kathryn Nauert spent from Saturday to Wednesday with her parents at their country home here.

J. Kerr has purchased the Franzen place. They will occupy it as soon as is possible.

Mrs. Loudon, a former resident of Alvarado, is visiting town.

**Mrs. Sunkel** is entertaining a young friend from the city this week.

Mr. A. B. Nauert has returned to his work in the city after spending a two-week vacation at his home here.

O. J. Emery has the contract to build the Lee brick building.

Mr. & **Mrs. Sunkel** and her mother have returned from Sacramento where they had been called for the death of a relative.

Mr. A. Boysen who has been running the Lassen Hotel for the past four years this week purchased the Riverside Hotel property from F. B. Granger.

The Harrington family has moved to Alameda and the D. Harvey's have also left town.

Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Ralph entertained the "**500" Club** at their home here.

The Ladies Aid Society met with Mrs. E. Beebe Wednesday.

The "**500" Club** met with Miss Dyer Friday. Miss Whipple and Henry Patterson won the pretty prizes.

At the last meeting of the Whist Club the prizes for the month were awarded to Mrs. Ella Parish and George Hellwig.



The dance given Saturday evening by the local parlor of the Native Sons was a most pleasant affair. The hall was simply, but prettily decorated and a good-sized crowd was in attendance. The last assembly of the Union Cotillion Club will be held in Centerville Saturday evening June 10<sup>th</sup>. The dances this year have been delightful. It is hoped that the club will continue.

***The Oakland Tribune, June 3, 1905***

#### **News Notes:**

The contract for the new brick building for Mrs. Lee of Alvarado will be let this week. The new improvement will cost in the neighborhood of \$3,800.

J. S. Cardoza of Alvarado has been named for membership on the Board of Directors for the Bank of Centerville.

***The Oakland Tribune, June 7, 1905***

#### **School Students:**

The following pupils have successfully passed the examinations of the County Board of Education and have received diplomas of graduation entitling them to admission to any high schools in the county.

Alvarado: Austin D. Ellis, Andrew Jacobson, and Harry Jensen.

***The Oakland Tribune, June 12, 1905***

#### **News Note:**

Miss Mildred Nauert was the guest of Mrs. Walpert of Niles this week.

***The Oakland Tribune, June 12, 1905***

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Whipple of Decoto entertained the "500" Club of Alvarado at her home Tuesday evening. The prizes were awarded to **Miss Dyer** and Ralph Richmond.

O. P. Nauert of Oakland and A. B. Nauert of San Francisco spent Sunday at their home in Alvarado.

Miss Dot Nauert was home last week on account of illness. She returned to her duties in San Francisco on Wednesday.

Mrs. O. J. Emery and children and Miss Parish have gone to San Simeon to visit friends and relatives.

Will Allguire has gone to Reno to accept a job with the gas company.

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Cronin and children will leave for New York the first of the month. Mr. Cronin has accepted a position with a sugar mill there.

The druggist is now settled in his new building. It is quite an improvement for the town.

Mr. & Mrs. Guy Dyer have returned to Alvarado after spending three months in the east.

The Ladies Aid Society met with Mrs. John Ralph Thursday. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. E. L. Farley.

Miss Elise Jacobs of the city was the guest of Miss Oscarna Nauert for the Cotillion Club Dance that was held in Centerville.

Dr. Reinhardt and Victor Henderson of Berkeley attended the Cotillion Club Dance in Centerville as the guests of Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Burr.

**Miss Dyer** has returned from a week's stay in the city.

***The Oakland Tribune, June 17, 1905***

#### **Sugar:**

*(From The Woodland Daily Democrat)*

George Gray of Haywards, agent for the Alameda Sugar Co., with headquarters at Alvarado, has been spending a few days in Woodland, and incidentally making inquiries as to the adaptability of Yolo County soil to the culture of the sugar beet.

***The Woodland Daily Democrat, June 19, 1905***

#### **License to Marry:**

Frank Matoza, 29, Pinole, and Minnie Gonzalez, 20, Alvarado.

**Liquor License:**

Jose S. Amaral, Alvarado  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 26, 1905*

**July Fourth Celebration:**

County Supervisor F. C. Horner was the Grand Marshal in the Independence Day Celebration and Parade held in Irvington. Representing Alvarado in the parade was: Farley B. Granger, Charles R. Nauert, O. J. Emery, F. C. Harvey & Co., George Hellwig, L. Koue, Chris Lange, F. Wiegman and August May.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 4, 1905*

**News Note:**

Miss Clara Franz spent the week with Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Olson of Decoto; also visiting was Mr. & Mrs. Aurich of San Francisco.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 7, 1905*

**Separation Ended:**

Drawn together through their affection for their children, Marie M. Deniz and Joao Deniz of Alvarado have decided to make up their differences and live together again and the divorce suit that was pending was dismissed this morning.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 12, 1905*

**Around Town:**

The John Butterworth family and J. Brooks spent Sunday with the E. A. Richmond's.

Mrs. E. Beebe with her little granddaughter, Little Miss Mavis Scribner, and her sister, Miss McCormick, left Saturday for Portland, to be gone some several weeks.

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Cronin and children, and Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Drury have left for their future home, Lyons, New York.

Miss Stilwell of San Francisco spent Tuesday with the Misses Nauert.

**Mrs. E. M. Foley** entertained a dozen lady friends at her home Thursday afternoon. A delightful time was had and dainty refreshments were served.

Mrs. Merritt of Seminary Park and Miss Sparks of Victoria spent Sunday with their uncle.

Miss Dyer is in Portland; she will be absent for several weeks.

Mr. & Mrs. John Hopper who have been visiting at the home of her grandfather, E. H. Dyer, have gone to their home in Sonora.

The new brick building is making good headway. The foundation of the Antone Davilla place is being laid. Both of these buildings are on lots where the recent fire occurred.

**Mrs. E. M. Foley** has as her guest her sister, Mrs. Williams of New York, whom she has not seen for twenty years.

Mrs. J. L. Olson and Mrs. L. Aurich of San Francisco were here Saturday.

Miss Helen Lyle of Oakland, but formerly of Alvarado, is spending the week with her little friends, the Misses Jung, at their home here.

Miss Low of San Francisco is a visitor at the home of her sister, Mrs. John Leal.

Mrs. D. C. Owen of Oakland spent Friday with the C. R. Nauert's.

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Vandervoort and son of Palo Alto are here visiting her mother and father, Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Allguire.

The local lodge, Women of Woodcraft, drove to Niles Friday evening to visit the sister lodge there.

Mrs. L. Camman has returned from a few days visit with her daughter in Mission San Jose.

Charles A. Love is spending his vacation at Bartlett Springs.

Mrs. A. Merritt of Seminary Park took Mrs. Sunkel, Miss Sparks and the Misses Nauert out for an automobile ride Sunday in her big steamer, which she runs herself. The ladies were dressed in white and hatless and made a pretty picture as they sped along the roads.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 24, 1905*

**Pleasanton Rebekah's:**

Mrs. F. B. Granger, District Deputy President, assisted the Pleasanton Rebekah's officer installation Monday night. Also in attendance from Alvarado were Mr. F. B. Granger, Mrs. O. J. Emery, Mrs. E. Hellwig, Miss May Hawley and Miss J. Leal.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 26, 1905*

**McMasters Funeral:**

Mrs. J. McMasters died Wednesday at the Alameda Sanitarium after an illness of six weeks. Mrs. McMasters was 24 years old and leaves a husband two young daughters.

A contingent of members of the Alvarado Women of Woodcraft attended the funeral of their fellow member last Saturday in Oakland. In attendance were: Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Vanderpeer, Mr. & Mrs. B. H. Ford, Mrs. H. B. Brown, Mrs. W. Wills, Mrs. E. M. Foley, Mrs. A. W. Lassen, Mrs. E. M. Farley, Mrs. J. H. Ralph, Mrs. O. J. Emery, Mrs. C. R. Nauert, Mrs. G. C. Emery, Mrs. J. S. Leal, and Mrs. E. Gillarden.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 1, 1905*

**News Note:**

Ralph Richmond has accepted a position as clerk in the general merchandise store of J. L. Olson of Decoto.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 11, 1905*

**Continental Salt Mill:**

A delightful dinner was given at the Continental Salt Mill on its marsh Saturday. Nineteen persons were present, including guests from Oakland, San Francisco, Alameda and Alvarado. After dinner dancing was indulged until a late hour. All who were fortunate enough to be present had a most enjoyable time.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 12, 1905*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. F. Wiegman entertained the "Fraun Verin" at the last regularly held monthly meeting Wednesday. About twenty members were present besides a few guests. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. E. Hellwig.

Mrs. August May entertained a dozen lady friends in honor of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Sophie May, of Alameda, who is her guest for two weeks. Mrs. May was pleased to greet her old friends. All had a delightful time.

Mrs. K. E. Riley of Oakland was the guest of Mrs. F. B. Granger this week.

Mr. & Mrs. Louise Hansel, of Stockton, spent Wednesday and Thursday with Mr. & Mrs. C. R. Nauert. They are friends of long standing, the gentlemen having gone to school together in N.Y. The Harvey family has gone to Santa Cruz to be gone for a week or two.

Mrs. Palmer and granddaughter are the guest of Mrs. S. H. Harvey here.

Oscar and Gus Nauert spent Sunday at their home here.

Mrs. Harden entertained a few friends at her home here Thursday. As is usual with Mrs. Harden's parties a pleasant afternoon was spent and tempting refreshments were served.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 12, 1905*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. Wiegman entertained at her home near town Thursday in honor of Mrs. Sophie May, a former resident of Alvarado and mother of August May. About fifteen ladies were present. The afternoon was spent in music and conversation. Dainty refreshments were served.

Miss Oscarna Nauert has sent out cards for a "linen shower" to be tendered for her friend, Miss Elma Salz, whose marriage to Irving L. Brown of San Francisco takes place next month. The affair will be held at the home of her parents Thursday next.

Mrs. J. Sunkel delightfully entertained Monday afternoon, at her home here, friends of her mother, **Mrs. Halden**. About a dozen ladies were present. Elaborate refreshments were served and a pleasant afternoon spent.

Miss Kathryn Nauert of San Francisco is home for three weeks' vacation. She makes short trips to various places and is enjoying herself thoroughly.

Fred Harvey has gone to Santa Cruz to visit his wife and children (George & Theodore), who are visiting there.

Mrs. S. Harvey is entertaining eastern friends at her home near town.

George **Halden** and **wife** of Oakland spent several days in town visiting relatives.

Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Symons who have been visiting their son and daughter, Mr. & Mrs. James Symons, have returned to their respective homes.

Mrs. Charles Heyer and Miss Obermuller of Hayward spent Monday visiting friends here.

The Ladies Aid Society met with **Mrs. Halden** Thursday.

The local lodges of the Woodmen of Woodcraft held their regular monthly social in their hall Tuesday evening.

Miss Hattie Parish of Sacramento is home for a vacation.

Mr. A. N. Lindsay of Oakland was in town this week on business.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 19, 1905*

#### **Liquor License:**

Ralph & Scribner, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, August 21, 1905*

#### **Classified Ad:**

JAPANESE CONTRACT LABOR:

Japanese contract labor for farming, wood chopping, tree pruning or any work: established five years. Matsumoto & Co., Box 125, Alvarado Calif.

*The San Francisco Call, August 25, 1905*

#### **Fires:**

George Cronin is under arrest in Livermore for having robbed Percy Calvin of a gold watch, but while Sheriff Barnet, who has been working on the case for nearly a week, is holding him on the robbery charge, the Sheriff is firmly convinced that the fellow is a firebug of the worst type, and he is responsible for the burning of Peter McKearney's barn and Chris Akers' stable (both in [Livermore](#)) within the last two weeks. Not only does the Sheriff believe that Cronin burned these two places in Livermore, but that he made seven attempts, several of which were successful, to burn places in Alvarado last winter.

Cronin becomes possessed of a wild desire to see a fire whenever he gets drunk. In addition he had been working for Chris Akers, and when he was discharged he is believed to have set the fire to the barn in revenge.

Cronin was working in Alvarado for Hellwig & May, butchers, at the time that seven fires were set on seven consecutive Tuesday nights. There was an attempt upon Smith's house, an attempt upon Hellwig's & May's shop, an attempt upon a blacksmith shop, an attempt upon Hellwig's barn, the burning of a store belonging to I.V. Ralph, the burning of a sausage shop belonging to Hellwig & May, and the wiping out of a block of stores one night.

*The San Francisco Call, September 20, 1905*

#### **Tomatoes:**

The price of tomatoes have been advanced from \$6.50 to \$10.00 a ton at the local canneries.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 25, 1905*

**News Note:**

The old and well-known "Lyons" brewery has passed to the ownership of the Palmtag and Heyer Brewing Co., with capital stock of \$100,000, \$50,000 of which has been subscribed. The stockholders are the leading businessmen of Hayward, San Leandro, Pleasanton, Alvarado, Decoto and Mt. Eden. Charles W. Heyer is on the Board of Directors. The brewery was first established in 1865.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 25, 1905*

**Sugar:**

Charles Pape, of Hayward, came very close to death on Sunday when he fell into the beet cutter at the sugar mill in Alvarado. Fortunately, the machinery had been stopped but a moment before and the cutter was still, else he would have been knifed into the smallest bits. As it was, he was quickly gotten out, without injuries other than bruises. When rescued, his head was lying against the knives.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 27, 1905*

**Sunkel Moves:**

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Sunkel, and their daughter, Gladys left for their new home in Oakland. Mr. Sunkel had been the superintendent of the water plant for the Contra Costa Water Company in Alvarado and leaves to accept a better position with the same company. During their residence here they had made many friends, who regret their departure.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 30, 1905*

**Classified Ad:**

FOR SALE CHEAP:

At Alvarado California: Foundry, building, patterns, and machinery. Contact: M. D. Merritt, 1022 Lincoln Street, Oakland California.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 1, 1905*

**Liquor License:**

Mr. A. C. De Silveira, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, October 2, 1905*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. Haines entertained the Decoto and Alvarado Aid Societies at her home near here Thursday. Many members were present and much work was accomplished. Refreshments were served. The next meeting of the Alvarado Aid Society will be held at the home of Mrs. Behrmann.

The Ladies of Woodcraft have posters out to a social dance to be given in the IOOF Hall in Alvarado on the evening of the twenty-first. These dances are always pleasant.

The Union Cotillion Club has sent out cards for the reorganization of the club for its fifth season. These assemblies are delightful affairs and it is hoped this year will prove to be no exception.

Mrs. W. B. Richmond is here as the guest of relatives.

"Rally Day" exercises were held in the Presbyterian Church Sunday. A large audience of old and young were present, and the exercises were very good.

Miss Oscarna Nauert has returned from a pleasant visit in Centerville as the guest of Miss Elma Salz.

Alvarado was well represented at "The Two Vagabonds" given in Centerville on Friday and Saturday nights.

Mrs. M. Lee and family are now living in their new brick building.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 7, 1905*

**Sugar:**

The Agricultural Club of Berkeley has decided to take a trip to Alvarado on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, to visit the large sugar factory, which is located there.

***The Oakland Tribune, October 11, 1905***

**House:**

A house is to be built by Maria Lee at Alvarado to cost \$3,800. The contract has been let to O. J. Emery.

***The Oakland Tribune, October 11, 1905***

**Country Club:**

A very pleasant and interesting meeting of the Country Club was held at the home of Mrs. Charles Evans of Alvarado, Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Several papers on the life of Shakespeare were presented by different members of the club, all meriting the attention they received.

The story of the play Hamlet was nicely told by Mrs. Caleb Haley. This play is to be taken up for study by the club. Miss Clara Jackson favored the club with two instrumental solos.

The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. F. B. Granger of Alvarado, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

***The Oakland Tribune, October 12, 1905***

**Ducks:**

There were several large parties of duck hunters on the Alvarado marshes. Most bagged their limits taking mostly sprig and spoonbills.

***The Oakland Tribune, October 16, 1905***

**Fire Department:**

A meeting for the purpose of organizing a fire company was held Wednesday at which the Hon. James Symons was elected chief; a position, which his ability promises, will be ably filled.

***The Oakland Tribune, October 21, 1905***

**Around Town:**

Great preparations have been made for the dance to be given by the Women of Woodcraft in the IOOF Hall this evening. Good music has been engaged, and the old fashioned supper for which Alvarado is famous will be served. A first class time is anticipated.

The little McMasters baby died at an Alameda sanitarium Thursday. It had not been well since birth. When but a few weeks old the sad death of its mother occurred, leaving the mourning husband with three small children.

Mrs. F. Wiegman is entertaining friends from the metropolis.

Over 100 hunters visited the marshes Sunday. With but a few exceptions, all had bagged their limits.

The liveryman here has purchased a fine new bus that will accommodate 30 persons.

Miss O. P. Nauert is spending the week in San Francisco.

Mrs. J. Joyce is in the city visiting friends.

Mrs. S. H. Harvey is entertaining a friend from the east at her home near here.

The Davilla family moved into their new building.

The watchmaker, Phil Roach, has opened a store in the new Davilla building.

***The Oakland Tribune, October 21, 1905***

**Sugar:**

George Gray, a representative of the Alameda Sugar Company, spent Friday in Yolo County. Accompanied by David Balfour he visited a number of farmers between Woodland and Davisville. The purpose of his visit was to investigate soil and climatic conditions with a view of ascertaining whether or not Yolo County can produce a good quality sugar beet. Mr. Gray is favorably impressed with Yolo County. He got a promise from a number of farmers who will plant from one to five acres of beets this season as an experiment. The company will furnish the seed free of

charge, also the necessary implements for seeding and cultivating. There is no doubt among residents of long experience here that there is plenty of land in the county that is well adapted to the successful cultivation of sugar beets. Nevertheless, the results of this experiment undertaken by Mr. Gray will be carefully watched.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 21, 1905*

#### **Around Town:**

The W. of W. dance given here on Saturday evening by the local lodge, Women of Woodcraft, was a most enjoyable affair. The hall was simply but prettily decorated, the music was good and a fine crowd attended. At midnight the fine old-fashioned supper for which Alvarado is noted was served in the banquet room. Everything imaginable was on the table. Altogether this party was a splendid affair and it is hoped that they will give another soon.

Mrs. A. Lee and Mrs. Rosa Freitas narrowly escaped serious injury in a run away Wednesday afternoon. Their horse took fright at some boxes along the side of the road. Were it not for the assistance rendered by passers-by, they may have been seriously injured.

At the meeting of the Whist Club Wednesday evening the prizes were awarded to Miss Ella Parish and J. L. Leal.

Mrs. J. C. Symon spent several days of the week in Alvarado.

Mr. & Mrs. F. P. Hellwig have returned from a trip to Portland.

Mrs. S. May of Alameda spent several days here at the home of her son.

George Beebe of San Francisco was a visitor in town Wednesday.

Miss Oscarna Nauert has returned from a week's stay in San Francisco.

Mr. & Mrs. F. J. Smith and son of the metropolis spent over Sunday at the Nauert's home.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 28, 1905*

#### **Sugar:**

The Alameda Sugar Company took home a gold medal from the Portland Exposition for beet sugar, alcohol and showing the manufacture of sugar from beets.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 8, 1905*

#### **Ducks:**

Hunters that visit the marshes here evidently go away disappointed, as the ducks are very scarce. It is hoped that the first rains will make the sport as good as it has been other years. One duck makes quite a showing and a half dozen are considered as fifty has been heretofore.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 11, 1905*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Ella Parish and John Leal carried off the Whist Club prizes for the highest number of points at the Wednesday meeting.

Joseph McMasters has resigned his position with Helling & Co. and will move to Alameda next week. He has resided here three or four years.

The Country Club met with Mrs. F. B. Granger at her home Tuesday. A goodly number people were present.

Mrs. Behrmann has left her ranch and is now living in the Correa cottage in town.

Mrs. S. H. Harvey is entertaining eastern friends at her home here.

Miss Nauert has returned from a ten-day visit with friends in the bay cities.

Mrs. J. Hopper of San Francisco, spent several days at the home of E. H. Dyer.

The Ladies Aid Society will meet with Mrs. F. C. Harvey Thursday.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 11, 1905*

#### **Classified Ad:**

**BUSINESS CHANCES:**

For rent or lease; drug store, newly built; good business town; also another store, can be used for any kind of business.

A. Davilla, Alvarado, Cal.  
*The San Francisco Call, November 16, 1905*

**Around Town:**

The Misses Foley and Norris spent from Friday to Sunday with friends in San Francisco. The Readers held an interesting meeting with Miss Dyer Tuesday. The next meeting will be at Miss Nauert's.

The Alvarado Circle, Women of Woodcraft, were visited by Grand Officers at their meeting Friday. They also initiated several candidates. After which a chicken supper was served.

The Catholic ladies are busy preparing for a fair to be given early next month.

The eastern friends that have been visiting **the Harvey's** left for their homes in New Hampshire.

Mrs. John Joyce has returned from a delightful ten days' visit with her daughters in San Francisco.

Miss Oscarna Nauert is spending the week in the metropolis.

J. McMasters has moved to Alameda. The Larkin family home will occupy his vacated home.

Mrs. Beebe and granddaughter of Alvarado are visiting in Centerville.

Mrs. Mitchell and granddaughter of the city are being entertained at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. Symons.

Miss Frances Mathews of San Francisco is visiting at the home of her parents.

The Ladies Aid Society met with **Mrs. F. C. Harvey** Thursday. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Fred Hellwig.

Mrs. J. H. Ralph entertained the Decoto Guild at her home here Wednesday.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 18, 1905*

**Sugar:**

The run in sugar beets at the mill in Alvarado is nearing its close for this season. They are turning out 2,000 sacks of sugar a day. The season has been unusually favorable to the sugar beets this year. They are averaging about 17%.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 22, 1905*

**Around Town:**

The ladies of the Catholic Church will hold a bazaar at the IOOF Hall this evening. Many ornamental and useful articles will be placed on sale. Refreshments will also be served. It is hoped that there will be a good turnout.

George Bun surprised his friends by coming home Thursday to be married at the home of mother. His bride is from San Francisco and a stranger here. The ceremony was performed the by Rev. Houston. It was a very quiet wedding.

A traveling show company presented "Uncle Tom's Cabin" visited here Wednesday evening. The play was put on splendidly and was much enjoyed. The company was comprised of twenty members. As a rule, traveling companies visiting small towns are usually very poor consequently the attendance was small.

Mrs. Smith was thrown from Huff's wagon Monday evening. It is reported that her nose and several ribs are broken; Mrs. Smith is past seventy years of age.

The sugar mill closed Friday after an unusually short run.

Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Brooks, and Allen & Harvey Richmond spent Thanksgiving at the Richmond home.

Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Sunkel and Miss Gladys Sunkel and Mr. & Mrs. G. Halden enjoyed Thanksgiving with their mother, Mr. & Mrs. Halden.

The Nauert family had a family dinner for Thanksgiving. Miss Garvey of Los Angeles was also a guest at their home.

Mrs. Guy Dyer is a visitor at the E. H. Dyer home.

Mrs. Penniman, Mrs. Jacobs, Miss Jacobs and Miss McDonald of San Francisco were the guests of Miss Oscarna Nauert Tuesday.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 2, 1905*



**New Arrivals:**

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Hoerle will move to Alvarado shortly where Mr. Hoerle will be employed by the Hellwig Meat Company. They presently reside in Pleasanton.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 9, 1905*

**Around Town:**

The Alvarado Sunday School is preparing for a Christmas tree (party) to be held in the church, either the Friday or Saturday before Christmas.

Mr. & Mrs. Lymon spent last Sunday in San Francisco.

Miss Gladys Sunkel returned to her home in Oakland last Sunday after spending the latter part of the week here.

Mrs. Larsen was happily surprised to receive a visit from her eldest son who resides in Minnesota.

Mrs. J. R. Allguire has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. H. Vandervoort in Palo Alto.

Wedding bells will chime merrily with Christmas bells in this little town.

Miss Oscarna Nauert is in the city for a few days.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Ralph entertained the Decoto "500" Club at their home Thursday evening.

The Ladies Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. Fred Hellwig last Thursday.

Miss Kilgo of Colfax is the guest of her sister, Miss Alice Kilgo.

The Alvarado Whist Club held a meeting last Wednesday night.

The Vickroy family has moved from the Behrmann ranch to the old McKeown home in town.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 11, 1905*

**License to Marry:**

Edward W. Stevenson, 27, and Carrie Parish, 25, both of Alvarado.

*The San Francisco Call, December 21, 1905*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. B. H. Ford and children have gone to Ione to spend the holidays with her mother there.

Miss Ella Parish and **J. Symons** were awarded the prizes for highest scores at the Whist Club Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Camman has gone to Mission San Jose to stay over Christmas with her daughter there.

Mrs. (?) Bunker of Colfax has been elected teacher for the primary room, to replace Miss Parish, who resigned.

Miss Nauert spent the week in San Francisco.

Mrs. Mitchell, who has been visiting with **the Symons'**, left for the city Sunday.

Miss Jewett of the metropolis spent a few days of the week with her sister, Mrs. E. W. Burr.

Mrs. Thomas Cronin and children arrived Wednesday from Greeley, Colorado. They are to spend time with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Allguire.

The grammar school closed for two weeks for vacation.

Mrs. John Joyce has returned from a short visit with her daughters in the city.

The Presbyterian Sunday School will have a Christmas tree in the church Tuesday evening.

E. Isner and family have moved into one of the flats over the F. C. Harvey & Co. store. Mr. Isner is the new millwright at the sugar factory.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 25, 1905*

**Mrs. Elwert Dies:**

Mrs. Barbara Elwert of Alvarado passed away on December 31, 1905. She was the mother of Harry Lewis and Baldwin Elwert. She was 73 years of age.

*The San Francisco Call, January 2, 1906*

**Highwaymen:**

At 8 o'clock Sunday evening a Japanese, giving the name Jim Awabuchi, was held up by four men on the road between Alvarado and the pumping station while on his way to Mt. Eden, and was robbed of \$3.50. About 12 o'clock on the same night another Japanese going on the same road to Alvarado was also held up by four men, but they got nothing from him and allowed him to go. He proceeded on his way to Alvarado, where he aroused a lot of his countrymen and organized them

into a searching party armed with revolvers. Meantime Constable Roderick of Niles had been aroused, and had reached Alvarado just as the Japanese were to start out. They invited him to go along, which he did, with the consequence that this party captured the four men and landed them in jail in Centerville.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 9, 1906*

#### **Around Town:**

The little daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Scribner (**Mavis**), who has been quite ill for the past two weeks, is much better and is able to get around now.

Mrs. Mitchell of the city is the guest of her daughter, **Mrs. Symons**.

O. P. Nauert has left for Oakland, after being with relatives since the holidays.

The public school reopened yesterday after a three weeks vacation.

Mr. & Mrs. J. G. Hopper spent Sunday with E. H. Dyer and family.

Mr. & **Mrs. Symons** entertained a number of city friends at their home here Sunday.

Mrs. E. Larkin and children spent several days in Oakland visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Kilgo, one of the local teachers, is spending her vacation at her home in Colfax.

Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Stevenson have returned from their honeymoon and are now keeping house in one of the Beebe cottages.

Mrs. Wicks, of Alvarado, is quite ill at her daughter's home, Mrs. W. Blacow, in Irvington. Mrs. Babb, another daughter, is also in attendance.

Miss West of San Jose, spent part of the week with Miss Oscarna Nauert at her home here.

The Whist Club held its regular meeting Wednesday evening.

The Ladies Aid will meet with Mrs. C. R. Nauert on Thursday for the next regular meeting.

Miss Ella Parish will spend a month with her sister in Oakland.

Mrs. A. Norris and daughter, Miss Alma, have gone to Placerville, where they will spend the week with relatives.

Miss Kate Mathews of San Francisco, spent several days here recently with her parents.

Wenkle, the druggist, has moved his office from the Foster Building to the Daniel Block, directly across the street from its former location.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 16, 1906*

#### **Highwaymen:**

The four highwaymen who operated on the Alvarado Road last Sunday gave the names of Robert Wells, Frank Lopez, John Sears, and Albert M. Manus. According to their stories, and the impression of their keepers at the county jail have of them, they hail from various places over the face of the earth, and are not the indigenous product of Alameda County.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 17, 1906*

#### **Mrs. Lavina Wicks Dies:**

Mrs. Lavina Wicks of Alvarado died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. Blacow of Irvington, whom she had been visiting when she became ill. Mrs. Wicks was 81 years.

She had lived in the township for many years and was beloved by a large circle of friends. She leaves three children, two of whom, James Wicks and Mrs. E. Babb, made their home with her.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 20, 1906*

#### **Around Town:**

O. P. & A. B. Nauert spent Sunday at their home here.

Mrs. Guy S. Dyer left Monday for Visalia, where she will join her husband.

**Mrs. A. Norris** and daughter have returned from a pleasant weeks' stay at Placerville visiting relatives.

Miss Kilgo has returned from her home in Colfax, where she spent the holidays.

The IOOF and Rebekah joint installation has been postponed until Saturday, Jan 27<sup>th</sup>.

The Women of Woodcraft installed officers for this coming term on Friday evening.

School re-opened Monday with Miss Bunker filling the vacancy of Miss Parish, who resigned.

The Ladies Aid Society met with Mrs. C. R. Nauert Thursday. The next meeting will be at the home of **Mrs. A. Norris.**

*The Oakland Tribune, January 20, 1906*

**Flood:**

The vicinity of Alvarado is under water, though the town escaped the flood. The water has taken an entirely different course this year, being worst around Decoto and Centerville.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 20, 1906*

**News Note:**

Miss Charlotte Vickroy received special mention in the SF Call Junior Page.

*The San Francisco Call, January 28, 1906*

**James Hawley Dies:**

James Hawley, aged 83 years, died in Alvarado this morning. Mr. Hawley was a pioneer of 1849 and was prominent in the Odd Fellows Lodge having been a member since he was 21 years of age. He is the beloved husband of Hattie Hawley and loving father of May and Edward Hawley, Mrs. J.M. Ingalls, Mrs. W.H. Layson and Mrs. Lizzie Beard. He was native of Birmingham England.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 9, 1906*

*The San Francisco Call, February 10, 1906*

**Sugar:**

*(From The Woodland Daily Democrat)*

George Gray of the Alameda Sugar Company is again in Yolo County trying to stir up excitement among the farmers in the cultivation of sugar beets. He visited the farm of John Drower near Cacheville who seemed well informed about the cultivation of beets. He has agreed to cultivate five hundred acres this season as an experiment.

*The Daily Woodland Democrat, Woodland California, February 12, 1906*

**Ducks:**

Sunday was the last day of the duck-hunting season. The marshes were crowded with sportsmen, but most came to close up their respective gun clubhouses rather than to shoot birds. The sport has been unusually poor this season.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 14, 1906*

**Sugar:**

*(From The Woodland Daily Democrat)*

Simmons and Webb are in receipt of a letter from George Gray, agricultural agent of the Alameda Sugar Refinery at Alvarado, notifying them that there has been shipped to their address five sacks of sugar-beet seed, also a beet seeder and a deep tilling plow.

Mr. Gray also writes that he is going to put in some beets at the Bower place near Davisville. He is also anxious to experiment with the land east of Woodland. The soil is too wet at present, but operations will be commenced as soon as the ground is dry enough.

Farmers should bear in mind that Mr. Gray and the company he represents will not only pay them rent for so much of their land as they may use in experimenting, but they will also pay for the cultivation.

This is an opportunity that the farmers cannot neglect. They should write to Messrs. Simmons and Webb for seed and for further information.

*The Daily Woodland Democrat, February 19, 1906*

**License to Marry:**

Antone Duarte, 26, and Maria S. Martin, 16, both of Alvarado

*The San Francisco Call, February 22, 1906*

**Pests:**

Growers in the Alvarado-Hayward area are suffering from tomato worm infestations as well as snails and slugs. Some farmers had success last year treating their tomatoes with plain old stovepipe soot. When the worms come across it they just shrivel up and die.

Some of the farmers who had success the previous year were selling the secret to other farmers for \$50. When it worked the farmers called it a small price to pay to kill the worms.

Not so lucky for the farmers infested with snails and slugs. One farmer reports the loss of 100 acres of grain to the pests. There is no answer yet how to control them

*The Oakland Tribune, March 1, 1906*

**L. Jarvis Dies:**

Leonard Jarvis, one of the Jarvis Brothers who, many years ago, established Jarvis Landing near Alvarado (today's Newark), in this county, died last night at age 87.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 3, 1906*

**Around Town:**

The Whist Club held its regular meeting Wednesday evening. Mrs. Fred Hellwig and Mrs. John Leal carried off the prizes for the highest score.

The Ladies Aid Society met with Mrs. J. Symons today.

Miss Kathryn Nauert has returned to her duties in San Francisco, after being at home for two weeks with the grippe.

Mrs. & Mrs. A. Norris spent several days in the metropolis on a pleasure trip.

Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Richmond, Jr., spent several days with their relatives here.

Miss Edyth Emery has returned to Point Richmond after spending two weeks in Alvarado.

Many cases of mumps are being reported in Alvarado.

Miss Mabel Carter is confined to her home with an illness.

The John Decoto family has moved to Betteravia, and G. Goforth has taken the cottage vacated by them.

Mr. Wilber, who has accepted a position with the Hellwig Meat Co., will bring his family here and occupy the cottage recently vacated by the Larkins.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 3, 1906*

**News Note:**

Miss Ethel Foley of Alvarado was entertained by Miss Harriet Joyce in Decoto on Saturday and Sunday.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 10, 1906*

**News Note:**

Miss Annie Nielson received special mention on the SF Call Junior Page.

*The San Francisco Call, March 11, 1906*

**Alvarado Land:**

About 500 acres in the vicinity of Alvarado will be put on the market shortly. The land is especially suitable for the raising of sugar beets. There is considerable demand in the neighborhood of Alvarado for this kind of land, but as the property has been held in large tracts it has been impossible for buyers to make purchases, and they have been obliged to be satisfied with taking leases.

The Pacific Land Investment Company was incorporated on May 15, 1876, by the late Senator James G. Fair and Alfred E. Davis, two well-known San Francisco pioneers, who built the narrow gauge railroad to San Jose and Santa Cruz

*The San Francisco Call, March 11, 1906*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. Harvey, Sr., was the hostess at a delightful all day affair at her home near town Friday. About thirty friends were invited to come early and stay late. At noon a tempting chicken dinner was served. All the guests took sewing and the afternoon was pleasantly spent with conversation and music.

The Hunt family, which has been living with Edwin Huff for the past year, left Wednesday for their old home in the San Joaquin Valley.

Edward Huff spent the past week in Hayward.

It is reported that Alvarado is to have a new church in the near future.

Mr. Cutler, the bookkeeper for the Hellwig Meat Company has been suffering with a sore foot.

The Ladies Aid Society met with Mrs. E. A. Richmond Thursday. A large number of members were present. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Fred Wiegman.

Mrs. E. Jones and daughter of Sacramento are visiting the home of the formers parents, Mr. & Mrs. Halden.

Miss Barbara Emery of Oakland spent Sunday with relatives here as Miss Aldythe Emery of Point Richmond.

Mrs. Sunkel and daughter Gladys and Mrs. Merritt of Oakland spent Saturday with friends and relatives.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 17, 1906*

#### **News Note:**

Miss Mabel Lassen received special mention in the SF Call Junior Page.

Miss Edna Lassen received special mention in the SF Call Junior Page.

*The San Francisco Call, March 18, 1906*

#### **Pioneer Passes Away:**

The many friends of Patrick Mathews were shocked and grieved to hear of his passing on Wednesday evening. Mr. Mathews was one of our oldest living residents, having been in Alvarado for forty years. He is mourned by his wife, Mary; two sons, John and Eugene; and three daughters, Ella, Kate and Francis. He was a native of Ireland and was 74 years of age.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 27, 1906*

*The San Francisco Call, March 24, 1906*

#### **Around Town:**

The Alvarado Woodmen entertained members and their families and the local lodge of Women of Woodcraft at their hall Thursday evening in honor of their sixth anniversary. Cards and music consisted of the evening's entertainment. Refreshments were served.

Mr. & Mrs. Stevenson entertained San Jose friends several days this week.

Miss Emma Nabor of Alameda is a guest at the home of her uncle, A. Norris.

Mrs. Fred Wiegman will entertain the Ladies Aid Society at their regular meeting Thursday.

Mrs. E. Jones and daughters of Sacramento, and Miss Brunner of Woodland, spent Friday with Mrs. Halden, mother of the former.

Many of the children have whooping cough and mumps. Every day new cases are reported.

Alvarado has many enthusiastic skaters. In consequence many trips are made to Oakland and Centerville to visit the rinks.

Mr. A. B. Nauert was accompanied by Mr. Keene of the American Steel & Wire Co., on his weekly visit home Saturday.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 27, 1906*

#### **Watch Stolen:**

The trial of George Cronin, now living in Livermore, is charged with stealing a watch from a man by the name of Percy Calvin, was begun this morning before Judge Henry Melvin and a jury.

It is alleged that while the two were drinking together Cronin lifted a watch from Calvin's pocket. Cronin formerly lived in Alvarado but has recently gone to Livermore. He said he took Calvin's watch for safekeeping.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 4, 1906*

**News Note:**

Miss Ethel Foley of Alvarado spent her vacation in Decoto with Miss Harriet Joyce.  
*The Oakland Tribune, April 7, 1906*

**News Note:**

Miss Ethel Moffitt received special mention in the SF Call Junior Page.  
*The San Francisco Call, April 8, 1906*

**Marriage License:**

Antone E. Vargas, Alvarado, 23.  
Leanora Freitas, Alvarado, 19.  
*The Oakland Tribune, April 9, 1906*

**License to Marry:**

Clark Blethen, 77, and Kate L. Young, 38, both of Alvarado  
*The San Francisco Call, April 10, 1906*

**News Note:**

Miss Helen Granger received special mention in the SF Call Junior Page.  
*The San Francisco Call, April 15, 1906*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. C. Mitchell and daughter of Fruitvale were the guests of **Mrs.** Symons several days this week.  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Olsen of Santa Maria called on old friends during the past week.  
Mrs. Maria Lee, who has been ill the past week, is somewhat better.

The Whist Club held its regular meeting on Wednesday evening. The meeting was well attended. The following officers were elected for the coming term: A. Norris, President; Miss Mildred Nauert, Secretary; **Mrs. J. Symons**, Treasurer.

Mrs. John Ralph entertained about twenty ladies at home on Thursday afternoon, the guest of honor being Mrs. Kate Ralph of Santa Maria, who is about to leave soon to visit her daughter, Mrs. H. Dyer in Ohio. Miss Annie Lowrie entertained the guests with vocal selections. A dainty repast was served.

Mrs. H. Behrmann has returned to her home after spending several days with her daughter in Fruitvale.

Miss Nina Dyer, who has been spending a week in San Francisco, has returned to her home. George Althausen is on the sick list with Dr. De Puy in attendance.  
*The Oakland Tribune, April 16, 1906*

**Damage Report on Earthquake – Alvarado 1906**

Report on Earthquake Investigations at Alvarado, by: F.E. Matthes  
Alvarado May 7<sup>th</sup>:

The plant of the Alameda Sugar Company was the chief sufferer. The main buildings are of wood, substantially constructed and were not damaged, but the fitting and accessory structures were injured in numerous places. An old limekiln showed diagonal cracks in the brickwork, several of the small arches above the fire holes opened and let bricks fall out. A 6" cast iron water pipe attached vertically to the main building broke transversely about 30 feet above the ground. The water in the tanks on the roof splashed heavily as to raise and break the wooden covers. The water seems to have splashed mostly to east.

The two great platforms carrying the syrup tanks, supported by numerous vertical props 10-feet 10-inches high, resting on concrete foundations fell down altogether, the northern one to the

north and the southern to the south, these directions being probably determined by the original inclination of the supports. The tanks were all damaged and over one million pounds of syrup flowed away (much of this, according to the superintendent will be recovered). Total weight on the south platform, was 1,072,891 pounds. Photographs of these collapsed platforms will be forwarded to the Commission by the superintendent.

At the time of the visit, much of the debris had been cleared away and no photograph was therefore taken of the ruins. In the engine room, the vertical steam pipes cracked next to the flanges by the racking motion of the ceiling through which they extend. The shock appears to have had a north-south direction according to the position of the breaks in these water pipes.

The mill stands on flat, alluvial ground, a hundred feet north of Alameda Creek. Along the banks of the latter a large number of cracks extend, roughly parallel with the stream. Considerable masses next to the streambed slumped towards the same, leaving gaping cracks a foot to two feet wide, and carrying with them small outlying buildings, notably the fire engine house which moved bodily, concrete foundation and all, two feet south toward the creek. A small railroad trestle S.W. of the mill moved 4" south on both of its abutments, probably owing to slumping of loose ground on north side of the creek.

A 2" water pipe laid under the ground some 60 feet north of the creek and almost parallel with the same, shows indication of having been submitted first to tension, causing rupture at one of the joints, then sudden compression causing it to be jammed together with violence.

Cracks in the ground may be found as far as 250 feet from the creek. They were nearly all closed at the time of my visit (May 7<sup>th</sup>), but were easily traced by the streaks of bluish gray sand which had issued from them together with considerable quantities of water. According to the Chinese cook of the superintendent, the cracks nearest to his dwelling were seen to open and close several (?) times in succession during the quake, large volume of mud laden water gushing from them, and splashing up some ten feet in the air at each closing.

A large crack of this kind opened under the N.W. corner of the dwelling, and the superintendent estimates that fully 500 gallons of water gushed from the same, the flow continuing with decreasing volume for about an hour. The fence in front of the house shows that the ground there has been raised into a low hump. The sewer pipe leading west to the creek was detached from the house by a space of 22". A chimney near the N.E. corner of the house was thrown to the east, with sufficient violence to throw the farthest bricks 35 feet east of the house. (The top of the chimney was only 20 feet above the ground originally).

In the roadway south of the mill water oozed out in a number of places without the production of visible cracks. The water pipes and hydrants in this vicinity were crunched in several places. The accompanying table ([I have not included this](#)) gives heights of water in a number of wells about the mill. These wells were observed daily before and after the earthquake. In most of them the water suddenly rose. In a few cases the readings show that the water rose from one to two feet. In one case a well, which used to be considered as nearly dry, has shown daily fluctuations since the quake, overflowing early every morning up to the time of my visit.

At the Alvarado Water Works, the brick buildings suffered considerable damage, the walls cracking in several places. Nothing could be learnt regarding the behavior of the wells of this plant. The frame dwelling of the superintendent was damaged by the collapse of its underpinning. A similar fate was that of the Alvarado Hotel. Both houses were being put back in place at date of visit. At the schoolhouse the water tank fell owing to the collapse of its supports.

Nearly all the brick chimneys in the village fell, the directions varying. A few cracks opened across the street, but these had been filled at the date of my visit. The consensus of opinion was the shock had a north-south direction with intensity of 7+. Report by Francois E. Matthes.

**Bancroft Library, U. of California @ Berkeley, Calif., May 7, 1906**

**Voter Registration:**

To accommodate voters in the interior of the county, Clerk Cook with a corps of deputies will be in Alvarado on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> to register the locals for the upcoming election.

**The Oakland Tribune, May 8, 1906**

**Horse Stolen:**

E. A. Vickroy, of Alvarado, reported to the Oakland Police that a light bay horse valued at \$200 was stolen from his barn on the evening of May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**The Oakland Tribune, May 21, 1906**

**Around Town:**

At the regular meeting of the Whist Club Wednesday evening the prizes for the highest number of points was awarded to Miss Nauert and August May.

F. Center, bookkeeper for the Hellwig Meat Company is quite ill this week. He will leave as soon as possible to take a much-needed vacation.

Many local children have the whooping cough.

The **Presbyterian** Sunday School is preparing for children's day. A pretty program has been arranged.

The Ladies Aid met in the Sunday School room of the **Presbyterian Church** Thursday with Mrs. Babb as hostess.

Mrs. Franz has as her guest Mrs. Hansen of San Francisco. Her home was destroyed by the big earthquake and fire.

The Misses Low of San Francisco are at the home of her sister Mrs. J. Leal where they expect to remain for some time.

Miss Hattie Parish of Oakland is visiting her sister Mrs. E. Stevenson.

Mrs. E. Beebe is entertaining Mrs. Rheudesky of the city.

Mrs. H. Laufer and daughter Ruth are spending the week with her mother, Mrs. J. Joyce.

Clarence Granger, now of Colorado, is home for a short visit. He came to view the ruins of San Francisco.

Miss Mabel Carter is still very ill.

Mrs. Churchman is in Fruitvale visiting with her daughter.

Mrs. Behrmann was called to Fruitvale due to the illness of her son-in-law.

Oscar Nauert is now a commuter from his home in Alvarado to his business in Oakland.

The Alvarado Hotel and the Hansen Bros. Hotel are undergoing repairs, both being badly damaged by the earthquake.

Mr. & Mrs. H. S. Dyer of Michigan were the guests at the home of their uncle Mr. E. H. Dyer.

Ott Schmidt of the city spent one Sunday with his parents, who are at the Ralph's home since the earthquake.

Miss Ella Mathews has returned to her work in San Francisco.

The Lehning family of Alvarado, who have been with Mrs. Lehning's sister, Mrs. J. Symons have gone to Oakland where Mr. Lehning has secured a position and where they will reside in the future.

**The Oakland Tribune, May 26, 1906**

**Township School Students:**

School enrollments by town:

Alvarado	181
Alviso	85
Centerville	269
Decoto	254
Mission San Jose	188
Mowry's Landing	30
Newark	152
Niles	275



Warm Springs 121  
Washington (Irvington) 147  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 2, 1906*

### **Highwaymen Sentenced:**

Ross Chapin, the last of four men charged with having assaulted M. Ogate, a Japanese, near Alvarado and robbed him of \$75, pleaded guilty before Judge Harris and was sentenced to four years and six months at San Quentin. His three companions having practically abandoned their defense gave up the fight and left him with practically nothing else to do but thrown himself on the mercy of the court. His companions were Robert Wells, sentenced to five years at Folsom, Frank Lopez who was given ten years at San Quentin, and Albert Man who was given ten years at San Quentin.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 8, 1906*

### **School Graduation:**

The County Board of Education this morning completed the marking of the examination papers of the eighth grade pupils who took the final graduation examinations and have announced that the following pupils have graduated.

Alvarado: Teacher, A. Norris.

Students: Leo E. Adle, Lawrence M. Carter, Ethel K. Foley, Manuel C. Gaspar, Mary P. Griffin, Charlotte Jung, Alma Norris and Everett G. Richmond.

Alviso: Teacher: Nellie Malloy.

Students: Clara Beard, Flora McKeown and George S. Roderick.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 17, 1906*

### **News Note:**

Fred S. Cutler, from Alvarado, is recreating at Bartlett Springs.

*The San Francisco Call, June 25, 1906*

### **Camping Trip:**

Mrs. E. Whipple and family, Mrs. J. Ralph of Alvarado, the Misses Annie Lowrie and Marjory Jackson are spending a few weeks camping at Pescadero.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 22, 1906*

### **News Note:**

Mrs. C. True of Livermore and her sister Mrs. H. Behrmann of Alvarado left this week for a three-months visit to the home of their childhood in Germany.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 27, 1906*

### **Around Town:**

George Althausser who is at Bartlett Springs is improving rapidly. He has been there a month.

The Harry Vandervoort family of Palo Alto are being entertained at the Allguire home.

Miss June Chase of San Jose is the guest of her cousin, Miss Helen Granger.

Mrs. F. C. Harvey and children have returned home from a month's stay in Fresno where they visited with her sister, Mr. A. S. Perkins, who is well known here.

Mrs. E. W. Burr and children have gone to Mount Hamilton for a while.

Miss Poorman of Alameda spent a few days in town this week.

Mr. & Mrs. Halden of Berkeley spent several days here visiting relatives.

Mr. C. R. Nauert and Miss Nauert spent several days of this week in San Francisco.

Mr. & Mrs. A. Norris spent Saturday and Sunday in the metropolis.

Miss Oscarna Nauert has gone to the Santa Cruz Mountains for a few days.

Harvey Richmond spent Sunday at home here.

Mrs. Richmond went to San Jose Monday to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law Charles Richmond.

J. S. Sunkel of Oakland is here on a visit.

Miss Ethel Eisen, who has been in Berkeley for several months, is again at home.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 29 1906*

### **Women of Woodcraft:**

Alvarado Circle, Women of Woodcraft, will give an informal dance the IOOF Hall, Alvarado, Saturday evening, August 4<sup>th</sup>. These ladies have always given enjoyable dances and this one should prove to be no exception. Benson's Orchestra has been engaged, so, with good music success is assured. Everybody is invited to attend.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 29 1906*

### **Sugar:**

(From *The Woodland Daily Democrat*)

George Gray, the agricultural manager of the Alameda Sugar Company, returned to Alvarado this morning. The company has seventy acres of sugar beets in Yolo County, which were planted for experimental purposes. Not long ago a sample of these beets was shipped to the factory and Mr. Gray was well satisfied with the test. He shipped another sample on Thursday.

Mr. Gray says the company's beets in this county are doing well. The soil was not so well cultivated as he desired, on account of the difficulty he had in procuring teams. If further experiments are made next season Mr. Gray will provide his own teams and rely on a force of experienced men. Wheat farmers, as a rule, are not familiar with the best methods of cultivating the sugar beet. It is necessary that the soil be stirred frequently, as baking the soil seriously retards the growth of the beet. The beets in this county will be ready about the first of September. They are of fair size and good quality.

*The Woodland Daily Democrat, Woodland Calif., August 3, 1906*

### **Real Estate:**

Real estate taxes due:

J.S. Cordeiro, mortgagee's interest in Alvarado tract of id bounded by M. Foster, by G.P. Azevedo, by "V" Street, and by A.L. Flores: \$2.57.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 4, 1906*

### **Alvarado Road Foreman:**

Antone George, Jr., foreman of the Alvarado Road District has supplied his report for the month of July to the Board of Supervisors.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 13, 1906*

### **Marriage License:**

Joseph A. Mendonca, 27, San Francisco

Annie E. Joseph, 23, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, August 25, 1906*

### **Fred Cutler:**

Fred Cutler, of Alvarado, has joined a dairy firm at Bartlett Springs.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 28, 1906*

### **Around Town:**

Fred Lassen, who met with an accident on his motorcycle and who was burned severely some time ago, is doing as well as can be expected. It will be months before he will be able to be about, and it is considered miraculous that he escaped with his life.

A gloom was cast over this town when the announcement was made of the sudden death Wednesday morning of Mrs. J. L. Olson of Decoto. As Mary Joyce, she was well known much beloved by the people of Alvarado. Most of her life was spent in Alvarado and it seems but a few years since she was led to the altar by John L. Olson, one of the Alvarado boys. The funeral was held at her late home Friday at 10 o'clock, thence to the Catholic Church in Centerville. The

deceased was born in Connecticut thirty-three years ago and leaves besides her husband, her mother, Mrs. H. Joyce, two sisters, Mrs. L. Aurich of San Francisco and Miss Harriet Joyce of Decoto.

The Ladies Aid Society will meet with Mrs. Churchman at her home near here Thursday. These ladies will hold an ice cream festival in the near future. Much good is done by the society and without a doubt their party will be a success.

The improvements to the Catholic Church are a great addition to Alvarado. Another fair will be given in the near future when it is hoped enough money will be raised to pay for the improvements.

Mr. A. B. Nauert has returned to his work in San Francisco after spending two weeks vacation with his parents here.

Miss Kathryn Nauert accompanied by Miss Elsie Jacobs of San Francisco spent Sunday at the home of the former.

Mrs. Wilber has been quite ill. Dr. Morrison has been in attendance.

Mrs. E. Beebe, Mrs. J. M. Scribner and children and Miss McCormick have gone to Lake County where they will visit George Beebe and his wife in their new home for a few weeks.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 1, 1906*

#### **License to Marry:**

Newton J. Flowers, 40, San Francisco and Karoline Fait, 43, Alvarado. ([This is actually Mrs. Caroline Faig of Alvarado whose husband passed away ten years ago.](#))

*The San Francisco Call, September 3, 1905*

#### **Auto Accident:**

While returning from a trip to San Jose at about 3 o'clock this morning in a heavy touring car, Leo Rowley of Berkeley, the owner of the machine, and a party of friends were thrown into a ditch about a mile and half east of Alvarado. Rowley was pitched forward over the front wheels of the machine and was instantly killed. The other passengers in the car were uninjured. There were six people in the car.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 6, 1906*

#### **Sugar:**

The Alameda Sugar Co. has purchased the 160-acre Merrirva Ranch in Pleasanton. The ranch is two miles from Pleasanton and is considered one of the most valuable ranches in the valley.

Alameda Sugar will use the ranch to grow sugar beets.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 7, 1906*

#### **License to Marry:**

John E. Vargas, Elmhurst and Rita F. Rosa, Alvarado.

*The San Francisco Call, September 9, 1906*

#### **Marriage License:**

Joseph Avila, 31, Alvarado

Mary Flores, 30, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, September 14, 1906*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Helen Crane was hostess at a very pretty luncheon Friday, at which she entertained twenty young friends. The feature of the luncheon was the announcement of the engagement of **Miss Nina Ingalls Dyer** of Alvarado to Frederick Washburn of Chicago. The afternoon was devoted "500." The prize for the highest score went to Mss Nauert. It was a pretty handmade scarf. The second prize, a book, went to Mrs. Poorman, while Miss Oscarna Nauert was awarded the consolation prize.

Mr. & Mrs. F. C. Harvey and sons are in Napa to visit Mrs. Harvey's relatives there. Mrs. Harvey's sister, Miss Ingemundsen of Napa, who has been visiting for the past six weeks, accompanied them.

The Whist Club held its first meeting Wednesday night, after the summer vacation.

Miss Hawley will entertain at her home today.

J. Allen Richmond, son of **Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Richmond**, was married Saturday in Oakland to Mrs. Winnie Ralph, widow of George Ralph.

Mr. & Mrs. Threfall of the Hawaiian Islands are the guests of Threfall's sister, Mrs. J. H. Ralph for several days. The Threfall's are here for several months to visit relatives.

Edward Harvey has returned home from a three weeks' visit in Tuolumne County.

Mr. & Mrs. Elmore Brown spent their holidays with **the E. A. Richmond's**.

**Miss Dyer** spent several days of this week in Oakland and Alameda.

Edwin Richmond is home from Chico, where he has been employed in the beet sugar factory there for the past several months.

The Alameda Sugar Company will begin grinding beets Monday. The factory opens somewhat later than usual.

Mr. & Mrs. Will Taylor and children are the guests at the Nauert home for the next several days.

F. B. Granger was in attendance at the Republican Convention held in Santa Cruz recently. He was one of Supervisor Horner's automobile guests.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 16, 1906*

#### **Washington Township Republican Club:**

The Washington Township Republican Club was organized at a rousing meeting of Republicans, which was held last Wednesday night at Hansen Hall in Centerville. J. E. Wamsley was elected President of the club. Farley Granger and Anton George of Alvarado were named as delegates.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 21, 1906*

#### **Sugar:**

The sugar mill commenced to grind beets Wednesday and its familiar whistle is again heard. The beets are later than usual and the crop is somewhat small. Labor is hard to get especially in the fields.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 22, 1906*

#### **Ladies Aid Society:**

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church met with Mrs. Eisen Thursday. Next week a special meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Nauert for the purpose of completing work for the fair to be held in the hall Friday evening. A short but good program will be rendered. Plenty of ice cream, water, ice, sherbet, candy, nuts and popcorn besides useful and ornamental articles will be for sale. The proceeds are to replace the church, which was damaged by the earthquake.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 22, 1906*

#### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Brooks and Henry Richmond of San Francisco and Miss Bertha May of Hayward spent Sunday at the Richmond house.

Mrs. E. Beebe, Mrs. J. M. Scribner and children of Alvarado and Miss McCormick of Centerville have returned from a visit in Lake County.

George Hellwig and his mother have gone to Bartlett Springs for a weeks' stay.

Mr. A. B. Nauert made his usual Sunday visit to his parent's home in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 22, 1906*

#### **News Note:**

Mrs. C. True of Livermore and her sister Mrs. H. Behrmann of Alvarado returned Monday after a two months visit in Germany, and were accompanied by a brother-in-law and sister, Mr. & Mrs. H. Grabe, who will reside in Livermore.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 26, 1906*

### **Republican Candidates:**

Judge W. T. Harris, who has lived the greater part of his life in the lower part of the county, was tendered an ovation at Alvarado last night at the Republican Rally held there. When the popular jurist took platform to address the meeting, the residents in attendance in some instances stood on their feet and cheered, while the entire meeting for some moments continued to clap for the down county lawyer and member of the bench now before the people for election. All of the candidates were well received and the addresses of the evening were listened with attention. The Elks Quartet and a brass band contributed to the occasion. The meeting was in charge of Farley B. Granger Jr. of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 5, 1906*

### **Sugar:**

E. A. Vickroy of Alvarado, Alameda County, has been in town ([Woodland](#)) the last two weeks with a crew of twenty-five men and 10 teams digging and shipping 40 acres of sugar beets for the Alameda Sugar Beet Company. The beets were raised on the ranches of L. D. Stephens and Ed Archer. He completed the work today and left with his men for the Diggs Ranch, near Woodland, where he has 30 acres to harvest. Mr. Vickroy reports that the percentage of saccharine is satisfactory.

*The Woodland Daily Democrat, Woodland California, October 12, 1906*

### **Around Town:**

Hunters are eagerly awaiting the start of the duck season Monday. Everything is in readiness along the marshes, as many large flocks of birds are known to have settled, keen sport is anticipated.

F. B. Granger and family and Mrs. Harvey are passing the week at Pacific Grove.

The Whist Club met at the home of J. M. Scribner Wednesday, with Mrs. Scribner and Mrs. Farley as hostesses.

Miss Jewett is the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. W. Burr.

Miss Ingalls was the guest of Miss Dyer Wednesday and Thursday.

The Union Labor Party held a meeting in the I. O. O. F Hall Wednesday evening.

Henry Nauert is passing his vacation with friends in Livermore.

After visiting friends about the bay Mrs. J. Joyce has returned home here.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 13, 1906*

### **Miss Nina Dyer:**

**Miss Nina Ingalls Dyer**, charming fiancé of Chicago's Frederick L. Washburn has been much feted of late. Wednesday Miss Ingalls was the hostess at a delightful affair given at the Nauert home "Geranium Nook," at Alvarado, at which she was the honored guest. During the afternoon bridge was played, and afterwards refreshments were served.

Thursday Mrs. William L. Larson entertained at her beautiful home "Ardenwood," at cards, the complemented guests being **Miss Dyer** and Miss Voorhis, who are the guests of Mrs. William Patterson. "500" was the game, and was greatly enjoyed by the thirty young people present.

**Miss Dyer** again, the guest of honor at a luncheon given by Mrs. E. W. Burr, at her country home in Alvarado, Friday. Decorations were in green and white, and covers were laid for eight; all intimate friends of the bride elect. After the repast of a delicious menu, cards were played.

The wedding of **Miss Dyer** and Mr. Washburn will take place in San Francisco Saturday evening, October 20. It will be a quiet affair to which only nearest relatives and closest friends have been bidden.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 14, 1906*

**Marriage:**

Mr. Fred Lockwood Washburn, formerly of Chicago, and Miss Nina Ingalls Dyer, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Dyer, of Alvarado, were quietly married on the evening of October 20<sup>th</sup> at 94 Carl Street, San Francisco, their future place of residence.

Those present at the ceremony were the near relatives of the two families and a few intimate friends. Close friends from Alvarado in attendance were the Misses Helen Crane, Oscarna Nauert, and Clara Jackson and Mr. A. B. Nauert.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 22, 1906*

**Marriage License:**

Manuel P. da Faria, 24, San Leandro

Filomena L. Vargas, 18, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, October 23, 1906*

**News Notes:**

Miss Margie Jackson of Decoto and Miss Annie Lowrie of Centerville were guests of Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Ralph over Sunday.

Miss Annie Loudon of San Francisco spent several days of the week with her parents here.

Mrs. A. May is in Decoto at the home of her mother, where she will remain for a few weeks.

Mrs. F. C. Harvey has gone to Fresno to visit her sister, Mrs. A. S. Perkins.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 4, 1906*

**License to Marry:**

Johann Friedrichsen 29, San Francisco and Marie M. Boysen 21, Alvarado.

*The San Francisco Call, November 6, 1906*

**News Note:**

Mrs. A. S. Perkins of West Park ([Fresno](#)) has as her guest her sister, Mrs. F. C. Harvey from Alvarado.

*The Fresno Bee, Fresno California, November 11, 1906*

**Commercial Ad:**

AUCTION SALE:

108 Acres

James G. Fair Estate

Subdivided into 5-acre tracts

2 miles southwest of Alvarado

On the main county road leading from Alvarado to Centerville, Alameda County

Tomorrow:

Saturday, November 24, 1906

Easy terms, one-third cash, balance in 1, 2 and 3 years. Interest 7 percent per annum.

This land produced 20 tons of sugar beets to the acre this season; 10 acres of this land is a fortune to the man of ordinary means. Conveyances will be at Alvarado on morning of sale to take intending purchasers to the property. Lunch on the grounds.

(If one looks at the 1878 landowners map in the *Introduction* portion of this work, they will notice that the Pacific Land Investment Company owns approximately 120 acres on the NW quadrant of the Lowry and Alvarado-Centerville Road. I believe this is the land that this Auction Sale describes.

*The San Francisco Call, November 23, 1906*

**William Faig Dies:**

Alvarado was shocked to hear of the sudden death of William Faig Thursday. On November 15<sup>th</sup> he fell from a building in Oakland where he was doing some electrical work, and while it was not thought that he was seriously injured he died a few hours later. He was born in Alvarado and attended our school. About a year ago his family moved to Hayward, from which place the funeral was held. He was held in high esteem by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He was but sixteen years of age. He leaves a mother, Mrs. John (Faig) Flowers; and a sister, Miss Alice Faig, to mourn his loss.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 25, 1906*  
*The San Francisco Call, November 17, 1906*

**Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Washburn have returned from their wedding trip and are now comfortably settled in their flat in San Francisco, where they will reside. Mrs. Washburn was the former Miss Nina Dyer of Alvarado.

The Wilber family has moved to San Jose.

Mrs. F. C. Harvey and son have returned from a month's stay in Fresno, where they visited her sister, Mrs. A. S. Perkins.

At the last meeting of the Whist Club the prize for the highest number of points was awarded to Mrs. F. Hellwig and John Ralph.

Dr. & Mrs. George Beebe of Lakeport spent a few days of this week with his parents here.

Mrs. Alexander Hansen is in the hospital in San Francisco and is doing nicely.

The Sunday School is preparing an entertainment to be given December 8<sup>th</sup> in the IOOF Hall. A fine program has been arranged to conclude with a clever little farce entitled "Mrs. Hodding's Nieces." They are trying to realize enough for their Christmas Yuletide festivities.

The Ladies Aid Society met with Mrs. A. Holden Thursday. The society has taken a vacation and will not meet again until the first Thursday in February. At their election dinner over \$50 was cleared.

Miss Kilgo of Colfax is here on a visit. She is the guest of her sister, Miss Alice Kilgo, one of our schoolteachers.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 25, 1906*

**License to Marry:**

Henry L. Holston 22, of Watsonville and Maxie V. Rose, 21 of Alvarado.

*The San Francisco Call, November 27, 1906*

**License to Marry:**

Manuel Martin Jr., 21 and Maria Lemos, 16, both of Alvarado

*The San Francisco Call, December 6, 1906*

**Sugar:**

*(From The Woodland Daily Democrat)*

At the request of George Gray, of the Alvarado Sugar Company, I. P. Diggs has published a statement giving his experience in the sugar beet culture. The meat of it is in the paragraph in which he states that sugar beets is the most profitable crop he has ever raised. He feels confident that if Yolo farmers manifest the proper interest, a sugar beet factory can be established in Woodland within two years.

*The Woodland Daily Democrat, Woodland California, December 12, 1906*

**Presbyterian Church Program:**

The entertainment given by the pupils of the Presbyterian Sunday School was largely attended and a decided success in every way. A good program was given and an enjoyable time had by all

present. About \$65 was realized. This will be used for its Sunday School Christmas festivities. Heretofore interested workers were asked to subscribe.

The little farce "Mrs. Hodding's Nieces" given by ten girls was well put on and greatly enjoyed.

The Presbyterian Church is being replastered, therefore the Sunday School and Church services were held in the IOOF Hall on Sunday.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 14, 1906*

#### **Around Town:**

Mr. A. B. Nauert spent Sunday with his parents here.

Miss Oscarna Nauert is visiting in San Francisco.

The Whist Club held its regular meeting in the Schoolhouse on Wednesday.

Alvarado was visited by an unexpected flood Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Washburn (nee Dyer) spent Sunday at the home of the latter's parents.

Mrs. J. M. Scribner is at the Alameda Sanitarium undergoing an operation for appendicitis. She was taken sick Monday.

George Harden of Berkeley was here Tuesday trying his luck on the marsh.

Miss Florence Borchgrevink of San Francisco was the guest of the Misses Lang several days this week.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 14, 1906*

#### **License to Marry:**

Frank E. Machado, Alvarado aged 22

Louise E. Flores, Alvarado aged 24

*The Oakland Tribune, December 15, 1906*

#### **Liquor License:**

The liquor license of Nicholas W. Boysen was granted.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 24, 1906*

#### **Alvarado Road District Assessments:**

Manuel Gonsalves \$25.00, Joseph Gulate \$17.00, Frank Joseph \$32.00, Tony D. Luiz \$12.00, R. Mueller \$24.00, Tom P. Rose \$32.00, G.B. Vandepier \$5.00, Fred D. Wiegman \$80.00, Antone George Jr. \$27.00, Lewis Joseph \$32.00, Joseph Lewis \$32.00, Frank Lewis \$32.00, Joseph P. Vargas \$32.00, Emanuel George \$6.00, Mathew Cloudy \$6.00, Frank Martins \$46.00, Joseph Silva \$18.00, John G. Mattos Jr. \$32.00, George Martin \$32.00, J. Davilla \$1.00, Frank Rose \$1.00, John Silva \$1.00, and Manuel Rose \$1.00.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 2, 1907*

#### **Sugar:**

E. A. Vickroy and family have leased the Troop place on North Street ([Woodland](#)), between College and Elm. Mr. Vickroy is the field agent for Alvarado Beet Sugar Company and is authorized to enter into contracts with farmers for sugar beets.

*The Woodland Daily Democrat, Woodland California, January 5, 1907*

#### **Marriage:**

In San Francisco, January 24<sup>th</sup>, John Stevens of San Francisco and Klara Franz of Alvarado.

*The San Francisco Call, January 26, 1907*

#### **Liquor Licenses:**

Hansen Bros., Alvarado

Manuel A. Silva, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, February 11, 1907*

#### **Andrew Kerr Dies:**



Andrew Kerr of Alvarado California died February 14<sup>th</sup>. He was the adopted father of Annie H., John M., Jennie R. and William F. Logan. He was a native of Ireland was 79 years of age.  
*The San Francisco Call, February 15, 1907*

### **Sugar:**

(From *The Woodland Daily Democrat*)

E.A. Vickroy, the Alameda Sugar Company's man, informs us that he expects to be here the first of the week. He has been kept quite busy superintending the work of preparing the land of the 240-acres that the company has leased and is preparing to plant. When seen on Wednesday he said he had three eight team horses plowing and had arranged for two or three more. He also said that from now on until the middle of April will be the proper time to plant sugar beets, depending upon the quality of the soil and the distance from the surface moisture. Mr. Vickroy assures us that his company means business and is in the field for the purchase of lands with the ultimate proposition of locating a beet sugar factory in Yolo County.

All this will depend nearly entirely upon the manner in which the farmers take hold of the beet growing and the adaptability of the soil. Of the soil Mr. Vickroy has little doubt. He says there are many thousands of acres of rich lands in Yolo County that will be ideal for the successful growing of sugar beets.

*The Woodland Daily Democrat, Woodland Calif., March 2, 1907*

### **Mt. Eden Visitor:**

William R. Robinson, the foreman of the Alvarado Sugar Mill, was in town ([Mt. Eden](#)) Sunday.  
*The Oakland Tribune, March 5, 1907*

### **New Druggist:**

A new druggist is to locate here, much to the delight of local residents. Alvarado is an excellent field; still the town has been without a druggist for several months.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 10, 1907*

### **Around Town:**

Mrs. E. M. Foley was the hostess at a "pumping bee" at her home Monday. Twenty guests responded to the invitations. Mrs. Ford won the prize for pumping the most strokes in one minute.

**Mrs. E. A. Richmond** was the hostess at a "children's party" Thursday afternoon. Many friends responded to the invitation and much amusement was afforded by the various costumes worn. Refreshments were served and all had a pleasant afternoon.

Peter Rudolph, who has made his home here for many years, died last Thursday at the County Infirmary where he had been taken two weeks before. His death was unexpected and was learned with great regret. His health had been poor for years. He was a native of Denmark and was 60 years of age.

The prizes at the last meeting of the Whist Club were awarded to Miss Kilgo and E. L. Farley. Mr. & Mrs. Allan **Richmond** of Oakland and Harvey Richmond of San Francisco spent Sunday with their **parents** here.

H. H. Meyers with his wife and a party of friends were in town last Sunday in a new automobile. The Ladies Aid Society met with Mrs. O. J. Emery Friday.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 10, 1907*

### **Sugar:**

For several months two big beet sugar companies have been active in our area ([Woodland](#)) promoting the cultivation of the sugar beet in Yolo County. One of these, the Alvarado Company, has been operating in Yolo County for two years and has fully demonstrated the fact that Yolo County soil will produce as good of beets as can be grown in California. The Alvarado Company

now has a resident representative, Mr. E. A. Vickroy, who makes his home in Woodland. He has been quite successful in encouraging the industry in this part of the state. So far has yet to be disclosed, the object is to increase the source of supply for the Alvarado plant.

A few weeks ago a representative of the Hamilton plant spent several days in Yolo County and he was assisted by the Woodland Chamber of Commerce. He made contracts with farmers for the planting of 400 acres of beets, the product to be shipped to Hamilton this season.

There is a current rumor that the operations in this county are in the nature of an experiment and that if the results are satisfactory Mr. Vickroy will in the near future establish a big beet sugar factory in Yolo County.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 14, 1907*

**Classified Ad:**

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE:

FOR SALE: In Alvarado, one lot 100 X 400 with 3 small houses, another 100 X 220, 2 houses and a windmill, all are rented.

Inquire: A. Chrysostomos, Alvarado, Calif.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 17, 1907*

**Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Hopper of Berkeley spent Sunday at the home of the latter's grand parents, Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Dyer.

The Ladies Aid Society met with Mrs. E. Hellwig Thursday.

Miss Nauert has returned from a trip to the metropolis.

Mrs. F. B. Granger was the hostess Thursday at a delightful afternoon affair, when she entertained about twenty friends in her usual gracious manner.

The Alvarado Rebekah's Lodge held a special meeting Wednesday when they were officially visited by the Worthy Grand President.

Mrs. I. V. Ralph and Mrs. F. Randolph, former residents of Alvarado, but now of Oakland, spent Thursday here.

Mrs. J. Sunkel, who moved to Oakland, spent Thursday with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Halden.

Miss Ethel Foley will entertain the Girl's Club Saturday at the home of her parents.

Mrs. J. Steven and Mrs. J. M. Scribner attended a luncheon given in San Francisco by Mrs. H. Lampher, who was the former Miss Alice Scribner of Alvarado. It was a reunion of old friends.

Ralph Richmond, son of Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Richmond, was married to Miss Bertha May in Oakland on Thursday. The bride is the youngest daughter of MR. & Mrs. Adam May of Hayward. After a short honeymoon the couple will reside in Newark.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 22, 1907*

**Flood:**

Alvarado was visited by an old time flood Tuesday. There was a break in the track near Arden ([Newark](#)), consequently there were no trains in the afternoon, which greatly inconvenienced the commuters.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 22, 1907*

**Marriage License:**

Joe Silva, 23, Alvarado

Mary Souza, 18, Oakland

*The Oakland Tribune, March 27, 1907*

**Alvarado Road District Assessments:**

J. Alameda \$15.00, John Brugge \$24.00, Ned Clark \$15.00, Manuel Rogers \$36.00, Manuel Luiz \$22.00, A.A. Rodrigues \$11.00, Antone Bettencourt \$25.00,

*The Oakland Tribune, April 1, 1907*

**Fatal Shooting:**

Sheriff Barnett was in town last night investigating the shooting of a Chinese boy, Wong Louie Sing, aged 13 years, by a white boy named Tony Amaral. The boys were friends and schoolmates. The Chinese boy had a rifle as a premium by selling necktie pins for a Boston firm. The lads were playing when the Chinese boy passed his gun over to his playmate telling him the rifle was unloaded. Amaral pointed the gun and accidentally pulled the trigger. The bullet entered the Chinese boy's head killing him instantly. Sheriff Barnett is satisfied that the shooting was an accident.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 5, 1907*

**News Note:**

Mrs. A. Henderlong of Alvarado was visited by a host of lady friends from Alameda. Mrs. Henderlong was the former Miss Ada Nobman of Alameda.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 5, 1907*

**Around Town:**

At the last meeting of the Washington Township Country Club held April 2<sup>nd</sup> last the home of Mrs. J. A. Bunting the following officers were elected for the year: President, Mrs. J. A. Bunting; Vice President, Mrs. F. B. Granger; Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Ford; Financial Secretary, Miss Inez Whipple; Treasurer, Miss Flora Brown. The next meeting will be on May 7<sup>th</sup> and hosted by Mrs. W. B. Layson.

The Ladies Aid Society met with Mrs. A. May Thursday. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. A. Norris.

Mr. & Mrs. Allen Richmond spent Sunday with his parents here.

The Haar family will move to Irvington shortly.

Mr. & Mrs. George Harvey spent Easter with relatives here.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Washburn were guests at the home of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Dyer.

E. A. Richmond, our Postmaster, is home with a severe cold.

Mrs. George Halden has returned home to Oakland after a visit with her mother, Mrs. A. Lassen.

The Girl's Club met with Miss Ethel Foley. The next meeting will be with Miss Beryl Farley.

Herbert Jung has been quite ill and been unable to attend school for the past two weeks.

Miss Emma Delling and her sister, Mrs. Hansen, were entertained at the Scribner home over Sunday.

Mrs. Rheudesky of Centerville is visiting Mrs. Beebe.

School is closed this week. The teachers are in attendance at the institute.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 7, 1907*

**License to Marry:**

Anthony A. Lee, Alvarado aged 32

Rosaline S. Freitas, Alvarado aged 23

*The Oakland Tribune, April 15, 1907*

**Railroad Sues for Right-of-Way:**

The Western Pacific Railroad began a condemnation suit today for a right of way across a private road owned by Jose Silveira near Alvarado.

*The San Francisco Call, April 26, 1907*

**Sugar:**

A four-row sugar beet cultivator, furnished by the Alvarado Sugar Company, was taken out to the Diggs farm ([Woodland](#)) today, where Syl Lawson has planted 40 acres of sugar beets.

*The Woodland Daily Democrat, Woodland California, May 3, 1907*

**Alvarado Road District Assessments:**

James Logan \$32.00, Joseph Amaral \$20.00, John Rose \$10.00, Manuel Peixotto \$46.00, Frank M. George, \$22.00 and Antone George Jr. \$39.00  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 5, 1907*

#### **Real Estate Taxes Due:**

John Schmidt, mortgagee's interest, in Alvarado, map filed in the Office of the Recorder of Alameda County, tract of land bounded by land of Althausen, by Vallejo St., by land of P & E Plurde and the Alameda Creek: \$14.10.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 12, 1907*

#### **Mary Clawiter:**

The estate of the late Mary Clawiter, one of the eldest residents of Alvarado, has been appraised at \$79,967.00.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 13, 1907*

#### **Baseball:**

The Alvarado Giants defeated the Hayward Batting Club 8-7. The Hayward Batting Club says they will play any team from fifteen to sixteen years old.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 27, 1907*

#### **Road Improvement:**

Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at his office until July 22, 1907, at 10 o'clock in the morning for Macadamizing of the road between Mt. Eden and Alvarado, a distance of 3,000 feet.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 3, 1907*

#### **Sugar:**

*(From The Woodland Daily Democrat)*

E. C. Burr, one of the stockholders in the Alameda Sugar Company, and George Gray, agricultural agent for the corporation, were in Woodland Friday and E.A. Vickroy, the local field agent, took them for a drive in the Cache Creek district. They are both well pleased with the result of one season's operation in Yolo County. They say the crop is as large as it is in any other county in the state and the quality is excellent. The success this season will make it comparatively easy to materially increase the area that will be planted to beets next season. The farmers have been furnished with conclusive evidence that beets are a surer crop than wheat and also more profitable.

*The Woodland Daily Democrat, July 13, 1907*

#### **Around Town:**

The German Ladies Society was entertained at the pretty Wiegman home Wednesday. About thirty were present and a most enjoyable time was had. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. Bockman of San Lorenzo.

Mrs. F. W. Washburn of San Francisco is spending the week at the home of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Dyer.

Mrs. E. Dyer and her daughter, Mrs. Clinton Munson are at Byron Hot Springs.

Mr. & Mrs. John Butterworth and children have been spending the week with his sister, Mrs. E. A. Richmond, left Sunday for their home in San Francisco.

Miss Irma Heyer is the guest of her cousins, the Misses Nauert's at their home here.

Miss Ethel Foley has returned from a two week-visit with relatives in San Francisco.

Mr. & Mrs. F. C. Harvey, Mrs. S. H. Harvey, and Miss Nauert have returned from a trip to Yosemite.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Sunkel and Mr. & Mrs. W. Alexander of Oakland were the guests of the formers mother, Mrs. A Harden, Sunday.

The F. B. Granger's are camping at Alum Rock; near them are the O. J. Emery's.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 18, 1907*

**Around Town:**

The new church bell given to the Catholic Church by A. Alameda was blessed at the church grounds today by Bishop da Silva. Six priests were also in attendance. A large crowd witnesses the ceremony.

Mrs. J. Helena Stevens of Oakland spent the week with her sister, Mr. J. R. Allguire. Saturday her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Dunsmoor, drove here in their automobile, and all returned to their homes on Monday.

Mrs. I. V. Ralph and Mrs. F. W. Randolph of Oakland; Mrs. Sophie May and Mrs. H. H. Meyers of Alameda; and Mrs. P. A. Ellis of Niles, all former residents and members of the Ladies Aid, were guests of the Aid Society at its regular meeting Thursday.

The F. B. Granger's and the O. J. Emery's have returned from a month long camping trip at Alum Rock Park in San Jose. Mrs. D. H. Harvey and Miss Mildred Nauert were guests of the Granger's for a time.

Miss Irma Heyer has returned to her home in San Francisco after spending two weeks with relatives here.

The next meeting of the Ladies Aid Society will be held with Mrs. E. A. Richmond.

The Alvarado Presbyterian Church will hold services at this regular time, Sunday School will also meet.

The Reverend James Houston has fully recovered from typhoid fever.

Mr. & Mrs. Henderlong have been entertaining his brother from the east.

The Harrison family has returned from a visit to Los Angeles.

Miss Mae Woolsey of Ione is visiting her sister, Mr. B. H. Ford.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 11, 1907*

**Around Town:**

The People's Water Company is putting in a 36-inch water pipe above ground from the pumping plant to the county road.

Mrs. R. V. Richmond of Newark visited relatives here on Wednesday.

Miss Oscarna Nauert returned home the week after a wonderful stay in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Mrs. John Buchanan entertained informally Tuesday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. O. J. Emery.

Miss Ethel Eisen has gone to San Francisco for an indefinite stay.

Miss Kathryn Nauert and A. B. Nauert spent the weekend at the family home.

Mrs. Gladys Sunkel of Oakland was a visitor at her grandmother's home here on Sunday.

J. W. Atkinson and Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Katy Ralph and A. Charvoz motored from Santa Maria and arrived here Tuesday. They will visit a few days with **John H. Ralph.**

**John H. Ralph** is moving across the street from one of the Schmidt cottages into his own home.

The Catholic Church is now completed and looks very nice, inside and out.

A fair will be held in the town hall August 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup> for the benefit of the church. It is expected the debt on the church will be raised.

Mrs. F. C. Harvey entertained today in honor of her sisters, Mrs. A. S. Perkins of Fresno and Miss Josephine Ingemundsen of Napa.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 15, 1907*

**Milking Machines:**

(A letter to Baker & Hamilton, a very large San Francisco retailer of farm equipment, buggy's, household equipment, etc.)

Alvarado, August 3, 1907

Messrs. Baker & Hamilton, San Francisco  
Gentlemen:

You favor of the 31<sup>st</sup> is at hand. You ask what results we have had with the Burrell-Lawrence-Kennedy Milking Machine and whether they have given satisfaction.

We commenced using the machines last November. Owing to the fact that we occasionally meet some one who asserts that cows on which the machines have been used during an entire lactation period would have a diminished flow of milk after freshening again (although these assertions are mere rumors, in no case coming from a person having experience or knowledge of such effect), we had not intended to express our views until we had used the machines a full year. That we have little fear of bad results was shown when, after using five machines five months, we ordered five more, all of which are now in operation.

Almost all of the cows milk as well, and many of them better, with the use of machine than with hand milking. When first using the machines the cows are more or less nervous and do not let their milk all down, necessitating hand stripping. With patience and gentle treatment this is soon overcome, and a majority of the cows will be stripped out cleaner than by the average hand milker. The machines are a decided advantage in the breaking of heifers. With them results have been satisfactory in every case.

The men take kindly to the machines, and most of them soon become experts in their use. Where two men with machines do the same work as three with hand milking, the latter become jealous because of the easier work of the others. We think the proper allowance of work in the use of the machines would be five strings, 150 cows, for three men. While the reduction of the number of help required is a partial offset to the cost of the plant, we consider the chief advantage in the use of the milking machine is, that of having the milk free from dirt, which is not possible, however great the care in hand milking. In view of the exactions of health boards, which in many localities could not be complied with, the machines seem to us a necessity when furnishing milk for use in cities.

Yours very truly,  
Wiegman and Poorman  
Alvarado, California  
*The Pacific Rural Express, San Francisco, August 24, 1907*

#### **Alvarado Hotel:**

The Alvarado Hotel is under quarantine on account of diphtheria. The eldest son of the proprietor being ill.  
*The Oakland Tribune, September 2, 1907*

#### **Sugar:**

*(From The Woodland Democrat)*

George Gray, agricultural manager of the Alvarado Sugar Company at Alvarado, returned home late Saturday evening from Woodland where he has been on a horse and mule purchasing expedition for the his firm. Sixteen head of large workhorses were purchased outright, but Mr. Gray will return to Woodland in a few days and purchase some mules. He is willing to pay \$200 for 1,200 pound mules.

*The Woodland Daily Democrat, Woodland California, September 16, 1907*

#### **Gertrude (Munson) Hopper Dies:**

In San Francisco, September 19<sup>th</sup>, Gertrude Marion Hopper (nee: Munson), daughter of the late Dr. Clinton Munson and granddaughter of E.H. Dyer of Alvarado. She was a native of California.  
*The San Francisco Call, September 23, 1907*

#### **Socrates Huff:**

Socrates Huff, one of the earliest settler in Alameda County, prominent in banking circles and political life, and Vice-President of the California Society of Pioneers early this morning at his

residence in Estudillo Avenue in San Leandro. In August Of 1851 Mr. Huff purchased a vessel and operated it between Alvarado and Stockton until November 1852.

***The San Francisco Call, September 27, 1907***

### **Sugar:**

*(From The Woodland Democrat)*

A deal was consummated this afternoon which marks an era in the sugar beet industry of Yolo County and we confidently believe will ultimately result in the establishment of one or more beet sugar factories in the Woodland.

For several days negotiations have been pending between C.Q. Nelson, representing the C. Nelson Corporation, and George Gray, agricultural agent for the Alameda Sugar Company at Alvarado, with Balfour and Garrette as intermediaries, for the lease of 1,200-acres of land from the corporation. The lease covers five years and the price was not made public.

***The Woodland Daily Democrat, September 28, 1907***

### **Sugar:**

*(From The Woodland Democrat)*

George Gray, agricultural agent of the Alameda Sugar Company, and his local manager, E.A. Vickroy are making active preparations to ship this season's crop to the refinery at Alvarado. They have two hundred and fifty acres in the vicinity of the Langenour switch and will begin digging beets tomorrow.

The Alameda Sugar Company that four beet wagons of particular construction have been received from the factory. The V-shaped bed is on a running gear equipped with broad-tire wheels, all of which were made entirely for this business. A net is spread on the bed; the beets load in and then lifted out by a derrick into the railroad car. This method is not only a saving in time and labor but it leaves the beets in better condition.

***The Woodland Daily Democrat, September 30, 1907***

### **Around Town:**

The Ladies Aid Society met with Mrs. J. H. Ralph Wednesday. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. R. Tribe. The women are busy preparing for a bazaar, which in all probability, will be held on Halloween.

The annual Sunday School convention of Washington Township will be held in Alvarado at the Presbyterian Church, Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.

A lodge of Eagles was instituted Sunday. Over a hundred members joined. A delegation of 300 Eagles came from the bay cities and four bands and a drum corps were in attendance.

George Hellwig who had an operation for appendicitis is doing as well as can be expected.

Mrs. Lenora Silveira is again at her home in Alvarado after a stay of several weeks with friends in Oakland.

Mrs. Katy Ralph, who is in the hospital, is recovering and hopes to be home soon.

Miss Mildred Nauert has returned from a visit in Livermore.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Washburn of San Francisco were guests of her parent Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Dyer.

***The Oakland Tribune, October 4, 1907***

### **Ducks:**

The marshes in this vicinity were covered with hunters opening day. With but few exceptions good bags were obtained. Hunting was especially good in the preserves. There were glowing reports of the guilelessness of "Br'er" Duck around the Alvarado marshes.

***The Oakland Tribune, October 4, 1907***

### **Sugar:**

*(From The Woodland Democrat)*



Both the Alameda Sugar Company and the Pacific Construction Sugar Company are busily engaged in shipping the crop of beet, which they are interested in this county. The quantity shipped would daily would make quite a respectable train if the cars were all forwarded in one direction.

*The Woodland Daily Democrat, October 4, 1907*

#### **Around Town:**

The annual Sunday School Convention of Washington Township will be held in the Presbyterian Church here Saturday. A luncheon will be served by the ladies of the town. A fine program has been prepared and a large crowd is expected.

Mrs. E. A. Richmond spent the weekend with friends in Oakland.

Mrs. Henderlong of Alameda has organized a class in watercolors.

Herrick Munson has returned to Ogden Utah. He was called here on account of the death of his sister, Mrs. J. H. Hopper.

A few of the old friends of Mr. & Mrs. F. W. Randolph of Oakland spent Saturday with them. It was the fifteenth wedding anniversary of this popular couple.

Hunters do not expect good shooting upon the marshes until after the first rains.

The Ladies Aid Society met with Mrs. R. Tribe Thursday.

Miss Oscarna Nauert spent several days of the week in San Francisco.

The teachers and the pupils of the grammar school are enjoying their mid-term vacation.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 12, 1907*

#### **Around Town:**

The Ladies Aid Society met Thursday with Mrs. E. Beebe. A goodly number of persons were present and much was accomplished. The annual bazaar will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Miss Oscarna Nauert spent the weekend in the Santa Cruz Mountains, where she was a guest at a house party.

Miss Nauert spent part of the week in the bay cities.

The Eisen family expects to move to their ranch near St. Helena. Mr. Eisen will remain here at his work as millwright for the sugar factory.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred L. Washburn and Mrs. Washburn of San Francisco spent Sunday at the Dyer's.

Mrs. Harry Vandervoort and two young sons of Palo Alto spent the week at the home of her parents here, Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Allguire.

Fred Joyce and Mrs. Joyce, and infant daughter, of the city are the guests of relatives here this week.

Mr. & Mrs. Allen Richmond and child spent over Sunday at the Richmond home.

The Harkott family of Fruitvale visited over Sunday with the Churchman's at their home near the Water Works.

Mrs. Charles W. Heyer of San Francisco was a visitor in town this week.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 27, 1907*

#### **Trouble in San Francisco:**

The attention of Special Officer F.J. Hopper, of San Francisco, was attracted by a woman's screams early yesterday morning. He found N. Hanada, a Japanese of Alvarado, struggling with Hattie Carter, a Negro woman. Hanada accused the woman of enticing him into a doorway at 1911 Bush St (S.F.) and robbing him of \$30.

*The San Francisco Call, October 29, 1907*

#### **License to Marry:**

Manuel Joseph, Alvarado, 26

Julia L. Mendonca, Decoto, 22

*The Oakland Tribune, November 7, 1907*

#### **Sugar:**

(From *The Woodland Daily Democrat*)



The shipment of sugar beets from Laugenour switch to the Alameda Sugar Company in Alvarado is going on at the rate of four freight carloads a day. The shipments would be increased but the track room is inadequate. One hundred and forty acres have been cleared and there are seventy-five acres yet to dig.

***The Woodland Daily Democrat, Woodland California, November 8, 1907***

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Beryl Farley who has been at the Alameda Sanitorium, where she was operated on for appendicitis, returned to her home in Alvarado in the latter part of the week, fully recovered.

Miss Helen Granger is at home again, after being at the Alameda Sanitorium for two weeks. She is progressing nicely. She was operated upon for appendicitis.

Miss Nina Dyer Washburn spent several days of the week at the home of her parents.

Mr. & Mrs. Will Hackett and two little daughters of Fruitvale, spent several days of the week at the home of her parents, the **Churchman's**.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Wiegman and son have returned from a seven-week's trip to the East. All points of interest were visited.

The bazaar held by the Ladies' Aid Society was a success in every respect. A good musical program was rendered, pretty fancy articles were for sale and refreshments served.

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society was held yesterday at the home of **Mrs.**

#### **Churchman.**

***The Oakland Tribune, November 20, 1907***

#### **Eli Emlay Dies:**

Eli Emlay, a pioneer of this county, died at Pacific Grove after a few weeks of illness. Emlay settled in the Alvarado in the early days where he married. In the latter part of the sixties he moved to Gilroy where he lived until a few years ago. He was a harness maker by trade.

***The Oakland Tribune, November 25, 1907***

#### **Frederick I. Harvey Dies:**

Frederick Ingemund Harvey, beloved son of Fred C. and Selma G. Harvey of Alvarado, passed away December 12, 1907. He was just a few days short of his sixth birthday.

***The San Francisco Call, December 13, 1907***

#### **Bank of Alvarado:**

The Bank of Alvarado is one of the oldest and soundest banks in Alameda County and flourishing apace. On August 15, 1906 its deposits amount to \$191,244.71. On July 31, 1907, the deposits amounted to \$270,000, and they are reported to "The Tribune" today as amounting to \$290,000. In other words, the deposits of Bank of Alvarado have increased from July 31, 1906 to December 23, 1907, nearly \$100,000. That speaks well for the prosperity of the people of Alvarado as well as for the bank itself.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 24, 1907***

#### **License to Marry:**

Enos S. Hendricks, 28, Decoto and Emily Dias, 18, Alvarado.

***The San Francisco Call, January 7, 1908***

#### **Sugar:**

*(From The Woodland Daily Democrat)*

George Gray, agricultural manager for the sugar mill, returned to Alvarado Thursday afternoon from Woodland.

***The Woodland Daily Democrat, Woodland California, January 24, 1908***

#### **Marriage Licenses:**

John F. Turner, 34, Alvarado

Sophie H. Lund, 18, Alvarado

***The Oakland Tribune, January 25, 1908***

**Sugar:**

There are now eight beet sugar factories in California presently in operation. They are: Alamitos, Chino, Oxnard, Santa Maria, Spreckels, Alvarado, Hamilton and Visalia. There is presently one factory under construction at Corcoran.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 31, 1908*

**San Francisco Visitors:**

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Spindler of Alvarado have checked into the Pacific Grand Hotel in San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Call, February 9, 1908*

**Marriage License:**

Antone Ashadimo, 22, Hudsonville

Agnes Rodgers, 20, Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 17, 1908*

**Sugar:**

Mr. E. W. Burr, Superintendent and Vice President of the Alameda Sugar Company in Alvarado, was in town ([Woodland](#)) inspecting the plowing and seeding operations which have been going on under the direction of agricultural agent Gray. The company has leased several large tracts of land and is seeding them on its own account. A number of farmers have also contracted to plant tracts of beets, which will probably amount to about 2,000 areas this year.

*The Woodland Daily Democrat, Woodland California, February 20, 1908*

**Liquor License:**

M. A. Silver, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, February 24, 1908*

**News Note:**

Miss Ethel Foley spent a few days with Miss Harriet Joyce last week at her home in Decoto.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 3, 1908*

**Real Estate:**

Ebenezer H. Dyer and Olive S. Dyer to Antone De Souza Lemos, 17 acres from Alvarado upper bridge to Niles.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 3, 1908*

**Real Estate:**

Manuel F. & Maria dos A. Abreu to Isabella J. Foster, beginning at "V" Street and SW corner of lot owned by Asmus Frangen, thence N 160, W 52, S 160, E 48, Alvarado: \$10.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 5, 1908*

**Farmer's Marketing Assn.:**

The farmers of the Centerville area have banded together into an organization known as the "Washington Township Producers' Organization." The purpose of the body is shown by their motto: "Co-Operation and Mutual Protection between Producers and Consumers."

The members propose to raise, grow, and sell (wholesale and retail), all perishable products, including fruit, vegetables, eggs, poultry, grain, dairy products, etc., and they will establish and maintain a suitable market place in the city of San Francisco for the sale of this kind of produce. The city market will be in charge of the city agent. Experienced salesman will be engaged and all orders will be promptly filled. No commission will be charged for the handling of the produce, but the seller must be a member of the association.

Some twenty-eight of the largest producers from Warm Springs, Irvington, Niles, Centerville, Decoto, Alvarado, Newark, and Arden have joined and the entire township is being canvassed for membership. All producers are eligible.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 5, 1908***

**Ship Arrival:**

Steamer Diamond, 117 tons, Captain Hanson, arrived from Alvarado with 100 tons of salt.  
***The Oakland Tribune, March 7, 1908***

**Sugar:**

*(From The Woodland Daily Democrat)*

George Gray, of the Alameda Sugar Company of Alvarado, and Engineer F. Schelleman are out surveying a route from the Pearl Station to the Nelson Ranch, a distance of about two miles.

The sugar company has applied to the Southern Pacific Company to have a spur track laid for the accommodation of the big beet crop that is expected to be harvested on the Nelson Ranch. Mr. Gray will furnish the railroad with all the data obtainable by the survey and it will then be determined whether or not the track will be laid.

***The Woodland Daily Democrat, March 11, 1908***

**Harry H. Crane Dies:**

In Sunol Calif., March 29<sup>th</sup>, Harry H. Crane, son of the late Albert E. Crane, a native of Alvarado, Calif.

***The San Francisco Call, March 31, 1908***

**The Best Medicine:**

"The people here do not drink enough water to keep healthy," exclaimed a well-known authority. "The numerous causes of stomach trouble, kidney and bladder diseases, and diabetes are mainly due to the fact that the drinking of water, nature's greatest medicine, has been neglected."

***The Oakland Tribune, April 8, 1908***

**Visitor to Oakland:**

George P. Hellwig has registered at the Hotel Crellin in Oakland.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 13, 1908***

**Bank of Alvarado:**

Alameda County Auditors have revealed that the county has \$17,500 of public funds on deposit at the Bank of Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 16, 1908***

**Primary Election Precinct No. 59:**

Polling Place: Odd Fellow's Hall, Alvarado

Inspector: S. Franz

Judges: F.C. Harvey, William Jung

Clerks: L.H. Eggers, E.A. Richmond

Ballot Clerk: Manuel Rose

Said Primary Election Precinct comprising all that portion of Washington Township within the General Election Precincts of Alvarado and Decoto.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 22, 1908***

**Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Farley entertained the Alvarado Whist Club at their home last Friday evening. All had a most enjoyable time. Mrs. E. A. Richmond and L. Eggers were awarded the prizes for the most points.

The Ladies Aid Society met with Mrs. O. J. Emery Thursday.

The dance given Saturday night was well attended and a good time was had by all present.

Supper was served at the Alvarado Hotel.

Many cases of measles are reported in the area.

Mr. & Mrs. William Churchman expect to move to Fruitvale, their old home. They have made many friends here during the few years residence in our midst and regret their having to leave.

About forty Alvarado people attended the reception given to Rev. & Mrs. James Houston in Centerville in honor of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Both churches and Sunday Schools liberally remembered their pastor and his wife.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 1, 1908*

#### **State Delegate:**

Farley B. Granger will be seated as a delegate to next Tuesday's Republican State primary convention by the County Clerk.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 11, 1908*

#### **Real Estate:**

Maria Lee to Leonora Silveira, Washington Township, Lot 12, Block 82, being same property conveyed to Antonio Lee of Alvarado, gift.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 20, 1908*

#### **Sugar:**

*(From The Woodland Daily Democrat)*

George Gray of the Alameda Sugar Co. has just returned from a trip over the southern part of the state, where he visited all the sugar beet plants. He says the outlook in Yolo County is as good as any other part of the state. The Union ([Sugar](#)) people in Santa Barbara County will have a very small crop. The conditions about Salinas are no better. Indeed, it seems to be a very peculiar season all over the state. The trouble is that in many instances, since the seed was planted, there has not been enough rain to start a growth.

*The Woodland Daily Democrat, May 21, 1908*

#### **24-Hour Endurance Race:**

The first car in the first twenty-four hour endurance race ever held in California took off at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon from Estudillo House in San Leandro. Sixteen cars were entered, but one was scratched. The circuit of the course is 47.5 miles.

The general course to be followed by the endurance contestants is a sort of enlarged triangle, starting at San Leandro and traversing the road that runs through Tank Corners, Mt. Eden, Alvarado, Centerville, Irvington, Warm Springs and then back through Mission San Jose, Niles, Hayward and then to San Leandro. The circuit must be made 12 times for a total distance of 570 miles to be covered in the twenty-four hours.

Nine of the fifteen entrants ended up with perfect scores and each won a silver cup.

[Note: This was an endurance race, not a speed race. All applicable speed limits were observed.](#)

*The Oakland Tribune, May 30, 1908*

#### **County Roads:**

Supervisor Horner on maintaining roads in the south county:

"It is my ambition for my district to have the foundation of a permanent system of roadways that can hereafter be maintained at comparatively little cost. But this is no easy task, for aside from the canyons into and out of the Livermore Valley, there are many miles of road on the western portion of this county that are very difficult to maintain. In the Alvarado section there are miles of marshy land to be maintained. This is an enormous expense, yet they must be maintained because this is the main thoroughfare between Oakland and San Jose."

*The Oakland Tribune, June 8, 1908*

#### **Abby Dyer Secures Divorce:**

Abbie Cutler Dyer, daughter of Police Commissioner A.D. Cutler, secured a divorce from Hubert Dyer in Judge Graham's court yesterday on the ground of failure to provide. It was testified that Dyer, who is a beet sugar chemist and whose father is proprietor of a beet sugar refinery at Alvarado, had given his wife no money since December 1906. His father in law, Cutler, stated that Dyer was too lazy to work.

Dyer is said to be in a Sanitorium, suffering from nervous prostration. There are two children, custody of whom was awarded to Mrs. Dyer.

*The San Francisco Call, June 9, 1908*

### **Sugar:**

(From *The Woodland Daily Democrat*)

Yolo County District Attorney W.A. Anderson has filed suit against the Alameda Sugar Company recently ordered by the Board of Supervisors. The suit is one in which the county seeks to condemn a right-of-way for a road over the lands of the Camillus Nelson Land and Livestock Company now leased by the sugar company.

*The Woodland Daily Democrat, June 16, 1908*

### **Alvarado Prospers:**

According to Farley B. Granger the old town of Alvarado and its surrounding territory bids fair to have a very prosperous season this year. Said Farley today: "The sugar beet area promised to have a fine crop, as the beets are growing nicely and the beet sugar mill will undoubtedly make a good run. Of late all crops, including hay, grain, and vegetables in the vicinity of Alvarado have improved materially as the weather conditions have been favorable. Yes, our section of Alameda County is looking good."

*The Oakland Tribune, June 17, 1908*

### **News Note:**

Mrs. E. Foster and daughter of Alvarado are visiting at Gilroy Hot Springs.

*The San Francisco Call, June 21, 1908*

### **News Note:**

F.P. Hellwig of Alvarado is visiting at Byron Hot Springs.

*The San Francisco Call, June 29, 1908*

### **Train Wreck:**

Utterly disregarding signals, Engineer Everett W. Barry sped the Santa Cruz local No. 57 directly in the path of the Fourteenth Street Oakland local train at First and Webster Street in Oakland, at 7:13 last evening and caused a wreck which resulted in the deaths of six persons and injuries to seventeen others. The killed and injured were riding in the smoker of the Santa Cruz local. Injured from Alvarado was W. Langdon.

*The San Francisco Call, San Francisco, Calif., July 5, 1908*

### **License to Marry:**

John Vigarò, 38, Alvarado; Rita G. Rollins, 35, Centerville.

*The San Francisco Call, July 19, 1908*

### **Liquor License:**

Evan R. Jones, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, July 20, 1908*

### **Classified Ad:**

FEMALE HELP WANTED:

Wanted: A cook for a small family in Alvarado, \$40.

*The San Francisco Call, July 22, 1908*

### **Clarence Granger Dies:**

Clarence A. Granger, who helped establish the beet sugar industry in Alameda County, died last night in Denver, Colorado, from quinsy (tonsillitis). Granger left Alvarado several years ago and engaged in the sugar business in Utah and Colorado, where he was the manager of several large factories. He is the brother to Farley B. Granger, Jr. of Alvarado.  
*The San Francisco Call, San Francisco, Calif., July 27, 1908*

**Liquor License:**

W. H. Schottenberg, Alvarado  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 27, 1908*

**Alvarado Loses Banner:**

Warm Springs has cast the greatest percentage of votes for Republican candidates and have thus unseated Alvarado as Republican headquarters for Washington Township. Over 93% of the votes cast in Warm Springs were cast for Republican candidates.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 31, 1908*

**Mt. Eden Ball:**

One of the most interesting social events of the season that took place was the annual ball given the Eden Parlor, No. 113, NSGW, in the Native Son's Hall. Members of Centerville and Alvarado parlors were also in attendance.  
*The Oakland Tribune, August 2, 1908*

**Baseball:**

The swift amateur team from Alvarado was defeated by a score of 18 to 2 by the Decoto nine on Sunday at the Decoto home turf. A large attendance turned out to see the game. The Alvarado people expected to see a very close game but were much disappointed. The Alvarado line up: Pitcher, Machado; Catcher, Young; Shortstop, Vargas; First Base, Riley; Second Base, Foster; Third Base, Dyer; Right Field, Gallivan; Center Field, Munson; Left Field, Lee.  
*The Oakland Tribune, August 4, 1908*

**Sugar:**

The Alameda Sugar Company has placed an order for six Ely Self-Dumping Beet Beds from the American Sugar Company at Oxnard. The wagon bed is used in the transportation and dumping of sugar beets. They will go to Woodland California, Yolo County, and will be put use in the beet fields of that Northern locality.  
*The Oxnard Courier, Oxnard California, August 7, 1908*

**Mrs. Hattie Nauert Dies:**

Hattie B. Nauert, beloved wife of Charles R. Nauert, mother of Mildred H., August B., Kathryn A., Oscarna B., and Henry P. Nauert, and sister to Charles Heyer, died August 9<sup>th</sup> at age 53.  
*The Oakland Tribune, August 10, 1908*

**Chinaman Loses Wife:**

Qui Chan Kai, who lives at Alvarado, has instituted habeas corpus proceedings to regain possession of his wife, Chew Lang, 17 years old, and Wom Mun Yick, 1 year old, who, he says, are his wife and child. The girl and the baby are at the home of the Presbyterian Mission for Chinese women, and Qui Chan Kai asserts that they are imprisoned there and restrained of their liberty. According to his story he married the girl in January 1907, when she was leading an immoral life. Some time ago she left her home at Alvarado and came to San Francisco. Qui Chan Kai says she visited a house of ill fame and then was taken by the Presbyterian mission.

Miss Donaldina Cameron, head of the mission, has refused to give Chew Lang and the baby back to the man, charging that he bought her for \$3,000 from a slave dealer who brought her from China and then delivered her to Jow Lai, who placed her in a house of ill fame. The child was taken from Qui Chan Kai's house at Alvarado by officers of the mission. The matter will be thrashed out before Judge Graham on Wednesday.  
*The San Francisco Call, San Francisco, Calif., September 1, 1908*

**Dr. Woolsey Visits Alvarado:**

Dr. Woolsey and family, who have been visiting relatives in Alvarado, returned home Sunday, and the doctor resumed his work on Monday.

*The Amador Ledger, Jackson Calif., September 4, 1908*

**Water Tank:**

O. J. Emery, of Alvarado, has a number men working in Decoto to erect a new water tank to surmount the county water tank near the Salz Warehouse. The tank is being funded by the Decoto School Board and will supply the Decoto School with water.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 6, 1908*

**Pretty Girl Arrested:**

Miss Myrtle Smith, a handsome young woman of nineteen, was arrested in Alvarado by Sheriff Barnett yesterday and brought to the county jail. She was found in Chinatown in Alvarado and was taken into custody on a complaint of the women of Washington Township.

The girl was found by the Sheriff in a house belonging to a Chinaman named Mo Ton, who was also taken into custody on charge of renting a house for disorderly purposes. The women of Washington Township complained to the sheriff that tenderloin characters were coming into Alvarado and making their headquarters in Chinatown. The sheriff was determined to make an investigation

*The Oakland Tribune, September 7, 1908*

**Married:**

In Alvarado, September 12, Niels M. Peterson of San Francisco and Miss Emma C. Beier, of Alvarado.

*The San Francisco Call, September 11, 1908*

**Dairy Quarrel:**

False representation were made to the court by John T. D'Avila of Alvarado, says Frank E. Heath, manager of the Berkeley Farms Creamery Company, in having a receiver appointed over a dairy in Alvarado, over the ownership of which D'Avila and Heath are in dispute. The Berkeley Co. filed a complaint in intervention this morning, in the suite recently brought by D'Avila to compel dissolution of the partnership and an accounting of the dairy business.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 12, 1908*

**Garlic:**

Edward Ellsworth, an Alvarado rancher, today filed suit against the Southern Pacific railroad for the spoilage of 476 crates of garlic Ellsworth shipped to the state of New York by rail. Ellsworth claims the heat of the cars completely spoiled his shipment of garlic and that he has not been able to collect a cent for his produce. He is suing the railroad for \$1,940, the value of his shipment.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 14, 1908*

**Baseball:**

Any amateur team around Oakland that is looking for a game around September 27<sup>th</sup> can secure the same by communicating with Evan A. Jones, Manager of the Alvarado baseball club, Alvarado, California.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 16, 1908*

**Automobile Accident:**

An automobile accident outside of Alvarado on the San Jose Highway spilled three men and three women over the road and through a picket fence. Excess speed was cited as the cause of the accident.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 21, 1908*

**Baseball:**

The Alvarado team hosted the Golden Gates from San Francisco. The score was tied 3-3 when the Golden Gates had to leave to catch their train back to San Francisco. The game played was excellently on both sides.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 22, 1908*

**Baseball:**

San Pablo has agreed to play the Alvarado baseball team on September 27<sup>th</sup> in Alvarado. An excellent game is expected, as both are fine teams.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 24, 1908*

**Sugar:**

*(From The Woodland Daily Democrat)*

E.C. Bur, General Manager of the Alameda Sugar Company, was in Woodland Wednesday and during the afternoon he took a ride over the lands under lease to the company and also visited a number of the farmers who sold their crops to the company this year.

Short crops this year have not discouraged Mr. Burr. He understands that the season has been an unusual one and we are not likely to see another like it for many years. The normal rainfall, properly distributed, would have produced tremendous crops. The beets this year are of excellent quality and the percentage of sugar is much higher than it would have been

*The Woodland Daily Democrat, October 1, 1908*

**Sugar:**

*(From The Oxnard Courier)*

In California the slicing of sugar beets is underway. Early reports show that the Chino factory started slicing in late July from 10,000 acres under cultivation. The Corcoran plant is not running this year, the beets there being shipped down to Visalia where one of the largest factories in California is located. The factory at Hamilton is running at about two thirds of capacity owing to slow delivery of beets. At Alvarado and Betteravia both factories are going full blast. The big Spreckels plant is making a late start this year.

*The Oxnard Courier, Oxnard California, October 2, 1908*

**Date Pudding:**

Miss Mary L. Costa, Alvarado, Calif.

Beat to a cream one cupful of sugar and half a cupful of butter. Mix well with one cupful of chopped dates, one cupful of breadcrumbs, one wine glassful of sherry, one teaspoonful of baking soda, dissolved, three eggs beaten separately, one-third of a cupful of citron, and one cupful of raisins. Put in a mold and boil four hours.

For the sauce take one cupful of sugar, half a cupful of butter beaten into a cream, the white of one egg and one teaspoonful of vanilla.

*The San Francisco Call, October 11, 1908*

**Washington Township Voting for President:**

Town	Taft Rep	Bryan Dem	Hisgen I.L.	Debs Soc	Chafin Pro
Alvarado	124	18	4	4	0
Centerville	158	49	2	6	0
Decoto	79	33	1	2	0
Irvington	97	34	6	1	0
Mission San Jose	83	16	0	0	1
Newark	132	24	0	0	5
Niles	137	45	0	4	2
Warm Springs	63	12	1	2	0



Totals	873	231	14	19	8
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***The Oakland Tribune, November 4, 1908***

**Board of Supervisors:**

The board of Supervisors have approved the replanking of the Alvarado Trestle Bridge, one half mile east of Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, November 4, 1908***

**Boys are Trespassing:**

Everett Richmond and Frank Machado, two Alvarado boys, were arrested by Deputy State Game Commissioner Downing, for trespassing upon the grounds of the Owl Gun Club. The boys were taken before Justice Sandholt and pleaded guilty.

***The Oakland Tribune, November 21, 1908***

**News Note:**

Mrs. A. Peterson of Petaluma is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Leal.

***The Oakland Tribune, November 21, 1908***

**Sugar:**

*(From The Woodland Daily Democrat)*

CLASSIFIED AD:

Advanced Prices for Sugar Beets:

ALAMEDA SUGAR COMPANY

Offers for the Season of 1909

1<sup>st</sup>: A flat rate of \$5.00 per ton.

2<sup>nd</sup>: A percentage contract commencing with \$4.10 for a 13 percent beet and increasing 2½ cents for each additional 1/10 of saccharine contained.

In both contracts above: Seed furnished at 10¢ per pound. Planters furnished free of charge.

Full particulars furnished at:

OFFICE: H.S. Jewett, 518 Main Street, Woodland.

Telephone: Main 57

***The Woodland Daily Democrat, December 2, 1908***

**News Note:**

Miss Eloise Hellwig, age 7, of Alvarado received special mention in the San Francisco Call Junior page.

***The San Francisco Call, December 5, 1908***

**News Note:**

Erle Hellwig, age 10, of Alvarado received special mention in the San Francisco Call Junior page.

***The San Francisco Call, December 12, 1908***

**Around Town:**

The Alvarado Aerie, F. O. E., announces an installation of officers for the evening of January 4<sup>th</sup> in the IOOF Hall. The election officers took place the first of this month. At the close of installation refreshments will probably be served.

George P. Hellwig, the local butcher, spent Wednesday in the metropolis.

Miss Mildred Nauert visited Oakland Wednesday to do Christmas shopping.

August May, Cashier of the Bank of Alvarado, paid a visit to the city.

O. P. Nauert, proprietor of the Empire Foundry of Oakland, makes his usual daily trip to Oakland.

W. J. Hardy of Berkeley, manager of the Continental Salt and Chemical Company of Alvarado, with offices in San Francisco, visited the works Wednesday.

The weather is moderating rapidly and the cold snap, which has enveloped Alvarado, is disappearing.

P. G. Lowrie, of the Central Meat Market, met with a serious accident the other day, having several ribs broken caused by a frightened colt he was trying to break.

M. Welch of Hayward has been repairing the telephone lines in town the last week.

Road Foreman Granger is graveling the different roads of his district where such work is mostly needed for the winter. Granger is a staunch advocate of good roads.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 25, 1908*

#### **Around Town:**

Our leading merchant's celebrated Christmas Day by closing their respective places of business.

W. Franzen, the sugar boiler at the sugar factory, is spending the holidays in San Francisco.

Joseph D. Luiz and family visited Oakland Thursday.

Mrs. J. E. Payne will spend New Years' Day visiting with relatives in Modesto.

Mrs. J. Foster, Mrs. E. J. Foster and Miss Mary Foster went to the city Thursday to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Scribner tendered a Christmas celebration to their friends and relatives. Among those present were Mr. & Mrs. Hodutsch, Miss J. McCormick and Miss Ruth Blair of Centerville, Mrs. E. Beebe, Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Ralph and Mrs. W. Ballhache of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 26, 1908*

#### **Around Town:**

Alvarado will be the scene of jollification on New Years' Eve. There will be no limit to the fun in bidding a fitting adieu to the old and a joyous welcome to the New Year.

Manuel Kelly of Fruitvale spent Christmas day with Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Lema.

M. L. Flores of San Francisco spent the holiday with his folks.

Fred Joyce of San Francisco visited his relatives on Christmas Day.

The Moffitt family had friends from San Francisco visiting on Christmas Day.

Mrs. Kientz and Mrs. Rose of Oakland spent the holidays with their relatives, Mr. & Mrs. A. S. Machado.

Mr. & Mrs. George Obermuller and family of Hayward visited Mr. & Mrs. Vanderpeer on Christmas Day.

Mrs. J. Silveira is spending the holiday at home.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 27, 1908*

#### **Around Town:**

The Adair family entertained friends from San Jose on Christmas Day.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Buchanan Jr. of San Francisco, and W. Buchanan of Newark spent Christmas Day with Mr. & Mrs. O. J. Emery.

W. Goercke, who is employed by the **Alameda Sugar Company** in town, visited relatives in San Lorenzo on Christmas Day.

H. Henrickson, the popular blacksmith, spent Christmas Day visiting acquaintances in Salinas.

C. Brook of San Francisco enjoyed his Christmas vacation at the Richmond home.

Supervisor Horner, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors was in town Saturday.

The sum of \$1,500 has been apportioned to Alvarado School by the District Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. A. B. Azevedo's new cottage, which is being built along the roadside leading to the Creek Road to Decoto, is a welcome addition to Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 28, 1908*

#### **Sugar:**

The **Alameda Sugar Company** of Alvarado has succeeded in interesting some farmers from Lodi California in raising sugar beets for the coming season. The land selected is a sandy soil and it is believed that success this year will be followed by a larger acreage planted in coming years. The sugar company is much encouraged by the increased acreage planted this year.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 28, 1908***

**Around Town:**

The members of Matsumoto & Co., are planning a most unique and elaborate banquet and celebration to be held on New Year's Day in Japanese town for the Japanese people of Alvarado and vicinity. It promises to be a very successful affair in every detail.

Steve Smith of San Francisco visited his mother Mrs. Smith.

Joe Fyffe of the Crystal Salt Works at Alvarado entertained relatives from Oakland on Christmas Day.

Miss Ruth Blair, teacher at the Newark Grammar School, is visiting her aunt **Mrs. E. Beebe.**

Miss Alma Norris is entertaining her cousin during the holidays.

August Nauert, of Pacific Steel & Wire, of San Francisco, is visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. A. Beebe departs for home in Lakeport after spending a few days with her mother-in-law,

**Mrs. E. Beebe.**

Allen Richmond was in town shaking hands with his friends.

Mr. Oliver of Mt. Eden made a flying business trip into Alvarado in his auto Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. White entertained friends from Mulford Ranch of San Leandro Sunday.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 29, 1908***

**Alvarado:**

By all accounts Alvarado celebrated a prosperous year.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 31, 1908***

**Household Hints:**

Mrs. J.M. Carter, Alvarado, Cal.

To clean plaster of Paris figures, use toilet soapsuds and a shaving brush. Rinse well. Dipping them in a strong solution of alum water will give them the appearance of alabaster.

To preserve gilt frames, cover them when new with a coat of white varnish. All specks can be washed off with water without injury.

Lemons: to keep put them in water. Change the water once a week. Will keep for a long time.

***The San Francisco Call, January 3, 1909***

**Sugar:**

*(From The Woodland Daily Democrat)*

The sugar beet project on a large scale in Sutter County has been abandoned, owing to a failure to procure a guarantee of railroad transportation.

***The Woodland Daily Democrat, January 4, 1909***

**News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. Ford of Alvarado were the guests of Mr. & Mrs. Ford of Irvington.

Miss Ethel Foley visited Miss Harriet Joyce of Decoto recently.

There was a heavy shower of rain Saturday night, which was welcomed by the farmers.

Mrs. A. Vargas is entertaining relatives from Newark.

J. Stevenson of San Francisco spent New Year's Day with his wife, Mrs. C. Stevenson of Alvarado.

Miss Dot Nauert of San Francisco is visiting her folks in town Sunday.

Joe and Frank Bontelho of Walnut Creek are spending New Year's Day with their brother G. G. Bontelho of Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, January 5, 1909***

**Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. E.M. Tainton spent New Year's Day visiting relatives in San Jose,

Eugene H. Stevenson of Centerville, one of the Board of Directors for the Bank of Alvarado, was in town Monday.

S. S. Davina of Union City is on the sick list.

Frank Castro has recently bought Mrs. Fontes' cottage, has moved it to his mother's ranch, and is remodeling the same for occupancy.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Mendonca of San Francisco visited Mr. Delaney at the Jones Hotel Tuesday.

Mr. A. S. Machado president of the U. P. E. C. Lodge in Alvarado paid an official visit to the lodge in Centerville last Saturday night.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 7, 1909*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Alice Faig of Hayward is the guest of Miss Lulu Lang of Alvarado.

The people in and about Alvarado are making a great many improvements lately. New fences are being erected and numerous cottages are being repainted.

Mrs. Georgia P. Rose visited Oakland Thursday.

Dr. McKeown of Niles visited the Alvarado Eagles Aerie last Monday evening.

M. J. Stevenson of San Francisco spent Wednesday with relatives in town.

The Nashville colored show that was held Wednesday night in Alvarado proved to be by far the best minstrel show that ever appeared before an Alvarado audience. It was well patronized.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 9, 1909*

#### **Marriage License:**

Joseph Faria Jr., 17

Mary S. Faria

Both of Alvarado

*The San Francisco Call, January 12, 1909*

#### **Marriage License:**

Manuel S. Silva, 23, Alvarado

Mary Rogers, 21, Centerville

*The Oakland Tribune, January 13, 1909*

#### **Rebekah, Woodmen of the World Installations:**

The Alvarado Lodge of the Rebekah's had their installation of officers. They are: Katherine Lang, Elizabeth Ralph, Emma Ford, C. L. Haines, Margaret Emery, Fredericka Lassen and Jean Leal.

Woodmen of the World installation: E. L. Farley, J. M. Scribner, E. J. Foster, W. E. Vanderpeer, C. P. Lange, W. P. Robinson, O. J. Emery, A. C. Avila, J. H. Ralph and J. S. Leal.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 15, 1909*

#### **Alvarado Grammar School:**

Alvarado Grammar School opened last Monday. The teachers are: T. E. McCarty, Principal, Miss Kilgo and Miss Bunker as assistants.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 15, 1909*

#### **John L. Lowell Dies:**

John Lawrence Lowell, aged 33 years, died in San Francisco on January 15, 1909. He was native of Alvarado California and son to Asman and Ada Lowell of Alvarado.

*The San Francisco Call, January 16, 1909*

#### **News Note:**

Miss Helen McCarty of Alvarado has received special mention on the San Francisco Call Junior Page.

*The San Francisco Call, January 16, 1909*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. F. Lassen and daughters are going to move to Oakland about the first February. **Mrs.**

**Lassen** has been a resident of Alvarado for the last twenty years and is the owner of what is known as the old Smithurst property, now called the "old corner."

The People's Water Company (formerly Contra Cost Water) plant has been making extensive repairs in and around the works. New brick foundations are being put in to support the new boilers that will be installed in the plant; also they are employing a gang of men to lay pipes from the artesian wells to the main reservoir.

A social affair occurred at Mrs. E. M. Foley's home Friday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Churchman of Fruitvale who is her guest for a few days. Everybody present had a delightful time and a light lunch was served. Among those present were Mmes: W. Churchman, L. Ralph, E. Foley, M. Scribner, W. Ballhache, J. Leal, B. H. Ford, E. Farley, T. McCarty, E. A. Richmond Sr., D. Richmond Jr., and E. Tainton.

Mr. & Mrs. Flowers of San Francisco were in town looking after their business interests here. Mrs. A. Vandervoort of Palo Alto is spending a few days with her folks Mrs. J. R. Allguire. Alvin Johnson of Turlock is the guest of sister, **Mrs. J. E. Payne**. Jack Johnson and his sister, **Mrs. J. E. Payne**, of Alvarado have returned to their home after a visit of several weeks with their relatives in Modesto. Mr. & Mrs. S. A. Souza entertained friends from San Jose this week. D. Smith and family are occupying his mother's cottage recently vacated by K. Kieholz & family. Joe S. Cardoza wears a cheerful smile these days, resulting from the arrival of a ten-pound native daughter last Wednesday. Mr. & Mrs. M. Palmer will occupy the Lassen cottage, which will be vacated by **Mrs. Lassen** about February 1<sup>st</sup>. August Nauert is stopping at home this winter. He makes daily trips to and from work in San Francisco to work. E. Oliver, the salt maker out of Mt. Eden, paid a business trip to Alvarado Friday. August May, President of the Bank of Alvarado, visited Oakland Thursday. Mrs. M. J. Correa is able to get around now after an illness of about a month. The Chinese population of Alvarado will celebrate Chinese New Year's on January 20<sup>th</sup>. The shooting of firecrackers will be the feature of the as well as a chop suey feast. The Alvarado Whist Club met at the schoolhouse Wednesday. It is rumored here that a wedding will take place here Sunday by a young couple under age, but the parents of both have consented to marriage.

***The Oakland Tribune, January 17, 1909***

#### **Flood:**

Due to the continuous downpour of rain in the Niles Canyon, there has been a break in the levee at Alvarado. Much of the lowlands are under water. The railroad has a crew at work clearing the debris lodged against the long bridge near Alvarado to prevent the structure from being swept away and to avoid the washing out of the road bed.

***The Oakland Tribune, January 18, 1909***

#### **News Notes:**

Robert Richmond of Point Richmond visited relatives on Sunday. Miss Ruth Blair of Centerville visited her aunt Mrs. E. Beebe and her cousin Mrs. M Scribner at Alvarado on Saturday. The rainfall in Alvarado and vicinity now exceeds last years record by .39 of an inch. Mrs. Aston returned to her home in Alvarado Saturday after a few days' visit with relatives in Oakland. Ed Haines, of Miles City Montana, was in town last week renewing old acquaintances after an absence of three years. Mrs. C. A. Wood entertained her mother the latter part of last week.

***The Oakland Tribune, January 18, 1909***

#### **Around Town:**

The "Butt Ins" met at the home of Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Ralph Monday afternoon. Everybody present had a jolly time as well as enjoying a bountiful lunch which was served. Among those present were: Mrs. L. Ralph, Mrs. W. Ballhache, Mrs. J. Leal, Mrs. J. Scribner, Mrs. B. Ford, Mrs. D. Richmond, Jr., Mrs. E. A. Richmond, Sr., Mrs. E. M. Tainton, Mrs. E. M. Foley, and Mrs. E. L. Farley.

Mrs. Georgia P. Rose spent Monday in Oakland.

Martin Trumpler has returned from St. Helena after a week's absence visiting his relatives.

G. G. Bontelho and Joe Roderick made a flying business trip to Centerville Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. Engledow of Alvarado visited relatives in Elmhurst Sunday and Monday.

Hazel Westerfield has returned to San Francisco after a brief visit with her aunt Mrs. P. Juhl.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe S. Amaral entertained relatives from Fruitvale Sunday.

Dr. C. Hauber, who in former years was a doctor in Alvarado, was here Monday renewing old acquaintances.

Ed L. Farley and H. Henrickson installed the officers of Alvarado Aerie No. 1695, F. O. E., Monday evening. A light lunch and refreshments were served.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 20, 1909*

### **Mrs. Florence Glover Dies:**

Mrs. Florence Lucy Glover, aged 44, a native of Alvarado, died in San Francisco January 19, 1909

*The San Francisco Call, January 21, 1909*

### **Around Town:**

Chinese New Year began as usual Thursday with the same glad greeting of the Chinese, together with a great display of firecrackers. In every house their hospitality is extended to everybody visiting them by serving their rice, tea, candles, etc., with a glad heart.

**Robert Adair**, the proprietor of the Alvarado Hotel, spent Tuesday of the past week visiting friends in Centerville.

Mrs. J. E. Payne is entertaining relatives from Modesto.

Mr. & Mrs. Mendonca of San Francisco are making a brief stay with Mrs. Dolarey of Alvarado.

Jim Adair, the giant well borer of Modesto, is visiting his brother, **Robert Adair**.

Mr. & Mrs. Watson of Oakland are visiting Mrs. Aston.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 24, 1909*

### **Flood:**

A number of people from neighboring towns around the valley have visited Alvarado this week to view the floods. The water in Alameda Creek is rapidly receding, although the area around Alvarado is still under water, but not as high as last Thursday. Southern Pacific traffic was resumed Friday and trains are now running on schedule

*The Oakland Tribune, January 24, 1909*

### **Sugar:**

*(From The Woodland Daily Democrat)*

George Gray, of the Alameda Sugar Company, is not inclined to take a pessimistic view of flood conditions. He says the outlook is for a good season for sugar beets is very favorable. Last year the first beet seed were planted by the company in Yolo County of the 14<sup>th</sup> of February and the last were planted on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June. The rainfall, however, was insufficient to mature good crops in all instances. There is ample time for most of the low land now flooded to be free of water before the planting season is over. The ground is so thoroughly soaked that but little more rain will be necessary after the seed is once in the ground.

*The Woodland Daily Democrat, January 30, 1909*

### **Around Town:**

The "Butt Ins" met at the home of Mrs. E. Hellwig last Thursday afternoon. Among those present were Miss Bunker, Miss Kilgo, Mrs. E. M. Tainton, Mrs. J. S. Leal, Mrs. F. C. Harvey, Mrs. I. V.

Ralph, Mrs. W. Ballhache, Mrs. E. M. Foley, Mrs. E. L. Farley, Mrs. E. A. Richmond, Sr., Mrs. M. Scribner and Mrs. T. E. McCarty.

Mrs. F. Lassen and family have moved to Oakland where they will reside.

Mrs. M. White entertained her brother from the Mulford Ranch in San Leandro Sunday.

Dr. Ormsby of Newark was in town Saturday attending to his patients.

Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Roderick entertained friends from Niles Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. W. Watson of San Francisco are the guests of Mrs. P. Aston of Alvarado.

F. B. Granger, road overseer, has been doing good work around Alvarado during the past few weeks grading and graveling the roads.

Henry Patterson of the Alviso District left Tuesday for a trip to Europe. He expects to be gone for about three months.

The recent rains have insured a good crop for the farmers in this vicinity and they are all rejoicing.

Quite a number of people from Alvarado attended Mrs. M. Castro's funeral from Decoto to Centerville last Thursday.

Miss Violet Fontes, accompanied by Miss Isabella Davilla, visited her mother at Newark Sunday.

Miss Dot Nauert of San Francisco was the guest of her relatives recently.

G. G. Bontelho was in Centerville Sunday looking after business interests.

The Ashland Band of San Lorenzo will give a social hop at Alvarado Saturday evening, February 20<sup>th</sup>. The affair promises to be a success in every detail.

The Niles Brass Band rendered a few selections in town Sunday.

Alex Simas, Jr., was in town visiting relatives Sunday.

F. Friedrichsen of Alvarado made a business trip to Centerville on Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Logan entertained relatives from Oakland Sunday.

Mass was held at St. Anne's Catholic Church on Sunday morning. There was a large attendance; Father Governor of Centerville occupied the pulpit.

A few friends and relatives of John Ross from Alvarado attended his funeral last week at Decoto, where he was laid to rest.

***The Oakland Tribune, February 2, 1909***

#### **Around Town:**

James Logan of Alvarado visited San Francisco and Oakland Tuesday.

Frank E. Vargas paid a business call to Hayward Monday.

A "500" party was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. J. S. Leal of Alvarado last evening.

E. W. Burr, Superintendent of the Alameda Sugar Factory at Alvarado was in Pleasanton lately.

It is rumored that A. Davilla has disposed of his lot adjoining O. J. Emery's residence to R. Drogg who occupies the Ralph cottage.

E. H. Dyer and family entertained friends from Oakland last Sunday.

A few of the Druid's of Alvarado attended the Druid High Jinks at Centerville Monday night.

***The Oakland Tribune, February 4, 1909***

#### **License to Marry:**

Tony D. Luiz 22, and Mary E. Amaral 17, both of Alvarado.

***The San Francisco Call, February 4, 1909***

#### **Around Town:**

M. Macedo, who conducts a dairy in Mt. Eden, was in town Wednesday.

**Fred Hellwig**, who has been sick for some time past, is now on the road to recovery.

Rod Allguire, who has been laid up with pneumonia, is now recovering.

The Luiz Bros. of Alvarado paid Oakland a business visit on Wednesday.

Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Amaral and two daughters spent Wednesday Shopping in Oakland.

Mr. A. S. Freitas, Sr., has completed the remodeling and necessary improvement on his cottage.

Dr. Clark of the County Infirmary was in town Thursday in attendance of **Fred Hellwig**.

Joe S. Amaral is laid up with a sore throat. Dr. McKown of Niles is attending him.

Quite a delegation of young people from town attended the dance at Decoto last evening given by the Decoto Brass Band.

Mrs. A. Correa has completed painting and repapering the front room of her house opposite the Nauert home.

Mrs. A Vargas of Alvarado is spending a few days with her relatives in Newark.

Joaquin Munyan of Newark was in town this week.

It is rumored that wedding bells will soon be ringing in Alvarado. About four different weddings will take place in the near future.

G. G. Bontelho, our local undertaker, made a business trip to San Francisco Thursday.

A few members of the Butt-In Club of Alvarado were at the station Wednesday to bid Mr. & Mrs. Ballhache a farewell.

George Enos, Jr., has completed building a fine two-story home opposite the Hop Ranch.

M. E. Costa, proprietor of the dairy at Arden Station was a recent visitor in town.

Manuel Gaspar is able to be about after being sick for several weeks past.

Mrs. J. Joyce, who has been confined to her bed with an attack of rheumatism for several weeks past, is very much improved.

Joe Luna, a former resident of Alvarado, is now residing in Decoto.

George Hellwig of the Hellwig Meat Company of Alvarado paid Niles a visit on a recent business trip.

Albert S. Machado of Oakland was the guest of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Davilla Thursday.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 7, 1909*

#### **James G. Vandeeper Dies:**

James G. Vandeeper, one of the oldest and best-known residents of Alameda County, died at his home in Alvarado Today. He was 75 years old and a native of England. For many years Vandeeper was a successful rancher and he left a valuable estate. Three children, Mrs. Laura A. Obermuller of Hayward, W.H. Vandeeper and G.B. Vandeeper survive him.

*The San Francisco Call, February 8, 1909*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. E. M. Foley spent Wednesday in San Francisco shopping.

H. R. Silva visited Oakland last Wednesday.

Mr. A. H. Lewis, who has resided on the outskirts of Oakland for the past year, has moved to his old home in the Alviso District.

George Hellwig made a business trip to Niles this week.

Fred Hellwig, President of the Hellwig Meat Company at Alvarado has recovered from his recent illness and is now able to attend to his business duties.

G. G. Bontelho, Deputy Coroner, was in Niles this week.

W. Hanley of Berkeley was a visitor at the C. S. & C. Company's salt plant this week.

Joe Fyffe at the Crystal Salt Works entertained friends from Oakland the past few days.

W. Greenleaf of Oakland paid Alvarado a business trip Friday.

Mr. A. Oliver of Mt. Eden made a flying business trip to Alvarado Friday.

Robert Richmond of Point Richmond was the guest of his relatives Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Richmond Sr. Saturday and Sunday.

T. S. Ferreira of Decoto was in town Wednesday.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 15, 1909*

#### **Around Town:**

A very pleasant "Butt In" party was given on Friday at the home of Mrs. L. Ralph. The early part of the afternoon was devoted to games, after which dainty refreshments were served and enjoyed by all present. The guests were: **Mrs. E. A. Richmond**, Mrs. E. A. Richmond, Jr., Mrs. B. H. Ford, **Mrs. W. Ballhache**, Mrs. T. E. McCarty, Mrs. E. L. Farley, Mrs. E. H. Churchman of Fruitvale, Mrs. E. M. Foley, Mrs. M. Scribner and Mrs. J. S. Leal.



A delegation from town attended the dance at Centerville last Saturday evening. Among the party were: Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Ralph, Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Scribner, Mr. & Mrs. August May, **Mrs. W. Ballhache** and **Robert Richmond**.

Rev. Hicks of Oakland gave an illustrated lecture on Sunday School work in California and Nevada Sunday morning in the Presbyterian Church. Rev. Mr. Hicks has been in this work for five years and is most interesting speaker.

A. L. Whitney of Elmhurst was in town Friday.

G. Wallace of San Francisco was a recent visitor to Alvarado.

Dell Snow of Newark paid Alvarado a business trip on Friday evening.

J. Coughlin of San Jose visited Alvarado on Thursday on business.

Minnie Soto visited friends in Centerville Friday.

Quite a number of huge piles have arrived at the Alvarado Station for the construction of the county bridge on the road leading to Centerville, which was recently badly damaged by the floods.

Dr. Wills of Centerville was in town on Sunday.

George Moyles of San Francisco visited relatives in Alvarado last Sunday.

**Robert Richmond** of San Francisco was the guest of Mr. & **Mrs. E. A. Richmond** last Sunday.

Miss Middleman of San Francisco was the guest of the Moffitt family Sunday.

Ralph Richmond of Newark visited his folks Sunday.

Miss Ruth Blake of Newark visited friends and relatives in Alvarado last Sunday.

Miss Lange is visiting Mr. & Mrs. Robert Adair and family.

Mrs. Delaney entertained friends from San Jose last Sunday.

M. I. Pimentel was a recent visitor in town.

Dr. Clark of the County Infirmary at San Lorenzo passed through town Sunday.

Alvin Johnson of Turlock is the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. E. Payne.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 23, 1909*

#### **Bridge Repair:**

The Board of Supervisors have approved the repair of two bridges near Hall Station on the road from Alvarado to Centerville. Both bridges suffered damage during the recent rains.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 23, 1909*

#### **Animal Abuse:**

Mrs. B. Melville of Alvarado was in the Owl Drugstore at Van Ness and Sutter Streets in San Francisco when a dog wandered into the store. A clerk at the store grabbed the dog and poured a solution of sulphuric ether on the dog's back. When it was released it ran into the street howling with pain and some people shouted, "mad dog!"

Mrs. Melville grabbed up the dog and took it to the Olympic Club, where the solution was washed off the animal's back. The dog was taken to the animal shelter where it awaits its owner. The drugstore clerk will face a judge in the morning.

*The San Francisco Call, February 25, 1909*

#### **Eggless Gingerbread:**

Mrs. J. Carter, Alvarado, Cal.

One and a half cupfuls molasses, half cupful of melted shortening, one level teaspoon of salt, one and a half cupfuls of flour, one teaspoon ginger, half cupful cold water poured over one and a half teaspoons soda, one teaspoon vinegar. Bake one hour.

*The San Francisco Call, Mar 7, 1909*

#### **Chili Sauce:**

Mrs. J. Carter, Alvarado, Cal.

One peck of ripe tomatoes, 10 green peppers, four large onions, six tablespoons sugar, two tablespoons salt, two tablespoons cinnamon, one tablespoon black pepper, four cups cider

vinegar, one spoonful allspice. Chop fine; boil down quite thick from two to three hours. When nearly done add the vinegar and allspice and boil a few minutes longer. Bottle. Very good.  
*The San Francisco Call, March 21, 1909*

**News Note:**

Miss Alma Ingalls of Decoto was the guest of Miss Grace Hawley of Alvarado from Friday night until Monday morning.  
*The Oakland Tribune, March 25, 1909*

**Around Town:**

The Mrs. Wiggs Great Act in the IOOF Hall last Saturday evening was well represented by people from every town in the township. The affair was a decided success both socially and financially.

Mrs. Joseph Foster of Union City has returned from Sacramento after visiting her sister for the last few days.

Miss Hazel Riley is making daily trips to Oakland, where she is attending the polytechnic college of that city.

F. P. Hellwig of the Hellwig Meat Company is seriously ill at his home in Alvarado.

Miss Annie and Walter Lund, who have been on the sick list for the past two weeks, are now on the road to recovery. Dr. McKeown of Niles is attending to them daily, as well as a trained nurse.

Mr. & Mrs. White are entertaining relatives from the east this week.

Miss Ethel Foley is attending Heald's Business College.

The Women of Woodcraft will give a dance Saturday evening at the I. O. O. F Hall in Alvarado.

Joe G. Perry is on the sick list.

Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Vargas and Mrs. R. Lee visited Oakland last Thursday.

Harvey Richmond of San Francisco visited relatives in town Sunday.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 2, 1909*

**News Note:**

Miss Ruth Robinson received a special mention in the San Francisco Juniors Page.  
*The San Francisco Call, April 3, 1909*

**License to Marry:**

Joseph R. Gonsalves 26, Alvarado and Minnie Resendes, 17, Centerville.

*The San Francisco Call, April 8, 1909*

**Around Town:**

Easter Sunday was observed in the St. Anne's Catholic Church with an appropriate mass.

Mrs. H. Postlewaite of Decoto visited friends in town Friday.

Ed L. Farley paid Oakland a business trip Friday.

Mrs. E. M. Foley visited relatives in San Francisco Friday.

F. B. Granger spent Friday in the metropolis.

Mrs. E. M. Tainton visited her sister in San Jose last Thursday.

George L. Haskins, C. Van Orden, and B. H. McPhim of San Francisco were recent visitors in town on business.

Tom and Manuel Souza of Bay Farm Island, Alameda, visited the Flores boys Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Foster of Oakland visited relatives in Alvarado Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. M. White entertained relatives and friends from San Leandro last Sunday.

Charles Olsen of Decoto was in town Sunday.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 14, 1909*

**Baseball:**

The Alvarado baseball team defeated the Centerville baseball team 10 to 7 in a game played at Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 14, 1909*

**Sugar:**

(From *The Woodland Daily Democrat*)

The sugar beet industry is gradually but surely increasing in Yolo County. There are two companies contracting for acreage, the Sacramento Valley Company, whose plant is located in Hamilton and the Alameda Sugar Company whose plant is located in Alvarado. We have been unable to see the local representative of the Alameda Sugar Company but we have learned that his contracts cover a much larger acreage than was planted last year.

*The Woodland Daily Democrat, April 19, 1909*

#### **News Notes:**

Miss Lassen of East Oakland is the guest of her cousin, Miss Lulu Lang of Alvarado.

Mrs. W. H. Churchman of Fruitvale is spending a few days with Mrs. M. Scribner.

Mrs. Addie Vandervoort of Palo Alto is visiting relatives here.

Mr. & Mrs. L. Allguire of Alvarado are entertaining relatives this week.

Mrs. M. Keintz of San Francisco is the guest of her folks, Mr. & Mrs. A. S. Machado.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 20, 1909*

#### **Sugar:**

(From *The Woodland Daily Democrat*)

The Sacramento Valley Sugar Company (better known as the Hamilton plant) and the Alameda Sugar Company are both in the field contracting for Yolo County acreage, and with about equal success.

*The Woodland Daily Democrat, April 23, 1909*

#### **Attempted Suicide:**

Laboring under the delusion that it was his time to die, Frank E. Vargas attempted suicide by jumping into the Alameda Creek. He was rescued by several Alvarado people who witnessed the performance and turned him over to the constable. Mr. Vargas has attempted suicide before, he was held to protect him from himself. Relatives, who are finding it more difficult to watch over him, will act to have him committed to an insane asylum.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 27, 1909*

#### **Around Town:**

C. E. Congdon was a recent visitor in Alvarado.

S. H. Gyle of San Francisco paid Alvarado a business trip Saturday.

A. C. Evans of Fruitvale was in town Friday.

Quite a delegation from Alvarado attended the dance at Irvington last Saturday evening.

Charles Greve of Oakland was in town Friday.

A few people from Alvarado attended the picnic at Newark Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Roderick of Alvarado visited friends at San Leandro Sunday.

Joe S. Roderick, clerk at F. C. Harvey & Co., visited relatives Sunday in Pacheco.

Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Farley entertained friends from San Jose the past week.

Mr. & Mrs. Buchanan of San Francisco visited Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Foley last week.

Mrs. G. K. Hellerman is entertaining friends from Fruitvale this week.

Misses Violet Foster and Clara Davilla of Alvarado visited friends in Newark Sunday.

F. B. Duarte, of Hungry Hollow ([Niles](#)) visited his brother here in Alvarado this week.

Mrs. M. Holstein of Watsonville is the guest of her folks, Mr. & Mrs. J. G. Rose of Alvarado.

The "Butt Ins" of Alvarado enjoyed a days outing last Friday with Mrs. J. McCormick of Centerville.

Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Vargas visited Oakland last Wednesday.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 27, 1909*

#### **Around Town:**

The Alvarado Whist Club met at the schoolhouse on Wednesday evening.

Thomas Riley of San Francisco visited his relatives the last part of this week.

Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Churchman of Fruitvale were the guests of Mr. & Mrs. G. Hellerman Wednesday.

Sunday was a beautiful day and hundreds of people from the bay cities were out this way enjoying the sights.

Henry May of Decoto was in town Wednesday.  
J. Fonte of Centerville, editor of the Washington Register visited Alvarado this week.  
*The Oakland Tribune, April 30, 1909*

#### **News Notes:**

George C. Larkin of San Francisco paid Alvarado a business visit Thursday.  
F. C. Harvey visited the metropolis Wednesday.  
George Morgan of Irvington was in town Wednesday.  
Will Avila, who has been laid up with a sore foot for the past few weeks, is now able to be about.  
Mrs. I Oliver, of Hayward, was the guest of Mrs. I. E. Roderick Thursday.  
Road master Granger is grading and graveling the Creek Road that leads from the iron bridge to Decoto.  
Fred Joyce of San Francisco visited relatives here this week.  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 1, 1909*

#### **Around Town:**

Mr. A. E. Vargas made a visit into Oakland last Sunday.  
M. L. Flores of San Francisco visited his relatives here Sunday.  
Mr. A. B. Nauert of San Francisco spent Sunday here with his family.  
John Henningsen of Castro Valley was in town last Saturday. Henningsen formerly conducted the Alvarado Hotel.  
Mr. A. Amaral has recovered from his recent illness. Dr. Wills of Centerville attended him.  
George J. Haskins of San Francisco was a recent visitor here.  
Mrs. J. S. Leal entertained friends from Oakland the fore part of this week.  
Mr. & Mrs. D. Decarrios are entertaining relatives from Hayward this week.  
Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Tainton visited relatives in San Jose last Sunday.  
W. M. Higgins of San Francisco was a recent visitor in this burg.  
E. M. Hart of San Francisco paid Alvarado a business visit Tuesday.  
Frank Behrmann of Fruitvale, a former resident of Alvarado, was in town Monday renewing old acquaintances.  
The dog poisoner has evidently visited Alvarado the past week. Several valuable canines have been killed and trouble is anticipated.  
Robert Ralph of Oakland made a business trip into Alvarado Monday.  
J. H. Ralph of Alvarado made a business trip into San Francisco Tuesday.  
Mr. & Mrs. F. C. Harvey spent Tuesday in San Francisco.  
A number of Alvarado people attended the dance given at Decoto last Saturday evening.  
The funeral of the infant of Mr. & Mrs. Tyffe (*Fyffe?*), who died at 9 o'clock Saturday evening, took place last Monday morning and the remains were laid to rest in Decoto Cemetery.  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 6, 1909*

#### **Around Town:**

One of the prettiest events of this week in Alvarado was the birthday party given Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. E. M. Foley. The home was exquisitely decorated for the occasion with flowers of all varieties. Card playing and a spread were the diversions of the afternoon. The birthday presents were numerous. Among those present were: Mrs. K. Ralph, Mrs. E. A. Richmond Sr., Mrs. E. A. Richmond Jr., Mrs. B. H. Ford, Mrs. M. Scribner, Mrs. I. V. Ralph, Mrs. J. S. Leal, Mrs. E. M. Tainton, **Mrs. O. J. Emery**, Mrs. T. E. McCarty, Mrs. E. L. Farley and Mrs. G. Hellerman.

Road Overseer Granger of this district has made a few improvements in town by installing several drainage pipes in front of the Hellwig Meat Company premises. The roads in and around Alvarado are all in first class condition.

J. J. Tompkinson of Alameda was a recent visitor in Alvarado.  
The Ladies Aid Society met at the home **Mrs. O. J. Emery** Thursday.  
C. E. Congdon and C. C. Ballard of San Francisco were in town Saturday.

Miss Hart of Texas was the guest of Miss Alma Norris the past week.

The Wisteria Parlor, Alvarado Parlor of the NSGW held their monthly meeting at the IOOF Hall last Thursday evening.

Miss Kate Long, Postmistress, is a delegate from here to the Rebekah Grand Lodge convention to be held in San Francisco next week.

The Alvarado Aerie, No. 1695, Fraternal Order of Eagles (F.O.E.) held an important meeting the IOOF Hall Monday evening.

C. R. Nauert of Alvarado visited Marysville last week.

Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Wood of Alvarado departed for Petaluma on Thursday to spend a weeks' vacation with relatives.

Constables Roderick of Niles and Vandervoort of Irvington were in town by the orders of the County District Attorney clean out the slot machines in town.

***The Oakland Tribune, May 8, 1909***

### **Fred Hellwig Dies:**

Fred P. Hellwig, beloved husband of Emma Hellwig, loving father of Erle and Eloise Hellwig, son of Mrs. Phillip Hellwig and brother of George Hellwig, a native of Alvarado, aged 38 years, died May 10, 1909.

***The Oakland Tribune, May 11, 1909***

### **Around Town:**

Dr. Emerson of Centerville was in town Tuesday.

Mr. A. C. Evans of Fruitvale was a recent visitor in Alvarado.

Mrs. C. C. Crane and Mrs. F. Meyers of Decoto visited friends in town on Tuesday.

W. H. Hardy of Berkeley, manager of the C. S. & C. Company, visited the salt plant Tuesday.

Miss Harriet Joyce and mother of Decoto were the guests of the Foley family last Sunday.

Ed Whipple, D. Jackson, and Fred Myers of Decoto were in town Tuesday.

Mrs. K. Ralph departed for Betteravia, Santa Barbara County, Tuesday to visit her daughters, Mrs. K. Atkinson and Mrs. N. Charvoz.

***The Oakland Tribune, May 13, 1909***

### **News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Scribner will depart the latter part of this month to Lakeport where they will spend a two-week vacation visiting Mr. & Mrs. George Beebe.

***The Oakland Tribune, May 19, 1909***

### **Around Town:**

Mr. A. E. Alexander of San Jose paid Alvarado a business trip Tuesday.

Mrs. D. Decarrios is entertaining her sister from Hayward this week.

Miss Florence Borchgrevink has returned to her home in San Francisco after a brief stay with Miss Lulu Lang of Alvarado.

J. Azevedo of Santa Clara was a recent visitor in town.

Mr. & Mrs. Engledow visited relatives in Elmhurst last Wednesday.

George L. Peabody was in town last Wednesday.

E. Oliver of Mt. Eden visited relatives in town Wednesday evening.

H. Postlewaite of Decoto was a recent visitor in town.

Bart Brown of the Arden Station was in town on Wednesday on business.

Mrs. E. Beebe is the guest of her sister, Miss J. McCormick of Centerville.

George Rose intends to make a trip to Mexico in about two months. He expects to witness the bull fights that place in that country.

***The Oakland Tribune, May 21, 1909***

### **S. P. R. S. I.:**

Council Estrella Oriental, No. 21, S. P. R. S. I., of Alvarado was visited last Sunday afternoon by Mrs. M. Enos of San Leandro, Grand President of the order, who, after witnessing exemplification of the work of the order was tendered a banquet. Representatives of the different councils around

this section of the country joined in extending greetings to the distinguished visitors council. Estrella Oriental was highly complimented by Mrs. Enos, who predicted that the council would continue to grow and is destined to be a strong auxiliary in the order.

In behalf of the member of the local council Mrs. Enos presented a fine gold ring with a diamond setting to **Miss Rita Rose**, Secretary of the local council, in appreciation of the fine work rendered to the council by her for the past five years.

The officers of the local council are: Mrs. M. V. Caldeira, M. E. Gomes, **Miss Rita Rose**, Mrs. F. Bernardo, Mrs. Rose Dutra, Miss Mary Rose, Mrs. J. Foster, Mrs. A. Dutra, Georgina P. Rose and M. C. Lawrence.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 25, 1909*

#### **News Notes:**

Miss Dot Nauert visited her folks on Sunday.

M. L. Flores of San Francisco spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. & Mrs. W. Schottenberg of Alvarado entertained their son-in-law and daughter last Sunday from Oakland.

S. A. D. Buchanan of Newark was in town Sunday.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 25, 1909*

#### **Around Town:**

H. H. Case of San Francisco was a recent visitor to Alvarado.

The Alvarado Whist Club met Wednesday evening at the schoolhouse. All present were served a dinner after the card game was over.

Guy Dyer visited San Francisco Wednesday.

The farmers in this section of the county are receiving 5¢ a pound for their early potatoes.

Robert Elmert spent Wednesday in San Francisco.

Joe Vargas and M. D. Luiz visited San Francisco on business last Wednesday.

J. H. Ralph of the firm Ralph & Scribner has returned to his business duties after two weeks vacation at Highland Springs, Lake County.

Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Scribner will depart for Highland Springs Friday for a two-week vacation in Lake County.

Wisteria Parlor, No. 127, NSGW, initiated two candidates this week, Joe Norris and A. Rutherford.

Mrs. M. A. Silva entertained relatives from Santa Clara this week.

The two-story building of Kikerman & Co., is newly completed and will be ready for occupancy in about a week.

Harry Holstein visited the metropolis last Wednesday.

Alex Simas Jr. of Oakland spent Sunday visiting old acquaintances in town.

J. Fonte, editor of the Washington Register, was in town this week.

George Morgan of Irvington was in town Wednesday.

Mr. & Mrs. Schottenberg of Alvarado entertained their son and daughter-in-law and Mrs. O'Brien of Oakland last Wednesday.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 28, 1909*

#### **Around Town:**

Work is progressing rapidly on M. E. Andrade's cottage. A. J. Lewis, the contractor of Centerville, with John Secada, Frank King and Frank Garcia of Pacheco lane, are constructing a concrete foundation.

W. Sinclair of San Francisco is rustivating for a few days here, stopping at his hunting cabin.

Mrs. E. M. Foley spent Thursday in San Francisco shopping.

Mrs. John Foster and two children of San Francisco are visiting relatives, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Foster.

Mrs. E. W. Burr, accompanied by her mother and sister, visited San Francisco Wednesday.

Ross Coward of the California **Salt Company** spent Sunday last in Oakland.

W. S. Robie of the Solar **Salt Works** was in town Wednesday.

Road Overseer F. B. Granger has been graveling the chuckholes in the streets of this district. Eugene Stevenson and Dr. Everson of Centerville were recent visitors to Alvarado. Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Churchman and two grand children of Fruitvale were visiting friends in Alvarado on Thursday. Mr. & Mrs. G. K. Hellerman entertained relatives from Fruitvale this week. James McKeown will leave in the early part of June for Philadelphia for an extended stay with his daughter Nancy. James Logan of Alvarado intends to take a trip to Ireland the early part of June, to be gone about three months.

***The Oakland Tribune, May 29, 1909***

#### **Real Estate:**

Real estate taxes due and payable:

George M. Ennis, In Alvarado, tract of land bounded by A. Ennis, by Levee St., by land of Hellwig and by land of F. Olsen, and improvement: \$5.93

George M. Ennis, In Alvarado, tract of land bounded by "W" St., and A. Ennis, by land of Olsen and Hellwig: \$2.68

Antone Ennis, et al, tract of land bounded by "W" St., by 20<sup>th</sup> St (or Levee St.), by land of G. Ennis, by land of Olsen and improvements: \$.598

J.O. Mello and J.J. Piva, tract of land bounded by county road, Alvarado to Niles, by land of A. Amaral, by Alameda Creek and land of E.H. Dyer and improvements: \$2.68

K. Matsumoto, tract of land bounded by Smith St., by land of M. E. Furtado, by land of M.E. Furtado and land of J.S. Amaral, and improvements: \$5.93

***The Oakland Tribune, June 3, 1909***

#### **News Note:**

William Goercke of Alvarado is visiting his folks in San Lorenzo for a few days. He will then depart to visit his brother Fred in Oxnard.

***The Oakland Tribune, June 10, 1909***

#### **Bank of Alvarado:**

It is rumored that the Bank of Alvarado will establish a branch office in Irvington.

***The Oakland Tribune, June 12, 1909***

#### **News Note:**

Miss Eloise Hellwig, age 7, received special mention in today's SF Call Junior Page.

***The San Francisco Call, June 12, 1909***

#### **News Note:**

Howard Eggers of Alvarado is spending his vacation with his aunts, the Misses Eggers.

***The Oakland Tribune, June 25, 1909***

#### **News Note:**

Miss Helen McCarty, age 9, received special mention in today's SF Call Junior Page.

***The San Francisco Call, June 26, 1909***

#### **Sugar:**

*(From The Woodland Daily Democrat)*

The Alameda Sugar Company received a portable gasoline engine Wednesday. It was unloaded from the rail car at Davis. It is being used on the R.R. Armstrong place to pump water for the irrigation of sugar beets.

***The Woodland Daily Democrat, July 3, 1909***

**Liquor License:**

W. H. Schottenberg, Alvarado  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 6, 1909*

**News Note:**

George Hellwig and Fritz Hoerle were in Pleasanton Saturday and Sunday.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 7, 1909*

**Sugar Mill Accident:**

William Goercke of San Lorenzo, who had his foot crushed two weeks ago in an accident at the Alvarado Sugar Mill, is now able to get about on crutches.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 13, 1909*

**Union High School Board:**

The Trustees of the Union High School No. 2, held their annual meeting Saturday afternoon and elected the same teachers for the coming term. The new trustees, E. W. Burr of Alvarado and F. T. Hawes of Centerville, were present. Burr suggested that the school district adopt an agriculture curriculum to be added to the present course offerings. A committee of three was appointed to look into the matter. J. C. Shinn was voted President of the Board.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 18, 1909*

**Oriental Liquor Licenses:**

Some of the licensed white hotel and saloon men in this town are strenuously complaining because of the alleged invasions of the county's license ordinance by Japanese who are able to import "wet" goods by the barrel and retail the same not only their own countrymen, but also to Caucasians. Alvarado and vicinity has a large Japanese population, largely owing to the employment of Jap labor in the local beet sugar mill and the beet fields hereabout. It also happens that Japanese tradesmen are tenants of many buildings in the older section of town, which buildings are owned by local financiers, who look pained whenever anything is said reflecting upon their tenants. So it stated that though the local constabulary has been complained to regard the asserted violations of county license ordinance by the Japanese, no arrests have been made.

Now it is understood that an appeal will be made in the near future to the District Attorney's office for an investigation of the matter. Incidentally, it may also embrace an investigation of the "compound" maintained by the Orientals in one section of their quarter, wherein it is said that a number of Chinese, Japanese and an occasional Caucasian girl are kept immured for immoral purposes.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 28, 1909*

**Fish & Game Association:**

The third annual Alameda County Fish & Game Protective Association meeting was held yesterday at Bonita Springs, on the grounds of Mrs. George Nusbaumer, and was enjoyed to the utmost by 400 persons. Attending from Alvarado was F. B. Granger, Jr.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 9, 1909*

**Sugar:**

*(From The Woodland Daily Democrat)*

The Alameda Sugar Company expects to begin digging beets on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August and shipping them to the factory at Alvarado on September 4<sup>th</sup>. Alameda Sugar has a steam plow on site ready to begin digging.

*The Woodland Daily Democrat, Woodland California, August 14, 1909*

**Decoto Band:**

The Decoto Band will give a ball at Alvarado on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 23, 1909*



**Sugar:**

(From *The Woodland Daily Democrat*)

The Alameda Sugar Company started its big steam plows on the Nelson Ranch Tuesday morning, and made the initial shipment of one carload of beets to the Alvarado factory on the evening of the same day. The next day the shipments were increased materially, and on Thursday they aggregated 200 tons. From today to the rest of the season, the shipments will average 300 tons a day. They could easily be made much larger, but there are other districts contributing to the plant and in making provision for the regular run all are considered equal.

The sugar company is using the new steam powered beet plowing plant, which cost \$25,000 and is operated by means of cables and stationary engines. An engine of sixty-horse power is stationed at each end of the rows. The plows are hauled back and forth across the field by means of cables. They dig six rows at a time and the daily capacity is about 20 acres. The work is done clean and effectively. It is not necessary to go over the same ground twice.

The great power of the engines and the peculiar design of the plows enables them to go to depths of twelve or fourteen inches if necessary, and for this reason the method is a great improvement over hand plowing. The lower part of the beet contains the most sugar. With the steam plow it is possible to get the entire beet, but in hand plowing much of the best part of the beet is lost.

*The Woodland Daily Democrat, Woodland California, August 27, 1909*

**Eden NSGW Banquet:**

The Eden Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West held an anniversary banquet at the Hayward Hotel. Many dignitaries from throughout the area attended. Mr. Farley Granger represented Alvarado.

*The Hayward Review, August 27, 1909*

**NSGW:**

The Southern Alameda County parlors of the Native Sons of the Golden West will band together as a single body in the San Jose Jubilee on California's Admission Day Celebration. Joining the Alvarado Parlor will be: Mt. Eden, Hayward, Washington ([Irvington](#)), Centerville, Niles, Livermore and Pleasanton.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 5, 1909*

**Auto Wreck Near Alvarado:**

An automobile party with a badly dilapidated machine was towed into Hayward about 10 o'clock last evening, and told of a thrilling auto accident that took place near Alvarado about two hours earlier. The machine, which was nearly a wreck, is said to have run off the grade and smashed into a telegraph pole, throwing out the occupants. The machine then continued on its mad flight, crashing through the pipeline of the People's Water Company that is alongside the road for some distance out there.

The machine contained five passengers from San Francisco and all were more or less maimed and bruised, but only one had a bone broken it is stated.

*The Hayward Review, September 17, 1909*

**New Note:**

Mrs. Dave Lowrie of Alvarado was in San Lorenzo visiting Mrs. J. Branin on Monday.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 20, 1909*

**Historic Alvarado:**

Alvarado is the historic town of Alameda County. It was the first county seat and is a peaceful and thriving town of about 900 people. It is situated on the eastern shore of San Francisco Bay midway between Oakland and San Jose. It has a public grammar school, with an excellent corps

of teachers, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic Churches. There are three stores doing a thriving business and prosperous business in the town.

On the shores of the bay near Alvarado are salt works, where hundreds of thousands of tons of salt are annually made. The People's Water Company, originally started by William Dingee of Oakland, is making many improvements and additions to its plant, and is now pumping and delivering between five and six million gallons of water daily to the people of Oakland.

The Bank of Alvarado has had a prosperous year. The institution has now reached a dividend basis and by its careful judgment and conservative management has obtained a reputation among financial centers second to none in the county.

The one principal industry of the town is the **sugar mill**, which gives employment to many at the mill, as well as creating a market for the products of the farmers by the raising of beets.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 22, 1909*

#### **Eden, Murray & Washington Township Banks:**

Hayward (3 Banks)	619,919.42
Alvarado	254,000.54
Centerville	260,029.92
Niles	39,401.81
Livermore	475,654.82
Pleasanton	319,760.92

*The Oakland Tribune, October 22, 1909*

#### **Sugar:**

The capacity of the **Sugar Mill** at Alvarado is 700 tons of sugar a day and the yearly output is from 5,000 to 8,000 tons annually. The land in many sections of Alameda County is especially adapted to the production of sugar beets. From 15 to 25 tons to the acre is the equal yield, although some farmers have produced as high as 32 tons to the acre. The company pays a flat rate of five dollars a ton and at this rate raising sugar beets is a profitable enterprise.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 22, 1909*

#### **Around Town:**

Sunday School "Rally Day" will be observed at the Presbyterian Church today at 11 a.m. A splendid program will be given.

Mrs. John Center of San Francisco spent Sunday with **Mrs. E. A. Richmond**.

Mr. A. B. Nauert left Monday for Los Angeles.

Mrs. Frank Edwards who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. John Leal, returned to her Alameda home the first part of the week.

The Misses McCarthy and Miss May Woolsey of the University of California spent Saturday and Sunday with their parents.

P. H. Ford of San Francisco spent Sunday with his parents.

Andrew Lund and family are spending the week in Napa.

**E. A. Richmond** returned Tuesday evening after a weeks' stay in Los Angeles.

**Mrs. W. H. Churchman** spent Monday with **Mrs. E. M. Foley**.

Mr. & Mrs. F. C. Harvey and son Theodore returned Monday from a weeks' stay in Los Angeles.

Mrs. J. M. Scribner and daughter are spending the week in San Francisco.

Miss Maud Butterworth and **Mrs. J. Brooks** of San Francisco are being entertained by the **E. A. Richmond's**.

Mrs. Lenora Silveira is entertaining Oakland friends.

Miss Ossie Nauert spent Tuesday in Alameda.

Mrs. C. Milliner spent Monday in San Francisco on business.

Mrs. J. A. Joyce, **E. A. Richmond, wife** and daughter Jeanette took a pleasure trip to the city on Monday.

**Mrs. Brooks** who has been visiting at the **Richmond home** for the past few days, returned to her home in the city Tuesday.

Miss Lulu Lang is spending the week with friends in the city.

Mrs. Harrelson and daughter, Miss Helen of Hayward, visited with Mr. & Mrs. C. D. Harrelson on Sunday.

Mrs. F. Friedrichsen has returned from a two-week stay in Oakland.

**Mrs. E. M. Foley** entertained the Ladies Club Monday in honor of **Mrs. Churchman** who came up to spend the day.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 30, 1909*

### **Lady Aeronauts Land in the Marshes:**

Two daring women aeronauts in hot air balloons had a thrilling experience and nearly lost their lives in the final balloon race of the series for the silver cup donated by the Portola Festival Committee. The aero clubs of Oakland and San Francisco each had a balloon entered and the flights would be without particularly sensational features had it not been for the calamitous landings made in the salt marshes of the southern shores of the about 5 o'clock in the evening near Alvarado.

The balloons left San Francisco about 3:10 p.m., rose to 400 feet and headed towards Goat Island ([Yerba Buena Island today](#)), they both headed towards San Jose and began losing altitude. About 5:00 p.m. they hit the waters of the bay and were drug onto land ([mud](#)) of the marshes. One balloon came down in the salt flats near Baumberg and the other in the salt flats of Alvarado. The Oakland balloon was determined to be the winner as it had flown the farthest.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 1, 1909*

### **Marriage License:**

John Andrada, 24, Decoto

Anne Faria, 17, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, November 4, 1909*

### **Around Town:**

Charles Nauert who left on an Eastern trip last August is expected home this week.

Jack Turner and wife of Truckee, a former resident of Alvarado, returned for a visit.

The stork visited Alvarado again, this time the home of F. B. Granger, leaving a native son.

Mrs. E. A. Richmond and Mrs. E. Hellwig visited the Graham family in Berkeley Wednesday.

Mrs. J. Amaral, wife of Joseph Amaral, will make her home in Fruitvale with her sister.

James McKeown and daughter returned from a trip to London where Mr. McKeown underwent surgery for his eyes.

The Japanese colony presented a gala appearance last Wednesday the occasion being the anniversary of the emperor of Japan. Work was suspended during the day and the town was dressed up in holiday attire.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 14, 1909*

### **Cattle:**

George F. Cokely of Irvington purchased from Wiegman & Poorman, Alvarado, for the Western Meat Co., two carloads of steers fed at the Alvarado sugar mill. Mr. Cokely says they are the best cattle shipped out of this country in some time.

*The Hayward Review, November 19, 1909*

### **Alvarado Eagles:**

Alvarado Aerie, No. 1695, Fraternal Order of Eagles, is preparing to give a grand ball on Saturday evening, December 4<sup>th</sup>. The dance will be under the supervision of G. G. Bontelho as floor manager, who will be assisted by A. Norris, M. Avila and J. Rose.

*The Hayward Review, November 19, 1909*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. A. Tainton is visiting in San Jose this week.

The Misses Nauert were visitors in the city this week.

Mrs. A. Danning of Rutherford is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ralph.

Miss Alma Nabor of Alameda is visiting her cousin, Miss Norris.

C. R. Nauert and daughter, Miss Mildred, who went east on a visit, returned home well pleased with the trip.

T. S. Engledow and wife, who had made Alvarado their home for the last two years, have moved to Elmhurst.

Mr. A. J. Rutherford, station agent, is away on a month's vacation; his position is being filled by Mr. Hazard.

Miss Kate Lang, Ass't Postmistress was the guest of friends at Mt. Eden from Sunday to Wednesday of this week.

Several visiting members of the Swan Gun Club enjoyed a shoot at the preserve last Sunday.

Mrs. W. H. Churchman, Miss Gladys Sunkel, and Miss Susie Lassen of Oakland were visitors in town Saturday and attended the masque ball in the evening.

Alvarado Aerie, No. 1695, Order of Eagles, is preparing to give their grand ball on Saturday evening, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

The masquerade ball given by the Women of Woodcraft last Saturday evening was one of the most enjoyable affairs held in this town for years.

A Halloween Party was held at the home of Mrs. W. F. Moffitt Sunday. Refreshments were served and a good time was had by all present.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 21, 1909*

**Sugar:**

*(From The Woodland Daily Democrat)*

There will be no more shipments from Yolo County to the Sacramento Valley Company's plant at Hamilton this season as the plant has been shut down, but the Alameda Sugar Company will continue to ship to Alvarado for two or three more weeks. It has about 4,000 more tons yet in Yolo County fields but anticipates no trouble in future shipments on account of rainy weather. All long hauls and the product of low grounds have already been disposed of. What still remains to be harvested is on high grounds and the haul will be short. Even if there should be unusual rains it will only be a question of putting on more teams.

*The Woodland Daily Democrat, Woodland California, November 23, 1909*

**News Notes:**

The Alvarado Eagles will give a grand ball on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

The fiftieth anniversary or the Golden Jubilee of Crusade Lodge, No. 93, International Order of Odd Fellows of Alvarado was observed last Friday evening. It was a notable gathering of old as well as the new generation.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 28, 1909*

**Hunting Lodge:**

Mr. & Mrs. F.M. Smith, of Oakland, have been spending some days at their hunting lodge near Alvarado, entertaining a number of friends at a house party. They motored up for the holiday, spending a few days at Arbor Villa before returning to Alvarado.

*The San Francisco Call, November 30, 1909*

**Party on the Marshes:**

Mr. & Mrs. F. M. Smith, of Oakland, are spending several days at the hunting lodge near Alvarado. There they entertained a number of friends at a hunting lodge party.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 1, 1909*

**Harvey Boy Shot:**

George H. Harvey, the four year-old boy who was accidentally shot by his father ([E. S. Harvey](#)) in Alvarado a week ago last Sunday, will recover. Dr. Clark of the County Infirmary discovered that

the boy's intestines had been punctured six times by the bullet. A very delicate operation was performed which saved the child's life.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 2, 1909*

### **Sugar:**

(From *The Woodland Daily Democrat*)

The Alameda Sugar Company of Alvarado closed a deal on Thursday, which indicates that an active campaign is to be inaugurated in an effort to increase the sugar beet acreage that will be tributary to the Alvarado plant next year from Yolo County.

*The Woodland Daily Democrat, Woodland California, December 3, 1909*

### **F. M. Smith Lodge:**

The F. M. Smith's, of Oakland, spent some days at Alvarado recently, where Mr. Smith has a most picturesque hunting lodge. It is built along quaint architectural designs, reminding one of the artistic effects found in Northern Europe.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 4, 1909*

### **Liquor License:**

J. V. Lopes, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, December 6, 1909*

### **Marriage License:**

William S. Vierra, 22, Pleasanton

Mamie A. Enos, 19, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, December 10, 1909*

### **Around Town:**

Alex Simas, the well-known rancher, found himself in a predicament Tuesday afternoon in front of the post office, as a rim of a wheel from his wagon came off, but fortunately a smithy's shop was only a half block distant, whither the vehicle was taken for repairs.

Postmaster Richmond reports a very brisk run during the holidays, his office having been kept quite busy since the first of the week. The Japanese colony, which, by the way, celebrate the nativity day in true American style, has been mailing hundreds of fancy postal cards to the land of the Mikado, which has materially increased the sale of stamps.

The members of the **Alvarado Aerie, No. 1695**, are planning to hold a grand masquerade ball on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month. Owing to the severity of the weather the dance scheduled for December 4<sup>th</sup> was postponed and in place of the ordinary dance a masquerade has been decided upon. Prizes will be given and a good time is in store for all who attend.

Manuel Duarte, who was run over by a **sugar mill** team, the load on the wagon weighing three tons, a month ago, was sitting up Thursday and had Thanksgiving Dinner with his family. This is quite a remarkable case as Mr. Duarte had five ribs on the right side and four ribs on the left side fractured, the lungs on both sides being penetrated and his recovery speaks well for the skill of Dr. Morrison, who attended him.

The little Harvey child, who was accidentally shot by his father while the latter was cleaning a gun, is improving steadily and his ultimate recovery is looked for. The delicate drain tubes in the child's abdomen have been removed and if no complications set in the little tot will enjoy Christmas at home.

M. Allguire of North Dakota is the guest of his brother, J. R. Allguire. This is Allguire's first visit to this coast, and he is very much impressed with our rapid growth and delightful climate. The two brothers had not seen each other for thirty-eight years, when both were mere boys, and their meeting was not only a surprise, but also a time of recalling the frolicsome days of their youth.

Miss Well was an attentive visitor with friends last Tuesday.

A case of diphtheria has made its appearance in town, Manuel Rogers, a six-year-old boy, being the victim.

The Alameda **Sugar Company mill** closed down for the season on Tuesday. Active operations will not commence again until the fall of 1910.

John Buchanan Sr. has recently received an unfavorable report as to his son John's heart condition. He is afflicted with heart disease and the doctors hold little hope for his recovery.

Mrs. Magill of Fruitvale is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. Amaral.

Mrs. J. F. Silva of Newark is visiting her mother, Mrs. I. Foster.

Mr. A. J. Rutherford, the genial station agent, has returned from his vacation.

E. M. Tainton underwent a painful operation on one of his fingers one day this week.

**Alvarado Aerie, No. 1695**, elected at its meeting the following officers: E. J. Foster, J. Norris, J. Simas, H. Henrickson, A. A. Lee, J. Rose, and William Avila.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 26, 1909*

#### **Ducks:**

Ed Kerrison, John Bille and George Thomas ([all of San Francisco](#)) were at the Pastime Gun Club grounds on the Alvarado marshes and all three men brought down their legal limit with comparative ease.

*The San Francisco Call, San Francisco, Calif., December 26, 1909*

#### **Three Safecrackers:**

Three safecrackers broke into the Southern Pacific Depot in Alvarado and attempted to blow up the safe said to contain between \$500 and \$600. They were scared away when the 1:30 a.m. train pulled into Alvarado and saw the three men in the station. They notified the dispatcher in Oakland who notified the police. Sheriff Frank Barnett and a posse took up after the men who eventually got away after a gunfight.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 27, 1909*

#### **Bay Pirates:**

The bandits that tried to blow up the Southern Pacific train station at Alvarado last Sunday and then fought a pistol duel with sheriff's officers are described as being the same bandits who stole a launch from Sausalito last May and robbed the Hamilton Brothers at Novato. The launch these robbers used to get away is the same in every respect as the launch used in Novato.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 29, 1909*

#### **Bank of Alvarado:**

Incorporated February 20, 1902, Capital Stock \$25,000 paid in coin, \$25,000. President, Farley B. Granger Jr.; Cashier, August May. Directors: I.V. Ralph, August May, George Althausen, F.B. Granger Jr., Fred P. Hellwig, D.F. Wiegman, E.H. Stevenson.

*Attorneys & Bankers Directory of California 1908 - 1909, December 31, 1909*

#### **Alvarado Eagles:**

The members of the Alvarado Aerie, No. 1695, are planning to hold a grand masquerade ball on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of next month. Owing to the severity of the weather, the dance which, was scheduled for the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December, had to be postponed and the masquerade ball will offered in its place.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 31, 1909*

#### **News Note:**

H. Elwert of Alvarado is visiting the Deer Park springs Resort.

*The San Francisco Call, January 3, 1910*

#### **Sugar:**

(From [The Washington Post](#))

Three Corporations and one individual defendant filed appearances today in the United States Circuit Court in reply to the government's suit to dissolve the so-called Sugar Trust under the

Sherman Anti-Trust Law. Those filing today were the Menominee River Sugar Company of Michigan, The Union Sugar Company of California and the Alameda Sugar Company of California. John Howard, of San Francisco, President of both the Alameda Sugar Company and the Union Sugar Company, filed his answer as an individual defendant.

*The Washington Post, Washington D.C., January 3, 1910*

**Liquor License:**

Matsumoto & Company license application denied.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 4, 1910*

**License to Marry:**

Julius Rodrigues, 35 and Miss Rosalia De Luis Rodrigues, 21, both of Alvarado.

*The San Francisco Call, January 4, 1910*

**News Note:**

Mrs. W. R. Robie visited her daughter, Mrs. F. Muller of Newark this week.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 9, 1910*

**Savant Seized As Bloodthirsty Thug:**

Professor George C. Edwards of the University of California at Berkeley alighted from a San Jose train at 6 p.m. tonight to be seized by a squad of patrolmen and deputy sheriffs. One pinioned his arms from behind, another shoved a revolver against his waistband, a third inverted his pocket linings, while a whole detachment formed a cordon around the prisoner.

"That's the man," shouted Deputy Sheriff Mattos, as he ran up in breathless excitement. "He's the yegg that blew the Alvarado safe all right. Hold on to him boys."

"But I'm Professor Edwards and I live in Berkeley," explained the savant, as he tried to side step the iron muzzle. The gun creased the professor's coat menacingly and he halted. A crowd collected. An extra squad with a delegation of plain-clothes detectives dashed up in an auto.

"But I must go to Berkeley," insisted the crack mathematician of the state college.

"You shut up and stand still or you'll go to hell," replied the man behind the gun.

Another police auto shot around the corner. Out jumped Sheriff Barnet, ready to take his man dead or alive. He broke through the excited crowd. He looked at the prisoner and then with outstretched arms he embraced the captive.

"Why, Professor Edwards, what's all this about?"

Explanations followed. The crowd laughed. The patrolmen apologized. Edwards caught his car to Berkeley.

Deputy Sheriff Mattos had boarded the train at Niles. His eye lit upon Edwards. On the instant he recognized the bloodthirsty thug who tried to dynamite the Southern Pacific safe at Alvarado. He never took his eyes of his man. At Hayward he telephoned to have the police and a sheriff's posse at the station. As the train stopped Edwards jumped and ran for the Berkeley car. Mattos was convinced.

"Catch him, catch him," he shouted, and Edwards was nabbed.

"I'm Sorry," Mattos apologized tonight, "but I hadn't seen Edwards in ten years and he shaved his whiskers. He's a ringer for the yegg."

*The San Francisco Call, January 9, 1910*

**Japanese May Be Murder Victim:**

A murder mystery has been uncovered by finding the body of Y. Saratani, a Japanese employee of the California Salt Works in the creek near the plant at Alvarado. The man's skull was fractured, apparently by a blow from some blunt metal weapon, and the lungs were filled with water.

In the opinion of Dr. H.E. Morrison of Niles, who performed an autopsy today, Saratani was murdered. The surgeon declared after his investigation that the laborer had been dealt a mortal blow on the head, made unconscious and thrown into the water while still breathing.

The condition of the remains would bear this out, according to Dr. Morrison, who said Saratani could in no manner have fallen so as to crush his skull as it was fractured. Against the doctor's professional opinion was the belief of Saratani's employer at the salt works that Saratani fell from a gang plank while helping to load a barge, struck his head and went senseless into the water.

Saratani, who was one of 60 Japanese laborers at the salt refinery, was missed by his companions yesterday morning. No trace of him was found until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when his body was seen floating with the tides not far from the salt works.

It was impossible to reach the corpse until this morning when the tide had risen, and the coroner's office or the sheriff was notified of the supposed accident. This forenoon men rowed four miles out to the body, which they took to Alvarado.

*The San Francisco Call, January 11, 1910*

**John R. Buchanan Jr. Dies:**

John R. Buchanan Jr. died January 10, 1910 at his residence in San Francisco. He is the husband of Annie M. Buchanan, father to Miss Alice Buchanan and son of Mr. & Mrs. J. Buchanan of Alvarado. Mr. Buchanan was a native of Alvarado.

*The San Francisco Call, January 11, 1910*

**Con Man:**

A number of people in Alvarado and vicinity were taken in by a solicitor who claimed he represented a San Francisco art firm. He obtained a large number of valuable photos with a deposit of fifty cents each, which he was to transfer to a sofa top to arrive on December 13<sup>th</sup>. The sofa tops have not yet arrived and no trace can be found of the man.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 16, 1910*

**News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. C. Skow of Alvarado spent Sunday with relatives in Russell City.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 16, 1910*

**News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Goforth and son were entertained by friends in San Lorenzo Sunday.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 20, 1910*

**Pleasanton Rebekah's:**

Miss Catherine Land, District Deputy President of the Rebekah's and Mrs. J. Leal, both of Alvarado assisted in Pleasanton's installation of officers for the Rebekah's on Monday evening.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 30, 1910*

**Sugar:**

*(From The Mountain Democrat)*

According to the figures of the Alameda Sugar Company, the crop of sugar beets in Washington Township for the year 1909 was the biggest, with one exception, during the twenty-one years the company has been in operation. The yield per acre on average was 1.5 tons per acre. Many farmers raised from 23.7 to 30.13 tons per acre.

*The Mountain Democrat, Placerville California, February 5, 1910*



**Sugar:**

John Beck has been appointed by the Alameda Sugar Company to take charge of its Santa Rita farm.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 9, 1910*

**Liquor License:**

Renewed: Robert Adair, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, February 14, 1910*

**Post Office Robbery:**

Two safecrackers blew open the safe at the Menlo Park Post Office last night and took between \$20 and \$25 in silver. Police suspect that it may be the same men who recently attempted to rob the Alvarado Post Office by blowing the safe.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 15, 1910*

**Liquor License:**

M. A. Silva, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, February 15, 1910*

**Alvarado Aerie:**

The Eden Aerie, F. O. E., will send its drill team to Alvarado Monday evening to participate in an installation of officers for the Alvarado Aerie. A banquet and general good time will follow.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 18, 1910*

**Sugar:**

The Alameda Sugar Company grows the majority of its sugar beets used in the manufacture of sugar in the valley about Pleasanton. Pleasanton was the shipping point last year for 18,000 of sugar beets.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 19, 1910*

**Big Daughter:**

A 15-pound daughter was born to the wife of Antone Lund at Alvarado early Wednesday.

*The Hayward Review, February 25, 1910*

**Alvarado Eagles:**

The Alvarado Aerie of Eagles had a candidate initiation meeting and banquet Monday evening. A team of members from the Eden Aerie came to help Alvarado celebrate.

*The Hayward Review, February 25, 1910*

**Alvarado Water Works:**

The People's Water Company of Oakland California maintains a pumping plant at Alvarado that consists of 381 acres of land, 37 wells, a pumping plant with a capacity of nine million gallons a day, an engineer's house, cottages, and stables.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 1, 1910*

**Alvarado Robbers Caught:**

In the arrest of Charles P. Tevis at Modesto, February 20<sup>th</sup>, following the robbery of the Gray Bros. Department Store in that town and the Ceres Lumber Company in the neighborhood, the sheriffs of this county, Stanislaus, believe that they have the man who is the leader of one of the most desperate and experienced bands of robbers and safe crackers which have ever operated on the West Coast.

The belief of the sheriff follows the confession of a seventeen year-old-boy, arrested with Tevis after the two robberies near Modesto, in which the boy declares that the older man deliberately killed a member of the gang called "Mac" after the latter had been wounded in a pistol duel with officers near San Jose. The dead man is believed to be the one Sheriff Barnett wounded in a duel

at Niles on the morning of December 26, 1909, following the attempted robbery of the railroad station safe at Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 2, 1910*

#### **Gambling Raid:**

Ten Chinese were arrested in Alvarado last night on charges of gambling. The arrests were made by an investigation of Sheriff Barnett.

*The San Francisco Call, March 8, 1910*

#### **Liquor License:**

H. Herne & George P. Harden, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, March 14, 1910*

#### **News Note:**

William Goercke of Alvarado visited his parents in San Lorenzo one day last week.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 16, 1910*

#### **License to Marry:**

Masaru Hotei 25, Alvarado and Sho Tauchi 22, San Francisco.

*The San Francisco Call, March 17, 1909*

#### **Charlotte Hawley Cornell Dies:**

A host of friends attended the funeral of the late Charlotte Hawley Cornell, aged 91 years, one of California's pioneer women. The deceased was the widow of the late Chauncy Cornell, for many years identified with the Spring Valley Water Co.

"Grandma" Cornell came to California and settle in this area in 1852. She was an ardent church member and was founder of the Presbyterian Church of Alvarado, which was named "Charlotte's Temple" in her honor. Lately she had been in the care of her daughter, Mrs. Ella R. Baker, the widow of Alvarado pioneer of Abijah Baker.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 22, 1910*

#### **License to Marry:**

Antone Freitas Jr. 27 and May Brown 18, both of Alvarado.

*The San Francisco Call, March 30, 1910*

#### **John Cook, County Clerk:**

Hundreds of citizens throughout Alameda County have pledged support for John Cook for County Clerk. Among those known in Alvarado are:

Mt. Eden: Victor La Grave, Charles W. Heyer, W. E. Meek.

Niles: Charles Z. Overacker, O. E. Walpert.

Alvarado: F. B. Granger, N. W. Boysen, E. S. Harvey, A. Davilla, J. R. Allguire, O. J. Emery, J. H. Ralph, George P. Hellwig, H. Henrickson, F. C. Harvey, Charles S. Nauert, John Quigley, William Jung, Robert Adair, G. S. Dyer.

Irvington: E. H. Grimmer, M. D.

Centerville: E. H. Stevenson, G. P. Lowrie, P. C. Hansen, C. F. Horner, R. W. Emery, C. F. Salz, H. W. Emerson, M. D.

Newark: Charles Cockefair, Joe Lema, Ralph Richmond, and Francis J. Jacobus.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 31, 1910*

#### **License to Marry:**

Teizi Hashiguchi 28 and Hide Koyama 23, both of Alvarado.

*The San Francisco Call, April 23, 1910*

#### **Baseball:**

The crack Alvarado baseball team traveled to Niles last Sunday and defeated the Niles team by a score of 8 to 5. The team from Alvarado is being hailed as the next champions of Alameda County. They would like to hear from teams whose members are aged 15 to 18 years old. Please address challenges to George P. Rose, care of Scribner and Ralph, Alvarado California.  
*The Oakland Tribune, April 26, 1910*

**News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Goforth visited his parents at San Lorenzo on Sunday.  
*The Oakland Tribune, April 27, 1910*

**Baseball:**

Alvarado has fielded a baseball team and will play Decoto on Sunday. This is said to be a top-notch team and a victory is expected on the field for Sunday.

The team line-up for Alvarado will be: Jung, Catcher; Richmond, Pitcher, Pakle, 1<sup>st</sup> Base; Rose, 2<sup>nd</sup> Base/Mgr; Flores, 3rd Base, Davilla, SS; Enos, LF; Santos, RF; Laurence CF.

The Alvarado team is anxious to hear from teams in the Russell City, Centerville, Irvington, Hayward, Decoto and Niles areas.  
*The Oakland Tribune, April 28, 1910*

**License to Marry:**

John S. Sanches, 24, Newman and Miss Annie B. Azevedo, 18, Alvarado.  
*The San Francisco Call, May 18, 1910*

**The Great Benjamin in Hayward:**

The Great Benjamin almost created a riot at his show on the grounds of B Street near the Post office in Hayward the last few nights. He threw out fistfuls of dollars, halves, and other coin without regard of amount. The show grounds were ablaze with electric lights and enormous crowds attended and are entertained royally by the best and biggest free show ever given here. In fact, we have paid 50 cents to a dollar and a half in the opera house many a time and have not seen a show half as good. Benjamin stays here for two weeks and shows every night except Sunday. The medical experts with him are under the direct of Dr. Duncan Cram, known as the great Dr. Duncan.

Benjamin was here several years ago with his experts and they have made many cures here in Hayward, San Leandro, San Lorenzo and Alvarado and vicinity of chronic and obstinate cases, which have baffled the skill of the ordinary physicians.

The officer of the Marvelous Medical Experts who are with Benjamin were the directors of the Great Dr. Duncan, the master expert and head physician and bloodless surgeon of their system of hospitals and sanitariums, are at the Hotel Villa in Hayward. A small charge of \$1 is made to keep out curiosity seekers.

The Benjamin Medical Experts positively cure; asthma, dropsy, epilepsy, St. Vitus Dance, nervous disorders, paralysis, deafness, throat-chest-lung trouble, incipient consumption, diseases of women are successfully cured without an operation. Old chronic diseases of the blood, stomach, liver and kidneys, diabetes, gravel, incipient Bright's disease, rheumatism, acute chronic muscular and sciatic problems. Hip joint disease, rupture and hernia, piles, hemorrhoids, disease of the eye, ear, nose and throat. In fact what has puzzled you and your doctor gives way to the wonderful medicine of these specialists. Cancers, tapeworms, tumors and gallstones removed, no operation, no knife, and no pain. These experts speak all languages.

[\(The above article was presented as fact in the publication below\)](#)

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, May 20, 1910*

### **Liquor Licenses:**

The board this morning granted a liquor license to J. M. Scribner and J. H. Ralph of Alvarado. They conduct a general store, and have been in business in Alvarado for several years.

A liquor license applied for by John Bowman of Alvarado was put off for a week pending judicial review. Bowman conducts the Automobile Café at the corner of Smith and Levee Streets in Alvarado. Mr. Bowman's application is under review because he is a newcomer to Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 23, 1910*

### **Woman Beat in Alvarado Hotel:**

R.C. Durant, the agent here ([San Francisco](#)) for the Durant Car, won drinks on a slot machine the evening of May 6<sup>th</sup>. That was his undoing. It started a train of circumstances that ended yesterday with Mrs. Pearl Durant getting a divorce.

It was not the mere winning of the drinks that Mrs. Durant minded so much. But when her husband insisted upon swallowing all of them, the entire 90, she knew there was trouble ahead, she testified yesterday.

Durant's run of luck occurred at Alvarado, during a pause in an automobile trip to San Jose. The trip was never finished. They took a room at Alvarado and then testified the wife; Durant beat her in a brutal manner, broke two of her ribs, blackened her eyes and threatened that if he swung for it he would kill her.

A man named Charles Laphorne heard Mrs. Durant screaming and went to their room. Durant told Laphorne he had been dreaming and then whispered to him confidentially that if there were any court proceedings to tell the judge he heard Mrs. Durant using bad language.

Durant beat his wife on other occasions, according to her story, having begun his course of ill treatment within a few weeks of their marriage, which occurred at Los Angeles September 15, 1909. Mrs. Durant was granted a divorce.

*The San Francisco Call, June 8, 1910*

### **Jacob Franklin Meyers Dies:**

J. F. Meyers, a prominent citizen of Livermore died at his home Sunday morning. He was 74 years old. Mr. Meyers was engaged in the hotel business between 1859 and 1873 in Alvarado. He then moved to Livermore. His son, Henry, born in Alvarado married his hometown sweetheart, Miss Bertha May. Henry Meyers became the Alameda County architect and designed the new Alvarado Grammar School in 1923.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, June 21, 1910*

### **Marriage License:**

Ernest C. Lange, Alvarado  
Miss May C. Johnson, Mt. Eden.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, June 24, 1910*

### **Around Town:**

Some splendid catches of fish have been reported as being taken from the Alameda Creek. Miss Lillie Bishop reports that she hooked a steel head that measured 23 inches, while a string of a dozen of smaller size is no uncommon catch.

A big barbeque is to be held in Alvarado today.

Mr. Anderson, who was severely injured a few weeks ago, is rapidly improving and is able to get around.

Mrs. Adair is convalescing from her recent illness, and is now able to get around on crutches. Tony Davilla, who recently underwent a siege of illness, is again confined to his home with typhoid fever.

***The Oakland Tribune, June 26, 1910***

**Beard Ranch Sold:**

The Beard place of Alvarado and several pieces of adjoining land have been sold to the Mortimer Realty Company of Berkeley. Much speculation is indulged as to the real purchasers. It is supposed to be a Spring Valley Water deal, although two road surveys were made in the neighborhood two years ago. One of those surveys run from Decoto to Dumbarton Point and the other through Centerville. Everybody is guessing as to the real object of the purchasers. The land purchased is in a very fertile belt and has an unusually good supply of underground water.

***The Oakland Tribune, June 26, 1910***

**4<sup>th</sup> of July:**

The City of Hayward had a large Fourth of July celebration with a large parade and over forty floats. According to the "Hayward Twice A Week Review" newspaper the best float was sponsored by the Alameda Sugar Company, which entered a float with a representation of a miniature sugar mill at Alvarado.

***The Hayward Twice a Week Review, July 5, 1910***

**E. H. Dyer:**

E. H. Dyer is lying at his home in Alvarado California critically ill and is not expected to live past the next few days. Mr. Dyer is known as the father of the beet sugar industry in the U. S. for implementing the first commercially successful beet sugar mill and refinery in the U. S.

***The Hayward Twice a Week Review, July 8, 1910***

**Hellwig Meat:**

Victor La Grave, the local (Hayward) manager of the Hellwig Meat Company for many years, has informed the Review that the first of the month he purchased an interest in the firm, which will hereafter be known as the Hellwig & La Grave Meat Company.

The Hellwig Meat Company is known throughout this end of the county, having shops at Alvarado, Niles, and Hayward. Mr. La Grave has built up a splendid business for the firm since becoming manager of the Hayward store. The Hellwig Company is to be congratulated upon bringing Mr. La Grave to join the firm and "place his name above the door." He is one of Hayward's most progressive citizens and thorough businessman.

***The Hayward Twice a Week Review, July 15, 1910***

**The Death of Ebenezer Dyer:**

Ebenezer Herrick Dyer, father of the beet sugar industry in the United States and the first man to successfully manufacture that commodity in this country, died at his residence in Alvarado, Alameda County, early yesterday morning, aged 88 years. He leaves an estate estimated at \$1,000,000, chiefly in sugar stock and real estate holdings in Alameda and the Santa Clara valley, to be equally divided between his widow and six children.

Born in Sullivan, Maine April 17, 1822, Dyer came to California with the early rush of 1857, crossing the continent via the isthmus route. He settled in Alvarado, Alameda County, and in 1859 was elected county surveyor. In 1861 he was re-elected to that position and in the same year was appointed to the position of United States Deputy Surveyor by President Lincoln. He continued in that position for ten years, but in 1869 became interested in the beet sugar industry.

Prior to this several others had attempted to originate the industry in the United States without success. Dyer, however, took it up and in 1870 established the first beet sugar plant in the country and until 10 years ago, when his failing eyesight necessitated the passing of his business over to his sons, he remained at the active head of it. The concern is now known as the Alameda Sugar Company. Apart from his business he took an active interest in politics and in 1876 was delegate to the Republican National Convention. Later in life he engaged, in company with his

three sons, in the business of erecting beet sugar plants, and some of the biggest plants in the country were built by them.

Dyer married Marion W. Ingalls of his native town in 1857. There were three children by this union, Mrs. Abitha M. Munson of Tacoma, Ellen F. Dyer, and Edward F. Dyer of Cleveland. Mrs. Dyer died in 1863. Her twin sister, Olive Ingalls, later became Dyer's second wife. There were three children by this second marriage, Hugh T. Dyer of Ogden, Guy S. Dyer of Alvarado, and Mrs. Nina Washburn of San Francisco. Mrs. Dyer survives her husband. She was present at his bedside when he died, as were all of his children.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence at Alvarado. It will be conducted under the auspices of the Crusade Lodge No. 93, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The interment will be in Cypress Cemetery at Decoto.

*The San Francisco Call, San Francisco, Calif., July 16, 1910*

#### **News Notes:**

The People's Water Company is going to install a new ideal plant, having all modern improvements, an ideal engine and boiler room up-to-date facilities for pumping and distributing water. Plans are all perfected and work will begin immediately. This will be a big thing for Alvarado and a benefit to every business in it.

It is rumored that a large dancing and entertainment hall, with facilities for the exhibition of moving pictures, is to be erected in Alvarado. Promoters have been here negotiating for a site for the new venture. If the deal goes through, the erection of a magnificent building will begin without delay and be carried out to completion at an early date.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, July 19, 1910*

#### **Dyer Funeral:**

The funeral of Ebenezer H. Dyer, who was known as the father of the beet sugar industry on the Pacific coast, was held from his home in Alvarado this afternoon. The pallbearers were, all Odd Fellows, were: W.F. Ingalls, J.M. Ingalls, H.F. Dyer, W.H. Cockefair, H. Elwert and P.S. Lowrie.

*The San Francisco Call, San Francisco, Calif., July 18, 1910*

#### **Marriage License:**

Joseph Rose, 21, Alvarado

Miss Pauline Vargas, 19, Hayward.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, July 19, 1910*

#### **News Note:**

Mrs. A. S. Oliver and Mrs. Joseph Rose of Alvarado are at Monterey this week.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, July 22, 1910*

#### **Marriage:**

At All Saints Church (Hayward) early Thursday morning Rev. Father Vilomat united in marriage Miss Pauline Vargas daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Vargas of Hayward, and Joseph Rose of Alvarado. Miss Clementine Vargas, sister of the bride, and George Rose, a brother of the groom, attended the happy couple. They left on the morning train for a short honeymoon.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, July 22, 1910*

#### **Dyer Estate:**

The estate of Ebenezer Herrick Dyer, valued at \$200,000 was split between his widow and children, one half of the estate to Olive S. Dyer his wife, and one half to the children Edward F., Guy S., Hugh T., Ellen F. and Nina Dyer and Mrs. Abitha Munson. Mrs. Dyer is to enjoy income from the full estate for the rest of her natural life, whence her half shall be passed to her children.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 26, 1910*

**Liquor License:**

Joe G. Rose & Son, Alvarado, application for license approved.  
*The Oakland Tribune, August 1, 1910*

**Sugar:**

(From *The Woodland Daily Democrat*)

The beets from Woodland will start coming in by the trainloads in a few days. The volume from the Sacramento Valley will keep the mill in Alvarado running at full capacity for quite a while.  
*The Woodland Daily Democrat, Woodland California, August 8, 1910*

**License to Marry:**

Kanegusu Masuda, 32, Miss Kotake Fujita, 26, both of Alvarado  
Katsusaburo Matsumoto, 35, Miss Fusu Kubo, both 28, both from Alvarado  
*The San Francisco Call, August 9, 1910*

**Habitat Protection:**

The fourth annual barbeque of the Alameda County and Game Protective Association was held at Bonita, about two miles from Sunol, yesterday and proved to be the most successful entertainment of the kind which has been given under the auspices of that organization.

About 500 persons by their presence showed their indorsement of the purpose of the organization, namely the protection of the game of the county under the laws which have been passed by the legislature for that purpose and the punishment of poachers and despoilers of stream, field and forest.

Representing Alvarado was Farley Granger Jr.  
*The Oakland Tribune, August 15, 1910*

**Sugar:**

(From *The Woodland Daily Democrat*)

The Alameda Sugar Company today obtained a Caterpillar engine and four fourteen-foot long gangplows, manufactured by the Holt Company. The equipment will be used in their sugar beet lands in Yolo County.  
*The Woodland Daily Democrat, August 15, 1910*

**Bank of Alvarado:**

Alvarado claims the honor of having the first institution named in honor of the new County of Alameda that is soon to be. The Bank of Alvarado is now the Bank of Alameda County, which in the next decade promises to be one of the biggest institutions in the county.  
*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, August 23, 1910*

**Vic La Grave:**

Victor La Grave has purchased a small auto to use in his business, his daily swing around the circle, to Alvarado, Niles, and Hayward. Vic is not an expert yet but he can give any of the crack drivers the brush for a short distance.  
*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, August 26, 1910*

**Salt:**

The Continental Salt Works, of Alvarado, have recently put six white men to work in place of Japs, much to the satisfaction of the Alvarado citizens. There are over 600 Japs employed in the various enterprises around town and if white men replaced them, it would add considerably to the growth and welfare of the community.  
*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, August 30, 1910*

**News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. C. F. Pape of Hayward, have moved into the Nauert cottage at Alvarado.  
*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, August 30, 1910*

**Miniature Beet Sugar Mill:**

A working model of the first beet sugar mill erected in Alameda County is to be one of the exhibits of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce at the State Fair in Sacramento. The model was sent to the chamber of commerce by the sugar company at Alvarado. On the way to the city the little mill was badly damaged when a car in which it was store was derailed. The model was taken to the carpenter shops of the Southern Pacific and again put in working order.

*The San Francisco Call, September 3, 1910*

**The Bank of Alameda County:**

The Bank of Alameda County was the successful bidder on the San Lorenzo school bonds with a premium of \$116. The bank is located in Alvarado, Calif.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, September 6, 1910*

**Miss Lang Married:**

Miss Katherine Lang, Deputy Postmistress of Alvarado, married John Clegg, a civil engineer from Madera County, in a ceremony held at Hayward Thursday at noon. Miss Lulu Lang and Ernest Lang, sister and brother of the bride, were the attendants.

*The San Francisco Call, September 10, 1910*

**William Jung:**

William Jung of Alvarado is lying critically ill at Providence Hospital in Oakland of blood poisoning. In the hope of savings his life the attending physicians have amputated his leg at the knee Tuesday. He stood the operation remarkably well for a man his age, 72. All his friends are wishing him the best.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, September 23, 1910*

**Concrete Bridge:**

A new steel reinforced concrete bridge will be built over Dry Creek on the road between Alvarado and Niles.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, September 27, 1910*

**William Jung:**

The many friends of William Jung are happy to learn that Mr. Jung is doing much better and should be able to return home soon.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, September 30, 1910*

**U. S. Dept. of Agriculture:**

By Mr. C. F. Saylor, Beet Sugar Expert:

"California is a fertile field for the study of conditions, benefits, and growth of the beet sugar production of the United States. Here is located the oldest continuously successful plant in this country, the plant established at Alvarado, Cal., in 1879. The beet sugar plants of today, however, are not very similar to this original. Even at Alvarado the industry shows a marked evolution, the plant being now a modern, up-to-date concern.

*The Oxnard Courier, Oxnard California, October 7, 1910*

**Mrs. Fugel:**

Mrs. Hans Fugel of Alvarado was recently taken to the Fabiola Hospital to be treated for nervous prostration.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, October 18, 1910*

**Wheel Race:**

The Alameda Wheelman participated last night in a moonlight club run to Alvarado where a handicap race was held on the county road and won by Captain Walker Brown and Lieutenant Al Pertousa. The Wheelman participated in several other races on the county including one where



two of the riders ran into a horse and buggy and ended up badly bruised. A duck dinner was enjoyed at the Alvarado Hotel after the races.

***The Oakland Tribune, October 19, 1910***

### **Liquor License Application:**

F. P. Bento, Alvarado

***The Oakland Tribune, November 14, 1910***

### **Sugar:**

The Alvarado Sugar Mill has closed down for the season. The present season has been a record breaking one, the output being in the neighborhood of 400,000 sacks of sugar. It is rumored that the company is about to erect a plant at Woodland where they have 14,000 acres of sugar beets under cultivation and that the cost of transportation of the raw material between Woodland and Alvarado is such that the company intends to put the beets through the raw stages of sugar making and ship the product to Alvarado for refining.

***The Hayward Twice a Week Review, November 22, 1910***

### **Bank of Alameda County:**

The Bank of Alameda County, with headquarters in Alvarado, opened its first branch Monday in Irvington. There was a good showing of Irvingtonites and the surrounding country present to witness the informal opening and inspect the new premises.

***The Hayward Twice a Week Review, November 22, 1910***

### **Sugar Trust Suit Enjoined:**

[\*\(From The Reno Evening Gazette\)\*](#)

Attacking the American Sugar Refining Company, familiarly known as the "Sugar Trust," as a lawless combination, the federal government today filed its long expected suit for the dissolution of the corporation. The petition was filed by Henry A. Wise, district attorney in the United States circuit court for the Southern District of New York, which is brought under the Sherman Anti-Trust Law, is expected to be one of the most important actions of its kind ever undertaken in this country. The Government's petition is a lengthy one, taking up 221 pages, and is a sweeping arraignment of the defendant companies. There are dozens of defendant companies controlled by the Sugar Trust, including the Alameda Sugar Company of San Francisco and Alvarado California.

***The Reno Evening Gazette, Reno Nevada, November 28, 1910***

### **Suspected Swindler Arrested in Placer County:**

W.E. Rudell, formerly of Oakland, but lately a resident of Emigrant Gap, Placer County, was arrested today by Constable M.H. Lane upon a charge of felony embezzlement brought C.P. McCarthy of Alvarado. McCarthy asked for Mr. Rudell's arrest more than a year ago, alleging that Mr. Rudell had taken unfair advantage in securing property belonging to him. Lane made a trip to Placer County, but says that Rudell, who lived in a cabin overlooking the county road, saw him first and disappeared. Rudell was locked up in the county jail.

***The San Francisco Call, November 29, 1910***

### **Goose Hunters:**

A. H. Hesse of Mt. Eden and E. J. Farley of Alvarado returned on Monday from a few days goose hunting in Norman, Glenn County, and were treating their friends.

***The Hayward Twice a Week Review, December 2, 1910***

### **Alvarado Fugitive Killed:**

According to information received from Oakland, one of the bandits who held and robbed the railroad station at Alvarado last December and with whom Sheriff Barnett and his posse had a gun battle on the night of December 26<sup>th</sup>, has been killed in Seattle. Sheriff Barnett wrote Dr. McMahon that the man whom he shot and wounded in the battle at Niles and called on Dr. McMahon the next day for treatment was killed on October 4<sup>th</sup> in Seattle.

***The Mountain Democrat, Placerville California, December 3, 1910***

**License to Marry:**

Alfred P. Silva, 19, Alvarado  
Miss Mamie S. Duarte, 19, Alvarado  
*The San Francisco Call, San Francisco, Calif., December 6, 1910*

**Duck Hunters:**

Two Berkeley men were caught with 220 ducks in their boat, 150 more than the legal limit. The men kept a shack south of the Continental Salt Company and regularly took more than the legal limit. They hunted only when there were plenty of other hunters about so it was difficult to catch them. But caught they were, and fined heavily.  
*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, December 6, 1910*

**Sugar:**

Mr. George Gray, agricultural manager for the Alameda Sugar Company, was home for a few days this week. Mr. Gray spends most of the time now near Woodland where the sugar company has acquired several thousand acres of choice land for the sugar beet culture. The company is planning to double its output during the next year or so. At present Mr. Gray is having installed an irrigating plant to be used during the coming season at a cost of \$25,000. The firm is also using and has placed orders for several more traction plows with the Best Manufacturing Company. Mr. Gray says one of these new plows will plow six furrows at a time, which make an enormous showing in a day as compared to the horse gangplow.  
*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, December 9, 1910*

**License to Marry:**

Alfred P. Silva, 19, Alvarado  
Miss Mamie S. Duarte, 19, Alvarado  
*The San Francisco Call, San Francisco, Calif., December 6, 1910*

**Ducks:**

The State Game Commission is debating lowering the duck limit to 15 in your possession from 25. They cite the increased occurrences of poaching and the smaller take of ducks.  
*The Oakland Tribune, December 9, 1910*

**Library:**

The town of Alvarado has launched the new library and already has a good membership. Splendid quarters have been secured in the IOOF Building occupying the same room as the Odd Fellows Library with every conceivable convenience such as light, heat, and a carpeted floor. A. Norris, the librarian, is a very courteous gentleman and will make the place inviting for even the most fastidious. The new library already has 100 volumes and through the courtesy of the Odd Fellows their 1,500 volumes are also available,  
*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, December 20, 1910*

**Ducks:**

Ed Convey, H.A. Walsh and "Bunk" Dowling (all from S.F.) had an excellent shoot over the Pacific Club ponds on the Alvarado marshes last Sunday.  
*The San Francisco Call, December 18, 1910*

**Sugar:**

(From *The Woodland Daily Democrat*)

The Alameda Sugar Company of Alvarado is installing a big pumping plant on its land in the Pearl subdivision (Yolo County). The plant includes a 100-horsepower motor, a 16-inch centrifugal pump, and an electric plant with transformers, etc. Ten or twelve wells have been bored and the company expects to begin irrigating the land within a week.  
*The Woodland Daily Democrat, January 5, 1911*

**News Note:**

Chris Skow and wife of Alvarado spent the New Years' holiday with Joel Christiansen of Russell City.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 18, 1911*

**Ducks:**

There was little doing among the duck hunters last Sunday and Wednesday. The birds are widely scattered and few of the club members found it worthwhile to go to their blinds.

Down Alvarado way the marshes were flooded. The heavy rains and phenomenally high tides making the duck-hunting district look like part of the bay. A washout on the Narrow Gauge Railroad also prevented the hunters from making the trip on Sunday.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 22, 1911*

**John Buchannan Dies:**

John Buchannan, a pioneer of this county, and long a resident of Alvarado, passed away at his home Sunday. He was 88 years old; he was the father of Mrs. Margaret Buchannan Emery.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, January 24, 1911*

**News Note:**

Chris Skow and family of Alvarado spent Sunday with the Christiansen family of Russell City.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, February 7, 1911*

**Flood:**

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals would have a case in hand if they should visit a certain dairy near Alvarado where the cows are allowed to remain in three feet of water. This condition of affairs has existed since the beginning of the heavy rains some three weeks ago, and should call an immediate remedy since it is cruelty of the worst kind.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, February 7, 1911*

**Postmaster Resigns:**

Judge E. A. Richmond, who has been Postmaster in this community since 1877, with the exception of four years when I. V. Ralph held the position, has sent in his resignation, which has been accepted. Richmond is 74 years old. He settled in this county 50 years ago.

In 1865 he helped build the J. C. Kellogg, the first locomotive to be built on this coast, and for twenty-six years served as Justice of the Peace for Washington Township.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 8, 1911*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

The members of the six Chambers of Commerce in Washington Township are anxiously waiting for the news to come from the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce whether they are ready to join the combination and fight for the rights of the various cities in regards to improvements. When all of the chambers combine together, the next move will be to elect accredited representatives from all the organizations to meet as one and take up matters for the betterment of the entire township.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 9, 1911*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

Now that nearly every town in Washington Township has an active Chamber of Commerce, the residents of the various towns within its jurisdiction are looking forward to forming some definite plans by which they can assist the fruit shippers. One of the strongest plans under consideration by the members of the different chambers is to urge the residents and businessmen of Alvarado and Warm Springs to form a civic body immediately. After the forming of these two organizations it is planned to join all the chambers in the township into one large organization.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 21, 1911*

**Flood:**

The residents of Alvarado are considering action in regard to the overflow of the Alameda Creek, whose water for the past few months has been flooding the district. Every winter the overflow increases and unless the creek is dredged and the debris is removed damage is feared.

At the present time the cattle of the small dairy farms are standing two feet of water and the refuse of Chinatown has been washed back into the main streets of town.

Some of the residents have started to build walls around their property to protect their home. Fred Wiegman, one of the wealthier farmers in the county has called for plans for the construction of a concrete fence around his property from Alameda Bridge a mile up the creek. He has planned to spend not more than \$3,000. The sixty-acre tract of land owned by J. R. Allguire has been under water for the past two months, in some places up to four feet of water.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 22, 1911*

#### **Flood:**

The recent heavy rains have once again aroused the residents of Alvarado to activity to the opinion that something must be done in a hurry to keep them from becoming driven from their homes, with the rapid rise of Alameda Creek. For the last two years the water from the creek in the wintertime has been inundating all the lands for miles around and several times the residents have been forced to remove their effects to other portions of their houses or to some other house.

To add to the discomfort of the rising of the water, during the summer months many of the residents have to cut down the trees, which line the bank of the creek, and then have allowed the branches to remain on the banks. In the wintertime these branches clog up the culverts and make it impossible for the water to escape. One plan proposed stipulates that a canal be cut from the center of town across the marshes and continue into Crandall Slough, which in turn would connect with the bay and a waterway for ships of light draught to the Bay of San Francisco.  
*The Oakland Tribune, March 5, 1911*

#### **Burr Resigns:**

E. W. Burr, Superintendent of the Alameda Sugar Company has resigned his position and expects to sever his connection with the company effective April 1<sup>st</sup>. Taking his place will be J. W. Atkinson who presently is the plant manager.  
*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, March 7, 1911*

#### **Flood:**

For the past twenty-four hours part of the town of Alvarado has been under water and many of the residents have been forced to flee. Alameda Creek, which the residents of this town have been fighting for the past four years, has overflowed its banks and broken over the dams until it has carried everything before it in a wild rush up the streets. Many hundreds of acres of land are under water. Many houses have been deserted, while food and clothing float down the street.

Rowboats have been pressed into use and the work of rescuing people from their houses last night, during the worst hours of the storm, was carried on by the light of many lanterns, the lighting system being badly damaged.  
*The Oakland Tribune, March 7, 1911*

#### **Flood:**

The sugar beet plantation of the Alameda Sugar Company has been converted into a lake and it is feared that most of the crop will be a total failure. Throughout the town of Alvarado the scene is one of desolation. All means of travel from Oakland and San Francisco has been cut off. The Alameda Creek has burst its banks and Alvarado was only saved from being flooded or washed away by the efforts of its citizens.  
*The Oakland Tribune, March 8, 1911*

**Flood:**

It was thought last night that the recent storm has broken and would allow people to begin repairs, but through the breaking of dams in Niles Canyon, the water continues to rise downstream near Alvarado. No word can be heard from Newark, Centerville, Irvington or Alvarado. Along the Western Pacific lines (Niles) the water has washed away the roadbeds. It is reported that the Alameda Creek at Alvarado has burst its banks and has swept the town.  
*The Oakland Tribune, March 9, 1911*

**Liquor License:**

The application for a liquor license by X. Herme of Alvarado has been received by the board.  
*The Oakland Tribune, March 27, 1911*

**Fourth of July:**

Centerville plans another big Fourth of July celebration this year. Pledges of money to help the celebration are coming in from all towns in the township, including Alvarado.  
*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, April 11, 1911*

**Motorcycle:**

Christian Skow purchased a new motorcycle with a belt drive through the local agent, P. C. Laursen.  
*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, April 14, 1911*

**Alvarado Precinct:**

Bond Election Precinct No. 80 shall consist of all that portion of Washington Township, bounded as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the northerly line of Washington Township with the west line of County Road No. 314, thence westerly along said township line to the westerly line of Alameda County, thence southeasterly along said county line to a point due west of from the mouth of Beard's Creek as shown on map of Alameda County, thence east to and along the center line of Beard's Creek northeasterly to the northwesterly line extended of County Road No. 520, known as the "Bell Ranch Road," thence northeasterly along the northwesterly line of said Bell Ranch Road to the center line of Alameda Creek, thence northwesterly along said line of Alameda Creek to the east boundary line of the lands now or formerly belonging to E.H. Dyer, thence northerly along said line to and along the eastern boundary line of the lands now or formerly belonging to Rosa and said line extended to the north line of County Road No. 556, thence westerly along said line of said road to the easterly boundary line of lands now or formerly belonging to Wiegman, thence northerly along said boundary line of lands of Wiegman to the northeast corner thereof, thence westerly along the northerly boundary line of said lands of Wiegman and lands now or formerly belonging to Allguire and its direct extension to the west line of County Road No. 314, thence northerly along said line of said road to the beginning, being Alvarado Precinct, as established by the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County for general election purposes.

Polling Place: Odd Fellows Hall, situated on the corner of Vallejo and Smith Streets, in the unincorporated town of Alvarado.

**Election Officers:**

Inspector: O.P. Nauert  
Judges: O.J. Emery & A.A. Lee  
Clerk: August May  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 1, 1911*

**Sugar:**

The local Hayward Boy Scout Troop had a bicycle caravan to Alvarado to enjoy a tour of the Alameda Sugar Company's sugar refinery.  
*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, May 9, 1911*

**Alvarado School:**

T.E. McCarty, Principal of the Alvarado School, has been elected Vice-President of the Principal's Club of Washington Township.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 22, 1911*

**Birthday for Hayward Resident:**

A. F. Dressler, retired Hayward resident who was celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday recently had the following Alvarado residents as guests: Mr. & Mrs. F. Wiegman and son Fred Wiegman, Jr., Mrs. E. Hellwig, and Mrs. V. La Grave of Hayward. Mr. Dressler is one of Hayward's wealthiest residents.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 8, 1911*

**Man Shoots Wife:**

Following a quarrel in their home a few miles from here last night John Abern, a farm hand, picked up a rifle and shot his wife as she fled from the house. The shot entered the woman's leg just below the knee.

Neighbor's hearing the shot ran to the woman's assistance and took her to Niles, where she received first aid. She was later removed to the county hospital where she is at the present time resting easily. Abern was arrested on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon and was taken before Justice of the Peace Ferrera in Decoto today.

After the shooting Abern claimed that he shot only to frighten his wife, but the woman declares that he has often made threats against her life and that she lived in mortal fear of him.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 9, 1911*

**Around Town:**

Perry Sunderland of Colorado, a former resident of Alvarado, visited his friends during the last week.

George Hellwig is on a business trip through the country for a few days.

The Eagles held a smoker Monday evening. Boysen and Frederickson of the Riverside Hotel served a supper at the hall.

The last Sunday of the month will be given over to a large barbeque at Alvarado.

Charles Robinson of Mt. Eden and Emily Brown of Alvarado were licensed to marry at the courthouse this week.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 16, 1911*

**Around Town:**

The Township Sunday School picnic was held last Saturday in Niles Canyon. The many Sunday Schools of the area were represented. Alvarado had a large attendance. James Logan took a hay wagonload from here. The day was spent in racing and in games. The children arrived at home about 8 o'clock.

George Bontelho is building a float for **the Eagles**, to take part in the Washington Township parade at Centerville on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

One of the young businessmen of Alvarado is preparing to take a trip to San Rafael, or at least there is a likelihood.

Over 200 persons from Alvarado attended the Holy Ghost celebration at Santa Clara.

**F. B. Granger** and family are at Santa Cruz for the summer.

**Farley B. Granger** was the delegate from the Native Sons of Alvarado at the Santa Cruz convention.

Between sixty and seventy of the **Eagles** will parade in uniform on the Fourth in Centerville. All will wear uniforms of white duck, with white hats and shoes.

Bob Adair caught several steelheads Wednesday in Alameda Creek. He had them to show to prove it.

The slot machines are being removed from Alvarado to comply with the new state law, which goes into effect on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Hotel Alvarado is entertaining twenty-six guests and has a sign up "Full House."

The Union Water Company is surveying through this section preparatory to laying pipes from the wells at the Rose ranch to Alameda.

L. Louden and family, who have resided in this vicinity for twenty-five years, are moving to San Francisco.

Miss Emma Nabor of Alameda spent Sunday with her cousin, Miss Alma Norris.

Mr. & Mrs. Muller of Newark and two children spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. & **Mrs. E. Richmond, Sr.**

The home of J. M. Scribner is being remodeled throughout.

The Misses Beryl Farley and Dorothy I. Ford, and James G. Vanderpeer are home for their summer vacation.

Mrs. W. S. Robie made a flying trip to Healdsburg last week.

Miss Louise Scammel of Oakland spent last week with **Miss Helen Granger.**

Many of the folks from town visited the cherry carnival last Saturday and Sunday.

E. L. Farley made a flying trip to Oakland in his machine last Thursday, taking with him his wife and Mrs. B. H. Ford and **Mrs. E. A. Richmond, Sr.**

**Miss Helen Granger** is home on vacation.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 18, 1911*

#### **Beautiful Homes:**

Among the large beautiful suburban homes of Southern Alameda County are the Ellsworth's at Niles, the Meeks' at San Lorenzo, the Hugh & Thomas Hogan's of Sunol, the Dyer's at Alvarado, the Mehrmann's and the Leach's of Pleasanton, and the Hayward home of Mr. & Mrs. William Angus.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 18, 1911*

#### **Fish & Game Protective Association:**

Elaborate preparations are being made by the members of the Alameda County Fish and Game Protective Association for their barbeque to be held in Newark August 20<sup>th</sup>. Talks and speeches will be given on what has been accomplished since the organization have been founded and steps that will be taken to prevent the removal of the State Game Farm to Davis. It is the intention of the members of this association to secure the land of the Spring Valley Water Company for the enlargement of this preserve. Representing Alvarado from this body will be F. B. Granger Jr.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 20, 1911*

#### **Around Town:**

**J. G. Rose**, a young businessman of Alvarado, who arrived Saturday morning from the border of Mexico, reports that everything is starting to be quiet down there.

The People's Water Company has men at work cleaning the wells of the company. It is reported more wells are to be bored.

A dance for the benefit of the Alvarado Brass Band will be given on Saturday evening, July 1<sup>st</sup>.

W. Lowden, who has been connected with the Alameda Sugar Company for several years, expects to move his family to San Francisco.

Members of the Birthday Club tendered E. M. Tainton a surprise party Saturday evening.

A handsome float is being prepared by the Alvarado Eagles for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration to be held at Centerville.

Mrs. Harry Holston of Salinas is here to visit her parents, **Mr. & Mrs. J. G. Rose.**

Mrs. J. Leal has returned from a trip to Woodland.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 20, 1911*

#### **Fourth of July Celebration:**

The big Fourth of July celebration to be held in Centerville promises to be a first class affair. Committees have been formed throughout the township to plan and prepare the celebration.

The committee members in charge of the arrangements are: H. May, T. S. Ferreira, and J. Whipple of Decoto; Robert Adair, George Hellwig and F. B. Granger of Alvarado; J. Hafner, F. Sayles, and W. Wyatt of Irvington; J. E. Rogers, W. C. Rose, and I. H. Whitfield of Mission San Jose; Charles Evans, W. B. Kirk, and J. Easterday of Niles; and a large number of the leading resident of Centerville.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 22, 1911*

### **Suburban Motor Car Service:**

News of a proposed motorcar route to tie suburban Alameda County together has hit the planning stages. It is hoped that a suburban motorcar service is soon to be established and thereby maintain the communication between the cities. The route is laid out for a loop service working two ways, one starting at Oakland, 1<sup>st</sup> & Broadway, to Elmhurst, Mt. Eden, Alvarado, Newark, Centerville, Niles, Decoto, Hayward, San Leandro and then back to 1<sup>st</sup> & Broadway. There would be a second car running the opposite loop.

This route will allow traffic between the towns to be maintained at all times and promises to greatly assist in the up building of this section of Alameda County.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, June 27, 1911*

### **News Note:**

Charles Farrell motored to Hayward Saturday to attend to business matters. Later he was summoned to Oakland to appear as a witness at the trial of Gus Borrels, which is now up before the judge of the Superior Court in Oakland.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, June 27, 1911*

### **Post Office Break In:**

Burglars forced the door of the post office late last night and broke open the little iron safe with a pick. They found nothing of value in the safe and decamped, driving out of town in a horse and buggy belonging to Joseph Rose. It is believed that the parties had made preparations for a much larger haul either from the post office or from some other source as the telephone cable connecting to the local switchboard was severed shortly after midnight, as was the telegraph line leading from the Southern Pacific Train Depot. Postmaster J. H. Ralph said that there was not more than a few dollars worth of valuables in the office. Before daybreak the station of the Western Pacific at Hayward was looted and it was presumed by the authorities that the same parties did both jobs. Nitroglycerin was used in the Western Pacific safecracking job. Much damage was done to the office, but no money was taken.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 28, 1911*

### **Around Town:**

Misses Amy and Maud Butterworth returned to San Francisco last Sunday evening after spending a week at the **Richmond Home**.

Miss Irma Heyer, who has been visiting relatives here for the past week, returned to San Francisco. Her mother came up Saturday and returned with her on Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Sunkel, and Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Simons of San Francisco made a flying trip to Alvarado, renewing old acquaintances. Mr. Sunkel was at one time chief engineer at the People's Pumping plant here.

Andrew Lund and daughter spent Tuesday in San Francisco and Oakland on a business visit.

Mr. H. P. Dyer and wife of Cleveland, Ohio, paid Alvarado a visit last week.

**Miss Beryl I. Farley** is spending the week in San Jose with relatives.

Mrs. W. S. Kelly and daughter, Irene of Healdsburg, are guests of Mrs. W. S. Robie.

Miss Edith Sinclair and children of San Francisco are spending two weeks with **Mrs. E. A.**

### **Richmond, Sr.**

Mrs. E. A. Richmond, Jr., who was operated on, is recovering.

J. Hodes, who works on the dredger, The Swan, spent Saturday in Alvarado.

The Junior Butt-Inns were entertained by last Saturday by James and Melvin Vanderpeer. The night was spent with music and dancing. Those present were Misses Maud McCarty, Alma Norris,



Edith Sinclair, **Beryl Farley**, Dorothy Ford, and the Messrs. Russell Robie, Everett Richmond, and James and Melvin Vanderpeer.

Mr. & Mrs. Allguire and family, and H. Vandervoort family of Palo Alto, held a barbeque in Niles Canyon last Sunday.

Fred Wiegman is rebuilding his home and will expend about \$3,000. O. J. Emery is the contractor.

Ed Darling is the proud possessor of a fine English bulldog with a pedigree.

William Cranson from the sugar refinery is taking his vacation at Gilroy Hot Springs.

The Alvarado Sugar Mill is preparing for summer work and has a large force of men on the job.

Mrs. Leque is spending her vacation at Tahoe Tavern.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 2, 1911*

#### **Fourth of July Celebration:**

The Washington Township Fourth of July celebration held in Centerville surpassed all expectations in point of numbers and the continual round of pleasures enjoyed by the visitors. The first special excursion train from San Francisco and Oakland brought thousands and until noon people flocked into town from every directions in autos and wagons. The main street from one end of town to the other was one mass of humanity and it difficult to clear the street for the beginning of the parade, which started at 11:30 a.m. The main street was lined on either side with concessions and booths of every description and at different points grandstands were erected from which the visitors could view the parade. The streets were a mass of flags and banners. Brass bands came from San Francisco and Oakland furnishing music during the day and the night from stands created especially for the bands.

In the parade were floats representing every fraternal organization, school, Chamber of Commerce, and many civic organizations and industrial concerns in Washington Township. Miss Mabel Mathlesen, Goddess of Liberty, was seated on a throne of white and gold, attended by cupids in white, on a float drawn by four white horses. A platoon of National Guards from Hayward, under the captaincy of J. J. Bourree, was a feature of the parade.

Prizes were awarded in various categories for parade entrants. Winners from Alvarado included: The Alvarado Eagles took first place in the best float by a fraternal organization. Best Equestrienne went to Miss Maud Perreira of Alvarado. The best industrial display went to the California Nursery at Niles, with second place going to the Alameda Sugar Company of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 5, 1911*

#### **News Note:**

Mr. J. C. Penke and Miss Annie Penke of Mt. Eden made a motor trip to Santa Cruz with the Jung sisters of Alvarado, Lottie and Millie as their guests.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 14, 1911*

#### **Around Town:**

William Robinson, foreman in the Alameda Sugar Company's mill here, is off on his vacation.

Mrs. Robie is to have a cottage built on Vallejo Street in the near future.

Mrs. F. B. Granger and her mother, Mrs. S. P. Harvey, are going to Madrone Springs. F. B.

Granger will take them there in his auto.

E. L. Farley and E. S. Harvey returned from Madrone Springs Sunday night, bringing with them a buck they killed during their stay.

Miss Beryl Farley and Miss Maud McCarty started for camp Wednesday morning.

The Telephone Company is making extensive alterations in the wiring of the town and it is hoped that the change will improve service.

Mrs. J. A. Joyce is in the hospital in Berkeley having a cancer removed from her forehead. Her daughter, Mrs. E. A. Richmond, Jr. was down to see her on Tuesday and reported that she is doing well.

Mrs. E. A. Richmond and Miss Minnie Soito made a trip to Richmond to visit W. B. Richmond and family.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 16, 1911*

**Local Rebekah's:**

Alvarado, July 15<sup>th</sup>: The local Rebekah Lodge held its annual installation of officers at its headquarters here tonight, Mrs. Elva Lansdown of Hayward was officiating the installation. A number of delegates from Hayward and other surrounding lodges were present at the rites, which were elaborately observed. A banquet followed the installation.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 16, 1911*

**Mrs. Sarah Harvey Dies:**

Mrs. Sarah Hill Harvey, aged 80, a pioneer of 50 years in Alvarado, died at her home here Saturday. The funeral took place from the home of F. B. Granger, her son-in-law. The funeral was one of the largest held in Alvarado for years.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, July 18, 1911*

**Mrs. James Hawley Dies:**

Mrs. James Hawley, 89, a pioneer who arrived in Alvarado with her husband James in December 1852. She died on the 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her oldest daughter Mrs. C. Whipple. She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Emily H. Ingalls, Mrs. Clara H. Layson, Mrs. E. H. Beard, and Miss May Hawley. She is also survived by a son, Edwin Hawley and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, July 18, 1911*

**Around Town:**

Alvarado is to be the scene of a big barbeque and dance on a date not yet set, but about the first of August. The band is preparing for the event and committees have been appointed with power to act.

Harry Vandervoort, Jr. of Palo Alto is spending his vacation with his grandparents, **Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Allguire.**

Sidney Bird is again working at the Alvarado Hotel.

**J. Allguire and wife** spent some days in Oakland and San Francisco on business.

R. M. Ralph, formerly of Alvarado, was in town last week.

Harvey Richmond and Ed Winegar of Fruitvale visited the **Richmond home** last week.

Mr. Stillwell has been in Oakland for several days past.

Bob Adair spent two days away from home last week.

Hellwig & La Grave purchased a fine lot of cattle last week.

George Hellwig was in Hayward last week.

**Mrs. E. A. Richmond** has been ill for the past ten days.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 24, 1911*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. Mary Duarte Luiz died last Thursday morning and was buried in the Centerville Catholic Cemetery Friday. She was the wife of Manuel Duarte Luiz, and a native of the Azores. She leaves two sons, Manuel and Joseph.

Mrs. J. H. Ralph entertained at Camp Butt In yesterday afternoon and evening. Sixty campers and guests enjoyed a good time. Cards and bathing were the order of the day and music and dancing took place during the evening. Among the guests were Mrs. B. O. Mickle and family, Mrs. G. P. Lowrie and family, Miss A. Lowrie, Mrs. W. Anderson and sons, Mrs. H. Searles and son, Miss Meyer, Mrs. Jackson, Mr. & Mrs. F. W. Meyer, Mrs. W. Laplante, Mrs. H. Kelsner and son, Mr. & Mrs. Vanderpeer, Mrs. McCarty, Master Farley Granger, George Rose and Joe Roderick.

Miss Millie Nauert is spending a week at Santa Cruz.

Mrs. E. Beebe has returned from Lakeport, where she has been visiting her son, George.

William Robinson and family have moved to Mt. Eden, where he expects to purchase an orchard.

Mrs. Harry Holston of San Francisco is spending a week in Alvarado while her parents, **Mr. & Mrs. J. G. Rose**, are enjoying a week in Santa Cruz.

Ralph & Scribner have let a contract to O. J. Emery for the erection of a new barn in the rear of their store.

M. R. Drack is entertaining his nephew and niece from Oakland.

Council Antone Fonte, U.P.E.C., will give a reception to the Grand President, J. C. Jorge, on the first Sunday in August. A parade followed by a barbeque will be held.

Mrs. Tainton entertained the Birthday Club Thursday.

Mrs. Spencer of Portland Oregon, who has been visiting her mother for the past two weeks, has left for home.

Robert Richmond is enjoying his daily tramps at Mountain View, in the employ of Alameda County.

The Alvarado Band gave a street concert Thursday night.

Mrs. A. Laufer and daughter returned to San Anselmo Thursday after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. E. A. Richmond, Jr.

Mrs. E. Farley entertained the Birthday Club on Tuesday. All members were present.

***The Oakland Tribune, July 31, 1911***

#### **Liquor License Granted:**

J. G. Rose & Son, Alvarado

***The Oakland Tribune, July 31, 1911***

#### **E. W. Burr to Build Mansion:**

A contract has been let out Schwartz Brothers & Son of Hayward to construct a \$14,000 mansion for E. W. Burr on the Cherryland tract, the most exclusive part of Hayward. Burr is a San Jose man and intends to make his country home here ([Hayward](#)). He was formerly superintendent for the Alameda Sugar Co. refinery at Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, August 7, 1911***

#### **Around Town:**

H. Stillwell returned to Oakland.

Bret Larson and Bob Adair and wife have left for a hunting trip to Paradise Valley.

Hellwig and La Grave have purchased a carload of sheep from Nevada.

Mr. Robie is filling in his lot in preparation for building a new house.

Mr. Edwards has been ill for several weeks.

Mrs. Joyce has returned from the Bohannon Hospital.

School opened last week.

Miss Dorothy Ford has returned from Maple Grove.

The Ralph & Scribner families have returned to Alvarado.

The Vanderpeer's have broken camp and returned home.

George Vanderpeer and Joe Rose Jr., are on a hunting trip.

Mr. Emery was in San Francisco on Wednesday.

Mrs. Vandervoort of Palo Alto is visiting Mrs. Allguire.

***The Oakland Tribune, August 7, 1911***

#### **Measles:**

A measles epidemic is sweeping the ranks of Alvarado children and will probably result in the closure of the school this week. In one class, out of forty pupils only eleven were in their seats to answer roll call. So far no adults have been stricken.

***The Oakland Tribune, August 29, 1911***

#### **News Note:**

Robert Adair and Mr. Stillwell were in Mission San Jose last week.

***The Oakland Tribune, August 29, 1911***

#### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. H. P. Dyer and children, Kenneth and Jeanette, of Cleveland Ohio, are the guests of Mrs. E. H. Dyer.

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Joyce & Mr. & Mrs. Winegar, spent Monday afternoon with Mr. E. A. Richmond Jr.

Miss Ethel Foley has secured a position as a teacher in a school at Lompoc, in Santa Barbara County.

Robert Richmond is to spend another month at Mountain View.

Miss Annie Lowrie returned home Friday from a vacation trip of three weeks in various coast cities.

E. M. Tainton returned Monday from a week's tour of the southern part of the state including the oil fields.

A son was born in the home of Charles Pape on Monday.

J. H. Ralph spent Tuesday of this week in Oakland and San Francisco.

R. A. Dees went to San Francisco on Monday.

Mrs. O. J. Emery and family are settled in their new home in Los Gatos.

Miss Maud McCarty left Sunday for Santa Barbara where she will attend school.

O. B. Barth is around again after being confined to his home for a week.

Mrs. George Wolfe spent a few days this week in San Francisco.

Mr. & Mrs. William Laplante are at home after a ten-day's outing in San Francisco and Sacramento.

Mrs. E. Beebe entertained the Birthday Club one day last week.

Work on the dredger has resumed this week under the direction of C. H. Turner.

**George Rose** and **J. S. Roderick** made a flying trip to Vallejo Saturday.

**J. S. Roderick**, of the F. C. Harvey Co., is on vacation.

**George Rose** expects to leave for Stockton soon on business.

The Alvarado Band with the Decoto Band will play at the barbeque in Alvarado on Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**J. R. Allguire** made a business trip to San Francisco last week.

Farley Granger, George Hellwig, E. A. Richmond and **J. R. Allguire** went to the Newark barbeque in an automobile.

F. C. Harvey made a business trip to the city on Tuesday.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 30, 1911*

### **Barbeque:**

The barbeque held here by the local businessmen Sunday was a financial success. The affair was preceded Saturday night by a Grand Ball. Messrs. R. Adair, M. R. Drack, M. A. Silva, and A. Davilla were on the arrangements committee.

Features of the barbeque were athletic contests and a fair at the town hall. The Decoto Brass Band furnished the music. George Bontelho presided at the Grand Ball.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 6, 1911*

### **News Note:**

Joe Machado of Greeley Colorado, brother of Mrs. Joe Roderick and Mr. & Mrs. S. Machado of Alvarado were visitors at the Machado home in Sunol.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 6, 1911*

### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Scribner entertained the Birthday Club at her home last Monday.

A number of Alvarado people have attended the State Fair at Sacramento. Among them were Mr. & Mrs. P.G. Lowrie, Ed Farley and J.G. Rose Jr.

Mrs. Watson of Alameda was a guest last week at the Nauert home.

Mrs. F.B. James is visiting with Mrs. Brown.

Mr. & Mrs. Forbes of Berkeley were guests at the Robie home recently.

Mrs. E.M. Tainton returned last Saturday from a two-week's vacation in Santa Cruz.

Miss Annie Lowrie spent Tuesday in San Francisco.

Mrs. E. Foley made a flying trip to Lompoc last week.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 8, 1911*

**Sugar:**

The entire acreage of the Alameda Sugar Company north of Pleasanton has been leased to Antone Goularte, a prominent rancher in the Santa Rita area. The company's machinery and other paraphernalia is being shipped to its Woodland holdings. The renting of this land and the relinquishment of all surrounding property by the company is a significant fact when considered with the reported sale of the concern's holdings at Alvarado. It is understood the reason for abandoning of the field here is due to the lack of a suitable market. Many of the company's employees have been transferred to other plants and ranches. The Alameda Sugar Company has been active in the Pleasanton area for many years and the move comes as a surprise to many.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 11, 1911*

**Around Town:**

**Mrs. E.M. Tainton** spent a few days in San Jose last week.

The Vanderpeer's have left Alvarado for their new home in Oakland.

Miss Christine Glenny spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Laplante in Alvarado.

Miss Alma Norris returned last week from a month's vacation trip in the northern part of the state.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Beebe of Lakeport were in town for a few days last week.

Mr. Butterworth and daughters visited the **E.A. Richmond** home recently.

Miss Irma Heyer was a guest at the Nauert home last week.

**Mrs. Churchman** entertained the Birthday Club at Mt. Herman last Friday. Those who were the guests of Mrs. Churchman were: Mrs. John Leal, Mrs. John Ralph, **Mrs. E.M. Tainton**, Mrs. J.M. Scribner, Mrs. Ballhache, Mrs. T.E. McCarty and Mr. & **Mrs. E.M. Foley**.

Mrs. K. Ralph has returned to her home in Berkeley after having spent a few days at the home of her son, J. Ralph. The following were entertained at a tea given in her honor: Mrs. H. Dyer, **Mrs. E. A. Richmond Sr.**, **Mrs. E.M. Tainton**, Mrs. Ford, **Mrs. E.M. Foley**, **Mrs. Churchman** and Mrs. K. Ralph.

**Mrs. E.A. Richmond** was in Oakland recently.

A Dees left for a ten days' vacation to Chico.

Mr. & Mrs. Winegar spent Sunday at the home of E.A. Richmond Jr.

Miss Viola Griffith of San Leandro spent Sunday with Miss Dorothy Ford.

Miss Esther Douglas of Fruitvale spent Sunday with Miss Beryl Farley.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 13, 1911*

**Around Town:**

John Leal, engineer of the pumping plant at the Woodlawn **Sugar Mill**, visited the mill at Alvarado today.

Joe Roderick has resigned his position at the **sugar mill**.

Mr. Ralph spent a few days in San Francisco last week.

Mr. & Mrs. McKenzie of San Jose were registered at the Alvarado Hotel last week.

Arthur Dees is taking a vacation.

Mrs. R. Adair visited in San Francisco and Oakland last week.

Mrs. Leboe and son Joe have been visiting with Mrs. Leboe's mother, Mrs. M. A. Silva.

John Scribner and wife, Mrs. E. A. Richmond, and Mrs. Ed Foley are spending a week or two with Mrs. Churchman at her camp at Mt Herman.

Mrs. E. A. Richmond, Jr., has returned from a week's visit in Santa Cruz.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 18, 1911*

**Around Town:**

Miss Nila Leque entertained seven of her friends this week in honor of her birthday. Those attended the affair included the following: Gertrude Juhl, Jeannette Richmond, June Barth, Vernon Kaiser, Bertha and Ivan Hoerle and Mamie Davilla.

The 1915 Orchestra are to give their first grand ball on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, at Alvarado. G.P. Hellwig is taking a vacation at Gilroy Hot Springs.

Mr. & Mrs. Foley visited friends at Vallejo this week.

Mrs. J.R. Allguire expects to depart for a visit to her daughter at Greeley, Col., shortly.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 24, 1911*

### **Alvarado Suffragists:**

A "votes for women" mass meeting will be held here tonight under the arrangements made by the Oakland Suffrage Workers. The local women interested in the movement, joined by many from Mt. Eden, will be present. The committee of arrangements includes Mrs. F.R. Robin, Mrs. E. Beebe, Mrs. Ed Farley, Mrs. E. R. Ford, Miss Celeste Bunker, T.E. McCarty, E.M. Tainton, A. May, F.C. Harvey and John Ralph.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 25, 1911*

### **Alvarado Bridges:**

One of the biggest improvements in some time has been instituted by Roadmaster Farley Granger of the Alvarado district, who has started proceedings to have all the bridges in his territory faced with asphalt.

*The Hayward Twice A Week Review, September 26, 1911*

### **News Notes:**

Robert McKee has left the employ of the Alvarado Hotel and is now on the staff the Hotel Chantecler.

Carl Jepson, who was struck with "sugar poisoning," is slowly recovering

*The Oakland Tribune, October 3, 1911*

### **Suffrage Talk:**

Miss Beatrice McCall, assistant probation officer, and Greene Majors will give addresses on "suffrage"

*The Oakland Tribune, October 9, 1911*

### **Suffrage Talk:**

There were suffrage for women rallies and meetings held throughout the Bay Area. Miss Beatrice McCall, assistant probation officer, and Greene Majors spoke before a large audience at the Odd Fellow Hall in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 10, 1911*

### **Sugar:**

The Alameda Sugar Co., located at Alvarado, California, will move its refinery to Meridian California. Meridian is approximately 40 miles north of Sacramento. The company has secured options on 10,000 acres of sugar beet land, and the company's representatives have announced that the actual transfer of the plant will be completed in early 1913. The new factory will be twice the size of the old plant, and in addition the concern must construct branch railways tapping the sugar beet belt for transportation of beets to the refinery. In the neighborhood of 2,500,000 will be expended on the plant and roads.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 10, 1911*

### **Sugar:**

*(From The Woodland Daily Democrat)*

George Gray, local manager of the Alameda Sugar Company, has been advised that beets are arriving at the Alvarado plant in such large quantities that they cannot be properly handled. He has been shipping an average of twenty carloads a day from this county, but will probably reduce

that number to fifteen carloads a day. Mr. Gray is apprehensive that if he curtails his daily shipment this will stretch out the beet season and may run into early rainfall problems.

*The Woodland Daily Democrat, Woodland California, October 12, 1911*

### **Machine Goes into Creek:**

H. Horton of San Jose met with an accident on the Alvarado Bridge Thursday when his machine went down an embankment, turning turtle. The driver and another occupant were hurled out of the car. Neither was injured beyond a few bruises, but the car was demolished.

The men were trying to pass a team, and attempted to "to cut in," forcing the other man to get out of the road. He refused and to save himself he was forced to go down the embankment.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 15, 1911*

### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Turner of Oakland is visiting her parents, Mr. & Mrs. A . Lund.

Bob Adair is still at Pleasanton.

A crowd from Oakland held a barbeque on the Creek Sunday.

Mrs. George Stevens of San Francisco is the guest of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Allguire.

A large party from Alvarado went to Los Gatos to attend the IOOF Hall dedication.

**George Bontelho** ordered a new automobile.

Miss Hazel Riley is the guest of the Alvarado Hotel.

The Pastime, Mallard, Sprig, and several other gun clubs have made the Alvarado Hotel their headquarters for the season.

**George Bontelho** has returned from the Walnut Creek Water Carnival.

The funeral of Joseph Abreu of Alvarado was held this week. The deceased was 78 years of age.

James Jepson is still at the German Hospital in San Francisco undergoing treatment for sugar poisoning.

Mr. Leo Keyser visited Oakland Wednesday.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 15, 1911*

### **Liquor License Granted:**

Elward Urfur, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, October 16, 1911*

### **Sugar:**

For some time past there has been rumors that the Alameda Sugar Company intended to move its factory from Alvarado, as its main beet supply for some time has been coming from the Sacramento Valley ([Woodland](#)). A dispatch from Meridian, Sutter County, in Monday's papers confirms this rumor and gives the following particulars:

"The Alameda Sugar Company located at Alvarado will remove its refinery to this city ([Meridian](#)). It has secured options on approximately 10,000 acres of sugar beet land, and the company's representatives have announced that the actual transfer of the plant will be completed by early 1913."

"The new factory will be twice the capacity of the old plant, and in addition the concern must construct branch railways tapping the sugar beet belt for the transportation of the beets to the refinery. In the neighborhood of \$2,500,000 will be expended on the plant and roads,"

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, October 17, 1911*

### **Mt. Eden Dance;**

The Mt. Eden Social Club held the first dance of the fall season Saturday night at the Wigwam Opera House in Mt. Eden. The floor was crowded with dancers who came from Hayward, San Lorenzo and Alvarado. The Master of Ceremonies was J. Robinson.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, October 17, 1911*

**News Note:**

Mrs. E. Lang and little daughter of Mt. Eden and Miss Lang of Alvarado have returned from visiting relatives in Salinas.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 22, 1911*

**Sugar:**

[Woodland, Cal.:](#) The Alameda Sugar Company will not be able to complete the harvest of its Yolo County crops until the latter part of November. The Alvarado plant lacks sufficient capacity to handle all the beets controlled by the company this year. As a result several days ago it was necessary to curtail some of the shipments from Woodland to Alvarado.

*The Woodland Daily Democrat, October 25, 1911*

**News Note:**

Harry Hartz of Danville will be locating his family to Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 28, 1911*

**Oscarna Nauert:**

Miss Oscarna Preston Nauert made known her engagement to Harry D. Heitmuller at a card party at which she was the hostess at the Nauert home in Alvarado on Thursday. The affair was given in honor of Mrs. William Wallace Haley and Mrs. Leo P. Haas, school friends of Miss Nauert.

The announcement was made in a thoroughly charming manner. First cards were passed and each guest was asked who among them were engaged; much merriment was caused by the games as several engaged girls were present. The envelopes were given to all to be opened at the same time. One card with the names of the betrothed pair and decorated with tiny red hearts told the happy secret, which Miss Ruth Blair had the pleasure of reading. The attractive young girl was showered with hearty good wishes.

Miss Nauert is the daughter of Charles R. Nauert and the late Hattie Nauert and has resided in Alvarado all her life, her grandparents having settled in Washington Township in the early fifties. Mr. Heitmuller is also well known, both in the commercial and social world.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, November 7, 1911*

**Sugar:**

The activity of the Alameda Farms Co., (which is a companion company to the Alameda Sugar Company) in securing land in the Meridian vicinity as an assurance that the moving of the sugar refinery from Alvarado to Meridian will not be delayed. The company has secured options or has outright purchased nearly 10,000 acres of land in the Meridian area.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, November 17, 1911*

**Niles Real Estate:**

J. Rogers of Alvarado has the purchased the F. S. Francis Corner in Niles. The property is considered to be one of the most desirable pieces of property in Niles.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 27, 1911*

**Alvarado Man Dies In Auto Accident:**

Samuel Aftergut, a wholesale meat dealer and cattle buyer of Alvarado was killed today when his automobile skidded and hurled him against a fence. The injured man did not regain consciousness, dying about an hour later. His widow was notified and came to San Rafael to claim his body and take it back to Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 30, 1911*

**Hayward NSGW:**

The nineteenth annual masquerade ball presented by the Hayward Native Sons was a brilliant success with nearly a thousand persons in attendance. Alvarado was well represented.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 30, 1911*



**License to Marry:**

Manuel A. Leban, Alvarado, 26  
 Marguerite Soite, Alvarado, 18  
*The Oakland Tribune, December 16, 1911*

**Sugar:**

(From *The Woodland Daily Democrat*)

Two companies are vying for sugar beet land in Yolo County, the Sacramento Valley Sugar Company with its plant located at Hamilton, and the Alameda County Sugar Company with its plant in Alvarado. The price this season for beets is \$5 a ton flat, or a graduated price at \$4 a ton for beets at 13% with a 25 cent increase for each percent above 13.

*The Woodland Daily Democrat, Woodland California, December 23, 1911*

**License to Marry:**

Frank S. Brown, Centerville, 21  
 Josephine Goularte, Alvarado, 20  
*The Oakland Tribune, December 23, 1911*

**Sugar:**

(From *The Woodland Daily Democrat*)

The Alameda Sugar Company of Alvarado has purchased its second C.L. Best (forerunner to the Caterpillar Tractor Co.) gas traction engine within the last two months for use in its Yolo County operations.

*The Woodland Daily Democrat, December 30, 1911*

**News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Hartz and family spent Christmas with their relatives, the Hartz family of Danville.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 31, 1911*

**Voter Registration:**

On January 25<sup>th</sup> the IOOF Hall will be open in Alvarado to register men and women for the upcoming voting year.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 2, 1912*

**Alvarado, Alviso & Decoto School Districts:**

A movement has been started in Alvarado to annex the Decoto and Alviso Schools Districts into the Alvarado School District. Petitions are being circulated in the section but there is considerable opposition to the movement. Alvarado School Trustee Vandepier and Principal T.E. McCarty were instigators of the plan. The school trustees of Decoto will send a remonstrance to the Board of Supervisors. It is understood that like action will be taken by the Alviso School District.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 15, 1912*

**Alvarado School:**

Principal T.E. McCarty is responsible for introducing manual arts training at the Alvarado Grammar School; the first school in Alameda County do so. The pupils of the higher grades made all of their workbenches and fitted up their shop with a most complete plant.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 17, 1912*

**Sugar Beet Factories in California:**

There are eleven beet sugar factories in operation in California. Following is the list and daily capacity in tons:

<u>Companies:</u>	<u>Factories:</u>	<u>Daily Tonnage:</u>
Alameda Sugar Co.	Alvarado	800
Los Alamitos Sugar Co.	Los Alamitos	700
Spreckels Sugar Co.	Spreckels	3,000

Union Sugar Co.	Betteravia	1,000
American Beet Sugar Co.	Chino	900
American Beet Sugar Co.	Oxnard	2,000
Pacific Sugar Co.	Visalia	400
Pacific Sugar Co.	Corcoran	600
Sacramento Valley Sugar Co.	Hamilton	200
Southern Calif. Sugar Co.	Santa Ana	600
Huntington Beach Sugar Co.	Huntington Beach	800

*The Oakland Tribune, January 17, 1912*

**Liquor License Granted:**

J. V. Lopes, Alvarado  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 22, 1912*

**Odd Fellows Lodge:**

Chester Beck of Livermore officiated at the installation services held by the Crusade Lodge of Odd Fellows at Alvarado. The members of the Alvarado Lodge are making plans for a banquet and entertainment to be given within the next few weeks, at which delegations from Niles and Irvington are expected to attend.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 23, 1912*

**Bank of Alameda County:**

An annual election of officers was held here yesterday by the stockholders of the Bank of Alameda County resulting in the following: President August May; Vice-President F. Wiegman; Secretary & Cashier J. R. Blacow; Assistant Cashier R. A. Blacow.

The only change in officers is that of Cashier, J. R. Blacow taking the place of E. H. Stevenson. Besides the foregoing officers F. B. Granger, George Althausen, and H. H. Patterson were elected to the Board of Directors.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 23, 1912*

**Sugar:**

Manuel Faria has purchased four lots of land from Alameda Sugar's Fair Ranch totaling 21.16 acres.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 26, 1912*

**Poorman Dairy:**

W.M. Carruthers has just shipped from Turlock, two carloads of dairy cows to Samuel Poorman of Riverside County. Mr. Poorman has recently sold his dairy at Alvarado where he was milking 500 cows, and he is now developing and stocking his ranch in Riverside County. The Poorman Dairy at Alvarado has been of the dependable sources of San Francisco milk supply. After shipping sweet milk on a large scale for several years, Mr. Poorman is now making butter on his new ranch.  
*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, January 27, 1912*

**Liquor License:**

T.S. Mello of Alvarado has applied for a liquor license.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 5, 1912*

**Sugar:**

**OPEN LETTER TO THE EDITOR:**

Editor Tribune: The Alameda Sugar Company is located at Alvarado in Alameda County. Its factory is the oldest and at one time the only beet sugar factory in operation in the United States. The company has seen the progress and the growth of the beet sugar industry from 45,000 in 1897 to 600,000 tons in 1911.

This growth has become a menace to the Eastern refiners of duty paying, raw cane sugar, and they combined in a persistent attack on the beet sugar interests, seeking an abolition of the duty

under the cloak of serving the ultimate consumer. Their professions in this regard are insincere and their motives are purely selfish.

Our company is a member of the United States Beet Sugar Industry, which defensive organization was made necessary by the operations of the Eastern cane refiners. We enclose one its leaflets compiled from testimony recently taken by the Hardwick committee.

California produced in 1911 nearly 150,000 tons of beet sugar, nearly one quarter of our entire beet product. If your views are in line with the protection of American industries until the official authorities become satisfied that protection is no longer needed to make our country self supporting in the matter of sugar, we would be glad if your would make such comment in your columns as accord with your opinions on the subject.

If you should be in want of any information we will be glad to give it to you.

Yours truly,

John L. Howard, President

Alameda Sugar Company

*The Oakland Tribune, February 9, 1912*

**License to Marry:**

Joseph S. Garcia, San Lorenzo, 52

Rita Santo, Alvarado, 43

*The Oakland Tribune, February 13, 1912*

**License to Marry:**

Henry P. Nauert, Alvarado, 21

Edith Kent, Oakland, 18

*The Oakland Tribune, February 26, 1912*

**Horses Stolen:**

A gang of horse thieves broke into a barn at Alvarado some time Tuesday night and stole two horses belong to W. H. Parish, a local dairyman. On of the animals is a bay mare 9 years old and the other is a sorrel gelding 10 years old. They were valued at \$600. Deputies have been warned to be on the lookout.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, March 1, 1912*

**Baseball:**

The Hayward baseball team held a practice game Sunday and are talking of joining a league in which the teams would be Niles, Alvarado, Centerville, Irvington, Decoto and Hayward.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, March 5, 1912*

**Liquor License Granted:**

Michael Dever, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, March 12, 1912*

**Elizabeth Hellwig Dies:**

The community was shocked this week to learn of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Hellwig, wife of the late Phillip Hellwig, who died Thursday at age 69. Mrs. Hellwig has been a resident of Alvarado for nearly 45 years and many people will miss her. Her late husband was part owner of the Hellwig and La Grave Meat Co. of Alvarado. A son George P. Hellwig of the Hellwig La Grave Meat Company survives her. Mrs. Hellwig was active in the Rebekah's and the Order of Eastern Star.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, March 19, 1912*

**Mrs. Barton Returns:**

Mrs. John Barton and her daughter, Mrs. T. Cuyler, have returned to California after several years abroad. Mrs. Barton is the widow of John Barton, a California pioneer who made a big fortune in salt. The Barton estate still owns a big salt plant on the Alvarado marshes in Alameda County.

After her husband's death Mrs. Barton and her daughter made their home in the Palace Hotel in San Francisco, going abroad soon after the San Francisco fire.

Mrs. Barton and her daughter will now move into their Alameda estate, which has not been occupied for several years. At the time it was built it was finest home in that city. It occupies almost a block of land in the heart of the city, the barns, conservatories and other buildings being constructed on the liberal scale on which millionaires did things.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 6, 1912*

#### **Ranch Sold:**

A realty firm reports the sale during the past week of the Phoebe Hall ranch, near Alvarado, to R. B. Mott of Alameda for \$90,000. The soil of the farm is exceedingly rich and for years has been devoted to raising sugar beets. There are a number of artesian wells on the property.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 12, 1912*

#### **John Hall Ranch:**

R. B. Mott, purchaser of the John Hall Estate from Phoebe Hall has announced that his plan for the property is to subdivide it into smaller farms and place them on sale.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 24, 1912*

#### **Ladies Society Volberg:**

At the regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Society Volberg in Dania Hall last Saturday evening the following members were initiated: Mrs. Robert Liebe of Hayward, Miss Katie Hansen of Russel, and Mrs. Jacob Cook of Alvarado.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, April 26, 1912*

#### **Sugar:**

No class of farmers, says the *Yolo Democrat*, were better pleased with the recent rains than the men engaged in sugar beet growing. The representatives of both the big companies operating in Yolo County say they are from a month to six weeks further advanced than at the same period last year, and crop prospects are most promising. The company which for several years operated at Alvarado, Alameda County, but which recently removed its plant to Meridian, Sutter County, is said to have authorized a bond issue of a million dollars to provide funds for the erection of a big plant, the bonds to be secured by lands recently acquired by the company. The plant will be one of the largest in the country.

*The Pacific Rural Express, San Francisco, April 27, 1912*

#### **Miss Nauert Weds:**

At one of the prettiest and most novelly arranged weddings which ever took place in the county, Miss Oscarna Nauert, the popular and talented daughter of Mr. Charles Nauert of Alvarado, was married to Henry D. Heitmuller, a businessman of San Francisco, at the home of the bride's father there at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening, April 24<sup>th</sup>. The Reverend Liebe of San Francisco performed the ceremony. Immediately afterward the bridal couple left by automobile for Hayward where a train was boarded for the Yosemite Valley, where the honeymoon will be spent.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, April 30, 1912*

#### **Around Town:**

Martin Rose has left for Hollister, where he expects to remain for several months.

George Vanderpeer has returned after a month's vacation in the northern part of the state.

Thomas Frost, wife and son from Oakland, have been here this week visiting Frost's parents.

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Dees have returned from their wedding trip and are now at home. Mrs. Dees will continue to act as Postmistress.

F. C. Harvey and F. B. Granger took two loads of friends to Los Gatos in their automobiles this week.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 19, 1912*

#### **Dry Vote:**

Washington Township solidly turned down the provisions of the Wylie option to make Washington Township a "dry" township. The vote was 1,251 for "wet" and 747 for "dry." In Alvarado the vote was 158 for "wet" and 95 for "dry." All other townships in the First Supervisorial District also voted "wet."

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, May 24, 1912*

**News Note:**

Mrs. P. D. McCarthy of Alvarado is the houseguest of Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Piercy of Bonita Avenue in Piedmont.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, May 24, 1912*

**Around Town:**

Joseph G. Rose made a trip to the city this week on business.

Mrs. Cronin and children are visiting in San Francisco this week.

Miss Luna of Decoto is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. Luna, this week.

Mrs. E. M. Foley entertained the Butt-Ins Monday of this week at her home.

Mrs. W. S. Robie visited her daughter, Mrs. Muller in Newark on Wednesday.

Mrs. T. E. McCarty returned Saturday to her home after a month's illness in the hospital.

Mrs. E. A. Richmond returned home after a weeks' visit in San Rafael in which she attended the Rebekah's convention as delegate from the Alvarado Lodge.

Mrs. E. A. Richmond, Jr., entertained the Birthday Club Friday, in the observance of her birth. A luncheon was served at 1:30, after which cards was the chief amusement.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 26, 1912*

**Land Sale:**

The Alameda Sugar Company has sold 6.48 acres of its Fair Ranch in Alvarado to John S. D'Avila.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 13, 1912*

**News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Roderick of Sunol paid a visit to Mrs. Roderick's parents in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 30, 1912*

**Land Sale:**

The Alameda Sugar Company has sold 10 acres of its Fair Ranch in Alvarado to H.G. Melnecke.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 2, 1912*

**Businessmen's Barbecue:**

The businessmen of Alvarado will give a businessmen's carnival, starting next Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, and lasting until Sunday night. The fiesta will include a barbecue, dancing and amateur theatricals to be arranged for by the Portuguese Dramatic Club of Oakland. A committee of arrangements has been organized and will announce the program within the next few days. The carnival will be the second of its nature given by the local businessmen.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 15, 1912*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. John Edwards is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Sophie Olendorf

Mrs. John Sinclair of Colorado is the guest of Mrs. E. L. Farley.

F. C. Harvey and family have left on a camping trip to Tahoe.

E. M. Anderson and family will move to San Leandro soon.

Mrs. Fred Muller and daughter of Newark spent last Sunday here.

J. H. Ralph and wife, and E. M. Foley and family left this week for Monte Rio.

Mrs. J. H. Ralph entertained a number friends here recently.

J. C. Boysen of Gilroy, a merchant of that place, is the guest of his brother, N. Boysen at the Riverside Hotel.

Mrs. Jennie McCormick of Centerville has been spending the week with her sister, Mrs. E. Beebe.

Mrs. W. S. Robie entertained a few friends Wednesday evening in honor of John Sinclair.

Miss Mavis Scribner returned Sunday from a visit to San Francisco.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 21, 1912*

**News Note:**

T. E. McCarty of Alvarado has been in Placerville looking after some business interests.  
*The Mountain Democrat, Placerville California, July 27, 1912*

**News Note:**

Miss Annie Ralph is spending a few days in Oakland this week.  
*The Oakland Tribune, August 1, 1912*

**Mrs. Margaret Murphy Dies:**

Mrs. Margaret Murphy died in San Francisco at age 80. She came to California in the early 1850's with her husband Captain Edward Murphy and settled in Alvarado. They stayed until 1872 when they moved to Dublin where they kept a hotel. From there they moved to Livermore where Captain Murphy died in 1882. Mrs. Murphy remained in Livermore until about ten years ago. Mrs. Murphy leaves four sons and a daughter.  
*The Oakland Tribune, August 10, 1912*

**Sugar:**

Development on the 12,000 acres owned by the Alameda Sugar Co. near Meridian, Sutter County, which was halted when the free sugar bill passed the house, has been resumed, and 3,000 acres will be planted to beets. The 1913 crop will be shipped to the Alvarado factory, but at the latter end of this year the erection of the new factory will be commenced at Meridian and be ready to handle the 1914 crop, when the entire 12,000 acres is expected to be producing beets. The Alvarado factory will be dismantled and the new one will necessitate a bond issue of \$15,000,000. The new plant is calculated to produce in excess of 20,000 tons of sugar each season, which will mean handling approximately 180,000 ton of beets  
*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, August 12, 1912*

**Around Town:**

**Mrs. Robie** was recent visitor in Oakland.

**Mrs. Ballhache** of Fitchburg entertained the **Birthdays Club** at her home on Friday. Mrs. E. A. Richmond, Jr., Mrs. McCarty, **Mrs. E. L. Farley**, Mrs. Beebe, **Mrs. Robie**, Mrs. Rutherford, and Mrs. Ford were present.

Miss Dorothy Ford has left for a few days in Oakland.

**Mrs. E. L. Farley** entertained the **Birthdays Club** on Wednesday afternoon. "500" was played and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess before adjournment. **Mrs. Ballhache** carried away the first prize, a cut glass cologne bottle, while **Mrs. Barth** fell the consolation prize, a bon-bon dish.

Miss Ethel Foley is visiting friends in the city this week.

Miss Anne Lowrie spent several days with friends in San Francisco this week.

Mr. & Mrs. P. G. Lowrie have returned from Salinas, where they enjoyed the fiesta.

Mrs. Tainton, Mr. & Mrs. Leal and Mrs. Ralph were the guests of **Mrs. Ballhache** of Fitchburg this week.

Walter Thompson of Phoenix Arizona is the guest of **Mrs. Barth**.

Mrs. Miller of San Jose is visiting with Mrs. E. A. Richmond.

Miss Mary Mickle of Centerville is visiting with Mrs. J. H. Ralph.

Mr. A. Davilla and daughters are on a two-week vacation.

Mr. C. H. Dewey is at Findley in Lake County for two weeks.

Mrs. A. J. Kernall is in San Francisco for a ten-day vacation.

Miss Mavis Scribner and Miss Helen McCarty returned from Mission Peak on Monday, where they have been enjoying camp life.

Mrs. & Mrs. M. A. Silva have returned from a two-week visit at Gilroy.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 13, 1912*

**Sugar:**

*(From The Woodland Daily Democrat)*

The sugar beet harvest is now in full swing. The development of sugar in the beets has been somewhat retarded by the cool nights but the ripening process is going rapidly now. Most of the beets in this vicinity will average about 19 percent sugar.

The shipments of the Alameda Sugar Company to the Alvarado factory will now average about twelve carloads a day. The company is experiencing some trouble with its (Alvarado) help. The Hindus and Mexicans are not altogether satisfactory and the Japanese help is insufficient. The daily shipments will gradually increase hereafter.

*The Woodland Daily Democrat, Woodland California, August 23, 1912*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. J. H. Ralph entertained the "500' Club on Saturday evening.

Mrs. J. K. Mickle and Mrs. George Lowrie were visitors in town on Tuesday.

Mr. & Mrs. Robie and Miss Celeste Bunker spent Sunday in Newark.

Mrs. E. Beebe and Mrs. George Beebe spent Wednesday in San Francisco.

Miss Dorothy Ford and Miss Beryl Farley have returned to school in Oakland.

Miss Ethel Foley has returned to Santa Barbara where she will teach school.

Miss Helen Granger has returned to attend school.

Mr. & Mrs. A. Dees spent Sunday at Mt. Tamalpais.

Mrs. E. L. Farley entertained friends on Tuesday.

Miss Alma Norris is attending San Francisco Normal.

Mrs. Martha Miller is the guest of Mrs. E. A. Richmond, Sr.

Mrs. A. J. Rutherford made a flying trip to Oakland Wednesday.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 25, 1912*

#### **F. C. Harvey:**

Miss Frates, a timekeeper at Hunt Brothers Cannery, while coming up B Street on a wheel was run into by F. C. Harvey, an Alvarado merchant in his auto at the corner of B & Castro Streets Tuesday about noon. The young lady suffered several bruises, but luckily had no bones broken. The wheel was considerably broken, but Mr. Harvey agreed to pay for all repairs. The lady, it is said, was on the wrong side of street, and Mr. Harvey could not be held as being to blame.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, August 30, 1912*

#### **Truck Falls Through Bridge:**

The large automobile truck used by the Golden West Brewing Co., went through the long bridge at Alvarado Monday evening. Mike Campbell was at the wheel of the machine, which was carrying a ton and a half of empty beer barrels. When the truck was half way over the bridge it went completely through and landed in the bottom of the creek on its side. Campbell jumped in time to avoid injury, but the damage done to the truck will be considerable. A crew from the Hayward Garage went down the next morning and towed the wreck back to Hayward.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, September 27, 1912*

#### **Around Town:**

A number of ladies from Alvarado were the guests of Mrs. W. Ballhache of Fitchburg on Tuesday. Those in the party included Mrs. E. M. Foley, Mrs. B. H. Ford, **Mrs. J. H. Ralph**, Mrs. W. S. Robie, **Mrs. E. A. Richmond Jr.**, and **Mrs. E. M. Tainton**.

**Mrs. J. H. Ralph** entertained the Alvarado Birthday Club Thursday afternoon at "500." **Mrs. Farley** carried off the first prize; Mrs. J. S. Leal received the guest prize, and **Mrs. E. A. Richmond Jr.** the consolation prize.

Mrs. W. N. Nicol spent Monday in Oakland.

Mrs. C. Skow spent Thursday with relatives in Russell City.

Melvin Vanderpeer spent the weekend in Alvarado.

**Mrs. E. M. Tainton** returned this week from San Jose.

Mrs. T. E. McCarty returned Wednesday from her trip to Los Angeles.  
Mrs. A. Lund and daughter Eva spent Thursday with her daughter Mrs. J. Turner in Oakland.  
Miss Mildred Jackson of Oakland was the guest of Miss Beryl Farley over Sunday.  
Alma Norris accompanied by Mr. & **Mrs. E. L. Farley** motored to Alum Rock last Sunday.  
*The Oakland Tribune, September 29, 1912*

#### **Mt. Eden Death:**

The death of Miss Johanna Penke of Mt. Eden occurred at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning. Miss Penke had been sick for about three weeks with appendicitis before she finally succumbed. She was a native of Mt. Eden and was 49 years old. She leaves her mother Mrs. Emilie Penke, two sisters, Miss Anna Penke of Mt. Eden and Mrs. Christina Jung of Alvarado, and one brother, Mr. John Penke of Mt. Eden.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 4, 1912*

#### **Classified Ad:**

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE:

Subdivide This:

Fifty acres of rich land one mile from Alvarado on main county road, quarter mile from Southern Pacific station. Good as a whole or suitable for small farms.

Box 326, Tribune.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 6, 1912*

#### **Ducks:**

While shooting is not considered the best, there are plenty of sprig and spoonbill on the Alvarado marshes and at Robert's Island an occasional mallard is being taken. The season is early for canvasback, but a cold snap may be expected at any time to bring them in.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 15, 1912*

#### **Ducks:**

Good shooting has been had on the Alvarado and Mt. Eden marshes.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 18, 1912*

#### **Ducks:**

Down on the soft Alvarado marshes a cane is about as much use as an automobile in Venice. At the expense of \$1.50 the sportsman has had attached to the bottom of his stick a circular piece of wood an inch thick and four or five inches in diameter, which successfully solves the problem of navigating the marshes on foot.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 21, 1912*

#### **Polling Place:**

The Polling place for the Alvarado Precinct will be the IOOF Hall.

Inspectors: Mrs. Margaret Emery, Mrs. W. S. Robie.

Judges: F. C. Harvey and C. Jepson.

Clerks: A. A. Bettencourt and A. A. Lee.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 23, 1912*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss K. Nauert was a visitor in town Sunday last.

**J. H. Ralph** made a flying trip to San Francisco on Tuesday.

Mrs. E. A. Richmond returned from a visit to Port Costa on Monday evening.

Mrs. B. H. Ford was the guest of Mrs. H. D. Ford in Irvington a week ago Friday.

**Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Ralph** drove to Irvington last Sunday to attend the baseball game.

Mrs. Robie and Miss Bunker entertained for Mrs. F. B. Granger on Friday.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 27, 1912*

#### **Chanticler Hotel:**



Alameda County District Attorney Donahue put before the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County the following complaint:

That X. Herme is conducting a saloon and hotel at Alvarado known as the Chanticleer Hotel. That Mr. Herme serves alcoholic beverages under the license of the County of Alameda.

That Mr. Herme did sell to L. Robinson and Isadore Costanzo intoxicating liquors in violation of the terms and provisions of said ordinance and in violation of the law. That Mr. X. Herme when business warrants it, keeps his establishment open all night selling intoxicating liquor during said hours and in violation of the law.

That said Mr. X. Herme is now harboring and permitting to live and occupy rooms at said Chanticleer Hotel, for about two months, a common prostitute.

The District Attorney therefore asks that the liquor license of the Chanticleer Hotel granted to Mr. X. Herme be revoked.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 28, 1912*

#### **Oakland Man Shoots Self:**

Percy Zent, an Oakland man recently discharged from his job on the Alvarado marshes, went on a partying spree, returned to his former place of employment, and shot himself in the head. His body was discovered last night in the Alvarado marshes.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 5, 1912*

#### **News Note:**

Constable Bontelho of Alvarado was in Hayward on business Monday morning.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, November 12, 1912*

#### **Around Town:**

The many friends of **F. B. Granger** and family tendered to them a farewell party on last Saturday evening at the IOOF Hall. A beautiful leather chair was given to Mr. Granger and a beautiful piece of statuary to Mrs. Granger. The evening was spent in playing cards and dancing. A delightful repast was served.

Miss Mildred Nauert was a visitor in Oakland this week.

Donald Ford was on the sick list for a couple of days this week.

Miss Gladys Ralph was a guest at the **Richmond home** on Sunday.

Miss Margaret Moffitt went to Alameda Wednesday for a few days stay.

Mrs. J. Edwards spent a few days this week in San Francisco.

E. L. Farley has returned from a trip to the northern part of the state.

Mrs. George Beebe of Kelseyville is a guest at the Scribner home this week.

Mr. & Mrs. August May attended the football game at Berkeley last Saturday.

Mrs. J. A. Richmond and children, Ruth and Alice, were the guests of **Mrs. E. A. Richmond Sr.**, on Saturday and Sunday.

Elmer Chase and family came up from San Jose last Saturday to attend the party of his brother-in-law, **F. B. Granger**.

Mrs. J. H. Ralph entertained the "At Homes" on Thursday of this week.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 17, 1912*

#### **Sugar Tour:**

The advanced Home Economics class at Mills College, in Oakland, toured the sugar mill in Alvarado yesterday. The class was chaperoned by Miss Mary Vail, who stands at the head of this line of work on the West Coast. The various branches of Home Economics were under her direction at the University of California at Berkeley in 1911 and 1912.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 17, 1912*

**Real Estate:**

Manuel E. and Maria T. Furtado to John I. Vargas, gift deed, Centerville Alvarado Road at intersection of east line of Watkins Street, in deed to Furtado, May 10, 1901, Alvarado.  
*The Oakland Tribune, November 30, 1912*

**Around Town:**

J. S. Leal is a visitor in town this week.

Miss Mae B. Woolsey was a guest at the **Ford** home last Sunday.

Mrs. E. A. Richmond Sr. is laid up this week with a very bad cold.

The Granger family has finally departed for their new home in Broadmore.

The dance given last Saturday night by the band boys was "reported" to be very successful.

Miss Isabelle Davilla accompanied by her mother, Mrs. A. Davilla, spent Wednesday in Oakland.

**Miss Celeste Bunker** and **Miss Hattie Kent** made a flying trip up to San Francisco last Saturday.

Mrs. J. Edwards who was operated on this week at the Alameda Sanitarium is reported on the road to recovery.

Little Frederick and Frances Mueller were guests of their grandmother, **Mrs. W. S. Robie**, on Saturday and Sunday of last week.

Mrs. E. M. Tainton entertained **Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Ralph**, **Mrs. Arthur Dees**, Miss Anne Lowrie and Walter Humphreys at a dinner party on Sunday in honor of **Mrs. Ralph's** birthday.

**Mrs. W. S. Robie** returned last week from a visit to Healdsburg.

**Miss Celeste Bunker** spent the holidays last week in San Jose.

Mrs. M. Barr was a guest at the Scribner home over the holidays.

Mrs. T. E. McCarty and Mrs. A. J. Rutherford spent Tuesday in Oakland.

The Alvarado sugar mill closed on Monday after a very successful season.

Mrs. E. M. Foley returned on Monday of this week from a delightful trip to Woodland.

Mr. & Mrs. George Woolsey of Ione were guests of **Mrs. B. H. Ford** on Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. O. Barth entertained **Miss Celeste Bunker**, **Miss Hattie Kent**, and Mr. & **Mrs. A. Dees** at dinner Wednesday evening.

The home of **J. H. Ralph** suffered a narrow escape at the hands of a fire. The fire was discovered before any damage could be done.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 15, 1912*

**Farley B. Granger:**

Farley Granger, the genial Road master from Alvarado, was a Hayward visitor Saturday. He was not confined to his bed with rheumatism as had been previously reported.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, December 17, 1912*

**News Note:**

Eugene Stevenson and Henry May of Alvarado were Hayward visitor's Friday, coming up in the formers machine.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, December 19, 1912*

**J.R. Allguire:**

U.S. Genweb Tombstone Project, J.R. Allguire, date of death: January 20, 1913. Interred: Decoto Cemetery, Hayward California

<http://files.usgwarchives.net/ca/alameda/cemeteries/decoto.txt>

**Constable Bontelho:**

Constable Bontelho, of Alvarado, was a visitor in Hayward on business Thursday.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, December 20, 1912*

**New Water District:**

Petitions are being circulated to include San Lorenzo, Mt. Eden, and Alvarado within the proposed municipal water district of the east bay cities. Hayward so far has not been included in the

proposed district, but a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce is to be held next week to discuss the matter.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 21, 1912*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. August May entertained a number of guests on last Saturday evening in honor of her husband's birthday. They all report having the best time of their lives. Among those present were A. J. Rutherford, **E. M. Foley**, F. C. Harvey, T. E. McCarty, George Beebe, E. L. Farley, W. S. Robie, J. M. Scribner, J. H. Ralph, E. M. Tainton and A. Norris.

J. O. Edwards was called away suddenly to the bedside of his wife on Tuesday. Mrs. Edwards had been in the sanitarium in Alameda for the past two weeks and was thought to be improving, but she had a sudden relapse.

The Granger family were visitors in town on Wednesday.

Mrs. E. L. Farley entertained the "At Homes" on Tuesday of this week.

John Jones and wife have recently moved into the apartments recently vacated by Mrs. Estelle Leque.

Rev. Herriott has accepted the pastorate of Centerville & Alvarado. He will reside in Centerville. Miss Ethel Foley of Lompoc is spending the holidays with her parents **Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Foley**.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 22, 1912*

#### **Hayward Odd Fellows:**

Hans Henningsen, J. Sawyer, Hans Andersen, Arthur Manter, C. O. Johnson and John Ripping of Hayward attended the meeting of the Alvarado Odd Fellow's recently. They motored down in John Ripping's bus.

*The Hayward Twice a Week Review, December 24, 1912*

#### **Ducks:**

With a bag of 142 ducks, which he shot on the Alvarado marshes, James Boyd of San Francisco, congratulated himself on the success of the days' sport. But he failed to reckon with Deputy Game Warden J. Rose and L. Pape of Alvarado. As a result his little shooting expedition cost him \$25 yesterday when he appeared before Justice of the Peace C. Prowse of Hayward.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 1, 1913*

#### **Sugar:**

*(From The Woodland Daily Democrat)*

The sugar beet crop will be planted in Yolo County nearly two months earlier than it was last year. As practically all of that land is irrigated a large crop is assured whether the rainfall is sufficient or not.

*The Woodland Daily Democrat, Woodland California, January 3, 1913*

#### **Liquor License:**

T. S. Mello, an application for a liquor license in Alvarado was protested by Miss G. R. Crocker, Chairman of the Civic Committee of the Washington Township Country Club based on technical grounds. A hearing has been set.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 6, 1913*

#### **Escaped Lunatic:**

Information has been received that Edward Delancy, an escaped lunatic from Agnew's State Hospital last Wednesday, is heading for this district. He was last seen in the vicinity of the Alvarado marshes. Sheriff Barnett and a posse are on the trail of the demented man, and have been scouring the neighborhood the countryside in this area for the past few days.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 27, 1913*

#### **Liquor License Granted:**

T. S. Mello, Alvarado, no protest

***The Oakland Tribune, February 1, 1913***

**Beautiful Panorama:**

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TRIBUNE:

I have seen no comment anywhere on the remarkable atmospheric conditions, which prevailed on Saturday of last week. I happened to be in Piedmont on Saturday afternoon and was amazed to note the clearness with which distant hills could be distinguished.

A gentleman who was with me pointed out various peaks with which he was familiar with in the coast range and far to the south Mt. Hamilton was plainly visible. Nearer at hand the Alvarado hills ([Coyote Hills?](#)) could be seen very distinctly.

Thus from Mt. Tamalpais on the north to Mt. Hamilton in the south, the eye ranged over a vast expanse embracing at least one hundred square miles. I think people in general scarcely appreciate this marvelous panorama, which is spread before the eyes

***The Oakland Tribune, February 5, 1913***

**Ducks:**

George Adams of Oakland was up around Alvarado several days ago and managed to bring in a good bag of canvasbacks and bluebills.

***The Oakland Tribune, February 16, 1913***

**Sugar:**

The Alameda Sugar Company has sold 6.3 acres of its land on its Alameda Sugar Company's Fair Ranch at Alvarado to Tony D. Luiz

***The Oakland Tribune, February 20, 1913***

**Alameda Eagles:**

A large number of Alameda Eagles journeyed to Alvarado last night in a big "sight seeing" expedition. The Alameda degree team put on the work of initiating a class in the Alvarado Lodge. Afterwards everyone treated to a large banquet.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 4, 1913***

**Liquor License:**

L. Hansen, Alvarado

***The Oakland Tribune, March 10, 1913***

**Niles Carnival:**

The contest for Queen of the Niles Carnival is now in full swing, and will continue so until closing on March 15<sup>th</sup>. The list of fair competitors consists of twenty-five young ladies of Washington Township. The contestants from Alvarado are Beryl Farley, Mamie Amaral, Minnie Rose and Dorothy Ford.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 11, 1913***

**Bank Robbery:**

Five bandits armed with powerful searchlights and rifles stood off all interferences of the part of citizens in Alvarado at an early hour this morning, when they dynamited the vaults of the **Bank of Alameda County** in an effort to gain access to \$27,000 in gold and silver.

With the building shattered and the heavy vaults wrecked, the two men working on the inside of the institution were forced to leave with but \$19.20 in spite of the fact that the greater amount was in sight through forced steel doors. They could not move the doors, which had blown inward instead of outward and with daylight threatening and the alarm spreading into the surrounding country, they abandoned their efforts.

Constable G.G. Bontelho was held a prisoner in his home across from the bank. Three men stood guard about the building flashing their searchlights upon neighboring doors and windows

whenever a head appeared. Their threats were backed up by frequent shots from their rifles and sawed-off shotguns. Telephone wires were severed before the men commenced their operations.

From the information garnered by Sheriff Barnet, who went to the scene several hours later when he received word of the robbery, the five bandits had entered Alvarado shortly before 3 o'clock this morning.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 5, 1913***

### **Bank Robbery:**

While yeggs ([safe-crackers](#)) held off an armed crowd from the town of Alvarado, three of their companions set off seven explosives in the vault of the **Alvarado bank**. The last explosion jammed the wrecked door of the vault where a receptacle containing \$27,000 in gold was kept. The men were only able to secure \$19 from the bank. They escaped in an auto into the hills where a posse is now hunting for them.

The robbery was the most sensational in this part of the state. The boldness of the robbers took the populace by surprise and no attempt was made to fire on them until they were leaving the city although many of the frightened citizens were armed.

***The Modesto Evening News, Modesto California, April 5, 1913***

### **Bank Robbery:**

The bank robbers that blew up the vault of **Bank of Alameda County** in Alvarado took several precautions to gain time for an escape. The bandits cut the telephone wires into and out of town, and then went to the Southern Pacific Train Depot and cut the telegraph wires. Finally they went to the Hose House of the Fire Department and dismantled the town's general alarm.

One of the peculiar freaks in connection with the dynamiting was shown when a piece of the steel door weighing eight pounds was hurled through a bank window, cut off two branches of a nearby tree and dropped through the roof into the attic of an adjacent building.

At the time the dynamiting was going on it was raining hard and townspeople who heard the blasts stated that they could only see dim forms through the windows of the bank.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 5, 1913***

### **Bank Robbery:**

The automobile used in the Bank of Alameda County robbery on April 5<sup>th</sup> has been found on Brokaw Road in San Jose. Found in the car were raincoats taken from the SP Depot in Alvarado and a bottle of nitroglycerin. It is theorized that at least two of the safe crackers boarded a train for San Francisco.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 6, 1913***

### **Constable Bontelho:**

Where was Constable G. G. Bontelho of Alvarado during the early hours of Saturday morning, when five yeggmen aroused the entire town during the hour that they placed seven charges of nitroglycerin in the Bank of Alameda County's vault, the explosions shaking the country for miles around?

It is a question that puzzles Sheriff Barnett and other officials who are working on the case in an effort to apprehend the bold robbers, who finally gave up the job and drove away in an automobile, leaving \$27,000 in gold exposed in the open vault.

Constable Bontelho explained that he was asleep in a building directly across the street from the bank, and that he did not hear the explosions, although they were sufficiently powerful enough to knock down pictures on walls in adjacent buildings.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 7, 1913***

**Around Town:**

Mr. George Beebe left Sunday afternoon for Walnut Creek, where he has accepted a position in a general merchandise company. He will have charge of the concern in the absence of the proprietor who will be in Europe.

Mrs. Robie and Mrs. Farley returned from Sacramento Sunday night.

Mrs. Ralph and Miss Anne Lowrie were in Oakland on Tuesday.

Mr. & Mrs. Carmichael of San Francisco were the guests of Mr. & Mrs. Dees Monday.

Miss Ida Terra is on the sick list suffering from a sprained ankle.

Mrs. King of Newark visited her parents here the first of the week.

Miss Celeste Bunker spent Sunday in Newark.

Mr. A Morris spent Tuesday & Wednesday in the city.

Mr. & Mrs. Brown and children, who have been visiting Mrs. Richmond, returned to their home in Crockett this week.

Mrs. McCarty is enjoying a visit with old friends in Placerville. She will remain there two weeks.

Miss Maud McCarty is at home enjoying a two-week vacation from her teaching duties in St. Helena.

The Baron family, former residents of Alvarado, motored through town Tuesday and stopped for a short visit with old friends here and also in Centerville.

O. B. Barth is enjoying a two-week vacation.

Mr. George Rose and Tom Flores were in Oakland Sunday.

Mrs. Turner of Oakland is visiting her parents Mr. & Mrs. Lund in Alvarado this week.

Mr. & Mrs. A. R. Joyce of San Francisco spent Sunday with Mrs. Joyce.

A number of Alvarado ladies are guests today at a birthday party in honor of Mrs. Ralph Richmond of Hayward.

Mrs. Joe Luna and Miss Mary Duarte spent the weekend with relatives in Decoto.

Miss Minnie Flores spent Sunday in Oakland.

George Hellwig returned Monday from a week's stay at Byron Hot Springs.

Mr. & Mrs. Granger were in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Allguire is spending the week with Mrs. Wiegman.

Mrs. J. Rose visited Saturday and Sunday with her mother in Hayward.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 12, 1913*

**News Note:**

Mrs. T. E. McCarty has returned home Wednesday from a several week visit with relatives in Placerville.

*The Mountain Democrat, Placerville California, May 10, 1913*

**Sugar:**

Sold to J. Vargas and T. Vargas (wife) 18.64 acres of land in Alameda Sugar Company's Fair Ranch at Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 2, 1913*

**Alvarado Eagles:**

A large contingent of members from the Alameda Aerie of Eagles attended the installation meeting of Alvarado officers and the barbeque that followed yesterday. The Alameda Aerie brought its drum corps with them. They arrived by train.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 2, 1913*

**Bank Robbery:**

In the arrest of Frank Smith, alias Lederer, alias Bryce, and an ex-convict, in Santa Rosa yesterday afternoon, Sheriff Barnett believes that he has apprehended one of the men who dynamited the safe in the Bank of Alameda County at Alvarado on April 5<sup>th</sup> last. He is charged with robbing a store on Fillmore St., San Francisco, which he and confederates entered by sawing a hole in the floor of a rooming house above the establishment. They attempted to blow the safe but failed.

In the Alvarado job, the yeggmen obtained a small amount, but were unable to reach \$27,000 in gold, which was inside an inner door they were unable to open after the explosion. Entering Alvarado in an automobile the yeggmen severed all telephone and telegraph wires, removed the fire alarm bell from the engine house and worked for two hours during a very heavy rainstorm.  
***The Oakland Tribune, June 5, 1913***

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. W. S. Robie spent Monday in Oakland.

J. M. Scribner was visitor in Oakland and San Francisco on Thursday.

The Eagles have their posters out for their dance in the IOOF Hall for Sunday.

Mrs. J. H., Ralph entertained a few of the old friends of Mrs. Robert McNorris on Thursday.

Mrs. A. Dees, who has been on the sick list for the past week, is reported to be much better.

Miss Mildred Jackson of Oakland spent Saturday and Sunday of last week with Miss Beryl Farley.

F. C. Harvey, who has been on crutches for the past two weeks, is now able to be about without them.

***The Oakland Tribune, June 8, 1913***

#### **Deputy Coroner Found Dead:**

George Bontelho, undertaker and deputy coroner of Alvarado, was found dead in his room at his place of business yesterday by one of his employees. He was 39 years old. Heart failure was pronounced to be the cause of death. He was unmarried.

***The Oakland Tribune, June 9, 1913***

#### **Sugar:**

*(From The Woodland Daily Democrat)*

It is reported that a right of way for a branch line connecting Woodland and Meridian has been obtained by the Northern Electric. The line will run through the Fair ranch ([Yolo County](#)) and district 108, and along the west side of the river to the Meridian Bridge connecting with the line soon to be opened between Marysville and Colusa. The proposed will be an important one, as it will open up a large area of fertile land that is not at the present time in direct touch with the market.

It will undoubtedly be a great boost to the sugar beet industry in that portion of the valley, as it will give growers easy access to the factory *to be built by the Alameda Sugar Company at Meridian*. When the branch is constructed the Northern Electric will have connections between Woodland and Chico on the east side of the valley, between Woodland and Colusa on the west side with connections between Colusa and Marysville in the center.

***The Woodland Daily Democrat, June 9, 1913***

#### **Around Town:**

Manuel Avila was married on Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, to Miss Mae Lewis of Hayward. They have gone to San Diego for their honeymoon and upon their return will reside in Alvarado. Their many friends wish them happiness and success on their new mission in life.

Mrs. F. B. Granger of Broadmoor, formerly of Alvarado, entertained a number of ladies from Alvarado, Decoto and Oakland at a most delightful luncheon on Thursday. Winners of the "Dutch Whist" games were **Mrs. Ralph** and Mrs. August May.

School closed on Friday for the summer vacation.

Miss Celeste Bunker will spend her vacation in Forest Hill.

**Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Ralph** went to San Francisco on Tuesday.

**Miss Hattie Kent** intends spending her vacation in King City.

Miss Ethel Foley, who has been teaching for the last term in Lompoc, returned home this week for her summer vacation.

A number of young people are rehearsing a little play, to be given by the Chamber of Commerce of Alvarado sometime this month.

**John Ralph** made a flying trip to town on Tuesday.

**Miss Hattie A. Kent** spent Saturday in San Francisco and Oakland.

Mrs. McCarty entertained a number of ladies in her "At Home" on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 22, 1913*

#### **Man Killed by Train:**

Fred H. Gall, a laborer, 40 years old, was knocked down and instantly killed yesterday evening by a Southern Pacific train near Alvarado. He was taken to the morgue. Trainmen say that Gall was walking on the tracks and failed to heed the whistle. He was identified by papers in his pocket.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 23, 1913*

#### **License to Marry:**

Frank Luna, Decoto, 25

Mary Duarte, Alvarado, 19

*The Oakland Tribune, July 10, 1913*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Ed Winegar visited her mother Sunday.

Jerrie Jacinto spent the Fourth in San Francisco.

Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Farley motored to Oakland Monday.

**Mrs. J. H. Ralph** entertained the "At Homes" Thursday.

The "At Homes" were the guests of Mrs. W. S. Robie Friday.

M. S. Hendricks and family spent the Fourth in San Francisco.

Miss Minnie Soito has returned home after three weeks visit in Oakland.

Mrs. A. C. Fisk and boy of Sacramento spent a week with Mrs. J. G. Rose.

Will Richmond and family were visitors at the Richmond home over Sunday.

Miss Frances Humphreys of Hollister is the guest of Miss Annie Lowrie this week.

Mr. & Mrs. Cohen of San Francisco spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. S. Aftergut.

**Mrs. J. Edwards** left Thursday for San Francisco, where she plans on spending a week or so.

T. E. McCarty is on a camping trip with F. C. Harvey and family. They are making the trip by auto.

A kitchen shower was given Miss Mary Duarte Saturday night.

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Dix and children, Florence and Dorothy, of San Francisco, were the guests of

**Mrs. J. Edwards** the latter part of last week.

Miss Edna Ralph, who has been spending the past few weeks with **Mrs. J. H. Ralph**, returned to her home in Oakland very much improved in health.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 13, 1913*

#### **Washington Township Water District:**

Residents of Washington Township who oppose the proposed new East Bay Municipal Water District are taking steps to bring about a defeat of the proposition and to form a water district of their own which will take in the Alvarado Pumping Plant and prevent the city of Oakland from drawing upon that source of supply.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 16, 1913*

#### **Around Town:**

Fred Mueller was a visitor in town Thursday.

Russell Robie returned from Healdsburg Thursday.

T. E. McCarty was a visitor in Oakland this week.

Ralph Richmond was a visitor in Alvarado Thursday.

Mrs. N. Ballhache of Fitchburg was a visitor in Alvarado Thursday.

Mr. & Mrs. John H. Ralph were visitors in Walnut Creek Sunday.

Mrs. J. Edwards is home from a visit to her sister, Mrs. A. Edwards, of San Francisco.



Mrs. E. L. Farley and daughter Miss Beryl Farley spent a few weeks in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Mrs. I Cohen of San Francisco is visiting the home of her daughter Mrs. Aftergut of Alvarado. Otto R. Schmidt of San Francisco was in town Tuesday, looking after the interests of his father, Mr. J. A. Schmidt.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 27, 1913*

#### **Alleged Horse Thief:**

After fleeing Alvarado, where he was accused of having stolen two horses from the corral at the ranch of A. Vargas, a man giving his name as A. Lucca was arrested at Niles and placed in custody. He is awaiting arraignment.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 28, 1913*

#### **Oakland Typhoid Scare:**

Using teachers to reassure pupils and to deny statements that Oakland's water supply is in danger of typhoid infection, Dr. N. K. Foster, health officer of the Oakland Public Schools, today has sent to all principals notices of the findings of the city's health department, supplementing these with a statement of his own to the effect that the so-called "typhoid scare" is absolutely unfounded.

"The Oakland water supply comes from the purest heights of the sierras, through the Alvarado wells, and from clean clear reservoirs and good watersheds. There is no need to boil the water. The few cases of typhoid fever have been brought into Oakland from outside sources."

*The Oakland Tribune, July 29, 1913*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Jung and daughters, the Misses Mildred and Charlotte, spent Saturday in San Francisco. A number of local young people attended the picnic given by the U.P.E.C. Lodge of Alvarado, which was given at Fernbrook Park last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. E. M. Foley and daughter **Miss Ethel Foley** returned Sunday evening from a two-week trip to Los Angeles, San Diego, and across the line into Mexico.

Mrs. Scribner and Mrs. Ford went with Mr. Logan to the Logan Camp back of Mission Peak on Wednesday.

Misses Mavis Scribner and Genevieve Ford of Alvarado and Farley Granger Jr. of Broadmoor visited at the Logan Camp this week.

Mrs. Richmond Sr., Mrs. F. C. Harvey and Mr. & Mrs. T. E. McCarty spent Tuesday in San Francisco and Oakland.

Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Brown, of Hellwig & La Grave, have just purchased a new passenger automobile. Russell Robie returned home on Thursday of last week after a visit at Healdsburg.

Mrs. Herb Woolsey is expected in Alvarado this week and will make a short visit here.

Mrs. A. Silva returned from Oakland Monday after a visit with her daughter.

**Miss Ethel Foley** commences her tenth year as a teacher at Napa, which opens Monday.

Mr. & Mrs. James McCloud of Oakdale is visiting with Mr. & Mrs. P. G. Lowrie.

Mr. & Mrs. H. J. Kaiser left on Monday for a ten days' vacation trip to Santa Cruz.

Mr. & Mrs. Tainton returned Sunday evening after a two weeks' stay at Santa Cruz.

Miss Nauert returned Tuesday after a weeks' visit with friends in Livermore.

Mrs. L. P. Norris of Sacramento is visiting at the A. Norris home in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 3, 1913*

#### **Infant Death:**

William W. Hartz, beloved son of Mr. & Mrs. William Hartz of Alvarado passed away on August 12<sup>th</sup>. He was seven months and 13 days old.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 13, 1913*

#### **Washington Township Water:**

To protect the water sources in Washington Township, William H. Ford of Niles today presented to the Board of Supervisors a petition asking permission to form a county water district to be known

as "The Alameda County Water District." This will not take in Alvarado and will not conflict with the present Oakland municipal water district plan. "We are doing this to protect our own water in the Alameda Creek gravel beds," said Ford.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 18, 1913*

#### **Amos L. Fuller Dies:**

Amos L. Fuller, former Superintendent of Schools for Alameda County died three days ago at age 75 years. He was a former teacher at San Lorenzo, Alvarado and Fruitvale.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 9, 1913*

#### **Around Town:**

Henry Kelly accepted a position here with the S.P. Co.

Miss Dorothy I. Ford, who has been on a vacation for the past two months, returned home last Saturday.

Mrs. A.J. Rutherford left on Wednesday morning for Placerville where she will spend a couple of weeks.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 14, 1913*

#### **Alvarado School District:**

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors approved a special tax for the year 1913 of 12 cents per \$100.00 of assessed value for property within the Alvarado School District for the purpose of maintenance of said school for the fiscal year 1913-1914.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 25, 1913*

#### **Sugar:**

The reduction of the duty of sugar (2 cent bounty) with the provision for free sugar after the first of May 1916 (which legislation the Sugar Refining Trust, or cane sugar producers, was so persistent in advocating as shown in the hearings, hoping no doubt to cripple their chief competition, the beet sugar interests), strikes California particularly hard because it is recognized as the principal beet sugar producing state in the Union. The first successful sugar beet factory in the United States was established in 1879 in the town of Alvarado, Alameda County, in the State of California. We now have 13 factories in the state for there is a larger acreage adopted to the growing of sugar beets in California than found in any other state, the coast valleys being particularly being adapted as to climatic and soil conditions for the sugar beet.

There are now 13 factories in the state. Twenty-five thousand men are employed. Twenty million dollars is invested in factories, land and equipment. Last year over \$14,000,000 was spent in the state due to this industry and of this amount farmers were paid \$6,701,582 and \$3,900,000 for labor. The crippling of this industry is no small matter to California.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 30, 1913*

#### **Railroad:**

The Railroad Commission has approved a Southern Pacific request to construct a passing track between the Alvarado Depot and the Alameda Sugar Company spur.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 6, 1913*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Maude McCarty has returned from Fabiola and will be able to return to her school duties in St. Helena next week.

Miss Marjorie Jackson spent Wednesday and Thursday with **Mrs. J. H. Ralph**.

**Mrs. Dees** has been absent from her duties at the post office due to a severe cold.

**Mrs. August May** entertained a number of friends on Tuesday in honor of Mrs. Edwin Whipple and Mrs. D. Jackson of Decoto.

Little Robert Barth is somewhat improved in health this week.

Mrs. Winegar of Oakland spent Wednesday with friends in town.

**Mrs. J. H. Ralph** will be hostess at a meeting of the **Ladies Aid** next Thursday.

Mrs. Kaiser visited in Oakland Thursday.

**Mrs. May** spent Wednesday in San Francisco.

The Granger's came up from Broadmore on Wednesday and enjoyed a few hours with old friends. The Alvarado Whist Club met at the IOOF Hall on Wednesday evening with **Mesdames** Farley and **Dees** as hostesses.

Miss Annie Lowrie visited San Francisco Wednesday.

Miss Dorothy Ford is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Worsley, in Exeter.

Mr. & **Mrs. Arthur Dees** will be guests of relatives in Oakland Sunday.

Mrs. G. Beebe of Walnut Creek is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Scribner.

The **Alvarado Ladies Aid Society** will have their annual bazaar and entertainment on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. & Mrs. Van Gordon and little son were the guests of Mr. & Mrs. O. J. Emery this week. Mrs. Van Gordon was Laura Emery, formerly of Alvarado.

Mrs. McKeown, Mrs. & Mrs. Ed Harvey motored to Oakland Wednesday.

Mrs. Robie entertained the "Butt In" Club Friday.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 12, 1913*

### **Around Town:**

Robert Richmond gave a house party at the home of his parents on Saturday night. All the town young folks were present. Among the guests from out of town were Miss Beryl Farley, Miss Grace Kelly of San Jose, Miss Ethel Foley of Napa, Miss Gladys Ralph of Oakland, and Miss Emma Nabor of San Francisco. A delightful time was enjoyed in games, cards and dancing.

Alvarado is full of duck hunters.

**Mrs. J. Ralph** entertained the "**Butt Ins**" on Friday afternoon.

Alvarado Rebekah Lodge meets next Saturday night.

Mrs. McCarty entertained the "**Butt Ins**" Tuesday. Cards were enjoyed for a time, followed by refreshments.

**Mrs. John Ralph** and Mrs. P. G. Lowrie spent Tuesday in Oakland.

Mrs. Peaks spent Wednesday in the city.

The picture show is under new management and is well attended. The pictures are of an excellent character.

Mrs. George Beebe of Walnut Creek is the guest of **Mrs. J. M. Scribner**.

Mr. & Mrs. Rutherford, Mr. & Mrs. Dees, Mr. & Mrs. Avilla, W. S. Robie and Miss Kent were in Oakland Sunday.

Mrs. E. M. Tainton and **Mrs. Scribner** spent Wednesday in Oakland.

Miss Maud McCarty has returned to her school duties in St. Helena.

The ladies Aid Society met with Mrs. Richmond Sr. on Thursday.

Mr. Norris is attending the Grand Lodge, F. A. & M., and the opening of the new Masonic temple.

Mr. & Mrs. Allan Richmond of San Francisco is visiting the Richmond family.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 19, 1913*

### **Around Town:**

A surprise party was given to Mr. & Mrs. James Logan last Saturday in honor of their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They were presented with a beautiful set of China.

John Silva was taken to the Alameda Sanitarium this week.

Miss Kent has been spending the vacation week in San Francisco.

Mrs. Robie and Miss Bunker are spending the week in Healdsburg.

Mr. Robie attended the opening day festivities of Portola in San Francisco.

Mrs. Scribner and Miss Lund were in the city Thursday.

Mr. Davilla has been suffering from an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Heitmuller spent Wednesday and Thursday in Alvarado.

Mr. M. A. Silva had his foot badly scalded while on duty at the **sugar mill**.

Mrs. Rutherford, Miss Helen McCarty and mother, Mrs. McCarty were in San Francisco last Tuesday.

Mrs. J. G. Ross attended the reading of her father's will in Hayward on Tuesday.

Mr. John Leal of Woodland has been visiting friends in Alvarado this week. Mrs. E. L. Farley entertained the "Butt Ins" Tuesday and Friday. Mrs. J. H. Ralph was hostess. George Hellwig was in the city on Wednesday. The Misses Meyer of Alameda spent last week with Mrs. August May. Robert Barth is very much improved.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 26, 1913*

### **George Gray Dies:**

George Gray, former plant manager of the Alameda **Sugar Company in Alvarado**, died in his home in Hayward yesterday morning. Mr. Gray was 62 years old.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 26, 1913*

### **Around Town:**

School opened again on Monday after a week vacation. Miss Helen Granger was a visitor in town Saturday evening of last week. Miss Emma Ford entertained the "At Homes" on Monday of this week. Joe Gaspar had his leg amputated on Tuesday as a result of recent injuries. Mr. & Mrs. F. C. Harvey and son, Theodore, were visitors in San Francisco recently. Born to the wife of James Logan, a son, on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Both mother and child are doing fine. Mr. & Mrs. I. Cohen of San Francisco spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. S. Aftergut. Milton Aftergut, who attends school in the city, spent Saturday and Sunday here with his mother. Ralph Richmond and family of Niles were the guests of Mrs. E. A. Richmond on Monday of this week. Mrs. W. S. Robie returned on Wednesday accompanied by her sister-in-law and niece, Mrs. W. Kelly and Miss Irene Kelly. Miss Ethel Foley of Napa came down last Wednesday and she and her mother Mrs. E. M. Foley took in the Portola, Miss Anne Lowrie was also a visitor in San Francisco and during the Portola.  
*The Oakland Tribune, November 2, 1913*

### **Surprise Marriage:**

Joe G. Rose, Jr. surprised his many friends by the announcement of his marriage to Miss Evangeline Riley, daughter of Attorney Riley of San Francisco. The marriage was kept a secret for three weeks. Rose informed his friends that he was going on a duck hunt, but instead he took Miss Riley to Redwood City and were quietly married. Miss Riley was a popular member of the Elks Club while Mr. Rose is in business with his father here.  
*The Oakland Tribune, November 2, 1913*

### **Chamber of Commerce:**

A meeting of the Associated Chamber of Commerce, representing the members of Mission San Jose, Centerville, Alvarado and Decoto was held in the library building in Decoto on Wednesday evening. In attendance at the meeting were Henry May, Henry Lachman, J. E. Wamsley, F. T. Hawes, E. L. Farley, T. E. McCarty, M. H. Lewis, Frank D. Martin, J. J. Sandholdt and J. L. Olson. Several issues were discussed. It was stated that the Newark chamber has yet to respond to an invitation to join the association.  
*The Oakland Tribune, November 9, 1913*

### **Around Town:**

Mrs. E. M. Foley entertained the "At Homes" on Tuesday. Mr. & Mrs. A. Dees were visitors in Fruitvale last Sunday. Robert **Richmond** of San Francisco was a weekend visitor at the home of his **parents** last weekend. Mr. & Mrs. Elmore Brown of Port Costa were the guests of **Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Richmond** on Saturday and Sunday. Miss Celeste Bunker, Mrs. W. S. Robie, Mrs. W. Kelly, and Miss Irene Kelly were visitors in Newark on Sunday. Many attended the Japanese Opera on Friday evening, given in honor of the Mikado's birthday.

C. P. Lange has been laid up for the past few days, having received a few injuries at the **sugar mill**. They are not serious.

The return of J. S. Neal and wife to Alvarado, after making Woodland their home for the past two years came as a surprise to their friends.

A surprise party was tendered to Russell Robie on Saturday evening of last week. Halloween games were participated in.

***The Oakland Tribune, November 9, 1913***

### **Sugar:**

Notwithstanding reports to the contrary, the Alvarado **sugar mill** will continue to run according to proceedings of a meeting of the stockholders, when it was decided to keep the factory going, although the company has decided to quit raising beets themselves.

It has also been decided to raise the price of beets to \$6 per ton delivered to the factory.

***The Oakland Tribune, November 9, 1913***

### **Sugar:**

*(From The Woodland Daily Democrat)*

2,000 acres of land in Cache Creek ([Yolo County](#)) have been leased by the Alameda Sugar Company to Barker & Bemmerly for the purpose of raising grain.

***The Woodland Daily Democrat, November 11, 1913***

### **Sugar:**

*(From The Woodland Daily Democrat)*

Showing that the Alameda Sugar Company is to positively abandon the local field, which confirms the report as first published in the "*Democrat*" the company in the last ten days has shipped twelve carloads of personal property, including farming utensils and stock, to Meridian. In an ad in the "*Democrat*" today will be noticed a list of property that the company is desirous of selling at great reductions. This list includes horses, mules, wagons, harness, cottages, carts, troughs and tanks, pipe, a motorcycle, road graders and other articles.

***The Woodland Daily Democrat, November 15, 1913***

### **Around Town:**

Mrs. A. J. Rutherford entertained the Birthday Club on Monday. "500" was indulged in during the afternoon and Mrs. J. H. Ralph carried off the prize. A delicious luncheon was served at 1:00 p.m. Mrs. Ballhache was a visitor in town on Monday.

Miss Sophie Olendorf, Miss Lizzie Estoleda, and Miss Elizabeth Edwards of San Francisco were the guests of **Mrs. J. Edwards** on Sunday.

Mrs. Kingswell of Oakland was the guest of **Mrs. J. Edwards** Sunday.

Mrs. William Kelly and daughter, Miss Irene Kelly, returned to their home in Healdsburg on Saturday after a ten days' visit with Mrs. W. S. Robie.

***The Oakland Tribune, November 16, 1913***

### **Ducks:**

George T. Adams and his father ([both of Oakland](#)) returned from Alvarado with their limits of ducks.

***The Oakland Tribune, November 27, 1913***

### **Mrs. John Joyce Dies:**

Mrs. Dora Joyce, a prominent resident of Alvarado, died at her home here on Tuesday after an illness of several years. Mrs. Joyce was a native of New Orleans. She leaves behind a husband, John A. Joyce and children Mrs. H. H. Lampher, Mrs. E. M. Winegar, Mrs. E. A. Richmond, Jr., Fred Joyce and John Scribner.

***The Oakland Tribune, November 29, 1913***

### **News Notes:**

John Davis is registered at a San Francisco hotel and will remain in that city for some time.

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Edwards have returned to Alvarado after a weeks' stay in San Francisco. Russell Robie is home after a few days' stay in Oakland.  
*The Oakland Tribune, November 30, 1913*

**Water:**

By acquiring a well sunk by the Alameda Sugar Company at Alvarado last summer, the People's Water Company has increased its present availability supply of water by 3,000,000 gallons a day. Under pump, driven by a 45 HP electric motor, the well yielded for two months consecutively 2,625,000 gallons a day, and that without decreasing the flow or lowering the water level in the well.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 1, 1913*

**Around Town:**

Miss Annie Logan was tendered a surprise party on Friday evening at her home in honor of her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Miss Smith of the high school faculty gave a number of whistling solos and Miss Mayo of Berkeley charmed all by her viola solos.

Mr. & Mrs. August May were in Oakland on Thursday.

Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. Foley were in San Francisco Tuesday.

Little Artie Dees, son of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Dees of Alvarado, died at the home of his aunt in Fruitvale on Wednesday night. The funeral was held on Thursday.

Mrs. Rutherford spent Wednesday in Oakland.

Mrs. E. M. Tainton is in San Jose having gone down by automobile with her sister Sunday, Mrs. George Beebe of Walnut Creek is the guest of her sister-in-law Mrs. Scribner.

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Richmond were in San Francisco Thursday.

Mrs. Flores, Miss Minnie Flores, and Mrs. Avila went Christmas shopping in Oakland Thursday.

John Leal returned to Woodland after a months' visit in Alvarado.

The "Butt Ins" were entertained Monday by Mrs. Robie, Wednesday by Mrs. McCarty, and Thursday by Mrs. Farley.

George Hellwig went to the city on Thursday.

Mrs. Ralph and Miss Lowrie spent Thursday in San Francisco.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 14, 1913*

**Around Town:**

B. F. Ford of Stockton is visiting here and will remain over the holidays.

Mrs. Richmond of Niles was a guest at the E. A. Richmond Sr. home over the weekend.

Miss Dorothy Ford is improving from the recent attack of rheumatism.

Mrs. Wm. Hartz gave an "At Home" on Thursday.

**Mrs. E. M. Tainton** was in San Francisco on Thursday.

Mrs. P. Lowrie will have a family dinner on Christmas, which will be a family reunion.

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Edwards moved to San Francisco last week.

Mrs. E. M. Foley went to the city on Thursday and to Napa on Friday, where she will remain over the weekend.

Mr. & Mrs. A. May were in the city on Thursday.

Mrs. Skow and Mrs. Boye were among the Christmas shoppers in San Francisco and Oakland on Thursday.

The Alvarado Whist Club met in the IOOF Hall on Wednesday night. Mr. Rutherford and Miss Nauert received gifts for the highest scores.

**Mrs. E. M. Tainton** made a hurried trip to the city Wednesday evening.

The Alvarado Aerie of Eagles has shown progress since its last report under the guidance of President A. A. Lee. There has been a growth in membership of 33 having come in.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 21, 1913*

**Sugar:**

The Alameda Sugar Co.'s mill at Alvarado will not be operated in 1914, according to present reports.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, January 3, 1914*

**Near Drowning:**

Endangering his own safety, George Adams of Hayward leapt into the water of the Alvarado marshes and rescued W. E. Baker, also of Hayward, from drowning. The pair were on a duck hunting expedition when Baker stood upright in the boat to bag a duck. He lost his balance when the gun "kicked" and he fell into the water.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 3, 1914*

**Alvarado Chamber of Commerce:**

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce met on Friday evening of last week. The meeting was well attended and several important matters were discussed.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 11, 1914*

**Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. A. Dees entertained a few friends at New Years' dinner on Sunday. Those present were Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Knapp, Mr. & Mrs. G. Lowrie, **Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Ralph**, Walter Humphreys and **Miss Annie Lowrie**.

Alvarado Grammar School opened Monday after two weeks for Christmas vacation.

Miss Celeste Bunker returned to Alvarado Sunday, after a two-week visit to her home in Forest Hill.

Miss Hattie Kent returned Sunday from King City in Monterey County where she spent Christmas with her parents.

**Mr. J. H. Ralph** and **Miss Annie Lowrie** were in Oakland Monday.

Russell Robie was in Oakland and Berkeley on Monday of this week.

Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Forbes of Berkeley spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mr. & Mrs. W. S. Robie.

George Mansfield and family are spending a few days in Oakland.

Miss Ethyl Foley returned to Napa Saturday after a pleasant vacation with her parents.

Mr. & Mrs. McCarty entertained Mr. & Mrs. F. C. Harvey & Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Rutherford at dinner Monday.

Miss Ruth Blair visited with her aunt, Mrs. Scribner, on Tuesday.

Miss Maud McCarty left Saturday afternoon for St. Helena to resume her work as teacher of domestic science in high school there.

R. B. Hollings came up from San Luis Obispo to attend the **Judge E. A. Richmond** funeral.

J. T. Moren of Oakland was among those who attended the funeral of **Mr. E. A. Richmond**.

A number of people from Niles attended the funeral of **Judge E. A. Richmond** Tuesday.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 11, 1914*

**Sugar:**

From the Editorial Pages of *The Oakland Tribune*:

*The San Francisco Chronicle* need waste no tears over the closing down of the Alvarado beet sugar mill. It is not a calamity. More remunerative crops can be grown on the land than sugar beets.

Closing down the mill is not an injury to Alameda County or the landowners of the vicinity. Other crops can be grown in the Alameda Creek delta to a greater benefit than beets. It is the finest market garden land lying out of doors, fertile, productive and easily cultivated.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 15, 1914*

**Sugar:**

(From *The Woodland Daily Democrat*)

Jack Leal and wife left for Oakland and Alvarado Thursday afternoon. Until the closing down of the Alameda Sugar Company recently, Mr. Leal was in charge of the company's pumping plants.

*The Woodland Daily Democrat, January 16, 1914*

**Around Town:**

J. M. Scribner spent one day last week in San Francisco on business.

**Mrs. W. S. Robie** spent Friday and Saturday of last week in Berkeley.

W. H. Cockefair spent Saturday in Oakland.

John A Davis of San Francisco was a guest at the Ford home on Sunday.

Miss Hattie A Kent spent Saturday and Sunday in San Francisco and Berkeley.

C. R. Nauert is on the sick list this week. He is under the care of Dr. Emerson.

Mrs. Jack Clegg had visitors from Vallejo this week.

Mrs. C. P. Lange entertained a number of her friends last week for an afternoon.

The new May residence on Vallejo Avenue ([Street](#)) is nearing completion rapidly.

Mrs. N. Ballhache came up from Fitchburg on Tuesday to attend the birthday of **Mrs. T. E.**

**McCarty.**

Mrs. Lou Allguire, who has been visiting at the Richmond home for the past week, returned to Palo Alto on Sunday.

The Odd Fellows and Rebekah's held joint installations of Saturday evening of last week.

Mrs. E. L. Farley entertained the "At Homes" on Tuesday of last week and **Mrs. Robie**

entertained them on Friday of the same week.

**Mrs. T. E. McCarty** entertained the Birthday Club on Tuesday. A delightful luncheon was served at 10 o'clock. The afternoon was spent in playing "500."

*The Oakland Tribune, January 18, 1914*

**Flood:**

The storm that hit Alvarado last night was reported as the worst in its history. The water in Alameda Creek overflowed its banks and flooded the neighboring roads for more than a mile between here and Centerville. The water has attained a height unequaled in the history of this place and apprehension is felt for the safety of the Alvarado Bridge. This morning the water had reached the stringers and was at times lapping completely over the flooring of the bridge. Both approaches to the bridge are under water while the Centerville Road is completely impassable. Warnings to the residents in the vicinity of the creek have been warned to be able to evacuate on a moments notice.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 22, 1914*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. F. C. Harvey entertained the Birthday Club Monday. A delightful luncheon was served and all enjoyed playing "500." Mrs. E. Beebe carried off the first prize and Mrs. Emma Hellwig took the consolation prize.

J. H. Ralph spent Tuesday in San Francisco.

Russell Robie returned on Monday from Crockett.

Mrs. A. May spent Friday of last week in Oakland.

Mrs. W. Churchman came up on Monday to attend the Birthday Club.

Mr. & Mrs. J. S. Leal of Woodland were in town.

A. Cohen of Marysville was a visitor in town for a couple days last week.

Miss Minnie Soito is spending a few days in Niles at the home of Mrs. Ralph Richmond.

Miss Beryl Farley, who is attending San Jose Normal School, spent Saturday and Sunday at home with her parents.

Mr. A. J. Rutherford and wife will leave for Niles on Monday where they will make their new home.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 25, 1914*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. J. H. Ralph entertained the "**At Homes**" on Friday last week.

Mrs. B. H. Ford entertained the "**At Homes**" on Monday of this week.

Miss Celeste Bunker spent last Saturday in San Francisco.

Mrs. O. Barth was a few days on the sick list last week.



Miss Emma Nabor of San Francisco was the guest of Miss Alma Norris Sunday and Monday. Mrs. Herbert Fuller and Miss Ruth Blair were visitors at the Scribner home on Monday. Mrs. Lou Allguire who has been visiting for the past two weeks returned to her home in Palo Alto. Mr. A. J. Rutherford and wife of Niles spent the holiday here at the McCarty home. Miss Clara Drew and Miss Mary Brown of San Francisco were the guests of Miss Anne Lowrie for a few days last week.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 1, 1914*

#### **Vallejo Street:**

A petition was received, signed by **J. H. Ralph** and 18 others asking for the opening of Vallejo Street, Alvarado. Accompanying said petition was bond in the sum of \$100 with August May and **J. H. Ralph** as sureties. The board appointed P. A. Haviland, County Surveyor, O. J. Emery and D. F. Wiegman as viewers to make a survey and report in said matter.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 2, 1914*

#### **Sugar:**

The Spreckels Sugar Co. in Monterey County has contracted for 2,000 acres of Alvarado beets, where the factory is closed, so that they now have 22,000 acres. The price was \$5.50 per ton on board cars at Alvarado.

*The Pacific Rural Press, March 7, 1914*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. W. S. Robie spent Saturday in Oakland.  
Miss Celeste Bunker was a visitor in Newark last Saturday.  
Mrs. E. M. Foley entertained the "**At Homes**" on Friday.  
Mrs. J. G. Rose Jr. and Mrs. Mamie Holston spent the weekend in San Francisco.  
Mrs. F. C. Harvey entertained the "**At Homes**" on Thursday of last week.  
Miss Helen Granger of Broadmore was in town for a short time Sunday.  
Miss Charlotte Jung, who is attending San Francisco Normal, is home this week with the mumps.  
Miss Mildred Jung and Miss Mavis Scribner visited San Francisco on Saturday of last week.  
Miss Mildred Nauert was a visitor in San Francisco on Saturday of last week.  
The Whist Club met as usual on Wednesday of last week, Mrs. A. May received the ladies prize and E. G. Tarley the gentlemen's prize.  
Miss Annie Anderson has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Carl Jepson for the past month, left for Hayward on Tuesday of this week.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 8, 1914*

#### **Around Town:**

T. E. McCarty, who has been on the sick list for the past two weeks, is on the road to recovery.  
A. Cohen of Marysville is a visitor in Alvarado for a few days.  
Mr. & Mrs. George Beebe of Walnut Creek came up Sunday.  
Mrs. E. M. Foley entertained the "At Homes" on Friday of last week and Mrs. E. M. Tainton entertained them on Monday of this week.  
Miss Celeste Bunker entertained a number of friends on Saturday evening of last week in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Nihill of Forest Hill. Mrs. E. L. Farley carried off the first prize.  
Mrs. E. A. Richmond Sr. spent a few days of this week in San Francisco.  
Mrs. J. H. Ralph made a flying trip to Oakland on Monday.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 15, 1914*

#### **Alvarado School:**

The school trustees for the Alvarado School District has asked for a water tank and pipes for the school. The request was forwarded to the County Surveyor.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 16, 1914*

#### **Bank Robbery:**

Deputy Sheriff Ed Farley of Alvarado is in possession of four scorched bills that he believes was part of the loot taken in the Bank of Alameda County, Alvarado branch bank robbery last year. The four bills are scorched and were part of an uncut sheet of bills such as the ones taken from the bank in Alvarado. The investigation has now turned to the southern part of the state based on a statement made by an Alvarado Chinese merchant that he had received these bills as payment from another Chinaman in the south. The Alvarado Chinaman had paid the bills to an Alvarado grocery man earlier.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 19, 1914*

### **Post Office Robbery:**

With scarcely a clew to go follow, the posse in pursuit of the San Lorenzo post office safecrackers is finding it difficult to get a trail on the men. It is supposed that the gang makes its headquarters in the Livermore mountains and is the same gang that operated in Irvington last week and was traced to Alvarado. Each time, on escaping, the yeggman have gone inland and this supports the theory that they have a rendezvous somewhere in the hills.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 27, 1914*

### **Around Town:**

George Hellwig and bride (nee Miss Louella Cecil of Los Angeles) were welcomed home from their honeymoon recently.

Mrs. Ford and son Donald returned Wednesday from a few days at Ione and Stockton.

Mrs. Dees spent Saturday in San Francisco.

Mr. & Mrs. Farley motored to Wrights, in the Santa Cruz Mountains, being accompanied by friends from Oakland.

Mrs. O. B. Barth entertained a few friends Tuesday afternoon at a farewell "At Home."

Miss Bunker has returned from the city after a weeks' visit at the home of her sister.

Miss Kent returned the first of the week from a visit to Niles and Oakland.

**Mrs. Robie** visited in Newark on Sunday.

Mrs. Richmond Sr. spent a few days last week in the city.

Mrs. Kaiser entertained a few friends on Wednesday afternoon last week.

**Mrs. Robie** and **Mrs. Ralph** were hostesses of the Whist Club, which took place on Wednesday night at the Odd Fellows Hall.

The Ladies Aid Society met on Thursday afternoon of last week, Mrs. Buchanan being the hostess.

**Mrs. Ralph** will entertain the "500" Club this evening.

Mrs. August May and Miss Mildred Nauert of Alvarado were among those present last Saturday afternoon at an engagement party given at the Jackson home in Decoto in honor of Inez Whipple.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 29, 1914*

### **School Water System:**

Plans and specifications, together with a cost estimate of \$1,050 for a water plant for the Alvarado School were received from the County Surveyor. Thereafter the following was introduced:

"Whereas, in the judgment of this Board, it is for the best interest of the County that a water system be installed at the Alvarado School, town of Alvarado, on Smith Street, on the old County Road, Washington Road District, Washington Township."

*The Oakland Tribune, April 17, 1914*

### **Around Town:**

Fred Wiegman, one of the big ranchers in Alvarado, has three different places under his management this season. The home ranch of 20 acres, the Ingalls Ranch of 26 acres, and the Bettencourt Ranch of 15 acres.

Milton Aftergut of San Francisco spent Saturday and Sunday with his mother, Mrs. S. Aftergut.

T. E. McCarty has been in the Alameda Sanitarium for two weeks, is expected home this weekend.

A. Cohen of San Francisco has been a visitor in town for a few days.

A. May made a flying trip to San Francisco on Thursday.

Miss Hazel Westerfield of San Francisco has been the guest of her aunt, **Mrs. Peter Juhl** for the past three weeks.

**Mrs. Peter Juhl** and Miss Hazel Westerfield spent the day in San Jose Thursday.

Miss Annie Gogan and Miss Dorothy Ford attended the party given by Miss Helen Granger at Broadmoor on Friday evening of last week.

Miss Margaret Jackson of Decoto spent last Sunday at the Ralph home.

Mrs. Elizabeth Richmond spent Sunday in San Francisco.

Mrs. W. S. Robie, who had a bad sore throat for the past two weeks, is out and around again.

The Ladies Aid Society met on Thursday at the home of Mrs. F. C. Harvey.

Miss Helen Gisle is the new substitute teacher at the Alvarado Grammar School.

Mrs. George Beebe of Walnut Creek was a weekend visitor at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Beebe.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 19, 1914*

#### **Alvarado School Water Tank:**

A contract was ratified with E. Farley for a water system at the Alvarado School for the cost of \$858.00.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 4, 1914*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. F. Randolph of Oakland entertained a number of friends last Friday, among them being a number of women from Alvarado. Those accepting Mrs. Randolph's hospitality were: **Mrs. E. A. Richmond Sr.**, Mrs. P. G. Lowrie, Miss Anne Lowrie, **Mrs. E. M. Tainton**, Mrs. B. C. Lowrie, Mrs. A. R. Dees and Mrs. John Ralph.

Mrs. E. L. Farley and **Miss Beryl Farley** spent Saturday shopping in San Francisco.

**Mrs. E. M. Tainton** entertained at an "At Home" session Monday afternoon, and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent.

Mrs. Robertson of San Francisco is visiting this week at the home of **Mrs. E. A. Richmond Sr.**

Miss Ethyl Foley was home over Sunday from Napa.

Mrs. W. S. Robie made the trip to Oakland on Sunday last.

The Alvarado Whist Club met on Wednesday evening of this week at the IOOF Hall.

Miss Gladys Ralph of Oakland visited **Mrs. Richmond Sr.** over the weekend.

**Miss Beryl Farley** returned to San Jose Sunday evening after a weekend visit with her parents.

Miss Farley is attending the State Normal School.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 17, 1914*

#### **Around Town:**

The Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Kaiser on Thursday afternoon of this week.

Miss Gilman of San Francisco and her little niece are spending a few days with Mrs. E. A. Richmond Sr.

Miss Ethel Foley is home from Napa for summer vacation.

Mrs. Robie entertained a number of Alvarado ladies at an "At Home" session on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Ralph made a business trip to the city Tuesday.

Mrs. Kleine of Pleasanton visited with Mrs. Goforth this week.

Mr. & Mrs. Van Gordon of San Bernardino County are visiting relatives about the bay and have been the guests of the O. J. Emery family in Alvarado.

Mrs. A. J. Rutherford of Niles was in town on Monday visiting friends.

Mr. & Mrs. A. May are moving into their new home this week.

Mr. & Mrs. Davilla are the proud parents of a 12-pound son born on Tuesday.

Mrs. Heitmuller of Oakland visited her sister (**Miss Nauert**) on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. F. C. Harvey was in Oakland on Tuesday of this week.

Miss Anne Lowrie is spending the week in Stockton as the guest of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Gurlach. Mrs. Sullivan of Kansas City is visiting the family of her brother, T. E. McCarty, in Alvarado.  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 24, 1914*

#### **Around Town:**

The Woodmen of the World will give a dance in the IOOF Hall next Saturday night, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Ford entertained a number of ladies at an "At Home" session, a very pleasant afternoon being spent.

J. Ralph made a trip to the city last Tuesday.

Mr. & Mrs. August May were among the passengers to San Francisco on Tuesday evening.

Steve Smith went to San Francisco Tuesday.

**Miss Mildred Nauert** entertained a number of guests on Tuesday afternoon. Cards and music were the entertainment.

The Alvarado Whist Club met on Wednesday night in the IOOF Hall, **Miss Nauert** and Miss Kent being the hostesses.

Mrs. F. C. Harvey entertained several Alvarado women on Thursday afternoon, a good time was enjoyed by all present.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 31, 1914*

#### **Foreclosure:**

Foreclosure proceedings were commenced today in the Superior Court by Bank of Alameda County at Alvarado against the Union Land Co., formerly the United Properties Realty Co., of which William S. Tevis is President and Albert Hanford is Secretary. The suit is brought to obtain title to 60 acres of land between Alvarado and Centerville upon which the realty company borrowed \$10,500. None of the principal or the accrued interest has ever been paid.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 2, 1914*

#### **Water District:**

The new water district plan went down to defeat in the local election. Alvarado voted against it almost 10 - 1, 11 for the plan and 103 against the plan.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 3, 1914*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. F. C. Harvey gave an afternoon tea in honor of Miss Ingemundsen of Napa on Friday of last week, a number of Alvarado ladies were present.

**Mrs. Wm. Richmond** and children of Point Richmond have been visiting with **Mrs. Richmond Sr.**

Miss Gladys Ralph of Oakland has been spending the week with **Mrs. E. A. Richmond.**

The Ladies Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. James Logan on Wednesday of this week.

Mr. & Mrs. George Hellwig entertained friends Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Randolph visited at the **Richmond home** Sunday.

Mrs. Hermann Kaiser spent a few days in Oakland this week.

Mr. & Mrs. George Beebe returned home from Walnut Creek Monday.

Mrs. Wiederhold returned home from San Jose Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Goforth returned home from Pleasanton Monday morning.

**Mrs. Ralph**, Mrs. Robie, Miss Bunker, and Miss Emma Ingemundsen are to leave tomorrow for a trip to Yosemite National Park.

Westin Emery left Friday of last week with his uncle, Mr. Van Gordon, for a visit to San Luis Obispo, making the trip down by auto.

Miss Maud McCarty is expected home today from St. Helena, where she has a position as a teacher.

**Mrs. Will Richmond** and **Mrs. E. A. Richmond Sr.** visited Mrs. Ralph Richmond in Niles Friday.

**Mrs. Ralph**, Mrs. Foley, and Mrs. Tainton spent the day yesterday with Mrs. Ballhache of Oakland.

**Mrs. E. A. Richmond** is spending a few days in Elmhurst.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 7, 1914*

**Associated Chambers of Commerce:**

The regular monthly meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Washington Township met in Decoto this Wednesday evening. Fred H. Wiegman of Alvarado was appointed on the Farm Bureau Committee in place of his father who was not able to act.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 7, 1914*

**Farm Bureau:**

There is much interest in Alvarado for the formation of a local branch of the Alameda County Farm Bureau, under the direction of which it is hoped to retain a local farm advisor.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 12, 1914*

**Around Town:**

Several of the local Japanese colony headed by R. Kago, visited Oakland this week while the sailors of the Japanese training ship were in port in Piedmont Park. Kago and his associates acted as the reception committee.

Eleven students were graduated from Alvarado Grammar School.

J. B. Ingmussen has left Alvarado for a trip east.

Mrs. J. H. Ralph, Miss Celesta Blacow and several other local women are planning a vacation trip to Nevada this summer.

Mrs. A Cohn left for an extended trip east.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 14, 1914*

**Liquor License:**

J. G. Rose & Son, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, June 15, 1914*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. J. H. Ralph and Mrs. Robie returned Monday from their ten days' vacation to the Yosemite Valley. Miss Celeste Bunker, who was with them, has gone to visit her folks at Michigan Bluff in Placer County.

Mr. & Mrs. McCarty and daughters, Helen and Maude, and Mrs. Sullivan enjoyed a pleasure trip to San Francisco last Wednesday. They visited the fair grounds, the Cliff House and other sights. The Young Boosters of Alvarado are to give a dance Saturday evening, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Miss Ruth Blair of Newark visited the Scribner family last week.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Goforth are spending a few weeks in San Maria visiting with Mrs. Olson.

Mr. A. A. Lee returned last Saturday from Fort Bragg, Mendocino County, where he had been attending the state convention of the Eagles.

Mrs. Fred Wiegman, and son Fred Jr., Mr. & Mrs. F. C. Harvey, and son Ted, left for a trip to Yosemite.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 21, 1914*

**Marriage:**

Miss Della Dutra and Joe Hendricks were united in marriage last Wednesday evening at the Centerville Catholic Church. After the return from their wedding trip to Santa Cruz they will make their home in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 21, 1914*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. Daniels of Alameda is visiting **Mrs. T. E. McCarty** this week.

The Whist Club met Wednesday night at the IOOF Hall for the last time before summer vacation.

A very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

A number of Alvarado women including, Mrs. Dees, **Mrs. Ralph**, **Mrs. Tainton**, and Mrs. Richmond, spent the day Wednesday with Mrs. P. G. Lowrie.

Mrs. E. Richmond Jr. and daughter Jeanette are enjoying a few weeks in San Anselmo.

**Mrs. McCarty** entertained dinner guests Thursday evening. Mr. & Mrs. A. May, and Mr. & Mrs. George Hellwig of Alvarado and H. Oliver and family of Mt. Eden were all in attendance.

**Mrs. E. M. Tainton** made a trip to Sebastapol last week.

**Mrs. Ralph** was hostess to a number of Alvarado ladies last Friday.

**Messrs. Ralph**, Dees, and Lowrie made a trip to Kerman, Fresno County, last weekend.

Mr. & Mrs. William Lindeman of San Jose motored up to visit Mr. & **Mrs. Tainton** over the weekend. From Alvarado they went to Byron for a short stay.

Mrs. Walter Humphreys of San Francisco was a visitor at the **Ralph home** Sunday.

Miss Ethel Foley returned from a visit to Sunnyside the first of the week.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 28, 1914*

#### **Marriage License:**

Antonio Alcalde, 26, Alvarado

Antonia Rueda, 21, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, July 1, 1914*

#### **Boom Breaks Nose:**

H. Schuman, of Alvarado, a sailor, sat too close to the swinging boom of his vessel in the Oakland Estuary last night. He reported to the Emergency Hospital with a broken nose as a consequence. The boom, he declares, swung in the wind, catching him in the face and almost throwing him overboard.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 2, 1914*

#### **Classified Ad:**

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY:

For Sale: Four rented stores and building; cheap; leaving state. For particulars call at A. Davilla, Alvarado California.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 3, 1914*

#### **Alvarado Shooting:**

What is declared to have been an accidental shooting occurred in a Japanese hotel in Alvarado yesterday afternoon, when Kikue Uyehara, a girl member of a traveling theatrical troupe, was shot through the heart and killed by a revolver in the hands of Kozo Hasegawa. Hasegawa was in a room cleaning the weapon and the "unloaded" gun was discharged. Sheriff's deputies took Hasegawa into custody and took him to the county jail pending a further investigation.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 3, 1914*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Frances Cary spent the weekend with the **McCarty family**.

Mrs. Katy Ralph of Berkeley was the guest of Mr. J. H. Ralph on Thursday.

Misses Mildred, Edith and Jeanette Meyers of Alameda spent Thursday at the May home here.

Russell Robie and William Norris left for Visalia Wednesday.

Meyer Cohen spent Saturday and Sunday in San Francisco with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. I Cohen.

**T. E. McCarty** spent Thursday in Oakland.

Miss Anne Lowrie entertained twenty-five ladies at a luncheon on Wednesday.

F. C. Harvey and family returned from the Yosemite Valley on Thursday of last week.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 12, 1914*

#### **Around Town:**

Morris Brewer was in Newark, Alvarado, and Centerville on Thursday campaigning for his candidacy for Constable.

Mr. & Mrs. N. Ballhache of Fitchburg are spending their vacation at the Ralph home.

Miss Rosie Anderson of San Lorenzo is spending a couple of weeks as the guest of Miss Mildred Jung.

Miss Genevieve Ford left Tuesday morning for a two-week vacation in Ione with her grandmother, Mrs. George Woolsey.

A. Cohen, who has been in Denver for the past month, returned home Saturday evening.

Miss Irene Drew and her mother of San Francisco are visitors at the Lowrie ranch.

Mrs. W. H. Vanderpeer and daughter Ruth returned Monday from Santa Clara and will spend a few weeks on the Vanderpeer ranch here before returning to their home in Oakland.

Little Frederick Mueller of Newark is spending this week with his grandmother, Mrs. W. S. Robie.

Mr. & Mrs. J. S. Friedrichsen and daughter spent the Fourth in Petaluma.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 19, 1914*

#### **Marriage License:**

Frank S. Roderick, 29, Alvarado

Mayme Manuel, 18, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, July 24, 1914*

#### **Decoto Post Office:**

The same gang of safe crackers that robbed the Alvarado Branch of the Bank of Alameda County are at it again. They are believed to have broken into the Decoto U. S. Post Office and robbed their strong box of \$400. They got away in an automobile and now local and federal authorities are on the search for them.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 24, 1914*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Alice Kilgo, for a number of years a teacher in the Alvarado school, but now a teacher of domestic science in the Oakland School District, visited last week with Mr. & Mrs. Fred Wiegman. Her nieces, Miss Muriel and Miss Lucille Kilgo, accompanied her.

Mrs. M. Avila returned last week from a three months' visit to her parents, Mr. & Mrs. A. Lewis of San Lorenzo.

Miss Rosie Anderson of San Lorenzo is visiting the **Jung family**.

The Alvarado Ladies Aid Society met with **Mrs. T. E. McCarty** Thursday afternoon of last week.

Joe Flores returned last week from his vacation at Lake Tahoe.

**Fred Hoerle and family** and **E. S. Harvey** and family left last week by auto for Lake Tahoe.

Andrew Lund has turned farmer, having leased the M. Gallivan place for a period of five years.

Mr. & Mrs. Perkins of Fresno are the guests of Mr. & Mrs. F. C. Harvey for a few weeks.

**Mr. & Mrs. Hoerle** and family and **Mr. & Mrs. Ed Harvey** and family returned Monday from a very pleasant trip to Lake Tahoe.

Mr. Shire of Dinuba was a visitor at the **T. E. McCarty home** last week.

Miss Mavis Scribner is spending a few weeks' with her cousin, Miss Ruth Lampher, at San Anselmo.

Miss Genevieve Ford is visiting in Ione for a few weeks.

Miss Beatrice McGuire is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Kaiser.

Mrs. E. L. Farley entertained the Birthday Club at a very pleasant affair.

**Mr. & Mrs. Ballhache** returned on Tuesday to their home in Fitchburg after a very pleasant stay with friends here.

Mrs. R. Allguire of Palo Alto is a visitor at the home of Mrs. E. A. Richmond Sr., this week.

Mrs. Lyle and friends of Berkeley spent a few days this week with **Miss Charlotte Jung**.

Mr. & Mrs. Tainton entertained a few friends at dinner Monday evening. Those present were: **Mr. & Mrs. Ballhache**, Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Ralph, and Mr. & Mrs. A. R. Dees.

Frank Machado left for Salinas this week.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 26, 1914*

#### **Alvarado Murder:**

T. T. Yamaguchi, a fruit picker, was shot and killed by Owaki San, a Japanese girl from Alvarado. Sheriff Barnett was notified.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 28, 1914*

### **Robberies Increase:**

Recently there have been a large number of post office robberies in this part of the state and in the interior. Automobiles were used by the yeggmen to make their escape. A little over a year ago the Bank of Alameda County in Alvarado was dynamited, but the robbers failed to get their hands on the \$27,000 in the safe, being forced to flee after an hour's work when the town became alarmed. They had cut the telephone and telegraph wires into town and disabled the town alarm on the hose house. They left town in an automobile from which they were able to get off a volley of shots. The significant feature of the robbery in view of the late arrest is that the automobile was abandoned in Santa Clara County where all trace of the occupants was lost.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 1, 1914*

### **Garrison Visits Alvarado:**

E. F. Garrison, County Auditor and candidate for re-election, stopped at Alvarado at the end of last week.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 2, 1914*

### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Rutherford of Niles were the guests of **Mr. & Mrs. T. E. McCarty** over Sunday.

Mr. E. L. Farley returned from a very successful deer-hunting trip to Livermore.

Mr. & Mrs. George Beebe were the guests of Mr. & Mrs. J. Scribner recently.

**Miss Celeste Bunker** returned Sunday after a very enjoyable vacation at Michigan Bluff (Placer County).

Mr. & Mrs. William Hughes of Placerville were the guests of Mr. & Mrs. A. Norris a few days this last week.

Mr. W. S. Robie spent Sunday in Newark visiting her daughter, Mrs. Fred Mueller.

Mrs. Ballhache entertained at her home in Fitchburg the Birthday Club at a delightful afternoon gathering Friday last.

Miss Maude McCarty was a visitor in Danville Tuesday of last week.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Roderick returned Wednesday from their honeymoon trip in the south.

Alvarado Aerie, No. 1695 F.O.E. will hold an initiation on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

School opened Monday with a very full attendance and the following teachers: **Mr. T. E.**

**McCarty**, Principal; Miss Helen Lyle, Intermediate Department; **Miss Celeste Bunker**, Primary Department.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 2, 1914*

### **Around Town:**

Great excitement was created on Tuesday afternoon by the 15,000-gallon tank and windmill on the J. A. Schmidt property collapsed. The concrete foundation gave way, and the tank being full of water at the time, caused some shake among the neighboring houses.

Mrs. E. M. Tainton is entertaining her niece, Miss Ruth Chase of San Jose.

Mrs. A. May entertained on Monday a number of old friends of Miss Martha Cilker in her home.

J. G. Rose Jr. and wife have returned from their camping trip.

Mrs. Charles Goforth has gone south for a week.

Mr. & Mrs. Herman Krause returned Tuesday from their vacation.

Mr. Tessatori and wife have moved into the Nauert cottage on Vallejo Street.

Mrs. Mershom returned Tuesday from a months' vacation in Mill Valley.

Mr. & Mrs. P. G. Lowrie has cards out accounting the marriage of their daughter, Miss Anne Lowrie to Walter Humphreys of San Francisco.

Miss Mildred Nauert spent Tuesday in San Francisco.

Mrs. E. A. Richmond and friend, Mrs. Martha Miller of San Jose are visiting a few days in San Francisco and Alameda.

Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Ralph spent Friday in San Francisco.

Mrs. T. E. McCarty entertained an "At Home" on Tuesday.



Quite a number of Alvaradoites attended the reception at the Country Club's new home in Centerville on Friday evening.  
The exterior of the schoolhouse is being repainted, which will add greatly to its appearance.  
*The Oakland Tribune, August 16, 1914*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Hartung and sister, Miss Z. de la Nux, returned last week from a short visit to Salinas. Mrs. August May was the hostess at an affair given at her residence Saturday evening, August 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Miss Dorothy Ford returned Tuesday from a very pleasant visit at Ione.  
Miss Emma Nabor of San Francisco was the guest of Miss A. Norris over Sunday.  
Victor Lund was suddenly taken ill Saturday evening, August 15<sup>th</sup>, with an attack of appendicitis and was rushed to the hospital, where he was operated upon.  
Mrs. Fred Mueller and Mrs. Hill of Newark were the guests of **Mrs. Robie** this week.  
Mr. & Mrs. H. Woolsey of Exeter and Mr. & Mrs. Gowett of Ione are spending a few days with Mrs. B. H. Ford.  
Mrs. Walter Humphreys of San Francisco was a visitor in town this last week.  
Mrs. Eliza Beebe entertained the Birthday Club Monday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Scribner.  
Mr. & Mrs. George Hellwig entertained the ladies at a very pleasant "At Home" Wednesday afternoon.  
Mrs. Leonard of Spokane is spending a few weeks with her cousins, Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Farley.  
**Mrs. W. S. Robie** spent Thursday at Newark visiting her daughter, Mrs. Fred Mueller.  
*The Oakland Tribune, August 23, 1914*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Ella Chambers of Sacramento is the guest of her sister, **Mrs. Wm. B. McGrath** for a few weeks.  
Mrs. W. W. Hendricks has returned from a lively trip to Dunsmuir.  
**Mrs. B. H. Ford** and son Donald motored to Ione Monday with H. A. Woolsey and wife, and C. J. Gowett and wife.  
Mrs. A. Cohen was the guest at the **Ford** home on Sunday last.  
**Mrs. W. McGrath** and daughter, Claire were visitors in the metropolis on Wednesday of this week.  
*The Oakland Tribune, August 30, 1914*

#### **Mrs. E. Richmond Dies:**

Mrs. Elizabeth Richmond, a pioneer resident of California, died suddenly at her home in Alvarado Sunday. Mrs. Richmond, who had not been previously ill, was seized by an attack of paralysis yesterday morning, and died several hours later. She was 62 years old and had been a resident of California for over 50 years. Her husband Edwin A Richmond died earlier this year.

Her sons William B, Edwin A. Jr., J. Allen, Ralph V., Harvey H., Robert E., and Everett G. Richmond survive Mrs. Richmond.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 31, 1914*

#### **License to Marry:**

William P. Robie, 22, Alvarado and Miss Alma R. Norris, 18, both of Alvarado.  
*The Sausalito News, Sausalito Calif., September 12, 1914*

#### **Around Town:**

**Miss Celeste Bunker** entertained a number of ladies on Saturday afternoon September 19<sup>th</sup>. "500" was enjoyed in the afternoon. Miss Ruth Blair carrying away the first prize and Mrs. E. Laplante the booby prize. Mrs. Frederickson won the consolation prize.

Mrs. Perkins who has been visiting her sister **Mrs. F. C. Harvey** for the past three months returned to her home in Fresno on Wednesday.

The marriage of Miss Minnie Flores and Mr. Martin Rose took place at the Centerville Catholic Church on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Mrs. F. C. Harvey** spent Thursday of this week in San Francisco.

Mrs. J. G. Rose returned Saturday from Sacramento where she spent a week with her daughter and also visiting the state fair.

Mr. & Mrs. Jacinto have gone to Sacramento for a few days to visit with Mr. Jacinto's folks.

**Mrs. W. McGrath** and daughter Claire returned Monday from a visit in Sacramento.

Miss Mary Chambers of Sacramento is the guest of her sister, **Mrs. W. McGrath**.

Miss Annie Logan is attending San Jose Normal School.

Mrs. H. H. Heitmuller of Oakland was a visitor at the Nauert home on Wednesday.

Mrs. W. C. Humphreys of San Francisco was a visitor at the Lowrie ranch on Tuesday.

Miss Dorothy Ford spent Friday of last week in San Francisco.

Mrs. W. S. Robie and **Celeste Bunker** were in Pleasanton Tuesday on business.

Mrs. J. M. Scribner and Mrs. Beebe were visitors in Centerville Tuesday.

Mr. Meyer Cohen and Louis Aftergut spent Sunday and Monday in San Francisco.

Mrs. E. M. Foley has been on the sick list for the past two weeks but is much improved at present.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 27, 1914*

#### **Train Change:**

Train No. 110, the "Sunset Express" leaves Broadway and First Street in Oakland at 9:40 p.m. and will make stops at Alvarado, Newark, Albrae, Drawbridge and Alviso ([Santa Clara County](#)) on signal, on Tuesdays and Saturdays for the accommodation of hunters and others.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 2, 1914*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. J. H. Ralph entertained the Birthday Club on Friday last week at a luncheon. "500" was enjoyed during the afternoon. **Mrs. E. M. Tainton** carried away the first prize and Mrs. E. A. Richmond took the consolation prize.

Miss Evelyn Chambers of Sacramento is the guest of her sister, **Mrs. W. McGrath**.

Mrs. F. C. Harvey was a visitor in San Francisco Monday.

Mrs. B. H. Ford entertained the "At Homes" on Monday.

**Mrs. W. McGrath** and daughter, Claire, and Miss Evelyn Chambers spent Thursday in San Francisco.

Mrs. S. Aftergut and Miss Carrie Cohen have returned Tuesday from an extended visit in the East.

Mrs. William Lindeman was a guest of her sister, **Mrs. E. M. Tainton**, a couple of days last week.

The C. P. Lange family left on Wednesday for their new home.

Mrs. J. M. Scribner was a visitor in San Francisco.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 4, 1914*

#### **Sugar:**

*(From The Woodland Daily Democrat)*

It will be good news for the farmers of Alvarado, Pleasanton and Woodland that the Alameda Sugar Company stockholders have voted to resume operations at the Alvarado refinery beginning in 1915. More than 30,000 shares of stock were voted in favor of resuming operations in Alvarado. It was also decided that the Alameda Sugar Company would get out of the sugar beet farming business and will purchase all of its beets from individual farmers on contract.

*The Woodland Daily Democrat, October 7, 1914*

#### **Panama-Pacific Exposition:**

The Women's Board of the Panama-Pacific Exposition will hold a meeting at the Union High School here Friday afternoon when the features of the exposition will be explained. Invitations to

the meeting have been sent throughout the township. Representing Alvarado will be Mrs. W. S. Robie.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 7, 1914*

**Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Fox of Sacramento and Mr. & Mrs. Long of San Francisco spent Sunday with Mr. & **Mrs. J. G. Rose**.

**Mrs. J. G. Rose** spent Friday in Oakland.

Mr. & Mrs. J. G. Rose Jr. will move into their new house Wednesday.

Mr. Granger has for the past week been painting his fence on his property.

Mary Santos of Benicia has been visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. & Mrs. A. S. Mello, this week.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 11, 1914*

**Sugar:**

One of the tokens of alertness now prevailing is resuming beet sugar production, because the state of the sugar world overcomes the handicap of tariff revision. The pioneer sugar factory at Alvarado, which was in the process of disintegration, has resolved for rehabilitation for the coming year. Contracts for beet growing will be offered to farmers, seed enough for the year is on hand, and while the crop is growing some new machinery will be installed in the old building. The capacity of the Alvarado factory is about 800 tons of beets a day, and it enjoys the distinction of being the oldest beet sugar refinery in the United States which is still capable of production.

*The Pacific Rural Express, San Francisco, October 17, 1914*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. O. Barth of Berkeley entertained a number of her Alvarado friends at a luncheon and "500" on Monday.

Mrs. W. R. McGrath and daughter, Claire, spent Wednesday and Thursday in San Francisco.

Miss Celeste Bunker is a visitor in Sacramento this week.

Mrs. George Beebe is the guest of Mrs. E. Beebe for a few days.

**Mrs. J. H. Ralph** and Mrs. A. Dees spent Tuesday in San Francisco.

Mrs. Allen Richmond and daughter, Alice, are the guests of **Mrs. J. H. Ralph** for a few days this week.

Miss Fleischer and Miss Stuckmeyer of St. Helena were the guests of **Maude McCarty** last Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. W. S. Robie has returned from her visit to Healdsburg.

**Miss Maude McCarty** entertained a few friends on Friday evening of last week in honor of Miss Fleischer and Miss Stuckmeyer of St. Helena.

Mrs. E. M. Foley was on the sick list last week.

Mrs. F. C. Harvey and Miss Mildred Nauert motored to San Francisco on Tuesday.

Miss Helen Lyle is spending the week in Berkeley.

Joe Luna and family and Mr. & Mrs. Henrick will leave the first of the week for Yosemite for a weeks' stay.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 18, 1914*

**News Note:**

Mrs. N. A. Nauert will honor Miss Grace Clawiter at a tea at her home in Alvarado. Miss Clawiter has announced her intention to marry Clyde Laizure on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Guests from as far as Alameda and Oakland will be present at the Nauert home.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 23, 1914*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. J. H. Ralph and Mrs. A. Dees are guests of Mrs. W. C. Humphreys of San Francisco this week.

The Whist Club met as usual on Wednesday evening at the IOOF Hall. Mrs. F. C. Harvey and **A. Norris** won the prizes.

Miss Charlotte Jung who is attending San Francisco Normal School was home last week for a mid-term vacation.

Bert Thayer of Healdsburg, who visited **the Robie home** a few days last week returned home Sunday.

**Mr. A. Norris** and family have moved into the old Richmond home.

Frank Silveira and Mamie Daviner were married Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Centerville.

**Mrs. W. S. Robie** spent Wednesday in Newark with her daughter, Mrs. F. Mueller.

Mrs. Lou Allguire has been visiting at the Scribner home for the past two weeks.

W. H. Cockefair, who has been on the sick list, is out and around again and very much improved.

Mrs. Joan Jones of Benecia was the guest of Mrs. Gus Macquart for a few days last week.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 1, 1914*

#### **Liquor License:**

Walter Sherman, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, November 4, 1914*

#### **Around Town:**

**Mrs. F. C. Harvey** and Miss Mildred Nauert entertained a number of ladies at "Dutch Whist." Mrs. F. B. Granger of Broadmoor carried away the first prize and Mrs. Ed Harvey the consolation.

Bob Richmond was visitor in town on Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. Ralph is home again after a few days' visit with her sister in Alameda, **Mrs. W. C.**

**Humphreys.**

Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Tainton were the guests of **Mrs. W. C. Humphreys** of Alameda on Sunday.

The Ladies Aid Society met with **Mrs. F. C. Harvey** on Thursday.

Mrs. A. May entertained a number of young folks on Halloween evening in honor of Earle and Eloise Hellwig. Games were played during the evening.

Miss Celeste Bunker and Mrs. W. S. Robie were the recipients of a surprise party at the home of Mrs. W. S. Robie on Thursday evening of last week.

**Fred Lassen** and Jack Simas made a voyage Wednesday in their gasoline launch, which they have named the Sea Maid.

**Fred Lassen**, accompanied by George Haden of Oakland expect to leave in a few days on a goose-hunting trip to the San Joaquin Valley.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 8, 1914*

#### **Sugar:**

*(From The Woodland Daily Democrat)*

Authoritive information leaked out today to the effect that Louis Kim and L.C. Ching, two wealthy San Francisco and Salinas Chinamen, have leased 400 acres of land from the C. Nelson Land and Livestock Company, and 100 acres from the Alameda Sugar Company, northeast of Woodland, for the purpose of raising sugar beets for the Alameda Sugar Company at Alvarado.

*The Woodland Daily Democrat, November 18, 1914*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. B. H. Ford entertained the Birthday Club at a 1 o'clock luncheon on Thursday. "500" was the feature of the afternoon. Mrs. E. A. Richmond carried away first prize and Mrs. W. S. Robie garnered the consolation prize.

Mrs. Gus Macquart Jr. broke her wrist on Tuesday while cranking an automobile.

Mrs. H. Heitmuller was a visitor at the Nauert home on Wednesday of last week.

**J. H. Ralph** left Saturday of last week for Kerman, where he has business interests. He returned Monday.

Mrs. W. C. Humphreys of Alameda was the guest of her mother, Mrs. P. G. Lowrie on Wednesday. George Beebe of San Francisco is a visitor in town this week.

Miss Maude McCarty of Oakland was the weekend guest of her mother, Mrs. T. E. McCarty.

Robert Richmond of San Francisco spent Saturday and Sunday at **the Ralph home**. Everette Richmond was a guest at the Jung home.

Ed Clark is spending a few weeks in Alvarado.

Fred Lassen spent a few days in the Sea Maid bringing home a limit of black teal.

A card party was held Saturday night at the Riverside Hotel when Mr. & Mrs. Boysen and Mr. & Mrs. Frederickson were entertained by friends.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 22, 1914*

#### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Humphreys of Alameda, and Mr. & Mrs. N Ballhache and Billy Yarbrou of Fitchburg were the guests at the Ralph home on Thanksgiving.

Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Tainton returned Wednesday evening from San Jose.

Miss Emma Nabor of San Francisco was a visitor at the Norris home last Sunday.

Miss Celeste Bunker who was taken to the St. Francis Hospital in San Francisco on Tuesday evening was operated on that same night for acute appendicitis.

Mr. & Mrs. H. D. Ford of Alameda were visitors at the Ford home on Thanksgiving Day.

Mrs. A Cohen of San Francisco is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. S. Aftergut.

Mr. & **Mrs. W. S. Robie** and Mrs. M. Kelly spent Thursday in San Francisco.

Mrs. M. Kelly will return to San Francisco Saturday, having made a fortnight visit with **Mrs. W. S. Robie.**

Mr. A. R. Dees spent Wednesday in Oakland.

Mr. & Mrs. J. G. Rose Jr. entertained friends from San Francisco Thanksgiving.

Mr. & Mrs. John Jones of Benicia were the guests of Mr. & Mrs. Gus Macquart Jr. Thursday.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 29, 1914*

#### **Ducks:**

The most popular reports seem to be out of the southern part of the bay. Around Redwood City and San Mateo there have been good bags of canvasbacks and some bluebill have been reported. All the bay territories with the exception of Alvarado have reported good bags.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 29, 1914*

#### **Ducks:**

Weather conditions for the past few days have driven ducks into the marsh territory for shelter and duck hunters in Mt. Eden and Alvarado districts cleaned up heavily Sunday. Indications point to continued good hunting during the present cold snap and stormy weather.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 1, 1914*

#### **Liquor Licenses:**

N.W. Boysen and J.F. Friedrichsen of Alvarado have been granted liquor licenses.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 8, 1914*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. E. James is confined to her bed having been ill for the past few months.

Mr. & Mrs. H. D. Ford of Alameda were guests at the Ford home on Christmas Day.

Mr. & Mrs. Ballhache of Fitchburg, Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Humphreys of Alameda, Mr. & Mrs. A. Dees

and Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Ralph of Alvarado spent Christmas Day on the Lowrie Ranch just out of town.

Mr. & Mrs. August May spent Christmas with Mrs. May's mother, Mrs. E. Decoto.

Mr. & Mrs. Lampher and daughter, Ruth, of San Anselmo spent a few days at the Richmond home.

Wendell La Franz spent a few days last week with his mother in Oakland.

Miss Mavis Scribner went up to Centerville Tuesday to attend a party given by Miss Anna Lowrie that evening.

Miss Ethel Foley, who has been teaching in Napa, received news of her appointment as teacher of the Sixth B grade in one of the Napa schools.

Miss Maude McCarty spent Thursday in San Francisco.

Miss Ruth Blair is spending this week at the Scribner home.

Mrs. S. Aftergut moved onto the Mowry Ranch in Irvington Tuesday, where new sanitary cattle barns have been built.

Miss Helen McCarty is spending a few days of this week in Niles with her sister, Mrs. A. J. Rutherford.

**Mr. & Mrs. J. G. Rose** have returned from San Francisco, where they went to spend the holidays.

Mr. & Mrs. C. L. Fox of Sacramento are spending the holidays with their relatives, **Mr. & Mrs. J. G. Rose.**

*The Oakland Tribune, January 3, 1915*

#### **Man Suffers Broken Leg:**

Ernest Hardy, an engineer, was taken to the Emergency Hospital from Alvarado last night with a fractured leg, which he sustained when he fell from the steps at the Salt Works. Dr. Emerson set the injured leg.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 4, 1915*

#### **Warm Springs Post Office:**

An attempted burglary and robbery was foiled at the Warm Springs Post Office this morning by Postmaster Joseph Brown. Residents of the town were awakened by the noise and gave chase to the suspects as they disappeared into the darkness of the night.

This appears to be the work of the same gang that has struck throughout the bay area in the past year including a daring attempt at Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 15, 1915*

#### **Turtle Farm:**

Joseph Berger, a guest at the Hotel Oakland in the East Bay is looking to start a turtle farm. He says there has been good success in the east and mid-west raising turtles for pets.

Marshland, such as that at Alvarado, he declares is the best for growing turtles. Turtle eggs are incubated and the small turtles are kept in boxes for a time, and then turned loose on the marshes. When big enough they are trapped for the market. The eggs are laid in sand boxes, collected and incubated in the sand.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 17, 1915*

#### **Around Town:**

**Mrs. Dees** has been on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Lou Allguire was a visitor in town this week.

Mrs. J. M. Scribner spent Tuesday in Centerville.

J. H. Ralph is renovating his house on Church Street. E. M. Tainton and family will occupy it when it is completed.

Miss Cassie Christensen was the guest of Miss Mavis Scribner over Monday night.

Mrs. B. H. Ford entertained the "At Homes" on Monday.

Mr. & **Mrs. A. Dees** spent Sunday in Oakland.

Miss Ethel Foley of Napa spent Sunday with her parents.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 31, 1915*

#### **Boil Water:**

The Board of Health for the city of Alameda recommends that all water in the city be boiled before usage. Owing to our recent heavy rains the water is muddy and that in order to settle the sediment the liquid should be boiled before being used.

Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda and Alvarado are served from the same water source and the Alameda health officer's states that these other cities should also follow the boiling of water before usage.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 16, 1915*

#### **Around Town:**

**Mrs. A. May** entertained the Birthday Club at a luncheon on Friday of last week. "500" was the past time of the afternoon. **Mrs. F. C. Harvey** won first prize and Mrs. E. M. Foley drew the consolation prize.

Miss Olive Andrade was hostess Saturday afternoon to some friends. Games were played and at a drawing contest a prize bookmark fell to Miss Ethel Moffitt and the consolation prize, a Japanese workbag, was awarded to Miss Minnie Andrade. The table was prettily decorated with cupid hearts in honor of St. Valentine. Those present were the Misses Edith & Hazel Lorenzo, Miss Ethel Moffitt, Misses Wanda and Thelma Kiebotz, Miss Hilda Silveira, Misses Edith and Mamie Andrade, and Miss Olive Andrade.

Mr. & **Mrs. August May** entertained about 50 friends at their new home Saturday evening with a masquerade. Prizes were awarded for the best character, George Beebe, fancy costume to Mrs. Edwin Richmond, and best comic costume to **John Ralph**.

Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Humphreys of Alvarado were guests at the **Ralph home** Sunday. Mrs. Fred Mueller and children of Newark spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. W. S. Robie. F. B. Granger and family were Sunday visitors of the **F. C. Harvey** family. Robert Richmond was an Alvarado visitor this week. Mildred & Edith Meyers of Alameda came up Saturday to attend the party at **Mrs. A. May's**. C. Gaul spent one day this week in San Francisco. Mrs. N. Ballhache of Fitchburg and Mrs. O. Barth of Berkeley came up last Friday to attend the birthday party at **Mrs. May's**. Mr. & Mrs. J. G. Rose Jr. were San Francisco visitors Wednesday of last week.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 21, 1915*

#### **Alvarado Precinct:**

Polling Place: IOOF Hall  
Inspector: Joseph S. Secada  
Judges: E. S. Harvey, O. J. Emery  
Clerk: A. A. Lee  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 25, 1915*

#### **Around Town:**

William Richmond and family of Richmond spent Saturday and Sunday at the Emery home. Mrs. E. M. Tainton brought her baby, Milstead, home from San Jose Thursday. Mr. & Mrs. T. E. McCarty and daughter, Helen, were in San Francisco Saturday at the opening of the fair. Mr. & Mrs. A. Dees spent Monday in San Francisco. Miss Irene Drew of San Francisco spent the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. P. G. Lowrie. Mr. A. Norris was a visitor in San Francisco for a few days last week. E. A. Richmond was tendered a surprise party Monday in honor of his birthday. Miss Ruth Blair of Newark was a visitor at the Scribner home over the holiday.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 28, 1915*

#### **Around Town:**

Lillian La Montagne, who was badly burned last week, is improving rapidly. **Mr. & Mrs. W. S. Robie** spent one day last week at the exposition. Miss Ruth Chase of San Jose is the guest of Mrs. E. M. Tainton this week. J. H. Ralph spent Tuesday in San Francisco. **F. C. Harvey and family** accompanied by **Miss Mildred Nauert** and **Mrs. W. S. Robie** motored to Niles to visit the California Nursery. Russell Robie spent Saturday at Jewel City. Robert Richmond of San Francisco was a visitor in town Sunday. Miss Maude McCarty entertained friends from Oakland Sunday. Mrs. A. J. Rutherford was a visitor at the McCarty home Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Mueller and children of Newark were visitors at the **Robie home**.  
**Mr. & Mrs. F. C. Harvey** and **Miss Mildred Nauert** motored to San Francisco Tuesday.  
*The Oakland Tribune, March 7, 1915*

**Classified Ad:**

LOST & FOUND:

Lost: Brown mare, scar on face, about 1100 pounds, 8 years old, lost or stolen from Alvarado.

Notify: F. C. Harvey, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, March 12, 1915*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. W. R. Robie and Mr. & Mrs. W. S. Robie were visitors at Jewel City Saturday and Sunday.

A. Norris attended the Esperanto dinner in Oakland Sunday evening.

Mrs. O. Barth entertained the Alvarado Birthday Club at her home in Berkeley on Monday at a luncheon. The afternoon was spent playing "500". Mrs. E. M. Foley won the prize.

C. Graul attended the races at Jewel City Saturday.

George Wolfe and wife have moved into the Beebe cottage on Granger Avenue.

Herbert Jung, Mildred Jung, Charlotte Jung and Mavis Scribner attended the Presbyterian Sunday School Convention in Oakland Sunday.

F. B. Granger and family were in town Sunday.

Charles W. Jones moved into town Saturday.

Mrs. T. E. McCarty is one of the voices in the big chorus at Jewel City.

Mrs. Mattie La Franz and daughter, Ada, were visitors at the Ford home, the guests of Wendell La Franz on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. & Mrs. George Hellwig were visitors in San Francisco Sunday Night.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 14, 1915*

**Liquor License:**

Ludwig Hansen, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, March 15, 1915*

**Around Town:**

Miss Genevieve Ford and Miss Helen McCarty attended the baseball game between Hayward and Washington high schools at Nilcs on Saturday.

Tony Vargas, who has been laid up for time with rheumatism, is out and about again.

Mr. & Mrs. James Logan attended the fair St. Patrick's Day.

Mrs. William Churchman of Fruitvale was the guest of Mrs. E. M. Foley Friday.

Mrs. J. H. Ralph entertained the "**At Homes**" Friday of last week.

Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Rutherford of Nilcs spent Sunday at the McCarty home.

Miss Mavis Scribner and Miss Jennie Logan spent Saturday and Sunday in San Jose.

W. Laplante and C. Graul were visitors in Nilcs Saturday.

Mrs. B. H. Ford entertained the "**At Homes**" Monday.

Robert Richmond of San Francisco was a weekend visitor in town.

Miss Helen Lyle spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in Berkeley.

Melvin Nicoll, formerly from Alvarado, was renewing old acquaintances in town Sunday.

J. H. Ralph spent Tuesday in San Francisco.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 28, 1915*

**Opium Den Raids:**

Four Chinese were arrested last night in raids at Mt. Eden and Alvarado on Chinese Opium Dens, and were lodged in the county jail on charges of violating the Harrison Anti-Drug Act. They were released on bail this morning. The four men under arrest are Tom Yung, Yee Him, Lee Mow and Lee Chung. All are farm laborers.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 30, 1915*

**Frauenverein:**



Mrs. Fred Wiegman has extended a cordial invitation to the Hayward Frauenverein, to be her guest at the June meeting.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 3, 1915*

#### **Alvarado Murder:**

Following a quarrel with an unidentified Chinese woman this morning, Leon Wing shot and killed her in the Chinese section of Alvarado. After the murder the suspect fled from town on a bicycle. The Sheriff's Office was notified and Deputy Sheriff Joe Soares, David Jones and George Wales hastened to the scene in an effort to apprehend the suspect.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 5, 1915*

#### **Frauenverein Society to Meet in Alvarado:**

The Frauenverein Society will meet on June 2<sup>nd</sup> in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 20, 1915*

#### **Marriage:**

Peter Freese of Irvington was married to Minnie Goularte of Alvarado on Friday.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 25, 1915*

#### **News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Schroeder of Davenport Iowa and Mr. F Wiegman and son, Fred Jr. of Alvarado were the guests of J. Kruse and family of Pleasanton on Tuesday of this week.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 25, 1915*

#### **Alvarado Shooting:**

Seer Wau, a young Chinese of Alvarado who was arrested a short time ago and charged with assault with a deadly weapon upon the person of a Chinese woman, has been released from custody after a preliminary investigation by Justice of the Peace Ralph V. Richmond. Witnesses and the injured woman testified that the shooting, which took place in the oriental section of Alvarado, was accidental and no intent to kill was meant.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 2, 1915*

#### **William H. Cockefair Dies:**

William H. Cockefair, one of the oldest and most respected residents of Washington Township, is dead at Alvarado. The deceased was a native of New Jersey and was 82 years old. Mr. Cockefair leaves many friends who mourn his death.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 2, 1915*

#### **Lumberyard Owner Disappears:**

Mystery surrounds the disappearance of Charles B. Jones who several days ago mailed to his wife in Oakland a bill of sale and deeds to his lumberyard in Alvarado with the announcement that by the time she received them he would be far away. Mrs. Jones conducted a restaurant on Franklin Street near Ninth ([in Oakland](#)), while her husband operated a lumberyard in Alvarado, which he purchased a short time ago.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 23, 1915*

#### **Big Steelhead Caught:**

Catches of steelheads from ten to thirty-five inches in length and weighing from five to ten to fifteen pounds have been reported by anglers fishing in Alameda Creek below Alvarado. The high water is bringing extra large fish upstream.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 29, 1915*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Olive Jacinto of Sacramento is spending a week with Mr. & Mrs. J. Jacinto.

Mrs. J. G. Rose Jr., is spending a week in San Francisco.

Master Willie Oliver of Hayward is spending two weeks with Mr. & Mrs. J. G. Rose.

Mrs. W. S. Bable entertained a guest from Alabama on Saturday and Sunday of last week.

Miss Beryl Farley, who has been attending San Jose Normal School, will graduate this June. Mrs. O. J. Emery and daughter Orma, spent Wednesday in Oakland. Mrs. P. G. Lowrie entertained Mrs. Jackson of Alameda, Mrs. Ballhache, Mrs. E. M. Thornton and Mrs. J. H. Ralph at a luncheon on Wednesday. Little Milton Avilla spent the week with his grandmother in Byron. Mrs. E. M. Tainton entertained a number of friends at her home on Saturday last. Mr. & Mrs. T. E. McCarty left for Gilroy Hot Springs on Thursday where the many friends of Mrs. McCarty wish her a rapid recovery of her health.  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 27, 1915*

#### **Water:**

The Oakland Water Company has concluded to put iron pipes in place of its wooden flume across the Alvarado marsh, and this week placed an order with the Francis Pipe Works for the necessary material. A force of about twenty men is at work at the plant to get the pipe out.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 30, 1915*

#### **Liquor License:**

Alfred Anthony Lee and J.G. Rose & Son from Alvarado have applied to liquor licenses.  
*The Oakland Tribune, August 3, 1915*

#### **Panama Pacific Exposition:**

Visitors the Panama Pacific Exposition *Oakland Tribune* booth at the Palace of Liberal Arts included F.W. Wiegman of Alvarado.  
*The Oakland Tribune, August 7, 1915*

#### **Around Town:**

Work is to be completed by the fifteenth of this month on the new dairy of John Lemos to be erected on the May property. The new dairy will be one of the most elaborate in the township. Martin J. Loftus was a visitor here from San Francisco this week. A. T. Andrade was a visitor to San Francisco Wednesday. Frederick G. Courtenay will be a visitor here on business. He will look over the dairy situation.  
*The Oakland Tribune, September 5, 1915*

#### **Sugar:**

School children yesterday blew the whistle and threw in the beets that started the sugar factory at Alvarado in operation, after it had been closed down for two years. The factory will be kept running for 100 days without a break. Superintendent Williams invited the young folk to start the work remarking that in their hands would be the future success of the industry.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 10, 1915*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. George Chamberlain spent one day last week in San Francisco. Mrs. F. Youngblood is on the sick list this week. Mrs. B. H. Ford spent Wednesday of last week in the city. Mrs. Fred Moses and children of Newark were the guests of Mrs. Muller on Thursday of last week. Miss Cassie Christiansen of Irvington spent last week with Miss Mavis Scribner.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 24, 1915*

#### **Liquor License:**

Walter Sherman, Alvarado  
*The Oakland Tribune, November 1, 1915*

#### **Sugar:**

With the planting of 9,000 acres of sugar beets the refining plant of the Alameda Sugar Company at Alvarado is undergoing extensive improvements to cope with next year's increased output. The acreage of beets dealt with at the mill is a record and employment will jump to 250 men. The Alvarado mill will handle the main output in the future and the company has dismantled its mill at

Woodland and moved the machinery to Alvarado. The war has created an extra large sugar demand and is responsible for the local activity.

***The Oakland Tribune, November 28, 1915***

### **Bank Robbery:**

After nearly three years, one of the yeggman who on April 13 dynamited the safe in the Bank of Alameda County at Alvarado has come to grief. It is the belief of Sheriff Frank Barnett, who declared that Frank Smith, alias Lederer, who was shot at Turk and Polk Street in San Francisco last night, was the man who planned the robbery.

Smith was shot by a man who drove up to the curb in an automobile and fired at him as he was going downstairs into a café. The assailant escaped with his companion in a car. That the man who did the shooting was a former pal of Smith, who sought revenge against him, is the belief of Sheriff Barnett.

A confession obtained from Smith in Sacramento in January 1912, relates the plans made for robbing the Alvarado Bank. At that time, Smith related, he had reported to his friends that the job was impractical. But a few months later the robbery took place in exactly the way Smith had planned.

Five men entered the small town in an automobile and after cutting all communication wires, worked for more than two hours, standing off alarmed townspeople with revolvers and rifles while seven charges of dynamite were placed in the safe. A small amount of money was obtained, but the yeggman were not able to reach the \$27,000 in gold due to the inner door becoming wedged. They finally drove away under a fusillade of bullets.

Smith is known as the "Gentleman Yegg" and has a long criminal history in this country. He was generally the "mechanic" in safe cracking jobs.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 18, 1915***

### **News Note:**

(From *The Mountain Democrat, Placerville California*)

Professor T. E. McCarty, a former well known official of this ([Placer](#)) county, has been under treatment for stomach troubles for several weeks at the Placerville Sanitorium. He is principal of the grammar school at Alvarado and will return to duty after the holidays.

***The Mountain Democrat, Placerville California, December 25, 1915***

### **Flood:**

While small creeks overflowed their banks in places, even the low-lying portions of Alameda County escaped extensive flooding. Rainwater collecting in the low country about the bay covered considerable areas of land near Alvarado and other bay side communities. There was, however, little damage done by the larger creeks as they were confined within their banks.

***The Oakland Tribune, January 14, 1916***

### **Board Rejects Landowners Pleas:**

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors has rejected pleas from landowners in Southern Alameda County to have the county maintain a free flowing Alameda Creek. The landowners claim that debris in creek beds builds up in dry season and leads to damming of the stream and flooding of farmer's fields. The board maintains that it is the responsibility of the landowners to maintain the creek bed and avoid flooding.

***The Oakland Tribune, February 21, 1916***

### **Farley B. Granger, Jr.:**

F. B. Granger Jr., formerly of Alvarado, has thrown his hat into the ring in San Leandro politics. Mr. Granger intends to run for one of three vacant spots in the San Leandro Board of Trustees election.

***The Oakland Tribune, February 27, 1916***

**Salt:**

A load of machinery was taken from the wharves and delivered to the Oliver Salt Works near Alvarado. This will replace machinery destroyed by fire.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 10, 1916***

**News Notes:**

Five members of the Christian Endeavor Society attended the annual county convention Saturday afternoon.

Mr. & Mrs. Whiteman and children, Vernon and Vincent, have just returned from Chico.

Mrs. Shirer of Taft, Kern County, is visiting at the home of her brother, T. E. McCarty.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 19, 1916***

**Around Town:**

Miss Mildred Nauert spent the greater part of last week in Oakland, assisting her sister, Mrs. Heitmuller.

The address given by Rev. Rogers, "The Mistakes of Robert Ingersoll" was heard by a large attendance at the Presbyterian Church Sunday evening.

The Jensen family, who lived in the Harvey cottage on Vallejo St., have moved to Oakland.

Mr. T. Nesbitt is erecting a new tank and windmill on the Sandholdt place.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 2, 1916***

**T. E. McCarty Dies:**

Thomas Emmett McCarty, for the past seven years the Principal of Alvarado Grammar School, died recently in Alvarado. He had been ill since last fall. He is survived by his wife in Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 13, 1916***

**Around Town:**

Mr. O. J. Emery, the local contractor, has a large force of men at work laying a foundation for the large dairy to be erected on the Patterson ranch in Decoto for Mr. L. Zwissig of Newark.

Mr. Stanley Christensen, who was burned by a backfire in the boiler, is now well and able to resume his work.

Trout fishing in Alameda Creek Monday resulted in small catches. Local fisherman would much prefer the season starting on April 1<sup>st</sup> as in previous years.

***The Oakland Tribune, May 14, 1916***

**Surprise Party:**

Mr. & Mrs. J. Motta, recent arrivals from the east who are making their home in Alvarado, were given a surprise party there last night by friends and relatives from Hayward.

***The Oakland Tribune, May 29, 1916***

**Salt:**

The Oliver Salt Works recently destroyed by fire, is to be rebuilt at once. During their adjustment, orders for refined salt is to be filled from the California Salt Company at Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, June 3, 1916***

**Salt:**

The steamer "Hardy" brought fifty tons of salt from Alvarado to the quay wall at Oakland yesterday for local merchants.

***The Oakland Tribune, June 9, 1916***

**Water:**

"Oakland's water is the purest of any large city in the state, and far superior to the water supplied the largest eastern cities," this according to the statement from Dr. Kirby Smith, new city health officer ([Oakland](#)), today. Monthly tests of the water from the Alvarado wells and the reservoir at

Lake Chabot shows it to be above average in quality which government tests have declared it to be fit for human consumption.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 11, 1916*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Pearl Penke of Mt. Eden spent Friday and Saturday of last week with their cousins, the Misses Charlotte and Mildred Jung.

The **teachers** have departed for summer vacation; Miss Celeste Bunker has gone to visit her sister in Michigan and Miss Helen Lyle to her home in Berkeley.

J. McCoy Williams, Superintendent of the Alameda Sugar Company, was subjected during the past week to X-Ray examination for internal problems.

**Principal** Thomas Creed will attend the summer school in Berkeley during his vacation.

The four cottages on V Street belonging to Stephen Smith here have been greatly improved by being freshly painted. Walter Sherman of Alvarado is doing the work.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 18, 1916*

#### **Around Town:**

The following is a list of the Alvarado School Graduating class: George Harvey, Ed Harvey, Max Just, James Nesbitt, Clarence Flores, Theodore Lemos, Manuel Silva, Mamie Gomes and Hazel Lorenzo.

Will Norris is home again after spending several months as a sugar chemist at a new sugar mill in Cuba, twenty-five miles out from Camaguey.

Maple Grove at the **August May** place is the gathering place for Alvarado people on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Joseph Ralph, formerly of Alvarado, was back in town this week visiting friends and relatives.

The Jung family, accompanied by Miss Pearl Penke of Mt. Eden attended the opera "Martha" on Monday evening, the opening night of the opera season at the Oakland Auditorium.

**Miss Ethel Foley** leaves next week for a month's visit in Los Angeles and other points of interest in Southern California.

Mrs. E. M. Tainton entertained Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Foley, **Miss Ethel Foley**, **Mrs. August May** and Mrs. J. H. Ralph at her home in Oakland the first of the week.

Mrs. Rosie Lee and daughter Ilene, and Mr. & Mrs. Nora Vargas and son Eddie, are camping in the San Juan Hills for two weeks.

The Misses Mildred and Edith Meyers of Alameda are spending a part of their vacation at the home of **Mr. & Mrs. August May**.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 25, 1916*

#### **News Note:**

Mrs. George Hellwig attended the wedding of Walter Fowler and Marion Bowman in Van Nuys on Saturday evening.

*The Van Nuys News, Van Nuys California, July 7, 1916*

#### **Alvarado Girl to Be Quarantined:**

Barred by the hand of the law from returning to her home as the suspected carrier of the deadly bacillus of infantile paralysis (**polio**), little Ruth Hochfelder, 4 year-old daughter of J.H. Hochfelder of Alvarado will be met at 9:15 o'clock tomorrow morning by Dr. Kirby Smith, health officer of Oakland as she arrives on the Western Pacific train en route from New York and refused permission to alight from the car at the Third and Washington streets station. The only modification of this strict order will be to the effect that the child may leave the train provided that she is conveyed at once to the county infirmary under quarantine.

Ruth, who has been visiting with relations in New York City, was sent out of the danger zone that she might escape infection. So strong was the feeling of panic that no time was taken to provide for an escort for the child and she was placed in the charge of the conductor of a through tourist car. As soon as she had started a telegraphic message was sent to the parents in Alvarado that

the girl was safely on her way from the city where so many lives are being claimed daily by the dread disease.

Had word reached the California authorities in time the quarantine would have been imposed upon little Ruth at the state line without allowing her admission from Nevada, in accordance with the dictate of the state board of health. As it is she will be intercepted in Oakland on her way to the family home in Alvarado and detained under observation.

In New York City today, rain and a wave of cooler temperature failed to check materially the epidemic, which since its inception two weeks ago has claimed 238 lives in that city. During the twenty-four hours, which ended at 10:00 o'clock this morning, fourteen deaths and 103 new cases were reported.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 10, 1916*

#### **Ruth Hochfelder Coming Home:**

With no more cases of suspected infantile paralysis reported in the bay region, the health authorities of Oakland and San Francisco believe that there is no danger of an epidemic of the dread disease here. Four-year old Ruth Hochfelder, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J.H. Hockfelder of Alvarado, is on her way home under the charge of a Western Pacific Pullman Conductor and will arrive in Hayward at 5:45 o'clock this afternoon. She will be met at the station by a doctor and a nurse and put in an isolation ward at the county infirmary where she will be kept for two weeks under observation.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 12, 1916*

#### **Election Officials:**

Inspector: Nicholas W. Boysen

Judges: Mildred Heyer Nauert and John Dee

Clerks: Anthony Alfred Lee, George James Haskins, and Fannie Rebecca Robie

*The Oakland Tribune, August 12, 1916*

#### **Sugar:**

Around Manteca there are being harvested and shipped sugar beets from 6,000 acres. The crop is fine and growers are getting \$5.50 and better per ton. About  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the crop goes to Spreckels and the rest goes to the Alvarado factory.

*The Pacific Rural Express, San Francisco, August 19, 1916*

#### **News Note:**

Fred Wiegman, a rancher from Alvarado, has presented the Alameda County Commission exhibit a display of unusual grape fruit in clusters that indicate future possibilities for the culture of pomelos.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 26, 1916*

#### **Autos in Washington Township:**

Alvarado	33
Centerville	66
Decoto	15
Irvington	55
Mission San Jose	(Not Reported)
Newark	36
Niles	81
Warm Springs	21

*The Oakland Tribune, August 27, 1916*

#### **Sugar:**

Three million gallons of water is used daily in the Alameda Sugar Company's plant in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 02, 1916*

**Autos in Southern Alameda County:**

The city of Hayward leads among the smaller towns of Alameda County with the number of automobiles owned by its citizens. Following is a list of privately owned cars in different towns in the county:

Hayward 284, Pleasanton 116, Niles 81, Centerville 66, Livermore 61, Irvington 55, San Leandro 48, San Lorenzo 44, Newark 39, Alvarado 33, Mt. Eden 30, Warm Springs 21, Decoto 18, Sunol 8, miscellaneous small towns 40.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 9, 1916*

**Water:**

Arguments in the arbitration of the long-standing controversy over water rights in Alameda County between the Alameda County Water District and the Spring Valley Water Company will begin Monday before Irving Martin, A.E. Chandler and W.A. Johnstone, members of the state water commission, who have agreed to be arbitrators as to the merits of the respective contentions.

While the matter is pending before the commission the several suits and injunction proceedings arising from the three-year battle over construction by the water company of the Calaveras dam and reservoirs will be held in abeyance.

Land owners and farmers in the agricultural district between Niles, Newark and Alvarado, known to geologists and riparian experts as the Niles Cone, organized the Alameda County Water District for the preventing, if possible, the impounding of the waters of Calaveras Creek on the ground and the soil of the district would be rendered a desert by the withdrawing of the water. The wells in the district are supplied from a water-bearing stratum of gravel, which gets its supply from the seepage waters of the Alameda Creek and its tributary the Calaveras Creek.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 16, 1916*

**License to Marry:**

Jose S. Luiz, Centerville, 23

Mary Faria, Alvarado, 19

*The Oakland Tribune, September 22, 1916*

**Ducks:**

Ducks are reported plentiful in the region of Mt. Eden, Alvarado and Dumbarton Bridge, which have been reliable shooting territory for years. The best sport is reported from the rice fields of the Biggs-Gridley district, where the birds have been fattening up for the past few weeks and the farmers anxious to get rid of them.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 16, 1916*

**Around Town:**

The Farley's, accompanied by the Misses Lyle and Bunker, visited the home of James Bunker in Newark Monday evening.

The Scribner's motored to San Anselmo Sunday to visit friends there.

That Alvarado land can still produce a most profitable crop of beets when well fertilized and cultivated was shown again this year by F.D. Wiegman. On three acres of land on the home place he harvested over ninety tons.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 19, 1916*

**Marriage License:**

John P. Frates, 21, Alvarado

Phoebe Silva, 18, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, December 18, 1916*

**Alvarado Rancher Hit:**

The authorities are today searching for a motorist who drove on without rendering assistance after severely injuring Joseph Novis, an Alvarado rancher, in a collision between an automobile and a horse and buggy at Warm Springs last night.

Novis was found by Dr. W.C. Lynch of Niles lying on the state highway, suffering from broken arms and other injuries. He was rushed to the county infirmary. The rancher, who can speak English only with difficulty, says he was driving along the state highway shortly before 11 o'clock last night when an automobile, which he could hear approach at high speed, crashed into his buggy. Novis was thrown out and the buggy was badly smashed. Without stopping to give aid the motorist continued on. Novis lay on the road for nearly an hour before assistance came. One of his arms has a compound fracture and the other multiple fractures.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 5, 1917*

#### **Wire Thieves:**

Wire thieves operated successfully last night at the Rogers ranch in Alvarado, making off with a transformer and seven pounds of copper wire. It is believed in the sheriff's office that the work is that of the same gang that for the past two months has been raiding Alameda County ranches for copper wire. The men used an automobile. Deputy Sheriff's Joe Soares and Bert Brown are working on the case.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 23, 1917*

#### **Flood:**

Alvarado, Alameda and Niles Creeks have overflowed their banks and the water has rushed over the surrounding ranch lands until nothing but mud and water is visible to the eye for miles. Paths to ranch houses a quarter of a mile away from the highway have been washed out and it is with extreme difficulty that ranchers are able to get to their homes after visiting other localities.

The Alvarado-Niles Road is reported flooded for a distance of several miles, tying up traffic and locking one of the main arteries between the two communities. Niles Creek has overflowed its banks at numerous places, but no damage is reported. The inundation from this source is said to be at its worst near Centerville.

Alameda Creek near Alvarado has topped its banks, causing a sheet of water to spread over surrounding ranch land for a distance of fifteen square miles. The levee on the Patterson ranch, near Newark, broke under pressure of extra water and the flood covered several hundred acres.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 25, 1917*

#### **Alvarado Burglaries:**

Burglars entered the Alvarado Hotel and the Riverside Hotel at Alvarado last night, looting the cash register and the slot machines. It is estimated that men made away with about \$200. Rooms were invaded and the personal effects of the roomers were taken.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 8, 1917*

#### **Sugar:**

Plans for the men employed in the county in the sugar industry are now under way. These men are now under the migratory works jurisdiction. Action in the organization will begin on August 1<sup>st</sup>. There are numerous workers in this county employed at the Alvarado mills, and in the state fully 12,000. Present wages range in various mills from \$2.20 to \$2.45 per day in some factories, and in some as high as \$3.25 per day. Increases will be expected.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 4, 1917*

#### **Eagles:**

Three hundred Eagles from the East Bay will be attending the state convention of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles in Redding California. The large contingent will leave from Oakland and travel via the Oregon Express train to Redding. Members will be present from Oakland, Fruitvale, Berkeley, Alameda, Richmond and Alvarado.



*The Oakland Tribune, May 13, 1917*

**Bergin Dwight Morrison Dies:**

Bergin Dwight Morrison, beloved son of Dr. Henry E. Morrison and Henrietta Morrison, beloved brother of Mercedes Morrison, died in Oakland California, May 15<sup>th</sup>, a native of Alvarado California, aged 13 years.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 16, 1917*

**Alameda County Farm Bureau:**

How to keep off of Uncle Sam's toes in the matter of conserving war supplies and still give the housewife plenty to cook and the farmer plenty to raise, will be the subject of a conference to be held in the south room of the Hotel Oakland, Thursday afternoon, when a joint meeting of women's organization and the Alameda County Farm Bureau will be held under the auspices of the Food Supply Committee of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce.

Expert speakers from throughout the county will be presenting including: Alameda County Farm Bureau President Shinn of Niles, Henry May of Decoto, E. K. Strobridge of Hayward, J. T. Stanton of Castro Valley, E. H. Stevenson of Centerville, W. H. Meek of Hayward, M. J. Overacker of Mission San Jose and F. C. Harvey of Alvarado, plus a host of others.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 30, 1917*

**Alameda County's Sugar Refinery:**

The first beet sugar made in the state of California, in fact, the first west of New York, was manufactured at Alvarado in 1870 by E.H. Dyer, who built the first sugar mill on the Alameda Creek, near the present site of the Alameda Sugar Company's plant. At that time the creek was open for navigation and schooners made their first landing at the sugar mill and took on cargoes of sugar.

The mill was destroyed by fire and a second plant was erected on the site of the present one, with a capacity of one hundred tons of beets per day. The plant has been changed and enlarged twice to its present capacity of 600 tons of beets or approximately fifteen hundred bags per day.

The beets are washed, sliced and treated with hot water until the cells are broken down and the sugar is dissolved. The impurities are then removed from the syrup by treating with lime and carbon dioxide, the carbonates being filtered off, leaving the sugar syrup. This is evaporated to the point of crystallization and the liquor is spun off in centrifugal machines closely resembling the extractors used in laundries. The sugar is then washed and dried and sacked ready for market. The process is all mechanical and once the beet starts on its way from the unloading bins, it is kept in constant motion until the sugar is in the sack and the pulp is in the storage bins. The pulp is fed to cattle and is a superior feed.

The regular run consists of about one hundred days, from August to January, and during that time from one hundred to two hundred men are employed.

Five thousand tons of limestone is used during a season's run. This is burned to give the quicklime and carbon dioxide used in the purification of the syrup. Three million gallons of water is used daily in the processing of beets. One well sunk in 1913 was 576 feet deep and delivers two thousand gallons of water per minute.

Beets are contracted for with the farmers at a price of six dollars per ton. During an average campaign 47,000 tons of beets will be used. Beet seed comes from Germany and Holland and during the past year has been very hard to secure, but the growing of beet seed has been taken up in several of the States, notably Colorado and Utah, and no doubt, a sufficient quantity will be grown locally.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 16, 1917*

**Suicide:**

Coroner's officials in Oakland are searching relatives or friends of Nels Bergen, an Alvarado laborer, who committed suicide Sunday night in the Hotel Madrone, 477 Eighth St. ([Oakland](#)) by drinking poison. The body was not found until yesterday afternoon. According to physicians and morgue officials he had been dead for many hours. No motive for the suicide has been found. Bergen took the room Sunday evening.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 19, 1917*

**Rachel Buchannan Dies:**

Rachel Buchannan, beloved wife of the late John Buchannan, loving mother of Marguerite Buchannan Emery, born in Ireland, passed away in Alvarado on July 13<sup>th</sup> at age 83.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 13, 1917*

**Selective Service Draft Numbers:**

Alameda County District No. 2: These numbers drawn among the first three thousand affect draft eligibility in Alameda County District No. 2 (Only Alvarado residents are shown):

(616, Joe M. Namura) (2795, George Silva Roderick) (576, Mathew Fereira Machado)  
(1250, Martin Ferdinand Elmgren) (1117, John Simas)

*The Oakland Tribune, July 20, 1917*

**Selective Service Draft Numbers:**

Alameda County District No. 2: These numbers drawn among the first three thousand affect draft eligible in Alameda County District No. 2 (Only Alvarado residents are shown):

(1458, S. Mori) (280, John Pedro Frates) (1560, Carl Lewis Wiederhold) (191, Lewis Amaral)  
(1114, Frank Antone Silva, Jr.) (2269, Joseph Borges) (1333, Kwok Wing Hoy)  
(1651, John Andrade) (623, Eugene Martinez) (1141, Pedro Aldono) (2796, Delos Power Allen)  
(1139, John Carlos Perry) (1281, Frank Garcia) (1663, Andrew Anderson) (622, Antone Dutra Jr.)  
(1343, Jose Rose Lazand) (1554, Arcadio Torres) (1303, Thomas Silveira) (86, Manuel Garcia)  
(1337, Yoshido Isumamori) (537, Theron I. Kresky) (822, Antone Vargas) (1254, Mike Epp)  
(555, Antone Martin Jr.) (306, Harry Dinsmore) (1638, Saketthi Kano) (560, Nemesis Masqueda)  
(1163, Henry M. Springer) (146, Joe E. Amaral) (115, Matolke Jiichi) (1278, Manuel Gaspar)  
(91, Jose B. Hee) (1559, Manuel White Jr.) (237, Manuel Santos) (1248, Faustino Ceniza)  
(619, Ham No) (886, John Cabral) (2602, Shigi Y. Yamamoto) (769, Marion Cacones)  
(1760 Frank Costa) (1553, Togichi Teramoto) (1491, Joe S. Silveira) (860, Ng Chong Shay)  
(2768, George Rose) (1138, Manuel Pinheiro) (48, Joe G. Rose, Jr.) (88, Miles D. Harrington)  
(1166, Tom Smyrle) (1346, Fred Lansen) (2023, Joseph Anthony Andrade) (151, Masatz Fugita)

*The Oakland Tribune, July 21, 1917*

**Salt:**

The Continental Salt Co. of Alvarado is taking out forty thousand tons of salt out of their beds this season. The salt industry of the east bay district is much larger and plays a more important part of the industrial activity of these shores than people realize. Not alone is the salt taken from the bountiful supply of these shores, but the by-products also produced from the mother product are many, such as magnesium chloride and magnesium sulfate (Epsom Salts). Other by-products include Caustic soda, chloride of lime, chlorine fluid, and muriatic acid. The Alameda County salt producers are doubling their output; such is the demand for the product.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 18, 1917*

**Classified Ad:**

HELP WANTED – MALE:

NOTICE: Men wishing employment can secure same by applying to the Alameda Sugar Company, Alvarado Calif.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 8, 1917*

**Liquor License Approved:**

Julius Nochfelder, Alvarado  
*The Oakland Tribune, September 11, 1917*

**Appeal Denied:**

Draft exemption sought by Joe G. Brago of Alvarado has been denied and he is certified for service.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 11, 1917*

**Alameda County Draftees:**

The entire east end of Alameda County joined in the send-off reception here this afternoon for the forty-five men of the second Alameda County registration, who were called on the Selected Service Draft and who will leave for American Lake tomorrow. Accompanied by friends and relatives the stalwarts arrived by train and by automobile from their homes throughout the county.

The draftees representing Alvarado were John Simas, George S. Roderick and Eugene Martinez.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 22, 1917*

**Local Banker Heads Drive:**

August May, President of the Bank of Alameda County, has been named to lead the drive in Alvarado to subscribe to the Liberty Loan drive to raise more money to finance our war effort in the European conflagration

*The Oakland Tribune, September 27, 1917*

**Country Club of Washington Township:**

The Country Club of Washington Township held its annual luncheon on September 4. The affair was attended by 100 club members from throughout the township. There were representatives from Niles, Alvarado, Newark, Irvington, Decoto, Centerville and Mission San Jose.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 30 1917*

**Boy's Agricultural Club;**

Farm Advisor Marcus A. W. Lee and three members of the Washington Union High School Agricultural Club; J. M. Logan of Alvarado, W. L. Wales of Newark, and Ed Harvey of Alvarado are attending the state convention of the Boy's Agricultural Clubs at the University of California at Davis.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 12 1917*

**Alvarado Bridge:**

The contract and the bond of C. A. Bruce for the construction of the timber truss bridge was presented to the board and on the motion of Supervisor Heyer was passed.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 18, 1917*

**Fatal Injury at Sugar Mill:**

John F. Sully, a workman employed in the Alameda Sugar Company at Alvarado was fatally injured when he was caught in the machinery at the plant and terribly mangled. He died early in the morning at the Alameda County Infirmary. In efforts to save the man's life, the attendants at the hospital amputated both of legs and an arm, which were crushed by the machinery.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 19, 1917*

**Ducks:**

Opening day brought mixed bags. Some areas in the upper delta reported good bags. Poor hunting was reported in Colusa. In Alvarado opening day proved to be good for people who could shoot and somewhat less than satisfactory for others in the same party.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 21, 1917*

**Liberty Bond Drive:**

In the drive to raise \$10,000,000 in Liberty Bonds for the War these committees were reported as "going over the top." Irvington, Alvarado, Niles and Pleasanton with Centerville going way beyond its minimum.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 28, 1917*

**Liquor License:**

Boyce & Frederickson, Alvarado ([Riverside Hotel](#))

*The Oakland Tribune, November 12, 1917*

**Ducks:**

The best duck hunting of the season was reported at the Mt. Eden and Alvarado marshes.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 27, 1917*

**Sugar:**

After thirty-nine years in the manufacture of beet sugar, J. W. Atkinson of the Union Sugar Company at Betteravia has retired from active work. Entering the industry as the Superintendent of the old Alvarado factory (Standard Sugar Company then, now known as the Alameda Sugar Company) in 1887, at the time the only beet sugar processing plant in the United States. He has seen the industry grow to its present proportions of ninety-eight beet sugar factories in nineteen states.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 5, 1918*

**Ducks:**

Ducks continue to be scarce around Alvarado this season.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 18, 1918*

**Ducks:**

Local hunters have reported that the hunting on the lower bay ([Alvarado-Mt. Eden-Newark](#)) has been miserable this year with a few occasional bright spots.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 22, 1918*

**Ducks:**

Ducks were fairly plentiful in the Mt. Eden-Alvarado area when the wind drove the ducks from the bay into the marshes yesterday and these were easy pickings.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 27, 1918*

**New Oakland Foundry:**

The Hammer Bray Company will start up the most modern and up-to-date foundry west of Chicago. They will manufacture a line of gas ranges and heating stoves. Their field will cover the entire west coast and as far inland as Salt Lake City. The Hammer Bray Company entered into the foundry business in February of last year. This new foundry is the result of their success in their first venture in the town of Alvarado last year.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 2, 1918*

**Alameda County Christian Endeavor Union:**

The Alameda County Christian Endeavor held its annual convention at the First Baptist Church in Berkeley. In its annual officer installation Miss Mildred Jung of Alvarado was voted 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 10, 1918*

**Red Cross:**

The result of the Red Cross spare clothing drive for the people of occupied Belgium and Northern France resulted in ten tons of clothing as Oakland's quota. From Alvarado came a package and a letter: "I am sending in two suits; one of our boys left for the front. It was his wish that his old clothes go to the Belgians."

*The Oakland Tribune, March 28, 1918*

**Liberty Bond Drive:**

August May has been named to head the Third Liberty Bond drive to support the war effort for Alvarado vicinity.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 1, 1918*

**Sugar:**

Ray Stewart, Ass't Superintendent of the A. B. S. Company's sugar factory in Oxnard will be the new Supt. For the Alameda Sugar Company at Alvarado. Mr. & Mrs. Stewart will move to Alvarado the latter part of this week.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 12, 1918*

**Liberty Bond Sales:**

It is reported this morning that Alvarado "went over the top" in making their goal of \$52,350 in Liberty Bond sales. Up to and including Thursday night Alvarado's stood at \$25,700, which means that an unusual effort was made to put Alvarado over the top by Friday.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 20, 1918*

**Classified Ad:**

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY:

Fully equipped workingman's hotel with bar for sale. Inquire at: Alvarado Hotel, Alvarado Calif.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 20, 1918*

**Forty Years of Unhappiness:**

Mrs. T. G. Worth of Alameda was wedded to her present husband a week ago that, more than 40 years before she had turned him down as a suitor when she was a young, single school teacher in Alvarado, Calif.

"In the old days," she says, "I had many suitors, I was flattered, I rejected many, including Mr. Worth. If self-supporting girls would not marry for a home there would be fewer divorces."

"In my forty years of unhappiness I realized how much I had loved to be with Worth. Several weeks ago his wife passed away and last week we were married. How terrible it is to be unhappily mated, I know. And now, like Mother Goose, sometimes I wonder if this is really me."

*The Oakland Tribune, April 30, 1918*

**Classified Ad:**

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES:

Hotel with bar and dancing floor, for sale cheap. Inquire, Alvarado Hotel, Alvarado, Calif.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 8, 1918*

**Selective Service Registration:**

Young men have until June 5<sup>th</sup> to register for the draft through the Selective Service Registration Office. The local office is the Riverside Hotel for Alvarado; Ed Harvey is the Chief Clerk.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 27, 1918*

**Alvarado Suicide:**

The body of Joseph Scherruger, of Alvarado, who was believed to have committed suicide by jumping into the bay, was found today.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 2, 1918*

**Classified Ads:**

**ALVARADO MERCHANT DIRECTORY:**

**Banks:**

Bank of Alameda County

August May, President; J. R. Blacow, Cashier. Phone: Alvarado 10

**General Merchandise:**

Ralph & Scribner, Levee Street. Phone: Alvarado 13

**Hotels:**

Alvarado Hotel, J. B. Peyser, Proprietor. Phone: Alvarado 41

Riverside Hotel, N. W. Boysen, Proprietor. Phone: Alvarado 3

*The Oakland Tribune, June 26, 1918*

**Baseball:**

The Alvarado baseball team lost a game to the San Leandro All-Stars 6-4, in a game played on the Alvarado Field.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 28, 1918*

**Baseball:**

In a no hit, no run game, Alvarado defeated the Big Brother Elks from Oakland by a score of 6 to 0. Silva of Alvarado was in good form and pitched excellent ball, the field giving him errorless support. Alvarado would like to hear from some other fast team.

Alvarado's lineup consisted of: Richmond, 2B; Bowman, LF; Marshall, 3B; Vargas, CF; B. Silva, 1B; Lewis, SS; Jacinto, C; Springer, RF; S. Silva,

*The Oakland Tribune, September 4, 1918*

**Marriage License:**

Manuel R. Maciel, 32, Decoto

Mary A. Cardoza, 24, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, September 19, 1918*

**Baseball:**

A series of three games to decide which team is the champion one of Washington Township is to be opened Sunday at Alvarado, between Alvarado and the Newark Wedgewoods. The Alvarado team has been playing independent ball all summer, and F.W. Joyce; manager of the Alvarado team feels that his club is superior to the Wedgewoods, who were in the Mission League. There has been a standing argument as to which of the two clubs is the best, so Sunday should see the whole population of Washington Township out to witness the championship battle. "Shine" Silva and Jacinto will be the battery for Alvarado, while it will be Valencia and Snow for the Wedgewoods. The second game of the series will be played at Newark, while it will depend on the toss of a coin to determine the playing field for the third game.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 27, 1918.*

**Baseball:**

The Newark were given a surprise at Alvarado Sunday in the way of 4 to 3 beating at the hand of the Alvarado club in the first game of the championship series. The game was won in the bottom of the tenth inning when a two-base hit by Amaral drove in Marshall with the winning run.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 1, 1918*

**Baseball:**

Playing today's game on their home lot, the Newark Wedgewoods hope to even the count in their series with the Alvarado club, which took the lead in the best of three game set with a tenth inning 4 to 3 win in the first game.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 6, 1918*

**Letter From France:**

Here are few notes taken from a recent letter written by Pvt. Joseph G. Rose, 112<sup>th</sup> Supply Co., American Expeditionary Forces, who is in France. This letter was addressed to his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph G. Rose, one of Alvarado's most enterprising citizens and retired farmer:

"I feel in good spirits. It is very warm here. I guess you have been reading of what we are doing to the Huns. It's like the Belgian, Italian and French soldiers say we came just in time. It's our shells, food and clothing, etc. that's the cause of our winning the war. The boys here on the firing line are hard to control. Every time they go over the top all you can hear is shouts of "Hell, Heaven or Hoboken; which is the port we will hit when we go home." Thank God we are getting plenty to eat but the water is very bad. The people here mix water and wine together. If you could see the sights I see here you would cringe. The French people are very good to us."

"Well, ma, the latest is we have the Huns on the run and we are on their heels. Pershing said, "Don't let our flag know retreat and it shall never know retreat."

"Us boys often talk of the goof times we will have when we get back to the U.S.A. with victory written across our backs.

"Gee it's like trying to hold a hound back when he is on the trail of some wild animal. Well, try to hold us boys back from the Huns now. We've got'em on the run, ma, and it would be like trying to stop a whirlwind to stop us. Just know that I am doing my part, but, gee, I would like to have some of those apples and fruit that lay on the ground that you spoke of. As long as the folks back there keep the shells, clothing and food coming we will wind'em up in great shape and be safely marching home with glory"

This young man is a specimen of our American boys who glory in sacrificing all, if necessary, to make the world safe for democracy. All they ask in return are supplies of food, shells and clothing while accomplishing their task. Now, do you know that they year that lies before us calls for more food production, more conservations than any we have hitherto made?

*The Oakland Tribune, October 6, 1918*

#### **Baseball:**

A third game will be necessary to decide the championship of Washington Township. The game will be played next Sunday. The Newark Wedgewoods defeated Alvarado on their home turf by a score of 4 to 1 to even the series at one game apiece.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 11, 1918*

#### **Baseball:**

The Newark Wedgewoods won the 1918 baseball championship of Washington Township. The Wedgewoods defeated Alvarado 5 to 1 in the third and deciding game. The game was played on Newark's home field.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 15, 1918*

#### **Wiegman Estate:**

A bond in the sum of \$196,000 was required of Mrs. Catherine Wiegman, widow of Diedrich Wiegman, who died recently at his home in Alvarado. Mrs. Wiegman was named as administratrix of the estate with her son Frederic H. named a joint administrator.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 26, 1918*

#### **Riverside Hotel:**

Complaints were received and referred to the county officer at Alvarado that the Riverside Hotel there is in an unsanitary condition.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 12, 1918*

#### **Ducks:**

Hunters around the Alvarado area report the poorest hunting season in memory so far this year.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 23, 1918*

#### **Watchman Shot:**

Investigation is being made into the mysterious shooting of John Reed, watchman employed at the Liberty Gun Club, Alvarado, who was found wandering about Tenth and Broadway last night with a wounded foot, looking for aid. Reed was taken to the Emergency Hospital and is now under treatment.

The watchman says that he found a prowler about the club yesterday and ordered him away. Later, he says, the visitor returned and shot him in the foot with a rifle. Reed says he bandaged his foot himself and came to Oakland and that he was seeking medical aid when Patrolman John Halderman found him and took him to the Emergency Hospital.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 3, 1919*

#### **Liquor License:**

M.A. Silva has applied for a liquor license.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 23, 1919*

#### **Mrs. Olive Dyer Passes Away:**

Mrs. Olive Dyer, a pioneer Alvarado resident of nearly sixty years, passed away at Alvarado on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Her husband, the late Ebenezer H. Dyer was an early farmer in Alvarado and worked tirelessly to bring the sugar beet industry to Alvarado and then throughout the U. S.

She leaves three children, Sons Hugh T. and Gus S Dyer, and a daughter, Nina D. Washburn.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 15, 1919*

#### **John Quigley Will:**

The will of John Quigley, pioneer Alvarado resident who at one time was interested in the manufacture of salt, was filed for probate today. The estate is not appraised but the value is placed above \$10,000. The property is equally divided between two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Nicherson, and Mrs. Kate E. Sinclair. August May of Alvarado is named as executor without bond.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 21, 1919*

#### **Horses:**

Two sorrel horses were found tied to a hitching rack in Alvarado yesterday, where they were apparently abandoned. They have not yet been claimed.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 30, 1919*

#### **Alvarado Raid:**

Sheriff's deputies led a squad of men to Alvarado's Chinatown early Sunday morning following a report that the settlement was being invaded by a gang of robbers. The invasion was over before the deputies arrived there, but they learned that the "robbers" were the inspectors of the State Pharmacy Board, looking for illicit narcotics.

The Chinese declared the inspectors locked them in closets and took away between \$400 and \$500 worth of jewelry and money after breaking down the doors. The raids in Alvarado were led by Angel Favott and Ronald W. MacCorkell, two of the trustworthiest inspectors of the board. The men said there was general commotion as the Chinese had barred the doors and they had to be broken, but the raid went strictly by the law.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 31, 1919*

#### **Road Construction:**

A resolution was passed authorizing the County Surveyor to prepare estimates for the extension of the Centerville-Irvington Road from George's Corners through Alvarado toward Oakland, a distance of four miles. The work according to preliminary reports will cost between \$75,000 and \$90,000. ([Four miles south of Alvarado puts you at Thornton Ave and Fremont Blvd, I am guessing that the George's Corners referred to in this article is this intersection.](#))

*The Oakland Tribune, March 31, 1919*

#### **Chinese Allege Robbery:**



In view of the persistent claim of Alvarado Chinese that \$70 in cash and jewelry valued at \$135, were taken from their houses by operatives of the State Pharmacy Board during the raid for illicit narcotics Sunday morning, Sheriff Frank Barnett is continuing the investigation.

Dr. H.B. Meader, head of the Pharmacy Board, admits that two of his men comprising the squad, were agents of the board, but states the other ten were men picked up by these two to assist.

"I do not know who took the money and jewelry, or in fact that any was taken," said Sheriff Barnett. "All I have to go on is the statement of the Chinese that they were robbed during the raid, and that they believe the raiders took their belongings. It is my duty to make an investigation and I have detailed Sheriff's Deputy Joe Soares, Bert Brown and J.J. Collier for that purpose.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 1, 1919*

### **Quigley Will Contested:**

The Search for a missing will executed by John Quigley, pioneer resident of Alvarado is being instituted by Mrs. Dagmar Lundgren of Oakland. The will was executed on 1904 and names Mrs. Lundgren as beneficiary, according to Mrs. Lundgren. The estate is estimated to be valued at close to a half million dollars, although no legal appraisal has been done. Quigley, who formerly manufactured salt at Alvarado, died March 15<sup>th</sup> at age 81.

Mrs. Lundgren, formerly Dagmar Anderson, an Alvarado girl, was a friend of Quigley's. One day he was hunting in the marshes and she was with him. He went into the dense growth and became mired. She wandered away daydreaming, and for a long time did not see him. Finally she went back in the direction where he was last seen and heard faint cries for help. Rushing through the marsh she came to him and helped him out.

Some days later he showed her an enveloped, she says, and told her that there was a will inside and that someday it would make her rich. She has witnesses to whom it is claimed he said he had made a will and acknowledged to her his gratitude in a substantial way.

Two wills have been filed, one is dated 1902 and the other is dated just a few weeks before his death and names **August May** as executor. Both wills list two elderly sisters as beneficiaries. Quigley's two sisters are disputing the legality of the last will, which names **August May** as executor.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 6, 1919*

### **Warrant Refused for Alvarado Raids:**

Because of the failure of Dr. H. B. Meader of the State Pharmacy Board to produce the members of the squad that raided the Chinese settlement at Alvarado last Sunday morning, seeking illicit narcotics, nothing has come of the demand for warrants for the arrest for board participants involved in the raid. The Chinese claim that \$60 in cash and jewelry worth \$150 was taken. There was a known narcotic addict in the party, whom Dr. Meader has promised to produce for examination by the district attorney, but which he has been unable to do so. He was taken along for the knowledge he possesses.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 6, 1919*

### **Associate Justice to Speak in Niles:**

Associate Justice Curtis D. Wilbur, of the California Supreme Court, will speak in Niles Thursday evening on the subject of "America First." J. M. Scribner and M. Stewart of Alvarado are part of the arrangements committee.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 8, 1919*

### **Classified Ad:**

GARAGES:

FOR RENT: Garage, reasonable. Apply at the Alvarado Hotel, Alvarado. Alameda County

***The Oakland Tribune, April 10, 1919***

**Baseball:**

The Alameda Sugars of Alvarado put over another win, this time the victims being the San Vail Cubs of San Francisco, 7-2. The sugar boys only got five hits but were aided by San Vail's eight errors for the win. The game featured the hitting of Jacinto and McCarthy and the pitching of Cabral for the Sugars.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 23, 1919***

**Baseball:**

In a hard fought game the Alameda Sugars of Alvarado defeated the Swift Lumbers of San Francisco by a score of 4-2. Cabral fanned 14 for the winners, he allowed but three hits, with Jacinto and Smith featured hitters for the Sugars. There were nine errors between the two teams.

***The Oakland Tribune, May 1, 1919***

**Baseball:**

The Alameda Sugars of Alvarado claim a win by forfeit over the California Cotton Mill team of Oakland, as a result of a game played at Alvarado last Sunday. The Alameda Sugar manager reports that the Cotton Mill team quit the diamond in the eighth inning with the score tied and two runners on base for the Alvarado team. The cotton-goods makers did not like the decision of an umpire.

***The Oakland Tribune, May 17, 1919***

**Two Wild Nights:**

Two wild nights in local gambling lost to Mori Shimada half of the \$2,000 he admits he took from the California Salt Company at Alvarado, according to the story police say he told them this morning. Despite the fact that it was company funds, the police were informed over the telephone from Alvarado this morning that the firm would not prosecute.

Shimada's story has, however, started an investigation into an Oakland address on Webster Street where Mr. Shimada gambled and lost nearly \$1,000 of the \$2,000 taken on successive nights of gambling. The police are investigating the address and a Mr. Ben Toy who was involved in the gambling operations in Oakland.

***The Oakland Tribune, May 22, 1919***

**Alvarado Business Men's Meeting:**

Captain of Inspectors Walter J. Petersen of the Oakland Police Department was the speaker last night at an Alvarado businessmen's meeting. He discussed the war and reconstruction problems as affecting businessmen. The meeting was held under the auspices of the commercial bodies of Washington Township.

***The Oakland Tribune, May 29, 1919***

**Baseball:**

Irvington defeated Alameda Sugars of Alvarado 7-2. Irvington clinched the game in the 7<sup>th</sup> inning with a five run rally. The lineup for Alvarado:

Jacinto, 3<sup>rd</sup> Base  
Silva, 2<sup>nd</sup> Base  
Sanders, Short Stop  
Mat, Left Field  
Marshall, Right Field  
Richmond, Pitcher  
Mueller, 1<sup>st</sup> Base  
Nunes, Center Field  
Vargas, Catcher

***The Oakland Tribune, May 30, 1919***

**Classified Ad:**

HELP WANTED – MALE:

WANTED: A bright, strong boy for a country lumber, fuel, and feed yard; high school training preferred, but not absolutely essential; one not afraid of work and will not expect a railroad president's salary to begin with. Can room and board with owner. Apply in own handwriting or in person to me: James Hamilton, Alvarado Lumber Yard, at Alvarado Calif.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 15, 1919*

**Classified Ad:**

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY:

HOTELMEN ATTENTION: One of the best buys in Alameda County, a 35-room hotel and bar adjoining the Southern Pacific Railroad Station on state Hiway. An ideal place for an up-to-date roadhouse, very large dining room, plenty of garage room, good bar trade, 30 minutes to Oakland. Will sell or rent, aged owner wishes to retire. Address: Mrs. Dorothy Boysen, Box 17, Alvarado; or call at the Riverside Hotel, Alvarado Calif.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 18, 1919*

**Baseball:**

The Alvarado's defeated the Bernal's 8-1. Wales, the pitcher for Alvarado, struck out 10.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 20, 1919*

**News Notes:**

Mrs. James Hamilton spent several days this week at her home in Oakland.

Mr. & Mrs. J. G. Rose and their son, Joseph, have returned from a visit to Los Angeles.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 4, 1919*

**News Notes:**

Mrs. Clara Jacinto is visiting in San Francisco over the weekend.

William Norris, son of Mr. & Mrs. A. Norris, has arrived home from Cuba for a visit with his parents. He is a chemist and superintendent of a large sugar plantation near Santiago.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 13, 1919*

**Mrs. J. G. Rose:**

Mrs. J. G. Rose will represent Council No. 21, SPRSI at the annual convention to be held in Oakland this week.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 14, 1919*

**Mavis Scribner to Marry:**

Marriage license issued July 12<sup>th</sup> to: Henry May, Jr., Decoto, 21 and Miss Mavis Scribner, 19, of Alvarado.

*The Sausalito News, Sausalito, Calif., July 19, 1919*

**Concrete Road:**

The letting of the contract some two weeks ago for a section of concrete county road point just this side of Centerville through the town of Alvarado to the line separating Washington and Eden Townships marks a step in the development of road construction in Alameda County that is most important. It means that Alameda is the first county in the state to put in a complete concrete highway for any considerable distance, and it means that concrete construction is now the standard for all main county thoroughfares.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 20, 1919*

**Vets Return Home:**

Joseph Michael of Decoto and William Houser of Alvarado are at home after serving overseas in the American Expeditionary Forces.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 25, 1919*

**Baseball:**

The Swift Lumber team of San Francisco traveled to Alvarado and were handed a 10-5 beating at the hands of the Sugars. The hitting of Luna and May and the pitching of Baker were features of Alvarado play.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 31, 1919*

### **Oakland NSGW:**

Reservations are now being made for the boat ride and picnic, which will be given Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, under the auspices of the Athens Parlor (Oakland) of the Native Sons of the Golden West. The officers and members of the parlor has chartered the steamer Pyramid, which leaves the municipal dock (Oakland) at the foot of Clay St., 9 o'clock the morning of the 24<sup>th</sup>.

The steamer will take a tour of the Southern part of the Bay and will stop at the salt works at Alvarado, one of the natural wonders of the East bay region and Hunter's Point dry dock. At Alvarado a Ciopino fish supper will be served and a program of music, dancing and games will be given.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 17, 1919*

### **News Notes:**

Grayson & Owen, the big cattle raisers at Alvarado, are storing 1,000 tons of hay, which they will feed to their beef cattle in connection with beet feed. They expect to ship from 200 to 300 cars of fat cattle during the season.

John Lemos refused an offer of \$25,000 for his dairy at Alvarado, which proves that the Alvarado section is undoubtedly an ideal place for dairying.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 17, 1919*

### **Suspect Arrested:**

Constable Frank Rose of Niles arrested a Mexican employee at one of the salt plants in Alvarado on suspicion of having been implicated in breaking in the residence of M. A. Silva, of Alvarado, while the family was away on vacation, and looting the place of \$200 worth of valuables. A part of the goods taken has been recovered.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 29, 1919*

### **Lower San Jose Road:**

If favorable working and weather conditions continue the Board of Supervisors hope to have the Alvarado-Centerville unit of what is known as the lower San Jose road completed by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

The County Surveyor has been authorized to draw specifications for the construction of the remainder of this road from Alvarado to East 14<sup>th</sup> Street (Hesperian Boulevard).

*The Oakland Tribune, September 14, 1919*

### **Sugar:**

The Alameda Sugar Company's plant at Alvarado is now cutting around 750 tons of beets daily. This immense run is the result of the teamwork of the efficient organization gathered together by R. S. Stewart, Superintendent of the plant. The result will aid in relieving the sugar shortage.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 28, 1919*

### **Free Movie Show:**

All the boys and girls of Centerville, Irvington, Alvarado, Newark and vicinity are invited to attend a big free moving picture show and entertainment to be given at the Rex Theater, Centerville, Saturday. The entertainment is put on under the direction of the Oakland Tribune's 50,000 Club and the Rex Theater.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 2, 1919*

### **Marriage License:**

Harvey E. Henriksen, 24, Mt. Eden

Mary A. Gaspar, 17, Alvarado  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 2, 1919*

**Tomatoes:**

The tomato crop in the Alvarado section is the heaviest in years and the quality is said to be the best. Growers are receiving high prices, one grower having sold his crop in the field for 50 cents per box.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 4, 1919*

**Near Riot in Alvarado:**

Three Mexicans are under arrest in the Hayward jail and one is in the hospital there in serious condition from a knife wound in abdomen received during the progress of a fight that took on somewhat the nature of a riot Saturday night at Alvarado.

Sheriff Frank Barnett received a report late that trouble was brewing and went to Alvarado with Deputy Sheriff Joe Soares. Together with Constables Ramage and Rose the situation was investigated but few details ascertained as to the cause of the trouble. The fight occurred in the foreign quarter of Alvarado and it is believed the wounded man started it. The foreign quarter was originally known as Chinatown. Later it was occupied principally by the Japanese and now by the Cuban Mexicans. Those involved are of the latter nationality. The man with the cut in his abdomen may possibly die from the wounds.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 4, 1919*

**Quigley Will:**

Efforts to prove that John Quigley, Alvarado Salt Manufacturer and pioneer, was an ingrate, who would not reward kindnesses, have been made two sisters who are beneficiaries under his will. They are trying to defeat the claim of Aimee Collins of Oakland, to \$9,000 deposited, which she says he gave her in reward for her care of him the ten years prior to his death. Mrs. Collins, who says he was kind and generous, refutes the claim that Quigley was addicted to drink and that he knew no gratitude.

August May, Alvarado banker, called by the sisters, Mrs. Kate Sinclair of San Francisco and Mrs. Nickerson of Eureka, testified that he visited Quigley at the hospital prior to his death and that when the pioneer offered to make him beneficiary of his will, he declined. He then named his sisters as beneficiaries. The money in the bank, the subject of the present suit, was mentioned in the will.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 9, 1919*

**Large Potato:**

Probably the largest potato in Alameda County is on exhibition in the lobby of the Bank of Alameda County in Alvarado. It weighs ten pounds and is often mistaken for a turnip or a beet. It is pointed to as another example that Alvarado is in the center of a fine farming section.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 10, 1919*

**Board of Supervisors:**

Two weeks of vacation have been granted to Mr. Norris, Librarian at the Alvarado Public Library.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 12, 1919*

**County Highway:**

A four and a quarter mile stretch of highway takes the new county highway over the Alvarado low lands, through the town of Alvarado and well on its way to Mt. Eden. The road is now completed from Warm Springs to most of the way to Mt. Eden. This will be much improved over what the road has been.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 16, 1919*

**Lower San Jose Road:**

There are two roads to San Jose from Oakland. The upper road is East 14<sup>th</sup> Street through San Leandro, Hayward, Decoto, Niles, and then to the San Jose Hiway. The other Hiway is known as the lower San Jose Road, which begins at East 14<sup>th</sup> St. to Mt. Eden ([Hesperian Blvd](#)) and goes through Mt. Eden, Alvarado, Centerville, Irvington, and Warm Springs then to the San Jose Highway ([State Hiway Route 17](#)).

There are a large number of automobile drivers that contend that the lower San Jose highway ([State Highway Route 17](#)) through Alvarado and Centerville is shorter than the route through Hayward and Niles. The Board of Supervisors recognizes that both routes are a necessity. The state will maintain the lower San Jose Road and the county will maintain the upper San Jose Road.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 16, 1919*

#### **Alvarado Dairyman:**

John Lemos of Alvarado has just leased one of Fred Wiegman's best ranches. Lemos has the largest dairy in Alvarado and is now operating seven ranches. He intends on planting a large acreage of sugar beets for the Alameda Sugar Company next year.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 23, 1919*

#### **Road Construction:**

Surveyor's are at work surveying the road from Alvarado to San Lorenzo ([Hesperian Blvd.](#)), which will be covered with a concrete surface. The Board of Supervisor's will concrete the Niles-Centerville Road ([Peralta Blvd](#)) and the Centerville-Newark Road ([Thornton Blvd](#)) road next year. The work will probably start next July.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 23, 1919*

#### **Fire:**

Seven hundred bales of hay together with chaff and potatoes were destroyed with the warehouse of Manuel Ferry of Alvarado, which burned down last night. Ferry announced that he was convinced the fire was caused by incendiaries and has enlisted the aid of officers to run down the firebugs. The contents of the warehouse belonged to John Lemos who claims the uninsured contents were valued at \$1,300.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 29, 1919*

#### **Newark Stage Lines:**

On the showing that the Oakland-Newark Stage Lines had suffered a net loss of \$52.70 as a result of its operations for the seven months ending September 1<sup>st</sup> of this year, W. P. Beauchamp, owner of the line, has been authorized by the Railroad Commission to raise his rates. In the future he will charge 5 cents more for the ride from Oakland to Mt. Eden and 10 cents additional for the trip to Alvarado from Oakland. It is estimated the increase in rates will increase revenues by \$400 a year.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 14, 1919*

#### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. F.B. Granger, pioneers of Alvarado, were tendered a surprise at their beautiful home in Broadmoor (San Leandro), Friday night, December 19<sup>th</sup>, in honor of their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Twenty of Alvarado's "400" gave them a silver shower, presenting them with many beautiful gifts of silver. There was dancing, music and cards.

Miss Helen Granger left Wednesday last for New York to be gone for several months.

Mr. & Mrs. F.C. Harvey entertained a number of their friends and relatives at Christmas dinner. A select musical program followed the dinner.

Miss Mildred Nauert was shopping Oakland Tuesday.

Two of the numbers on the Christmas program at the Presbyterian Church last Sunday evening were those of little Miss Clarabelle Logan and little "Teddy" Logan.

Mrs. C.F. Fox of Los Angeles is here, having been called by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Joseph Rose. Mrs. Rose is showing a slight improvement.

R.T. Haines has purchased a Fordson tractor. This tractor has been used in plowing on several Alvarado farms and it is highly spoken of by those who have witnessed its performances.

Clyde Shepardson is in Woodland this week.

Miss N.M. Kembler is awaiting the delivery of her new car.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 27, 1919*

### **Around Town:**

Mrs. A. K. Logan is spending the holiday in Petaluma with her mother. Mr. Logan was there for Christmas dinner.

Fred Joyce and his crew of carpenters are building a new shed at the Singer factory. The old shed was blown down by the high winds on Thanksgiving.

Frank Dutra, a son of A. S. Dutra and Miss Mamie Goularte, a daughter of M. S. Goularte, were married at the bride's home on December 18<sup>th</sup>. The pair was given a reception by their friends on Saturday evening and on Sunday they had wedding dinner. They will make their home on the Patterson Ranch.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 28, 1919*

### **Sugar:**

The last of the crop of beets grown on the Montezuma Slough property at Beetland and Jefferson has been shipped to the sugar refinery at Alvarado it has been reported. This year's take from the area is 3,500 tons versus 2,500 tons from the previous year.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 13, 1920*

### **When Stealing is not Stealing:**

Failure to prove that Martin Ruiz entered the store of Hock King in Alvarado on October 28<sup>th</sup> with the intent of stealing resulted in him being acquitted on a charge of burglary. While it was firmly established that Ruiz had taken a purse containing \$14 from the store during a momentary absence of Hock King, it could not be proved that he entered the store with the intent to steal. So the offense constituted only larceny.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 18, 1920*

### **Sugar:**

Field men for the Alvarado sugar factory are out in the fields trying to talk farmers to put more acres into sugar beet production. Prices for sugar are high and increased production will help ease the price. So far reports are that the pledged acreage in beets for the coming season do not appear to be much larger than for last year.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 23, 1920*

### **Classified Ad:**

LIVE STOCK:

GOAT – Bred to thoroughbred goat. \$37.50 Vernon Wightman, Alvarado Calif.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 15, 1920*

### **School District Boundary:**

George Enos and J. M. Scribner of Alvarado submitted a petition to the Board of Supervisors to redraw the boundary between the Alvarado and the Decoto school districts. John Sandholdt, Henry May and H. C. Searles stated that they and other Decoto School Board Members wished to go on record as objecting to the boundary change.

No action was taken by the Board at this meeting.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 15, 1920*

### **Sugar:**

(From *The Woodland Daily Democrat*)

The Alameda County Sugar Company, with extensive holdings in the Sacramento Valley, Saturday concluded a deal for the purchase of the sugar factory of the Pacific Sugar Corporation at Tracy, Cal.

The company announces that the beet acreage in sight at Meridian, Woodland, West Sacramento, Grand Island, Lodi and at other points, promises to supply sufficient beets this year not only for the company's Alvarado refinery but also the plant at Tracy.

*The Woodland Daily Democrat, Woodland California, March 2, 1920*

### **County Health Center:**

A Washington Township branch of the Alameda County Health Center was formed last night at a meeting in the Washington Township Country Club meeting hall in Centerville. Representing Alvarado was Mr. J. M. Scribner.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 9, 1920*

### **The Autobiography of a Duck:**

I am Quack Quack, a Mallard duck. I lived on the marsh near Alvarado with a big flock of ducks until one day some boys were out shooting and one of them shot me through my wing. Then I fell to the ground and could fly no more. A big dog named Jerry came after me and carried me to his master who took me home, bound my wound and made a nest for me in a box until I got well enough to waddle. I found that I could fly but very little, and not very high, so there was nothing else to do but stay with my newfound friends. I soon loved them all because they were very good to me.

I stayed on this farm about two years until one day a boy came to visit there. We soon became very good friends, and when it was time to go home my friend said that he might take me with him. So he put me into a sack and put a hole for my head to go through so I could breathe. He put me in an automobile and took me to his home in Oakland.

He made a good pond for me to swim or bathe in and gave me plenty to eat. I know him so well that I sometimes eat out of his hand, and when he speaks to me I say "quack, quack." I am so tame that you would never think that I was ever a wild duck from the marshes except for my feathers.

By: Howard Graham, 9 years old, Oakland Calif.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 13, 1921*

### **Packing House:**

One of the largest packinghouses in San Francisco has offered to take the entire output of an Alvarado cannery provided the pack could be of assured quality. Alvarado people are urged to join hands and boost for a cannery to locate here. A site and the use of a warehouse are offered free for two years as an inducement.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 14, 1920*

### **Alvarado Hotel:**

J. Peyser, Proprietor of the Alvarado Hotel, has leased the place known as "The Pines" in Hayward and will conduct it as a summer resort. Peyser has had charge of the Alvarado Hotel for the past five years. He is offering his lease and the furnishings of the Alvarado Hotel for sale.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 19, 1920*

### **Men's Club:**

The Men's Club of Washington Township held a meeting with a banquet that followed at the Alvarado Hotel.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 18, 1920*

### **Salvation Army:**



August May, the President of the Bank of Alameda County, is spearheading a drive in Alvarado to raise money for the Salvation Army's building of a maternity home in Alameda County. Joseph F. Carlston, President of the Central National Bank of Oakland is leading the countywide effort.  
*The Oakland Tribune, April 18, 1920*

**Washington Township Teacher's Salaries:**

In May 1920, Albert S. Colton submitted his Thesis for his Graduate M.A. from the University of California at Berkeley. His Thesis is based on the poor salaries paid teachers in Washington Township and Alameda County in General. It points out why many students are bypassing the teaching field or are leaving it for better paying jobs in commercial business field.

Below are several tables, which outline the salaries, paid in Washington Township to teachers, their workload and the comparison of teacher's salaries to the general work trades.

**TEACHERS SALARIES (ANNUAL) 1918 -1919  
 WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS**

<b>District:</b>	<b>Number Teachers</b>	<b>Principal* Minimum &amp; Maximum</b>
Alvarado	3	Principal \$1,435 \$820 to 922.50
Alviso	2	Principal \$1,000 \$1 to \$800
Centerville	5	Principal: \$1,485 \$825 to \$1,155
Decoto	3	Principal \$1,440 \$2 to \$960
Irvington	4	Principal \$1,550 \$3 to \$900
Lincoln	1	\$800
Mission San Jose	3	Principal \$1,150 \$2 to \$750
Mowry's Landing	1	\$700
Newark	4	Principal \$1,500 \$750 to \$950
Niles	7	Principal \$1,600 \$800 to \$950
Stoney Brook	1	\$585
Sunol Glen	2	Principal \$950 \$1 to \$850
Warm Springs	3	Principal \$1,200 \$2 to \$650

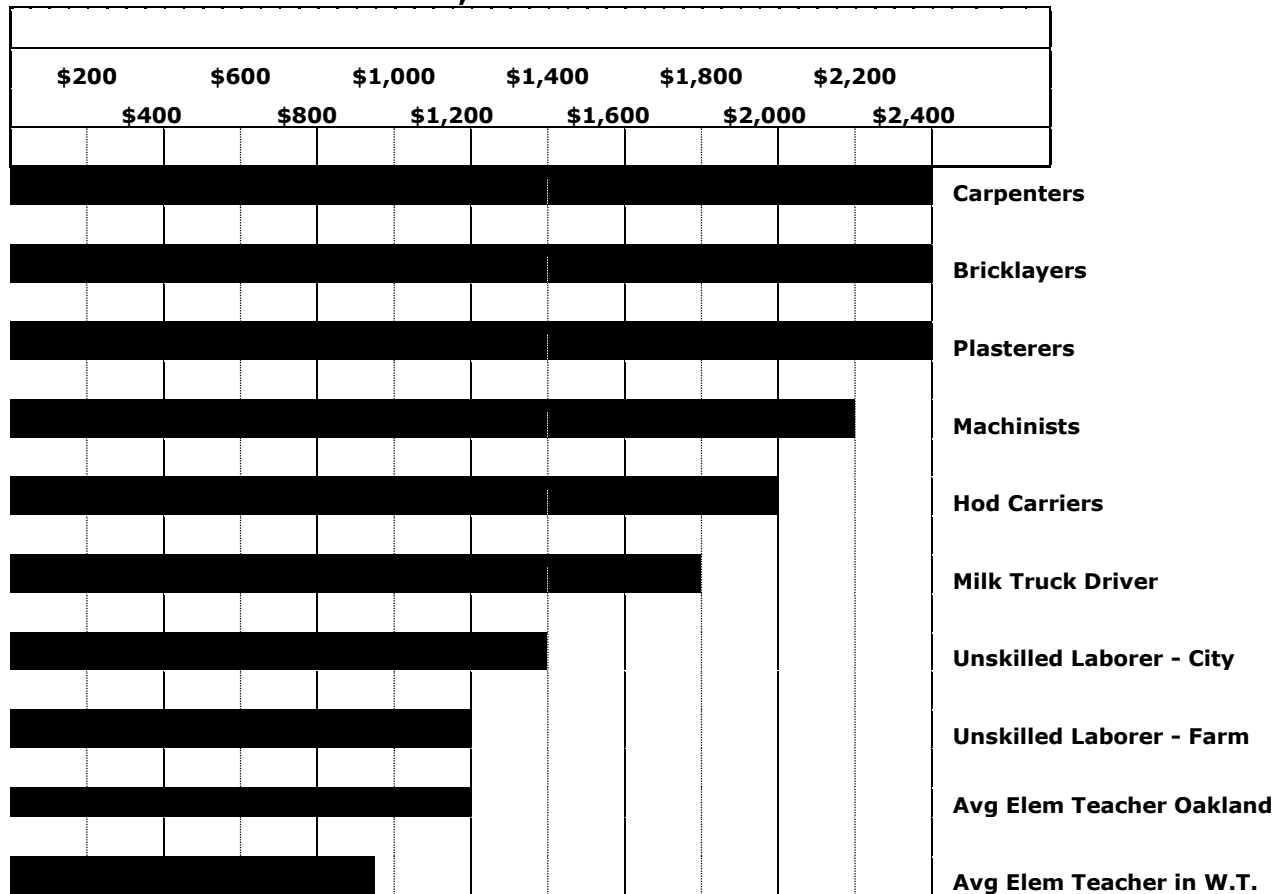
\* The first line is the Principal's annual salary, the second line is for teachers salaries.

**TEACHER'S WORKLOADS 1918 -1919  
 WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS**

<b>District:</b>	<b>Avg Daily Attendance</b>	<b>Number Teachers</b>	<b>Average Class Size</b>
Alvarado	94	3	31
Alviso	75	2	37
Centerville	196	5	39
Decoto	143	3	47
Irvington	148	4	37

Lincoln	21	1	21
Mission San Jose	93	3	31
Mowry's Landing	16	1	16
Newark	125	4	31
Niles	235	7	33
Stony Brook	19	1	19
Sunol Glen	41	2	20
Warm Springs	83	3	27

## AVERAGE SALARIES IN ALAMEDA COUNTY ANNUAL, IN HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS



*Master Thesis of Albert S. Colton, U.C. Berkeley, May 1920*

### **Alvarado Girl is Missing:**

Dropping mysteriously from sight in the downtown shopping district of Oakland, Annabelle Fegler, 19, who at the time of her disappearance was visiting her sister, Mrs. E. R. Gaines in Berkeley, has not been seen by her friends or relatives for five days. The police have been supplied with a good description of Annabelle and a citywide search will be conducted this afternoon.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 20, 1920*

### **Sugar:**

*(From Modesto Evening News)*

Beet hauling in Tracy is done by Fageols: Hauling sugar beets to the railroads or the sugar mill has been a hard task for trucks to solve. The method of loading in the field and hauling right

through the soft ground has proven too much of a task for the average truck to overcome. However, a fleet of six 5-6 ton compound equipped Fageols are hauling beets for the Alameda Sugar Company for the second season. These same Fageols 72,321 tons last year and did it so successfully that they are back on the same job again this year.

"We had a hard time to convince the engineers of the company that ours was not an ordinary motor truck," states F. Weber of Modesto, who sold these trucks. "Beet fields are different in that, when the time for gathering beets is due, tractors plow the beets out of the ground so the pickers can gather them up easily. This leaves the ground soft and with deep furrows. The trucks have to follow the beet rows and the beets are gathered and thrown into the truck, it is not possible for the driver to choose his own road. The Fageols would drop into low compound during this operation. This gear turns the wheels two and one half times slower than the ordinary lowest gear at the same motor speed. It consequently has two and a half times the driving power and greatly increased traction. When loaded and back on solid roads, the operator shifts back to his regular gears and travels to the unloading point at normal speed. This flexibility made it possible for us to demonstrate to the company that Fageol trucks would solve their hauling problem. It is sometimes advantageous to go slow as well as fast."

*The Modesto Evening News, May 22, 1920*

#### **Road Improvement:**

The last major stretch of road in the east bay to be updated will be from East 14<sup>th</sup> St. in San Lorenzo, through Mt. Eden and onto Alvarado ([Hesperian Blvd.](#)). It is expected to be complete about August 1<sup>st</sup>. When completed it will be a top grade road.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 4, 1920*

#### **Sugar:**

From all indications the Alameda Sugar Company will resume operations at its Tracy plant some time in August. The company has a crew of twenty men repairing machinery under Girard, the chief mechanic, who will turn the factory over to Superintendent R.S. Schwartz, who will also act as superintendent for the Alvarado Refinery.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 4, 1920*

#### **Classified Ad:**

HOUSES TO LET OR RENT – FURNISHED:

FREE RENT and water to a war veteran for care of premises; 2 room furnished cottage in Oakland, references required. Box 17, Alvarado California, or call Alvarado 11.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 13, 1920*

#### **CLASSIFIED Ad:**

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES:

Blacksmith shop, tools and machinery, cheap. Apply: Alvarado, Riverside Hotel: Mr. M. A. Silva, Jr.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 3, 1920*

#### **Mt. Eden to Alvarado Road:**

The road from Alvarado to Mt. Eden is almost impassable with detours having to be taken into the marsh to pass. Road crews are busy fixing the road, which will be first class from San Lorenzo to Warm Springs.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 8, 1920*

#### **Car Stolen:**

Harry Miller, address unknown, was arrested in Oakland when he could not give a coherent explanation of the car he was driving. It was later found to belong to Mr. James Logan of Alvarado, who had reported it stolen several days before.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 9, 1920*

#### **Classified Ad:**

### LODGING HOUSES, ETC.:

20 room hotel in Alvarado, garage, large yard; \$4,000, terms.

Mr. A. Davilla, Alvarado, Alameda County.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 17, 1920*

### San Leandro to Warm Springs:

The finest piece of concrete road in the state was opened during the week to general public use, running from the San Lorenzo junction on East 14<sup>th</sup> St. ([Hesperian Blvd](#)), through San Lorenzo, Mt. Eden, Alvarado, Centerville, Irvington and Warm Springs. This road is declared to be the finest piece of roadway of its kind in the State of California because it is three feet wider and from one to two inches thicker in concrete than the standard the state specifies for roadways.

Note: This stretch of highway has had many names. In piecemeal stretches have been known as San Lorenzo – Mt. Eden Hiway; Mt. Eden - Alvarado Hiway; Alvarado - Centerville Hiway; Centerville – Irvington Hiway; Irvington – Warm Spring Hiway. In its entirety it has been known as the Lower Oakland – San Jose Hiway, and its official name State Hiway 17.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 3, 1920*

### Washington Township Tax Rates: For Fiscal Year 1920-1921

TOWN	RATE
Alvarado	2.43
Alviso (District)	2.40
Centerville	2.77
Decoto	2.33
Irvington	2.38
Lincoln	2.33
Mission San Jose	2.61
Mowry's Landing	2.45
Newark	3.09
Niles	2.70
Stony Brook	2.66
Sunol Glen	2.21
Warm Springs	2.33

*The Oakland Tribune, October 6, 1920*

### Ducks:

Duck season opens Saturday. The main haunting hot spots this year in the Bay Area are expected to be around Bay Shore Island, Mt. Eden and Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 12, 1920*

### Bank Robbery:

Armed with shotguns and revolvers, three masked bandits entered the Bank of Alameda County, Alvarado Branch, at noon today, shot and seriously wounded Bank President August May, and escaped with an estimated \$50,000 in cash.

The men ransacked the institution after dragging May into the vault and locked him up with Mrs. Anderson, Ass't Cashier, and Ted Lydecker an employee of the bank, and then shut them in the vault.

When one of the men entered the bank with drawn revolver, May sprang at him and knocked him down. The bandit recovered his weapon and shot May twice, once in the throat and once in the shoulder.

The robbers worked fast and fled from the scene in a few minutes. A passerby heard the imprisoned bank officials knocking on the vault door and went to their rescue. Following shouted instructions, he opened the vault and released them.

The wounded Bank President was placed in an automobile and rushed to a hospital in Hayward, from which place District Attorney Ezra Decoto (May's brother-in-law) took him to Merritt Hospital in Oakland.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 13, 1920*

### **Bank Robbery:**

There were made public today three developments in the manhunt that has followed since the robbery of the Bank of Alameda County at Alvarado yesterday at noon.

The first was the discovery at 4:15 a.m. of the automobile in which the three bandits made away from San Lorenzo after ditching the big green car in which they roared out of Alvarado. The second is the questioning of John Sullivan, who says the big green car was stolen from him, and who is being held in the county jail. The third, which was a result of the first, was a conference between Sheriff Frank Barnett and District Attorney Ezra Decoto, who is the brother-in-law of the wounded bank President August May.

In the meantime, Mr. May continues to fight for his life in the Merritt Hospital, but hope is gaining as he spent a peaceful night last night. His wounds appeared fatal initially, but Mr. May is putting up a good fight and there appears to be hope for his life.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 14, 1920*

### **Bank Robbery:**

East Bay authorities were at work today on the meager clues in the hunt for the robbers of the Bank of Alameda County at Alvarado on Wednesday, when President August May was shot and seriously wounded. Sheriff Barnett says that he has information that may lead to the arrest of the bank robbers. The information was obtained, it is said, through tracing the identity of the owners of the hats found in the tonneau of the machine that was used in the getaway which the robbers abandoned a short distance outside of Alvarado when the robbers exchanged vehicles. The hats were purchased in a San Francisco store.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 16, 1920*

### **Water:**

QUICK! MORE STEAM PRESSURE

If you should look in on E. Foley, fireman at the great oil burning, steam pumping plant at Alvarado, you might think his job is monotonous and uninteresting.

But suddenly there is a change in the constant "push - pull - push - pull" of giant pumps, which transport 10 million gallons of water each 24 hours, to the next relay pumping station. Perhaps a dozen fire engines have begun to suck water from the mains. Or there's a break in the pipes or a broken relay down relay pump. Foley must act quickly or there will be more trouble.

His trained ears tell by the sound of the pumps what should be done. Even before orders can be telephoned from headquarters, he has adjusted the steam pressure.

E. Foley and the night man, P. Juhl, as well as 55 other engineers, firemen and motormen in 16 other steam and electric pumping plants are on the job constantly. 24 hours of the day, 365 days in the year, watching, waiting, listening that you may not be deprived of water at your faucet for a single moment.

EAST BAY WATER COMPANY

*The Oakland Tribune, October 18, 1920*

### **Bank Robbery:**

James Carey and W. Curley were arrested last night in San Francisco as suspects in the recent Alvarado bank robbery. They were only partially identified as participants in the robbery. Theodore Lydecker, bank clerk, identified Carey as one of the robbers; Mrs. Christina Anderson said neither of the men was involved in the robbery. Mr. May said neither was the man that shot him.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 26, 1920*

**Sugar:**

Upwards of 7,000 tons of beets from the new east bay districts passed through Oakland during the week on route to the big sugar refinery at Alvarado, where they are to be converted into sugar to help reduce the shortage and bring that commodity to normal prices.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 31, 1920*

**Classified Ad:**

HOTELS:

Hotel Alvarado

Good place to eat.

Accommodations for hunting parties.

On new highway located between Oakland and San Jose.

Alvarado, Calif.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 14, 1920*

**Ducks:**

Word is that ducks are scarce in the Newark, Alviso and Alvarado marshes, but are plentiful along the bay shore. A good storm is needed to drive the ducks inland towards the marshes.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 16, 1920*

**Ducks:**

Large flocks of ducks flew today from the more exposed portions of the bay at the Golden Gate to Alameda and down to shores of the bay from Alvarado to Newark and Alviso seeking protection.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 17, 1920*

**Noon Closing:**

Country banks are being urged by the State Bankers Association to close their doors for the noon hour and permit all employees to lunch simultaneously. The plan is in the interest of discouraging bank robbers. It has been found that the robbers have watched for the noon hour when part of the bank staff leaves for lunch and then they strike. In the recent Alvarado robbery the bandits attacked while Cashier Blacow was absent.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 27, 1920*

**Sugar:**

The Alameda Sugar Company at Alvarado completed its 100<sup>th</sup> day run this season on Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, which includes continuous work by day and night shifts without a single shutdown being made by any cause. This remarkable performance is attributed to the efficiency of the management and the harmonious working force in general.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 27, 1920*

**Bicyclist Killed:**

A decision is expected this afternoon from Justice of the Harry W. Pulcifer, whether Joseph Vargas, a partner in the firm of Pratt, Richmond & Vargas shall be held to Superior Court because his machine struck and killed Marius Anderson, an Alvarado salt worker, on the Niles Road near Hayward some weeks ago as Anderson rode a bicycle in the dark.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 1, 1920*

**Alameda Man Dies at Hall Station Crossing:**

Confused in the darkness, Samuel P. Mesick of Alameda, stopped his vehicle and then, according to the story told by two companions to F. S. Bontelho, deputy coroner at Centerville, started it

again and drove head-on into a fast running Southern Pacific train at Hall Station. The accident occurred a mile south of Alvarado at 7 o'clock last night. Mr. Mesick was killed immediately upon impact.

Charles Shein and J. H. Poyzer, who were riding with him, saw Mesick's predicament too late to warn him but in time to leap from car to save their lives, they said. They were not hurt.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 4, 1920*

#### **New Doctor in Alvarado:**

Dr. Roscoe N. Gray, Physician and Surgeon, formerly of Oakland, has opened offices in Alvarado. He will move his family here in the near future.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 5, 1920*

#### **Dairy Sold:**

John Lemos, Alvarado dairyman, has sold his dairy business for the sum of \$27,000. He still controls six other ranches in Washington Township and will farm on an extensive scale. Owing to the sale of his dairy, Lemos has 250 tons of alfalfa and 500 tons of chaff and oat hay, which he has thrown on the market. Lemos will leave shortly for Los Angeles for a two-week stay.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 5, 1920*

#### **Train-Auto Collision Inquest:**

Members of the Southern Pacific Board of Inquiry, which held an inquiry at the Oakland pier offices into the death of Samuel P. Mesick of Alameda at a crossing of the railroad near Alvarado on the evening of December 3<sup>rd</sup> have decided that the railroad is not to blame, that due precaution was taken and that Mesick, seemingly confused, drove on the track at the wrong time. The train was going 35 miles per hour and signals were sounded but the weather was slightly foggy, it is reported.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 10, 1920*

#### **Bank Robbery:**

County Detective George Helms in an effort identify the gangsters under arrest in San Francisco as the Alvarado bank robbers, said that August May, President of the Bank of Alameda County, could not identify all of the four robbers, nor even two of them. But that he picked out "Spud" Murphy, prize fighter, as closely resembling the man that shot him.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 10, 1920*

#### **Bank Robbery:**

James Carey was identified for the second time as one of the participants in the recent Alvarado bank robbery. Albert Lawrence, Hayward rancher, identified Carey as one of the four men that hijacked his car after the Alvarado robbery. He also picked out James Anselm as one of the four.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 17, 1920*

#### **Bank Robbery:**

Larry Fitzgerald, the fourth suspect in the robbery of the bank at Alvarado on the 13<sup>th</sup> of October, is gradually being broken in his whereabouts on the day of the robbery and is admitting to facts, which will help the district attorney's office in the prosecution of the crime.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 12, 1921*

#### **Bank Robbery:**

Three men captured in Marysville have been brought to Alvarado for identification in the Bank of Alameda County robbery. One, Jack Beebe, alias Cady, was positively identified as one of the participants in the robbery. The other two men, Clarence Dye and Arthur Floyd, were also implicated in the robbery by several eyewitnesses although the identification was not as positive as it was with Jack Beebe.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 22, 1921*

#### **Bank Robbery:**

Two of the three men captured in Marysville and brought to Alvarado for identification in the October bank robbery will probably be bound over for trial. The positive identifications of Jack Beebe and Clarence Dye by witnesses at the scene is enough to hold them for trial. Arthur Flood could not be positively identified but is being held for the robbery of a watch from John Lee.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 30, 1921*

**New Tennyson School District:**

The petition to take from Alvarado and Eureka School Districts certain territory in Eden Township and annex it to the newly formed Tennyson district because the residents therein are near to the latter school was granted today by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 31, 1921*

**Marriage:**

George R. Santos of Decoto married Miss May Roderick of Alvarado at St. Edward's Church in Newark on January 31<sup>st</sup>.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 7, 1921*

**Bank Robbery:**

John Sullivan, said to be the owner of the automobile that was used in the robbery of the Alvarado bank, was taken into custody late yesterday afternoon in Los Angeles upon the request of local police who learned of his whereabouts through the contents of a letter written to him by one of the alleged bandits taken into custody early Saturday morning in San Francisco.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 7, 1921*

**Bank Robbery:**

Clarence Dye one of the three men arrested in Marysville on suspicion of having been implicated in the Alvarado bank robbery and who, along with Jack Beebe and Arthur Floyd, were arraigned before the Justice of the Peace in Centerville yesterday, was released from County Jail today.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 8, 1921*

**Classified Ad:**

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR SALE:  
Upright Kimball piano, in good condition, genuine ivory keys: \$400 cash; \$450 terms.  
Mrs. E. G. Kaiser, Alvarado, P. O. Box 117, Alameda County.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 11, 1921*

**Bank Robbery:**

District attorney Decoto has announced that he has positive proof that Larry Fitzgerald, on his way here from San Diego, drove the automobile that was used at the Alvarado bank robbery and will be connected definitely with the crime, is the outstanding development today that is leading the authorities to believe that the net will be closed on the remaining members of the largest and boldest gang of criminals to operate for years in California.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 14, 1921*

**Bank Robbery:**

Two new developments in the Alvarado bank robbery case came up today. The first was the return to Alameda County of Larry Fitzgerald, re-arrested in San Diego on the order of county authorities. The second was the arraignment at Centerville this afternoon of Mrs. Jack Flemming, alias Hazel Kirk, charged with being an accomplice in planning the Alvarado bank robbery, and Prescott Rea who with his wife were arrested and charged with receiving stolen property.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 16, 1921*

**Bank Robbery:**

Reports that Larry Fitzgerald, Alvarado bank robbery suspect, has "snitched" on his pals were circulated at the courthouse today, when after a conference with District Attorney Decoto and Deputy Frank Shay, a stenographer was called in by the prosecutors.



Fitzgerald was then taken by the secret Grand Jury passage to an automobile and was spirited away to Alvarado by the district attorney and Deputy Sheriff Jack Collier.

Fitzgerald was brought here from San Diego by Deputy Collier and County Detective George Helms when letters and other evidence found at the headquarters of the "Thirty Strong" gang connected him with the Alvarado robbery. He had been arrested previously but was released because of insufficient evidence.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 18, 1921*

**Classified Ad:**

FARM PRODUCTS FOR SALE:

First grade Alvarado potatoes, \$2.50 per sack of 120 lbs. onions \$1.50 per sack. Delivered anywhere in Alameda County.

F. X. Smith, General Delivery, Alvarado, Calif.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 7, 1921*

**Safe Crackers:**

Four yeggs caught in the act of blowing the safe at the general store of Matsumoto, padrone of the Japanese residents of this district, fought a pistol battle at an early hour this morning with Night Marshal Andrew Anderson and then fled with half of the town aroused by the fusillade of bullets.

Marshal Anderson saw the four men working at the safe and they discovered him at about the same moment. Covering him with a pistol they compelled him to stand as they continued to work. Opportunity offered and Sheriff Anderson escaped to a clump of bushes from which he opened fire. The yeggs returned fire trading him four shots to his three. Antone Mello, who has the store next to Matsumoto's and lives above it was awakened by the gunshots and went to his window to look out. He was quickly covered by one of the gang and told to stay where he was.

By this time the whole town was aroused and the yeggs beat a hasty retreat. It is believed they escaped by means of an automobile. No trace has been found of them yet.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 8, 1921*

**Bank Robbery:**

Prescott N. Rea, member of the so-called "Thirty Strong" gang, who turned state's evidence and revealed the names of the criminal clique to District Attorney Ezra Decoto, pleaded guilty to the crime of receiving stolen property in connection with an Alvarado store robbery before Judge L. S. Church today and had his case referred to his probation officer.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 15, 1921*

**Bank Robbery:**

Jack Beebe, on trial before Judge Lincoln S. Church in connection with the Alvarado bank Robbery, was found guilty this morning by a jury after a ten-minute deliberation. He will probably be given a life sentence in Folsom.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 16, 1921*

**Bank Robbery:**

Life imprisonment at hard labor in Folsom penitentiary was imposed upon Jack Beebe, "Thirty Strong" gangster and Alvarado bank robber. Beebe was convicted by the jury of sticking a revolver in the face of Mrs. Christina Anderson and forcing her to stand with her hands on the counter while his three accomplices looted the safe and cash drawers. August May, the Bank President was shot by one of the thugs.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 18, 1921*

**Marriage License:**

Joseph S. Martin, 24, of Alvarado

Mae Amaral, 18, Alvarado  
*The Oakland Tribune, April 5, 1921*

**Bank Robbery:**

William Kirk has turned states evidence on the so-called "Thirty-Strong" gang and giving testimony that John A. Sullivan, San Francisco bon vivant was the criminal mastermind of the clique.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 6, 1921*

**Bank Robbery:**

Marian Appleton, whose former sweetheart, John A. Sullivan, is on trail for conspiring to rob the Bank of Alvarado, and who was a witness yesterday against him, appeared before the court today for her preliminary hearing on a charge of receiving stolen goods. The case was continued for a month on the motion of the district attorney.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 8, 1921*

**Bank Robbery:**

John A. Sullivan, San Francisco insurance broker, and "mastermind" of the "Thirty Strong" gang that has just been broken up by the authorities has been convicted of robbery in connection with the Bank of Alameda County on October 13<sup>th</sup> at Alvarado by a jury before Judge L. S. Church last night. He will be sentenced to a term in the state penitentiary of one to fifty years.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 14, 1921*

**Around Town:**

Mr. Springer, Sup't of the Alameda Sugar Co. plant at Alvarado says that the company is presently preparing for the coming processing season and that Washington Township will plant more acreage this year than at any time in its history.

A total of 180 railroad carloads of cauliflower have been shipped from Alvarado this year, the greatest outgo in the town's history. Mr. A. E. Vargas shipped 60 carloads of this amount. All of the shipments went east.

Alvarado Aerie, Order of Eagles, is inaugurating a campaign to increase members. The California membership is down 4,000 members. Alvarado membership presently stands at 80 members.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 16, 1921*

**Classified Ad:**

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS:

An electric Peerless Piano, first class condition, \$550

See at the **Alvarado Hotel**. Phone: Alvarado 41; Alameda County

*The Oakland Tribune, April 16, 1921*

**Classified Ad:**

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE:

GATES Root Beer barrel, with machinery, just like new, \$275.

See at the **Alvarado Hotel**. Phone: Alvarado 41; Alameda County

*The Oakland Tribune, April 16, 1921*

**Bank Robbery:**

With four members of the "Thirty Strong" gang in San Quentin, three others having pleaded guilty and two more scheduled for trial this week, the capture of "Little Goog" Rossi, who is alleged to have shot down Bank President August May, and "Lefty Foley," another of the suspected bank robbers, has completed the destruction of the biggest robber clique that ever operated in Oakland, according to District Attorney Decoto.

"Little Goog" has been accused by the gangsters who have "squealed" as the man who shot August May on October 13<sup>th</sup>, when May is said to have knocked a revolver from Foley's hands and floored him with a punch to the face during the Alvarado bank robbery.

Both men, who have been captured in the East, were indicted secretly some time ago by the Alameda County Grand Jury. Foley's name came out in the Sullivan trial, but "Little Goog's" identity was never revealed until the police picked him up in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Foley was picked up in St. Paul Minnesota.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 25, 1921*

#### **Bank Robbery:**

Two "three time losers" with records in San Quentin and Folsom Penitentiaries will be brought from the east (where they were captured) to Oakland this week to stand trial for the robbery of the Alvarado Branch of the Bank of Alameda County on October 13<sup>th</sup> and for the shooting of August May, President of the Bank.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 30, 1921*

#### **Classified Ads:**

PERSONALS:

I will not be responsible for any bills against the Alvarado Garage after April 1, 1921.

CHARLES T. WHITE

*The Oakland Tribune, May 6, 1921*

#### **Sugar:**

The sugar refinery at Alvarado will run overtime this year if the crops now being planted on the Holland and West Sacramento tracts come up to expectations. It is reported that West Sacramento will plant more than 1,300 acres of sugar beets and that the Holland property will contribute 600 acres.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 10, 1921*

#### **Bank Robbery:**

William Alberton, alias "Little Goog" Rossi and Thomas "Lefty" Foley, were identified today by August May, President of the Alvarado bank, as the men who fought with and shot him during the robbery of October 13<sup>th</sup>, last.

May, whose right arm and right side still are partially paralyzed from the wound, was taken to the jail by Sheriff Frank Barnett and District Attorney Ezra Decoto, May's brother-in-law, where Foley and Alberton were brought before him.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 17, 1921*

#### **Country Club Meeting:**

The Country Club of Washington Township will hold its June meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup>. The President, Mrs. George Hellwig of Alvarado, will return from her tour of the eastern states in time to preside at the meeting. The music committee has a treat in store for the members on that day and it is hoped that the attendance will be large.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 27, 1921*

#### **Sugar:**

Sugar beet production in the new districts at Lisbon and West Sacramento for the coming season will be approximately 27 ton to the acre, according to the estimate of H. M. Springer of the Alvarado sugar refinery, which has contracted for the entire output. The total yield to be converted into beet sugar at the Alvarado plant from this district alone, according to Springer, will be in the neighborhood of 30,000 tons.

Springer cruised the new beet fields for the growers and the San Francisco and Sacramento railroads in order to make proper estimates for freight cars to handle the big crop. On account of

the increase in the crop it will be necessary to supply fifteen cars a day during the harvesting season and the railroad company is now extending its tracks at Jefferson Station in order to accommodate the cars. The loading will begin in September.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 12, 1921*

#### **Around Town:**

The SPRSI Council, No. 21, of Alvarado has installed new officers for the ensuing year. They are: President, Mrs. Annie Amaral; Vice President, Mrs. F. Roderick; Secretary, Reta L. Soito; Treasurer, Mary L. Lopes; Marshal, Annie Andrade and Conductor, Mrs. Mello.

Mrs. May, mother of August May, has been visiting her son and his family for the past two weeks. Mrs. May is adding improvements to her properties in Alvarado.

Miss Mildred Nauert was shopping and visiting friends in Oakland and San Francisco this weekend. F. C. Harvey is building a new garage. The material for the project is coming from the Sunset Lumber Company.

Whooping cough has made an appearance in Alvarado. The little 18 month-old son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silva Jr., is the sufferer.

Mr. & Mrs. Mello are making improvements to their home by Alviso School.

Cherries are selling at 4¢ pound.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 16, 1921*

#### **S. P. Robbery:**

The Southern Pacific railroad section house at Alvarado Station occupied by Section Boss Carroll was robbed yesterday morning. The robbers gained entrance by "jimmying" a window open. They took \$4 in coin. Eddie Vargas, a boy living across the road saw two suspicious men lurking around the station previous to the robbery and reported it to his mother. They have a fairly good description of the two men.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 1, 1921*

#### **News Notes:**

Miss Elsie Costa, Miss Irma George, Miss Eva Costa of Alvarado have gone to the Santa Cruz Mountains to spend two weeks.

Joe King, who has been in the Azores for the past two years, arrived in Alvarado on Monday. His wife and little child will arrive here later.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 2, 1921*

#### **Bank Robbery:**

Machinations of the "inner convict rings" at San Quentin and Folsom Penitentiaries allied with the efforts of underworld criminals, are responsible for the hard fight that is being made by the "Thirty Strong Gang" to save "Lefty" Foley and "Little Goog" Rossi from serving terms in prison for the Alvarado bank robbery, according to Chief Deputy District Attorney Frank M. Shay.

"Some powerful, sinister influence or master mind, either in San Francisco or in one of the prisons, has organized this fight to free Foley and Alberton and eventually get the other members of the "Thirty Strong Gang" out of prison," charges Shay. "We have been forced to keep William Kirk, who turned state's evidence, under cover to save him from being killed"

"The Alvarado bank robbery was directed by a master crack who has never been discovered and who is now marshalling all the forces of the underworld to free these gangsters."

*The Oakland Tribune, July 8, 1921*

#### **Sugar:**

Two thousand acres of sugar beets planted along the line of the San Francisco-Sacramento railroad will supply the Alameda Sugar Company in Alvarado this season. Six hundred acres of that are in Lisbon and are being thinned now and everything looks favorable for a large crop. These lands produced twenty-seven tons to the acre last year.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 10, 1921*

**Cooperative Market:**

The Co-Operative Market, sponsored by the California Home Canner's Association and the Alameda Farm Bureau will be put into operation next Wednesday in Oakland. Twenty-five directors of the Farm Bureau met yesterday in Livermore with directors of the California Home Canner's Assoc. to perfect plans for the new market. The meeting was attended by the directors of organizations from Alvarado, Centerville, Decoto, Danville, San Leandro, Hayward, Niles and other southern Alameda County points.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 10, 1921*

**Man Beaten and Robbed:**

That he expects to arrest the man and woman today who on Sunday night beat and robbed James C. De Baca of San Francisco on the highway between Alvarado and Hayward, was the statement made today by Deputy Sheriff Joe Soares.

De Baca was returning from a dance in Alvarado Sunday night when a man and a woman in an automobile offered him a ride. Shortly before reaching Hayward, they beat De Baca up and relieved him of his watch, \$300 in cash, and threw him out on the side of the road. When he recovered, De Baca crawled into Hayward and notified the authorities.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 12, 1921*

**Potato Experiment:**

State Inspector W. V. Shear will make his first inspection of the certified seed potatoes planted at the Alvarado project this coming Friday morning, according to an announcement by Assistant Farm advisor J. B. Hammond, who is in charge of the experiments. Shear and Hammond will begin the tour of inspection of the George Ennis place at Alvarado. The experiment is for the purpose of determining the best method of planting to produce disease free potatoes.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 20, 1921*

**Potato Experiment:**

It has been certified that the British Queen variety of potatoes are not suitable for growing in Alameda County. These conditions have been borne out by experiments that were carried out in Alvarado recently.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 24, 1921*

**Classified Ad:**

AUTOMOBILES FOR SALE:

Ford with demountable rims; self-starter.

O. J. Emery, home Sunday, Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 31, 1921*

**Classified Ad:**

AUTOMOBILES FOR SALE:

Buick 4, Tour. A1 condition, \$350

Alvarado, opposite Alvarado Garage.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 15, 1921*

**Highway Robber Caught:**

Joseph Bedia, charged with highway robbery, pleaded not guilty when arraigned before Superior Court Judge Lincoln S. Church today and his trial was set for September 28<sup>th</sup>. In default of bail he was sent back to jail.

Bedia is accused of luring James De Baca of San Francisco into his automobile on the Alvarado Road on the night of July 11<sup>th</sup>, using a pretty girl as bait. After taking De Baca to a secluded spot, it is alleged that Bedia and his female companion set upon their victim, taking a watch and \$300 cash from him. Then threw his unconscious body out on the road.

***The Oakland Tribune, August 15, 1921***

**Road Conditions:**

The Alameda County Hiway from San Lorenzo to Alvarado to Warm Springs is not advisable due to bridge construction between Centerville and Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, August 28, 1921***

**News Notes:**

Alvarado has extended a general invitation to Hayward to attend a big dance at its town hall on Saturday evening, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The proceeds of the dance will be used for sidewalks for the sister municipality. Many Haywardites are planning to step over and step out to the music of the Alvarado Orchestra.

Tony Enos of Decoto is now employed at the Southern Pacific Station in Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, August 28, 1921***

**Sugar:**

With more than 12,000 tons of sugar beets awaiting shipment to the Alameda Sugar Company refinery at Alvarado, contracts for the growers and the San Francisco and Sacramento Railroad for the transportation of the product from Jefferson and Lisbon Stations were closed last week and the shipments begun. Additional spur track accommodations at the loading platforms of both stations were made necessary by the size of the yield, reported to be double of that from last year.

Shipments will go forward at about 15 carloads a day and it is expected that the entire crop will have been transported to Alvarado before October.

***The Oakland Tribune, September 4, 1921***

**New School District Tax Rates:**

TOWN	NEW RATE	OLD RATE
Alvarado	2.42	2.43
Alviso (District)	2.49	2.40
Centerville	2.53	2.37
Decoto	2.48	2.33
Irvington	2.42	2.38
Lincoln	2.48	2.33
Mission San Jose	2.70	2.61
Mowry's Landing	2.50	2.33
Newark	2.54	2.70
Niles	2.54	2.70
Stony Brook	2.68	2.66
Sunol Glenn	2.11	2.21
Warm Springs	Not Reported	

***The Oakland Tribune, September 7, 1921***

**Tomatoes:**

Sales of tomatoes to the bay canneries began in earnest this week. Deliveries from San Pablo, Alvarado and other tomato growing areas are pouring in today. The heavy volume faces a large carry over and local cannery interest has been solicited. Prices of better than \$20 a ton is expected it is said. The market top was \$1.50 a lug.

***The Oakland Tribune, September 7, 1921***

**Around Town:**

The Bridge Club, which was formed here last spring by eight or ten women of Alvarado, met at the house of Miss Mildred Nauert on Wednesday afternoon. Prizes were awarded for highest

scores and then refreshments were served. The next regular meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. E. Richmond.

The old bridge known as the "Iron Bridge" leading from town to Decoto is to be torn away to give place to a much-needed new bridge. Work will begin next Monday, C. A. Bruce, contractor from Pleasanton will do the work.

Steve Smith has been in Alvarado overseeing the improvements on several of cottages. He has returned to his home in Oakland.

The Salvation Army drive was on in Alvarado on Thursday.

The Alvarado Woodmen initiated several new members at their recent meeting.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 11, 1921*

#### **Around Town:**

Mr. Bassett of the Loma Prieta Lumber Co. of Santa Cruz was in town Tuesday. Bassett was here in the interest of the Garden City Gun Club of which he is secretary. The various sportsmen expect a good duck season, and are making extensive improvement to their grounds.

Miss Beryl Farley, who has been teaching in Alvarado School as a substitute for **Mrs. Hodgson** during her recent illness, will leave for Needles next Friday to resume her position as a teacher of that place.

Dr. Gray of Alvarado intends on leaving for Baltimore in the near future, to be absent for three or four months. He is going to attend John Hopkins University, one of the largest medical schools in the country, to take postgraduate work in surgery.

Clarence Williams, son of Joe Williams, rancher, has taken a position with the Sunset Lumber Co. Clarence is a recent graduate of the Union High School at Centerville.

The (Washington) Union High School football team played the Fremont High (Mountain View) team at Centerville to a 0-0 tie.

The sugar beet yield is far better than expected by the average grower of the vicinity, and the sugar beet rates high in quality of sugar.

**Mrs. Hodgson** will resume her post as teacher at the school on Monday.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 15, 1921*

#### **Rebekah's:**

Celebrating the seventieth anniversary of the founding of the order of Rebekah's, members of the Alvarado Lodge, No. 142, met for a whist party and social time Thursday evening. Favors at the whist tables were won by John Ralph and by Mrs. A. Belne. Following the whist, refreshments were served to the fifty members who had gathered.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 22, 1921*

#### **Woodmen of the World:**

Alvarado Camp, Woodmen of the World, will be host to the dancers of Alvarado and vicinity Saturday night. The woodmen have arranged an entertaining program for the evening and have obtained the services of an Oakland jazz Orchestra for the dancing.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 22, 1921*

#### **Library:**

Following the example of Ernest Hardy, librarian of the Continental Salt Works, residents of the community surrounding the California Salt Works have established a branch of the county library at their plant. Mrs. B. F. Jackson has been appointed librarian and during the past week has formally opened the library to the public. The library is under the supervision of the county librarians. The library at the Continental Salt Works has been opened for the past four years.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 22, 1921*

**Marriage License Issued:**

Henry Andrade, 24, Decoto

Carrie Goularte, 20, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, September 23, 1921*

**Ducks:**

Beginning early in the morning, a continuous line of automobiles conveying parties of duck hunters to the marshes of this vicinity passed through Alvarado today intending to be ready for the opening of duck hunting season. Scores of hunters have arrived and are either taking up quarters at some of the numerous preserves or at the Alvarado or Newark Hotels. Old hunters of this section say that more ducks are in the flats this year than for nearly a dozen years past.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 30, 1921*

**Ducks:**

Once more duck hunters are swarming the preserves of the Alvarado-Newark marshes in the hopes that the low fog or clouds will bring the ducks down to shooting distance. While the opening of the season here was not marked by heavy bags, the shooting has improved during the week and many limit bags are expected Sunday.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 9, 1921*

**Ducks:**

When Mrs. C.L. Johnson, wife of superintendent of the Turk Island Salt Works, wants ducks she doesn't go after them with a shotgun. Instead she takes a sack full of wheat and a camera and as a result of it there are ducks all over the place. There are mallards on the kitchen steps when she gets up in the morning; there are sprig in the woodshed and teal on the lawn out in front. Like a pup picked up on the street, they refuse to be lost or driven away.

At the present time she has a flock of fifty odd mallards and it is her word that they are as intelligent as a setter dog and fully as affectionate. They climb into her lap and upon her shoulder while she is feeding them and they quack their way into her kitchen to see what's detaining her if she happens to be a few minutes late on the breakfast schedule.

With the duck season open they are serving as very effective decoys for a duck club that has a preserve neat the salt works, of which Superintendent Johnson is a member.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 9, 1921*

**News Notes:**

The local Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, No. 1695, is actively engaged in completing arrangement for the big jazz dance to be given for the benefit of the organization at the IOOF Hall here Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Charles Baird, wife of the proprietor of the Alvarado Garage, has been visiting in San Francisco this week.

Mrs. C. Skow visited in San Francisco last week.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 9, 1921*

**Mrs. Mary A Smith Turns 95:**

Mrs. Mary A. Smith, for 75 years bay areas resident turned 95 today. The widow of the late Henry C. Smith, who is known as the "Father of Alameda County." Mrs. Smith arrived in Yerba Buena (now San Francisco) in 1846 at the age of 20. Mrs. Smith came to Alvarado in 1852 with her husband who was a member of the California State Legislature representing Santa Clara County (Alvarado was then part of Santa Clara County). Until a few years ago Mrs. Smith had made her home in Livermore.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 10, 1921*

**Downtown Sidewalks:**



Preliminary work has been started this week by the committee in charge of replacing Alvarado's old wooden sidewalks with concrete walks and by the end of the week it is expected that most of the old sidewalk will have been torn up.

Gravel will be placed on the sidewalks until next spring when a concrete coating will be laid. Money for the building of the new sidewalks has been obtained by entertainments given recently.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 11, 1921*

#### **Vacation Relief:**

Mrs. Frances Luna has been appointed as attendant at the Alvarado Library during the absence of Albert Norris while he on vacation.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 17, 1921*

#### **Auto Thieves:**

Auto accessory thieves are working in Alvarado, according to Deputy Sheriff Andy Anderson, who is conducting an investigation. The latest report of the thief's activity was made by O. J. Emery, who today informed the officer that while he was attending a lodge meeting here Tuesday night thieves took a new spare tire from his automobile. Within the past four days two bicycles have been stolen and two overcoats, and flashlights have been taken from automobiles parked on Alvarado streets.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 20, 1921*

#### **Supervisor Murphy Dies:**

Daniel J. Murphy, Alameda County Supervisor from District No. 1, died at 6 o'clock last night at his home in Livermore. Mr. Murphy was born near Alvarado in 1863.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 21, 1921*

#### **Alvarado Raided by Vice Squad:**

Sheriff Frank Barnett lead the Vice Squad to Alvarado where operatives had secured evidence against the proprietors of immoral houses in the "old Chinatown district," which are said to rival the worst haunts of vice on the old Barbary Coast ([San Francisco](#)). Peter Adelano, alleged proprietor of a brothel, was arrested and will be arraigned today before Judge Frank Mitchell of Hayward.

At the same time a girl giving the name of Jesse Miller was arrested as an inmate, and today was arraigned on a charge of vagrancy in order that this action might be taken to quickly rid the county of her.

At another resort, Anita Garcia, a Spanish girl, was arrested and brought to the county jail, where she was charged with vagrancy as well.

A number of other denizens of the red light houses were ordered to dress and leave the county immediately or face the pain of arrest.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 24, 1921*

#### **Old Chinatown:**

The "old Chinatown quarter" of Alvarado, which was said by police officers to be one of the worst vice spots in the county, is silent and almost deserted today as a result of the raids Saturday night when a poolroom operator was arrested and several women of the underworld were placed under arrest and others ordered to leave the vicinity.

Since the raid shutters have been drawn, frequenters of the row of shacks are few and far between and the Mexican habitués of the quarter have left for out-of-town ranches.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 26, 1921*

#### **Errant Bullet Near School:**

Mothers of children attending the Alvarado School today are indignantly discussing the narrow escape from death of two young boys when a bullet fired from the gun in the hands of an irate Chinese passed between the heads of two youths as they were walking arm in arm from the school last Friday afternoon.

The boys, Bliss Lawrence, 14, and Harold Hamilton, 11, had been playing in the schoolyard. As they left they locked arms. Suddenly, five shots rang out and the swish and whistle of a bullet startled them. The wind from the bullet fanned their cheeks. The bullet struck and embedded itself in a tree a few feet behind the boys.

Investigation developed the fact it was said today, that a Chinese truck gardener near the schoolyard had been the victim of Mexican tomato thieves and that when the Mexicans entered his field that afternoon he secured a rifle and started firing at them. It is said one of the bullets passed through the hat of one of the Mexicans.

When the story of the narrow escape of the youths was told about Alvarado, indignation ran high, but so far no action has been taken.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 26, 1921*

#### **Around Town:**

All roadwork in the vicinity of Alvarado was suspended last Friday by order of the Road Master Tony George in respect for the memory of the late Supervisor Daniel J. Murphy. Murphy was born in Alvarado and had hundreds of warm friends in this vicinity. His death was a shock to the entire community.

An automobile belonging to Frank Sequeira, a local rancher, is undergoing repairs today as the result of its collision with a truck on the highway near here Sunday night. Sequeira escaped without injury.

Hundreds of people from all parts of Washington Township were at the bullfight and celebration given at the **Riverside Hotel Park** Sunday. Manuel Mendez, a toreador of Spain, entertained with a tussle with the bull, which, however failed to appreciate the spirit of the occasion and refused to fight. Dancing was one of the entertainments provided for the guests.

Postmaster Albert Norris is confined to his home suffering from a severe cold, which has made his condition serious. He has not been able to be at the Post Office for the past week.

The two young children of **T. Lydecker** were taken to Oakland Hospital for serum treatments for whooping cough.

Tony Vargas, who recently purchased two lots from the Granger estate, has given the contract for building his new home to Silva and White, Centerville contractors.

**T. Lydecker**, of the Alvarado Branch of the Bank of Alameda County, is having a new garage built at his home.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 26, 1921*

#### **Bull Fighting:**

The charge is made that bullfights are being held in a stockade near Alvarado almost every week. Last Sunday a big crowd witnessed an exhibition near Alvarado in a stockade near the **Riverside Hotel**, it is charged in a letter to the District Attorney, which also declares that women of the underworld have not yet abandoned all the small towns.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 26, 1921*

#### **Lettuce:**

Attention housewives: Alvarado farmers cannot sell their head lettuce for even 1 cent apiece. With virtually no market for this lettuce it seems the heads will all taste the bite of the plow.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 26, 1921*

**Church Bazaar:**

All is ready today for the opening of the annual benefit bazaar of St. Anne's Parish tomorrow night. With a half score of daintily decorated booths and with the most choice articles ever offered for sale the parishioners declare that Alvarado's bazaar this year will eclipse all others in success. As the money collected is going to the building of a new church it has given added impetus to make the bazaar a huge success.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 26, 1921*

**Salt:**

W. A. Plummer of the Crystal Salt Works was a visitor in Alvarado Wednesday, bringing news that extensive improvements and additions are being made at his salt plant.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 28, 1921*

**Sugar:**

Sugar beet shipments from Lisbon and Jefferson were cleared up during the week, a total of 1,500 tons having been shipped from Jefferson and 3,500 tons from Lisbon in the Holland land district. All of the shipments were consigned to the Alameda Sugar Company at Alvarado. The shipments were the heaviest ever sent out from these new districts, the increase being nearly 3,000 tons over last year.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 28, 1921*

**Ducks:**

Oakland duck hunters are scratching their heads. Many duck hunters have left their blinds in Alvarado and returned to Oakland and see their first ducks of the day in Lake Merritt. Some hunters are beginning to believe that the duck migrate to Lake Merritt on the opening day of duck season where they are fed and do not have to fear shooters.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 30, 1921*

**Large Alvarado Landowner Shot:**

Henry Patterson, wealthy Alvarado land owner and grower, was shot and severely wounded this afternoon by one of two Mexican farm laborers with whom he had become involved with in an argument over a lease. The shooting occurred two miles south of Alvarado on land Patterson leased to the Mexicans. The argument began over financial arrangements on the leased land. One of the Mexicans shot Patterson in the leg and he went down. The men armed themselves with shotguns and fled. A posse was soon formed and was in pursuit of the men. When the pursuit got too hot the men barricaded themselves in a cabin on the Hall Ranch. While they were preparing to resist their pursuers another posse broke into the rear of the cabin and overpowered them. They were taken into custody; Mr. Patterson's condition is not serious.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 3, 1921*

**Sugar:**

The harvest of sugar beets of the Alvarado section will come to an end within three weeks, and the work of the Alameda Sugar Company will be over within one month, it was said today by H. M. Springer of the company's staff at Alvarado.

Over 80,000 tons of beets have been sliced at the Alvarado mill this season, and although the beet crop fell thousands of tons short of early season estimates, Springer says the quality of the beets have been unusually high.

Fully 20,000 more tons will be handled at the mill before it closes down for the winter. Ranchers who grow beets are receiving an average of \$10 a ton it was said.

A full crew of men has been working steadily at the mill for the past two months, 225 being at the mill proper, and fifty more working at outside stations.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 5, 1921*

**Around Town:**

The necktie and apron party given last night in the IOOF Hall last night by the Altar Society of St. Anne's Church was a success and a large crowd of dancers was present to enjoy the novelties. Money obtained through the admissions to the party is to be placed into the building fund of St. Anne's new church.

J. McElroy of the San Jose Lumber Co. was a visitor in Alvarado on Tuesday.

W. J. Dusenberry of Centerville spent several hours this week visiting Alvarado.

Mrs. George Hellwig, who sprained an ankle two weeks ago is recovering slowly and is still confined to her home.

Mr. A. Borghi has been making extensive improvements to his big dairy near Alvarado.

Clarence Williams, who has been ill for the past few weeks, was able to get around recently.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 6, 1921*

**Iron Wheels:**

County roads in the vicinity of Alvarado are being destroyed by farmers using overloaded iron-wheeled vehicles; reports a communication from the Alameda County Drayman's Association.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 7, 1921*

**Patterson Shooters Caught:**

Fruitoso Reveigo and Jim Rodriguez, Mexican youths, who were captured after a hunt by a posse of Alvarado citizens, led by Deputy Sheriff A. Anderson and Constable Thomas Silva, last week following the shooting of Henry Patterson, are waiting sentencing today on charges of hunting without a license.

Patterson, who was wounded slightly when one of the youths is alleged to have fired on him with a shotgun during an argument over land trespassing, had refused to swear out warrants for their arrest on the assault charge.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 8, 1921*

**Around Town:**

The potato harvest at Alvarado is below normal for the first time in many years. Farmers report that only two thirds of the crop will be harvested. Potatoes grown in Alvarado are among the best quality potatoes grown in California.

George Enos, an Alvarado farmer, is building a large barn on his ranch and nearly has it completed.

Father Casey of St. Anne's Parish in Alvarado said proceeds of the recent bazaar brought \$1,200 in for the new church building fund.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 9, 1921*

**Race War:**

A race war involving Chinese, Japanese, and Mexican residents of Alvarado's "Little Tiajuana" looms today as the result of the Chinese move to establish a pool room here. According to officers and those in touch with the Oriental quarter situation, the Japanese and Mexicans have a monopoly on such places here and the Chinese are looking for a piece of the action. The Japanese and Mexicans are bitterly opposed to the Chinese opening of pool halls and card rooms.

Threats and counter threats were flying fast today with the Chinese still determined to open the pool room and the trouble can come to a head.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 17, 1921*

**Potatoes:**

Alvarado ranchers today are amazed at the accomplishments of a recent U. C. Berkeley graduate who insisted his modern farming methods would increase potato yields. He bought a 20-acre ranch and managed to produce 200 sacks of potatoes from a single acre. On the whole he

averaged 150 sacks of potatoes per acre. L. E. Bailey credits careful analyzation of soil and replenishing nutrients that he finds lacking. He has farmers listening.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 17, 1921*

### **Whooping Cough:**

The two small children of Theodore Lydecker, Cashier of Bank of Alameda County, Alvarado Branch, are still ill, although they are recovering slowly. They were removed to Oakland recently to receive serum treatments for whooping cough.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 17, 1921*

### **Alvarado Roads:**

Under the direction of Tony George, Road master, crews of men are busy this week preparing the surrounding Alvarado roads for the rainy season. The road to Union City is being scraped and the road to Niles is being graveled.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 17, 1921*

### **New Houses:**

Two new houses today are helping relieve the housing shortage, which is being keenly felt in Alvarado for the past six months. Silva and White, contractors of Centerville, completed the bungalows of A. Frates and T. Vargas this week.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 17, 1921*

### **Birthday Party:**

Charles Nauert of Alvarado today is well on his way for another big birthday party with the announced intention of enjoying himself as much next year as did this year. He celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. D. Heitmuller of Oakland.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 17, 1921*

### **Public Health Nurse:**

Miss Ada Jensen, public health nurse for Washington Township health center, is in San Francisco this week attending a series of classes to study nutrition problems.

A large part of Miss Jensen's work deals with the school children of Alvarado, Centerville, Newark, Irvington, Niles and Warm Springs. The classes that she is attending will aid her greatly, as they specialize in child nutrition.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 18, 1921*

### **Goats:**

CATTLE, GOATS, ETC.:

2 Toggenburg goats, good milkers, cheap; included two long chains.

Mrs. H. J. Kaiser, Alvarado, Calif. Alameda County, Box 117

*The Oakland Tribune, November 19, 1921*

### **Henry Patterson Shooting:**

Jim Rodriguez and Frutuoso Reviego, Mexicans, who pleaded guilty to hunting without a license, were fined \$50 each when they appeared before Justice of the Peace John G. Mattos Jr. The two men were arrested three weeks ago following the shooting of Henry Patterson, wealthy Alvarado landowner, when he remonstrated with them for trespassing on his property. It is alleged that one of them shot Patterson, wounding him slightly. The Mexicans were arrested by Constable Tom Silva and Deputy Sheriff Andy Anderson of Alvarado, but the hunting law charge was placed against them in preference to the charge involving the shooting.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 22, 1921*

### **Sugar:**

Thousands of tons of sugar beets are in the fields today undug with indications that growers in the Alvarado section will be forced to work frantically to get the remainder of the season's crop out before another rain storm comes. While the rain this week was not heavy it has held the

sugar beet growers from digging the remaining beets and with prospects of the Alameda Sugar Company's mill here closing in two weeks the outlook for the rest of the crop is poor unless the rain holds off.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 24, 1921*

**Ducks:**

From all localities where ducks congregate come reports that the recent rains brought in thousands of birds and the shooting improved immensely. From Alvarado, Alviso and Newark come reports of good shooting in sprig and teal this last week.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 27, 1921*

**Overloaded Trucks:**

In a local raid on traffic law violations, Deputy Sheriff Shay halted and arrested the drivers of a half dozen trucks in Alvarado for driving with overloads, in some cases almost twice the maximum load allowed. The intent is to send a message that traffic laws will be enforced.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 30, 1921*

**Farm Home Department:**

The election of officers for the Farm Home Department of the Farm Bureau for Alameda County held its election of officers and has chosen Mrs. F. May Williams of Alvarado as its chairman.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 10, 1921*

**Little Tiajuana Deserted:**

"Little Tiajuana" near Alvarado is nearly deserted according to Deputy District Attorney Frank Shay who just returned from the place he went to direct raiding parties visiting questionable resorts in the vicinity. The regular immigration of the sugar workers to other fields has practically depopulated the region and the "For Rent" signs are gathering dust in the windows of the "Oyster Loaf" and the "Bucket of Blood" that once shone brightly and resounded with revelry.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 14, 1921*

**Classified Ad:**

PAINT:

Sherwin-Williams Company

Authorized Paint Dealer in Alvarado:

F. C. Harvey & Co., Alvarado, Calif.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 19, 1921*

**Infant Dies:**

Milk, poisoned as a result of cows eating sugar beets, today is blamed for the death of the six month-old son of Frank Goularte, an Alvarado rancher. The death is the first of its kind and the illness of the child had at first puzzled two physicians, who were called to the case. Both agreed, after an examination, that the milk given the babe had been poisoned as the result of the sugar beets fed to the cows.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 20, 1921*

**Ducks:**

Those who prefer wild duck for the Christmas feast and who are fortunate enough to have a membership in one of the hunting clubs owning duck ponds here, will have no difficulty in bringing down the limit of birds, according to Deputy Sheriff Andy Anderson and Chris Baird, who yesterday had excellent success on the marshes. The rain has brought in the ducks and although they are keeping close to cover, it is easy to bring them in from the ponds and rushes, say the two local sportsmen.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 22, 1921*

**Marriage License:**

Joe E. Amaral, 24, Alvarado

Emily R. Silva, 18, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, December 22, 1921*

**Christmas Services:**

Father Casey of St. Anne's Catholic Church in Alvarado said Christmas morning mass will be said at 8 o'clock.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 25, 1921*

**Alvarado Success Story:**

With the enrollment of James Nesbitt at Heald's Business College, the fifth of five Nesbitt boys has entered his period of training for a business career. To those interested in what the young people of the bay region are doing in winning their success, the Nesbitt family of Alvarado offers an interesting story.

The father of these five young men has been a section foreman of the Southern Pacific Railroad for twenty-five years, and though he did not have the advantage of a business training, he realized, through his contact with the executive offices of the railroad company for which he worked, that the real opportunities for advancement came to those fitted by special training for positions of trust and responsibility.

Having made his selection of a school for the oldest son and being well satisfied with the success achieved by that young man, the father placed the boys, one after another, in Heald's. Four other sons followed the oldest in registering at the Oakland business college and three who have graduated are well on the road to making most successful businessmen.

Robert W. Nesbitt is a private secretary to high company official, John Nesbitt is an accountant in the general offices and James is a checking clerk, all three being employed by the Southern Pacific Company. Thomas Nesbitt found his sphere of activity outside of railroading, being sales manager for a large industrial concern. The youngest son, now attending Healds, gives every promise of equaling the success of his older brothers.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 25, 1921*

**Crandall Slough:**

Frank Bryant was awarded the contract for the construction of a concrete bridge over the Crandall Slough near Alvarado. Bryant's bid of \$5,591.80 was nearly \$1,000 less than the other eight bidders.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 27, 1921*

**Flood:**

Additional rain is compounding the flooding of last week. Fields in Alvarado are under water ranging in depth from a few inches to several feet and the ground is not absorbing the water as rapidly as before.

The boys of Alvarado will qualify as expert navigators should high water continue. The youths constructed impromptu rafts and a score of the rafts were being paddled about the flooded streets of town.

Chinatown, Alvarado's "Little Tiajuana" district, was isolated by a ring of water and long faced Chinese and Mexican proprietors of the pool halls gazed at empty chairs and unused card tables.

In other news, C. L. Johnson, Sup't of the Turk Island Salt Company, today estimated that 2,100 ducks had been taken by hunters on the Turk Island preserves in Alvarado alone.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 29, 1921*

**Sugar:**

Farmers of Alvarado who have been planting sugar beets the past several years and who will not plant this year due to the slump in sugar and the drop in prices paid for beets, are considering the

planting of barley in the majority of cases. In the low foothill land where beets are raised barley is the best substitute crop, while the flat lands around Alvarado are slightly alkaline, it is believed a profit can be made from planting barley. The price offered in contracts to growers for their sugar beets has dropped to \$5 from \$6 a ton and less than a third of the usual crop of beets will be planted in this section this year.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 12, 1922*

#### **Sugar:**

Reports that the beet growers around Alvarado are planting their acreage to grain this year are declared untimely by H.M. Springer, Office Manager of the Alameda Sugar Company, which operates the sugar refinery at Alvarado. Springer authorized this statement:

"A report of unknown origin has been published stating that the beet growers around Alvarado intended to turn to grain in 1922. I would like to state that such action is not noticeable on the part of the growers, as we are signing up a very substantial acreage this season. The report further stated that the price of beets in 1922 would be between \$5 and \$6 a ton. This statement likewise is wrong for while none of us are prophets, the price to be paid to the farmer is dependent on the final price received for our sugar and the percent of sugar in the beet. I would like to state that if the price of sugar advances as it is now apparent, that the farmer will receive relatively more for his crop 1922 crop than he did for his 1921 crop."

*The Oakland Tribune, January 16, 1922*

#### **Fresh Tomatoes in January:**

Fresh tomatoes in January is the good fortune of many Alvarado households as a result of the thrift of the women of Alvarado who have discovered that tomatoes may be kept for several months after the season ends by digging up the whole tomato vine and hanging it in a cool place. The tomatoes continue to derive nourishment from the vine and do not wilt or dry the women claim. Several women report that tomatoes kept by them in the new way are in excellent condition at the present time.

*The Mountain Democrat, Placerville California, January 21, 1922*

#### **Alviso Pupils to Perform at Alvarado:**

Juvenile actors of the Alviso School will repeat their recent success, "Safety First," at the Odd Fellows Hall in Alvarado on the evening of February 21<sup>st</sup>. The play was given last Saturday night before a big audience at the schoolhouse. The original cast, including Alice Duarte, Irma George, Nick Lewis, Joe Duarte, Viole Amaral, Alvin Joseph, Madeline Rose, Sam Costa and Irene George will repeat the performance. Saturday night entre-act features included a fancy dance by Esther Dolan of Hayward and a recitation by Vivian Joseph of Alviso.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 7, 1922*

#### **New High School:**

That the Centerville Lodge, Knights of Pythias, are interested in the high school situation in Washington Township is a matter of lodge record today. A committee of three knights as named by Chancellor Commander Fred Rogers to meet with the Country Club committee to aid in determining whether or not an attempt shall be made to bond the township for funds which to build a modern high school structure.

Those on the committee are: F.T. Dusterberry, Manager of the Centerville Branch, Bank of Italy; Frank Veit of Newark; and Foster Morrison, Principal of the Alvarado Grammar School.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 11, 1922*

#### **Sugar:**

Three thousand acres of land in this vicinity will be planted to sugar beets to fulfill contracts already made this year with the Alameda Sugar Company, it was announced by the company today through H.M. Springer of the local staff. At least 1,500 more acres will be planted to the beet crop, bringing the yield next fall up to normal, it is said.



The announcement by the company has been received with satisfaction by the local businessmen as it had been predicted at the end of the season last year that few beets would be planted due to the depression of the sugar market, caused by foreign importations.

The fact that the Fordney Tariff bill would probably contain a provision for a high import tax on foreign sugar will bring the producers a return of 50 cents more per hundred-weight and prices for the next crop will be as high as in the past year.

The news that sugar beet growing industry has revived from its temporary depression has led farmers here to predict a bumper crop, as land and climatic conditions are the most favorable in a number of years. The heavy rains have provided sufficient moisture to keep the land from drying before the crop matures, a condition that will affect to a great measure the success of the crop.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 1, 1922***

#### **Dairies:**

Irvington is becoming one of the best dairy sections in Alameda County, although Alvarado at the western end of Washington Township is the leader in production at the present time.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 4, 1922***

#### **Alameda County Water District:**

The Board of Supervisors today received from County Clerk George E. Gross, a certification of the list of candidates for directors of the Alameda County Water District. They are:

E. H. Stevenson, Centerville; William Trenouth, Alvarado; J. C. Shinn, Niles; Emanuel George, Alvarado and W. D. Patterson, Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 6, 1922***

#### **Flood:**

Cattle, marooned by a creek ten feet wide cut by the recent floodwaters, are being fed by means of a boat, which is used to transport food across the creek, according to F.H. Borge of the California Milk Company here. According to Borge, over 30 cows were left on a high knob of land in the fields here. The hill was surrounded by the newly cut creek and the cattle refused to cross it. Consequently an improvised boat had to be used to ferry food to the stranded cows.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 8, 1922***

#### **Around Town:**

Members of the Alvarado Aerie of Eagles have delegated Joe Roderick to attend the meeting March 13<sup>th</sup>, when the matter of building a township high school is discussed by committees representing fraternal and civic orders of Washington Township. Roderick was appointed at the meeting held this week by the Eagles.

A banquet following initiation services featured the meeting of the Crusade Lodge, IOOF here last night. A number of candidates were initiated and the banquet was served in their honor. A large class of candidates will be initiated by Crusade Lodge next month, the lodge having a heavy increase in membership at present.

Manuel Enos, local dairyman, is in a Hayward Hospital, critically ill. Enos has been ill for several weeks, but his condition became so serious this week that physicians ordered his removal to the hospital.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 8, 1922***

#### **Dairy to Be Sold:**

Manuel Matoza, resident of San Leandro and owner of one of the largest dairies in Alvarado, has announced his intention of disposing of his entire stock and land holdings and purchasing a portion of the Miller & Lux property located near Newman.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 11, 1922***

**Traffic Fine:**

Fines amounting to \$140 were imposed today by Judge John H. Paul. Among those fined for speeding were Manuel Rogers, Alvarado merchant who was fined \$20.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 25, 1922*

**Gold Fever:**

The lure of gold threatens to cause a sharp drop in the population of Alvarado's Mexican and Chinese quarter, better known as "Little Tia Juana," it became known last week when a number of Chinese and Mexicans left for San Andreas, Calaveras County, where according to reports, a gold strike has been made.

*The Sausalito News, Sausalito Calif., March 25, 1922*

**Cauliflower:**

Over 84 tons of cauliflower have been shipped from the Alvarado section in Alameda County this season to eastern markets. The local season is now at the peak, between eight and ten cars being shipped to eastern markets via train. Large shipments will continue up till about April 10<sup>th</sup> and the total for the season will be about 125 tons.

*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, April 1, 1922*

**Bank Robber to Jail:**

Thomas Foley, convicted Alvarado bank robber, must go to San Quentin. The district court of appeals upheld his conviction.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 3, 1922*

**Eagles Install Officers:**

Officers recently elected by the Alvarado Aerie, No. 1695, Fraternal Order of Eagles, will be installed on the first meeting June, retiring President **A.S. Mello** said today.

The officers that will be installed are: A.E. Vargas, President; P.D. Brown, Vice President; M.D. Louise (Luiz?), Captain; T.E. Amaral, Secretary; H. Henrickson, Treasurer; Richard Silva, Inside Guard; T.C. Silva, Outside Guard; A.M. Moffitt, Trustee.

**A.S. Mello**, retiring President; A.E. Vargas, incoming President; and A.A. Lee have been appointed delegates to the convention of the lodge to be held in Santa Cruz this year.

During the term of office of **Mello** the Aerie has taken a prominent part in community life, leading in several movements to improve the town. Under Vargas the members expect to continue their progressive policy. During the past three months a large number of new members have been initiated into the Aerie, giving it one of the strongest memberships of any fraternal order in Washington Township.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 7, 1922*

**Around Town:**

The second degree will be conferred on twenty candidates by the Crusade Lodge, IOOF, at an initiatory meeting to be held Tuesday night. Thirteen candidates are from the Alvarado Lodge, six come from the Sycamore Lodge, Hayward and one is a member of the Mission Peak Lodge, Irvington. Under the direction of Noble Grand R.S. Stewart of the Crusade Lodge, an elaborate program is being arranged for the entertainment of the large number of Odd Fellows who will come from neighboring lodges to witness the initiatory rites.

Alvarado intends to give Centerville a close race for tomato growing honors this season, a survey of the ranches near here reveals. Scores of ranchers are planting tomatoes for the first time and it is believed that the acreage of tomatoes in the Alvarado district rival that of Centerville.

M.E. Costa, local dairyman, plans the erection of a modern home and this week is tearing down the old ranch house to make room for the new. Silva and White, Centerville contractors will begin building the new home next week. Costa, during the past six years, has been steadily adding to the improvements on his splendid ranch near Alvarado.

Miss M. Costa, Principal of the Alviso Grammar School, was a visitor in Alvarado Thursday, arranging for the play to be given in the I.O.O.F Hall here by her students.

John Ahearn of Oakland has moved to Alvarado where he intends to manage personally his large ranch. Ahearn was for years connected with an Oakland traction company.

J.G. Rose of Hayward, who has extensive property interests in Alvarado, visited here Thursday to attend to business matters.

County Assessor Louis Kennedy and his deputy, Emmanuel George of Newark, visited Alvarado on Thursday.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 7, 1922*

### **Marriage License:**

Arthur Vieira Sa, 22, Alvarado

Minnie Rose, 18, Newark

*The Oakland Tribune, May 20, 1922*

### **Baseball:**

The Alvarado baseball team will play the fast Pleasanton Merchants on the Alvarado diamond Sunday, the game is to be the test between two of the fastest amateur teams in southern Alameda County. Manager Jacinto the locals has been directing the improvement of the Alvarado field for the contest. Word from Pleasanton promises a large delegation of Amador fans will attend the game. Alvarado has won three of the four games played this year.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 3, 1922*

### **Building Boom:**

The prosperity of Alvarado ranchers, due to the excellence of the season's crops and the boom in the dairy industry, is reflected in the tremendous increase in building activity in the Alvarado-Decoto section of Washington Township, according to a survey made this week by James Hamilton, manager of the Alvarado yard of the Sunset Lumber Company.

The building is not confined to houses alone, nearly every rancher in the section being engaged at present in constructing new fences, shed, barns and other ranch improvements.

E. Borge, of the California Milk Company dairy here is superintending the construction of several thousand dollars worth of improvements to the dairy property. New shed and fences are principal items of improvements.

A. Costa has under construction one of the most modern houses to be constructed here in the last six months. He is also making improvements on his large ranch near town. A new house to replace the one destroyed by fire several weeks ago is being constructed by E. Curry, who lives north of Alvarado.

A hunting lodge and new sheds and fences are the principal improvements underway at present at the Turk Island Salt Company property, according to C.L. Johnson, Superintendent.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 4, 1922*

### **Stabbing:**

One man is in critical condition, suffering from a deep knife wound in his right lung, and is confined to the county hospital at San Leandro, and two men are held by township officers pending the outcome of the victim's injuries as a result of an all night drinking bout in Alvarado's Mexican quarter.

The stabbing affray occurred when "heaving dornicks\*" failed. According to Deputy Sheriff Andy Anderson, who arrested the two men charged with the stabbing, the three men had been drinking heavily. During a dispute one of them picked up a rock and threw it at one of the others. A general rock battle followed, but without serious wounding of any of the participants. Rocks failing to decide the dispute knives were drawn.

In the melee Pedro Hernandez was stabbed, saving himself from more dangerous wounds by running into the store of Jacinto and Menezes. He was pursued by Baltasar Navirero, who is alleged to have done the stabbing, and by Jesus Sunega.

Jesse Jacinto one of the proprietors of the store, intervened and threw the two pursuers into the street, where they were taken into custody by Deputy Sheriff Anderson, who had just arrived in answer to a riot call.

Navirero is being held in the Centerville Jail and Sunega is being held in the Niles jail. They will be charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

\*NOTE: Dornick is an Irish or Gaelic term meaning "small round stone."

*The Oakland Tribune, June 14, 1922*

### **Enjoy an Outing:**

Take your family or your friends on one of the most delightful motor trips hereabouts. Drive out to Foothill Boulevard or take the Alvarado Road to San Jose. Enjoy a refreshing luncheon prepared and served to your liking at the Hotel Vendome in San Jose en route.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 30, 1922*

### **Baseball:**

Game to be played Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> on the Alvarado diamond, Alvarado vs. Brooklyn (Oakland) Acorns at 2:30.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 8, 1922*

### **Thomas Foley Goes to San Quentin:**

Thomas "Lefty" Foley, convicted of the Alvarado bank robbery, was taken from the county jail to San Quentin Penitentiary today to begin serving the indeterminate sentence of from one year to life. He was convicted a year ago, but appealed to the Supreme Court, when a motion for new trial was denied. The higher court sustained the Superior Court

Foley was the last of the "Thirty Strong" gang of robbers to go to the penitentiary. The members of the gang were arrested following the robbery of the Alvarado bank during which Mr. August May was shot and seriously wounded.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 17, 1922*

### **Crusade Lodge:**

The 93 Crusade Lodge of IOOF who went to San Jose for the purpose of initiating two candidates into the first degree of the order. The candidates were Henry Kubler and H. Smith.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 21, 1922*

### **Alvarado Burglary:**

A masked man entering his window awakened K. Matsumoto early Thursday morning. At the point of a revolver the intruder forced his victim to stay in bed while he relieved the victim of about \$21 in silver, a gold watch and a gold necklace.

About an hour earlier on the same morning two men were seen to stop at the Alvarado Garage in an automobile and try to force the door open. They were watched by deputy sheriff Anderson, who waited for them to make their entrance before making an arrest. The approach of another motorcar frightened the men away before they could make entrance.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 21, 1922*

**Sugar:**

The Alvarado district will produce about 3,000 acres of sugar beets, according to reports received from the Alvarado sugar mill. This is an average yield for this vicinity. Growing conditions have been ideal and the work of thinning the young beets will be finished this week.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 23, 1922*

**Canning Demonstration:**

Miss Caroline Wetzel, farm home demonstration agent for the Alameda County Farm Bureau will be in Alvarado on Thursday demonstrating canning techniques. Miss Wetzel particularly emphasizes the cold pack method.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 26, 1922*

**Ivens Ralph Dies:**

Died in Oakland on August 2, 1922, Ivens V. Ralph, husband of Alice A. Ralph. Mr. Ralph was a native of Alvarado, California.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 3, 1922*

**Around Town:**

News was received here recently of the death of I. V. Ralph of Oakland, who, until about two years ago conducted a business store in Alvarado. Ralph was a native of Alvarado and was well known around town.

The young son of J. Monger of Alvarado was painfully, although not seriously injured in an accident yesterday morning. While playing near his home he fell on a piece of glass and cut a gash in his cheek that required several stitches to close.

John Lemos, well-known rancher of this district, has sold his entire corn crop, green, to local dairymen for cattle feed. His reason for this was because he was having a hard time getting 50 cents for a sack that held seven or eight dozen ears and this does not pay them picking and shipping.

Miss Grace Johnson, a resident of San Leandro, is a guest at the home of her uncle, C. L. Johnson, Sup't of the Turk Island Salt Company. Miss Johnson plans to spend two weeks here boating and horseback riding.

Mr. & Mrs. Moldt, who have occupied the Nort cottage near the Odd Fellows Hall for the past year and a half, have rented a house on Church Street near the home of Chris Skow.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 6, 1922*

**Baseball:**

The Alameda Sugars were defeated by the Byron Iron Workers 7-4 at a game played in Alvarado. It is said the Sugars did not play near their potential.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 8, 1922*

**Paid Advertisement (Excerpt):**

Alvarado; July 5, 1922

For years I had stomach trouble with gas, which pressed on my heart with unbearable pains. I could not walk from one side of the table to the other without stopping to catch my breath. My stomach was so bloated that I could neither eat nor lie down with comfort. My back ached fearfully and it seemed as though I continually carried a heavy load on it. My bowels never moved naturally and I suffered also from female complaints.

I consulted many doctors. They said that mine was a surgical case and that a tumor must be removed before I could get any relief. I feared and dreaded an operation. My brother, John Limas,

and his friend Mr. M. Frazer, both of whom has been cured of stomach trouble by the FONG WAN HERB SPECIALIST and advised me to try him. My brother took me down to his place at the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Clay Streets in Oakland. I took the herbs for four months, cooking them myself. I am now strong and well and feel splendid.

Had it not been for my brother's advice and FONG WAN'S skill, I would have been in my grave long ago.

Mrs. Julia Andrade, P. O. Box 13, Alvarado, Calif.

***The Oakland Tribune, August 18, 1922***

### **Ducks:**

Wild ducks are already flocking to the Turk Island Salt Company's duck ponds, according to C.L. Johnson, superintendent of the company. He added that when he mentioned the fact to natives of the area he was told that this foretold of early rains.

***The Oakland Tribune, August 19, 1922***

### **The Lost Child:**

From *The Oakland Tribune's "Aunt Elsie's Children's Page"*

Once there was a little boy. His name was Joseph. He lived in a cottage near the seashore. His parents were always busy and didn't take much notice of him.

One day he was playing in the sand on the seashore. When he was playing he had his back turned toward the ocean. The waves were coming up more and more. He was so intent on his play that he didn't notice it, but at last the waves reached his length and pulled him in.

There was a lost dog nearby. He saw the boy struggling with the waves. He swam after him and brought him safely to the shore. It was hard on the dog because the sea was rough but he managed it. He was tired from his struggle to save the boy and bring him safe to the shore, so he laid down beside the boy to rest.

Joseph was soon able to walk. He went home with the dog, and the boy's parents gave the dog a home. The child called the dog Rover.

The boy was never lost again for he always took Rover with him every place he went.

By: Anna May Fyffe, Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, August 20, 1922***

### **Liquor Served:**

Two men walked into the Alvarado Hotel recently, and upon the plea of one of them being sick, induced the proprietor, Jack Marlot, to mix him a stimulating drink. Marlot obliged, and then he returned with the drink the sick man rushed into the room that Marlot had just been in and secured the rest of the small bottle of liquor, which, according to Marlot, the man's companion drank the glass of liquor that had just been brought in. The men then announced themselves as prohibition officers and left with the evidence.

***The Oakland Tribune, August 26, 1922***

### **News Notes:**

The Rebekah's of Alvarado will hold a regular meeting in the Odd Fellow's Hall tonight. Routine business is on the schedule for the evening.

Miss Lois Bonham, of Napa, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Hazel Wiederhold.

Aerie No. 1695, Alvarado Order of Eagles will meet Monday evening in the Odd Fellow's Hall.

***The Oakland Tribune, September 1, 1922***

### **W.U.H.S. District:**

There is a move afoot to include several more towns into the Washington Union High School District. There will be an election held on Sept 29<sup>th</sup> to decide whether Sunol, Vallecitos and

Sheridan school districts will join the high school district, or whether Sunol and Vallecitos will stay out. Sheridan is rightfully in the district. It is proposed to build the new high school in Centerville.  
*The Oakland Tribune, September 18, 1922*

**Grammar School Athletic League:**

For the first time the grammar schools of Washington Township are joined in an athletic league. The schools in the league will be: Alvarado, Centerville, Decoto, Irvington, Newark, and Niles. The smaller schools of the township may be asked to join in at a later time if the plan works out successfully.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 23, 1922*

**Ducks:**

Reports are that ducks are plentiful in the Alvarado marshes.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 24, 1922*

**Classified Ad:**

HELP WANTED:

Clerical: Have an opening for a bright young man who has had some experience in office work. Please furnish references and telephone number. Alameda Sugar Company, Alvarado, Calif.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 27, 1922*

**Salt:**

The Continental Salt Co. here is working a night shift to fill the recent spike in orders. The company now employs 65 men at its plant in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 30, 1922*

**Ducks:**

Angelo Dekidos, a mechanic at the Alvarado Garage, and Theodore Harvey shot their limit of ducks on opening day of duck season.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 3, 1922*

**Paid Advertisement:**

PAINT:

Fuller's pure prepared paint can be purchased at:  
J. H. Ralph, Alvarado, Calif.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 4, 1922*

**Upcoming Tax Rates for School Districts:**

TOWN	RATE
Alvarado	2.26
Alviso (District)	2.78
Centerville	2.37
Decoto	2.26
Lincoln	2.56
Irvington	2.54
Mission San Jose	2.64
Mowry's Landing	2.40
Newark	3.09
Niles	2.67
Stony Brook	2.56
Sunol Glen (formerly Sheridan)	2.50
Warm Springs	2.26

*The Oakland Tribune, October 8, 1922*

**Sugar:**

The mill at the Alvarado Sugar Company has begun operations for this season. Several carloads of beets have been received from other beet growing regions while local growers are digging hundreds of tons of beets. The season at Alvarado mill will continue until next spring.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 10, 1922*

**Salt:**

The Alvarado salt crop this year is said to be the largest in some time. Operations have already begun on this seasons run.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 11, 1922*

**Divorce Granted:**

When Frank Duarte of Alvarado recently opened a letter addressed to his wife Nellie Duarte, he discovered her plans to elope with another man. Duarte, a former member of the Oakland Fire Department, said the letter was a "filled with mushy stuff" and when he taxed his wife with this information she said it was a joke. He was granted a divorce.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 15, 1922*

**Bay Bridge:**

M. A. Lee, Secretary of the Hayward Chamber of Commerce understands that Livermore is ready to support the bridge across the San Francisco Bay from Little Coyote Point, near San Mateo, to Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 15, 1922*

**Bay Bridge:**

The Hayward Chamber of Commerce is attempting to obtain the franchise to contract the proposed toll bridge between San Mateo and Alvarado. They will present their plan to the Oakland Chamber of Commerce.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 21, 1922*

**Rebekah's:**

Initiation by the Alvarado Rebekah's for Mr. & Mrs. Henry Smith and Mathias Johnson will be held tonight, it was announced yesterday by Miss Orma Emery, in charge of the initiation. Beside Miss Emery, Noble Grand, the initiating officers are: Mrs. Emily Laplante, Mrs. Clara Scribner, and Mrs. Petra Gronley.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 22, 1922*

**Alvarado Precinct:**

Polling Place: IOOF Hall

Inspector: H. M. Springer

Judges: George Vargas and James Logan

Clerks: Martha Juhl, Frances Robie and Mildred Nauert.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 24, 1922*

**CLASSIFIED AD:**

COUNTRY REALTY:

FOR RENT: 20 acres, loamy land for gardening, plenty of water and buildings on premises. Between Alvarado and Centerville.

Inquire: John Lemos, Alvarado, Box 165.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 25, 1922*

**San Mateo to Alvarado Toll Bridge:**

The Oakland Chamber of Commerce has proposed a \$6,500,000 toll bridge between San Mateo and Alvarado. An alternate route, which has also been proposed, is Redwood City to Newark.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 25, 1922*

**Bay Bridge Route:**



The San Leandro Chamber of Commerce is drafting a proposal to endorse the establishment of a toll bridge across the Bay from Coyote Point in San Mateo to Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 26, 1922*

### **Bay Bridge Route:**

Over the protests of the Hayward delegation, the Alameda County Bridge-the-Bay Association, as a special meeting in Niles, last night reaffirmed its previous endorsement of the Dumbarton route for the proposed bay bridge, and refused to give official sanction to the plan for a bridge from San Mateo to Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 28, 1922*

### **Ducks:**

Russell Frisbie of Oakland beat it down to Alvarado as soon as he saw the wind blowing Thursday afternoon and got home with his limit in time for dinner.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 28, 1922*

### **Local Shooting:**

As the result of the shooting affair in Alvarado early Sunday morning when Mrs. Mary Valez was seriously wounded during a battle over a gambling game, C. R. Atelano and Joseph Delores are today charged with carrying concealed weapons and will be given a preliminary hearing before Judge Ralph Richmond in Niles.

An investigation by Under Sheriff Joseph Soares failed to determine who fired the shot that wounded Mr. Valez when she came to the house looking for her husband. The shot was fired through the door by one of the inmates who evidently believed that the police had arrived. The two men were found with weapons in their possession.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 31, 1922*

### **Bay Bridge Route:**

Co-operation by every citizen of Hayward to bring about the granting of franchise rights to Major Frank E. Webb, eastern engineer, for the construction of a toll bridge across San Francisco Bay from Little Coyote Point to Alvarado was urged at a forum luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce today by D. C. Imoden, secretary of the Three Cities Chamber of Commerce. Imoden declared the bridge to be the matter of greatest importance to the bay district.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 1, 1922*

### **Woman Dies of Gunshot Wound:**

Mrs. Mary Valez, who was wounded by a bullet here Sunday, died in the Alameda County Hospital yesterday. Mrs. Valez, who was 30 years old, was shot as she entered a cabin in search of her husband. She would not say who fired the shot. Joseph Dolores and C. R. Atelano are being held for investigation of murder. Both men were armed when captured by police officers.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 3, 1922*

### **Bay Bridge Route:**

Hayward citizens backing the proposal of Major Frank E. Webb to construct a toll bridge across San Francisco Bay from Little Coyote Point, near San Mateo, to Alvarado has been invited to attend a mass meeting to be held in Alvarado in support of the proposal next week. The invitation was extended to Hayward citizens through the Hayward Chamber of Commerce by leading citizens of Alvarado in attendance at a recent bridge meeting here. John Logan, prominent farmer; Fred Harvey, a merchant; August May, a banker; and O. J. Emery, a contractor are the leading proponents for the bridge. It is probable that Alvarado will cooperate with the Hayward Chamber of Commerce in urging the bridge throughout lower Alameda County.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 10, 1922*

### **Odd Fellows:**

At a special meeting tonight the Odd Fellow's will confer the status of Second Degree on Alonzo Barnes.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 11, 1922*

**Robbery:**

Two unidentified men slugged and robbed Yung Chung, a resident of Alvarado, Thursday evening. Chung had just made some purchases in a store displaying a considerable amount of cash. When, according to his story, he left the store two men stepped from behind the shadow and struck him over the right eye with some blunt object, probably a revolver. Barely conscious, he was dragged behind a building and in that time he was able to take his pocketbook from his clothes and he tossed it where the thugs could not locate it. He was robbed of \$4 and his watch.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 11, 1922*

**Hollister Marriage:**

The marriage of Joseph "Duke" Freitas of Alvarado and Miss Rose Pacheco of Hollister will take place on Saturday in Hollister. Miss Pacheco is descended of a pioneer Hollister family.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 13, 1922*

**Bay Bridge Route:**

The campaign of the Hayward Bridge and Bay Club, a subsidiary of the Chamber of Commerce among towns of lower Alameda County, seeking the endorsement of the attempt of Major Frank E. Webb, New York engineer, to obtain franchise right from Alameda County Supervisor that will permit him to construct a toll bridge across the San Francisco Bay from Little Coyote Point in San Mateo County to Alvarado, was continued last night in Irvington.

This campaign will be carried out in every town in lower Alameda County. Representatives have already attended meetings in Niles and Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 14, 1922*

**Bay Bridge Route:**

Full power to grant the franchise necessary for the trans-Bay toll bridge, from Little Coyote Point in San Mateo County, to Alvarado in Alameda County, lies with the San Mateo Board of Supervisors, who have already endorsed the project, while the Alameda County Board is without authority in this matter, according to a letter received by the local board from an attorney representing the eastern construction companies who are seeking the franchise.

California state law expressly limits the right to grant toll bridge franchises to the supervisors on the county on the left, or descending bank of the bay, river creek, arm or slough of the see, the letter sets forth, and, it points out, this position in this instance is occupied by San Mateo County.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 18, 1922*

**Mrs. Mary Smith Dies:**

Mrs. Mary A. Smith, who came to California in 1846, and was a pioneer resident of Alameda County, died last Sunday morning at the home of her daughter in Oakland, California. She was 96 years old.

She was the widow of the late Henry C. Smith, also a pioneer of the state, who died in 1875. He was prominent in the early history of Alameda County, having been elected to the legislature from Alvarado (then in Santa Clara County), and was instrumental in forming Alameda County from Santa Clara County and Contra Costa County. The Smith's settled in Alvarado in 1852.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 21, 1922*

**Bay Bridge Route:**

The San Francisco supervisors recently voted their endorsement of the project of two eastern construction companies to build a trans-bay bridge from San Mateo to Alvarado at private expense and to operate it as a toll bridge. Endorsement has also been given the San Mateo-Alvarado project by the San Mateo board of supervisors.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 22, 1922*

**Attempted Robbery:**

Several shots were fired here this morning when **Andrew Anderson**, night watchman, foiled the attempt of three men to rob the general store of K. Matsumoto. According to Anderson's story he spotted a lookout that spotted him. Two men ran out of the Matsumoto store and an exchange of gunfire occurred. No one was hit, the men escaped into the Chinatown section of town.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 3, 1922*

**Disturbances in Alvarado's Bad Lands:**

A series of pistol battles between Mexicans and the police during the past week resulted in the raid last night by s sheriff's posse in Alvarado's "Bad Lands." Two women were arrested and some two dozen Mexicans men lined up and heard a lecture on obedience to the law.

The events leading up to the raid began on Thursday when Constable Tom Silva of Centerville received a call to arrest two Mexicans who were disturbing the peace. When he went to arrest them they fired at him and escaped.

Friday night Marshal **Andrew Anderson** saw two Mexicans attempting to rob a store. When he tried to arrest them they opened fire on him. He returned fire and several shots were exchanged, friends of the two Mexicans joined in the battle.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 3, 1922*

**Miss Tillie Logan:**

Miss Tillie Logan of Alvarado has accepted the position of bookkeeper for the J. A. Coney store in Centerville.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 8, 1922*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

The decision to admit women to the membership in the Chamber of Commerce was reached by twenty members who backed the project, stated Albert Norris temporary secretary for the organization.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 10, 1922*

**Odd Fellows:**

At their regular meeting Tuesday night the main topic of discussion is a new Odd Fellows Hall. F. C. Harvey, O. J. Emery and H. Bromley are members on a committee looking for a location for the proposed structure. New regalia have been purchased for the lodge and will probably be used for the first time at meeting initiations.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 15, 1922*

**Bay Bridge Route:**

E. A. Hey, President of the Hayward Chamber of Commerce and M. A. Lee, Secretary, will probably be present at the hearing before the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors in Redwood City Monday, at which Major Frank E. Webb, New York engineer and financier, will apply for franchise right to construct a toll bridge across the San Francisco Bay from Little Coyote Point to Alvarado. August May, Alvarado banker, F. C. Harvey, Merchant, and other members of the Alvarado Chamber's newly elected board of directors will probably also be present at the meeting.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 16, 1922*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce has elected a new board. They are: August May, John H. Ralph, R. S. Stewart, H. M. Springer, Fred Wiegman and George Enos.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 17, 1922*

**Alvaradan to Return:**

Word from M. S. Hendricks, of Alvarado, who has undergone surgery in Berkeley, says he will be home the last part of this week. His condition is said to be improved.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 21, 1922*

**Marriage License:**

Mareano Caceres, 27, Alvarado  
Laura Gonzalez, 21, Mt. Eden  
*The Oakland Tribune, December 21, 1922*

**Cleaning Bees:**

In Alameda County, "cleaning bees" were popular during the fall and many a dress and hat since having been freshened up a bit will now be worn for another season. Some of the places where cleaning bees were held included, Castro Valley, Independent, Bay View and Alvarado.  
*The Pacific Rural Press, San Francisco, December 30, 1922*

**Long Pruning:**

A demonstration of the art of long pruning will be given by Professor E. A. Overholser, University of California, at the Alvarado Ranch of J. H. Langdon at 2:00 p.m. this afternoon.  
*The Oakland Tribune, December 27, 1922*

**Flood:**

Heavy rains in the hills carried volumes of water down into the marsh lands, deluging the Southern Pacific tracks so that early morning trains were re-routed over the old narrow gauge track between Newark and Centerville to Niles, thus cutting out the Alvarado section as well as train service to Hayward.  
*The Oakland Tribune, December 28, 1922*

**Little Tiajuana:**

With the object of closing up resorts in a district of Alvarado that has been the scene of numerous fights, shootings, and stabbing affrays, District Attorney Ezra Decoto today instituted two suits under the red light abatement law. The abatement and suits are directed against two houses known as 10 and 15 Smith Street, Alvarado. Edward L. Farley is designated as the owner of both premises, while Ramona Aldena is the reputed keep of number 10 Smith Street, and Marie Valdez is the alleged keeper of the house at 15 Smith Street.

The abatement suite contends that the houses contain numerous musical instruments, which the court is asked to have sold to defray the cost of instituting the suits. The court is asked to close the houses for a period of one year as provided in the abatement law.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 3, 1923*

**Bay Bridge Route:**

The 100 Per Cent Club of San Francisco has thrown their support behind the Bay Bridge proposal of Major Frank E. Webb to run the bridge between Little Coyote Point and Alvarado.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 6, 1923*

**Salt Works Fire:**

The largest salt plant in the world, that of the California Salt Company near here, is a total loss after a fire of unknown origin, which raged out of control all day yesterday and most of the night. The property damage is said to be in excess of \$300,000, but is covered by insurance. All of the company's buildings, including the machine shops, together with the large salt storage houses and oil reserves were destroyed. The company's plant covered 5,000 acres west of town here, bordering on the bay.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 15, 1923*

**Ellen Dyer:**

U.S. Genweb Tombstone Project, death of Ellen Dyer: January 17, 1923. Decoto Cemetery, Hayward California.  
<http://files.usgwarchives.net/ca/alameda/cemeteries/decoto.txt>

**Bay Bridge Route:**

First steps towards the construction of the proposed \$10,000,000 Coyote Point to Alvarado Bay Bridge will be taken in the next few days, as the result of assurances given yesterday by the local board of supervisors to Major Frank E. Webb that the franchise for the bridge will be granted upon completion of preliminary engineering surveys.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 23, 1923*

#### **George Enos' Son Dies:**

Paul Enos, the son of Mr. & Mrs. George Enos of Alvarado passed away recently at the age of nine years. He is survived by his parents and his sister, Martha Enos.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 25, 1923*

#### **Night Watchman Resigns:**

Tonight is the last night Andrew Anderson; watchman here will look after the interest of the town. He had handed in his resignation some time ago and became effective at the end of this month. Anderson has been the night watchman here for two and a half years.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 31, 1923*

#### **Marriage License:**

Antone Lewis Bettencourt of Newark married Mary Dorothy Andrade of Alvarado in a ceremony held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Newark.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 1, 1923*

#### **Mrs. Luna Ill:**

Mrs. Frances Luna is reported to be recovering from her recent illness at her home here. Mrs. Luna is the assistant in the Post Office and the Library.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 2, 1923*

#### **Chamber of Commerce:**

Appointment of committees to further plans for the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce will be made here at the meeting tonight, it was announced by August May, President of the local chamber. Street improvements and the bay bridge are among the projects interesting the chamber at this time.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 8, 1923*

#### **Bay Bridge Route:**

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors has granted a fifty-year franchise for the Coyote Point Bridge across San Francisco Bay to Alvarado to Major Frank E. Webb.

The franchise provides for a bridge six and a half miles long and not more than 80 feet wide, and according to present plans will cost \$10,000,000. It will be constructed by the Keystone Construction Company of Philadelphia and the Bensel Engineering Company of New York.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 24, 1923*

#### **George Lowrie Dies:**

George Lowrie Sr., rancher of this district, died recently at his home at the age of 92 years. Mr. Lowrie came to California around Cape Horn in the early days with a colony of settlers. He was the oldest member of the Odd Fellows Lodge of Alvarado, having been given a badge at the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his membership. A widow, a daughter and two sons survive him.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 2, 1923*

#### **Eagles:**

Eleven candidates were initiated into the ranks of the Eagles Monday night at a meeting held in the Odd Fellows Hall here. A banquet was served under the supervision of Andrew Anderson, Charles Baird and L. J. Moffitt.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 9, 1923*

#### **Booze Raids:**

A series of raids were carried out in the east bay last night. Federal Officers under the direction of C. H. Wheeler, Chief Prohibition Officer, conducted raids in Oakland and San Pablo and then moved their operation south to Alvarado where they arrested Harry Silva of the Traveler's Inn as he attempted to pour liquor out of the back window. They seized enough liquor in the bottle to make an arrest.

The Federal agents then moved their operation north to Mt. Eden where they confiscated a small amount of liquor at the Mt. Eden Hotel and took proprietor H. McMennomen into custody.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 9, 1923*

**Classified Ad:**

PAINT:

BH Paints and Varnishes, quality paint for your home or auto. Look to these fine dealers in your area:

Alvarado: Jacinto & Menezes

Bass-Huetter Paints, San Francisco, California

*The Oakland Tribune, April 2, 1923*

**Oakland Needs Good Roads:**

Do you know that you cannot get into the great city of Oakland on a good road? It is true. You approach the city from the south by several roads, the one through Altamont Pass and Hayward, and the one through Alvarado or Niles and through the tunnel road if you come through the hills, and all roads become gravel paths when they enter the city limits, with the exception of San Pablo Avenue, which is macadam, but is in poor repair now.

When you enter Oakland over the East Fourteenth Street pavement you wonder why the roads are paved with concrete right up to the city limits and then they become rough and gravelly.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 8, 1923*

**Alvarado Potatoes:**

Planting of seed potatoes has begun in Alameda County; it was announced today from the office of the Alameda County Farm Bureau. Alameda County seed potatoes and particularly those planted in the neighborhood of Alvarado are known throughout the state as the standard of potato excellence, according to farmers here, and are in constant demand. In the Alvarado region 250 acres, it is estimated, are now being planted in potatoes. Most of the plantings are on lots of five to ten acres. O. J. Emery, Martin Brothers, George Enos and Joseph Silver are among the leaders in planting in this district.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 24, 1923*

**Alvarado School:**

The Alvarado Board of School Trustees has called a mass meeting to be held in the Odd Fellows Hall, Monday evening, April 30<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the advisability of constructing a new school building. Some provision will have to be made for the increase in attendance, it was declared by F. F. Morrison, Principal of the school. A straw ballot taken at the last school election in the district showed a majority of the people in favor of construction a new school.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 24, 1923*

**Bay Bridge:**

The Transbay Bridge from Little Coyote Point to Alvarado, for which the preliminary surveys are presently being made, is not to be merely a commercial proposition but a monument to patriotism was announced today by Frank E. Webb sponsor of the bridge. Webb said the structure would be named "The San Francisco Bay Memorial Bridge," and would be dedicated to the memory of the men of the bay district that served in the World War.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 3, 1923*

**Confirmation:**

One of the largest confirmation classes ever handled in Southern Alameda County was confirmed in St. Edward's Church in Newark last Sunday under the direction of Father John Casey. Sixty children and adults, 30 each from Alvarado and Newark were confirmed.

Bishop Keane of Sacramento accompanied by Monsignor Cantwell of San Francisco conducted the confirmation services. Bishop Keane addressed the congregation before the confirmation ceremony. There were twelve priests in the sanctuary and standing room was at a premium.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 4, 1923*

**Commercial Newspaper Ad:**

ALVARADO

NEW PERFECTION – Oil Cook Stoves & Ovens

We have for your inspection a good line of  
NEW PERFECTION Stoves & Ovens.

We will sell you this particular line at city prices!

See us for: FURNITURE – GENERAL MERCHANDISE  
JOHN H. RALPH

Phone Alvarado 13

Alvarado Calif.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 10, 1923*

**Boy Scouts:**

Organization of a Boy Scout Troop here is an object of a meeting of the community called for Monday evening at the library here. Scout officials and an advisory board will be chosen from those present at the meeting.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 18, 1923*

**Sugar:**

Hoeing and thinning on the new sugar beet crop in this district has been started among several growers, according to F. H. Wiegman, one of the largest landowners near Alvarado. Beets in this section have already grown to a good size and the present outlook promises a profitable season.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 25, 1923*

**Classified Ad:**

LOST & FOUND:

DOG – Lost, tan & white, cross between bulldog and fox terrier, Sunday evening, on highway between Alvarado and San Leandro. Two years old, answers to Mickie. Reward.

H. W. Bartlett, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, May 30, 1923*

**Alvarado School Graduates:**

David E. Martin, County School Superintendent, released the list of pupils graduating from Alvarado Grammar School today: They are:

Mayme Avila, Victor Allegre, Ramona Hinkley, Alma Logan, Vernie Machado, Edward Vargas, George Vargas and William Vargas. A. B. Morris was class teacher.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 31, 1923*

**Bay Bridge:**

Incorporation of the San Francisco Memorial Bridge Corp., a \$20,000,000 concern formed to build and operate a toll bridge across lower San Francisco Bay under the franchise recently granted to Frank E. Webb, has been affected and papers are now on file with the Secretary of State. The bridge, on which preliminary work is already under way, will run from Coyote Point in San Mateo County to Alvarado in Alameda County.

Note: The final course of the bridge actually went through Mt. Eden at Jackson Street and into Hayward, bypassing Alvarado completely.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 6, 1923*

### **Store Robbed:**

The general store of John H. Ralph in Alvarado was robbed last night. The thief made away with several pair of overalls, handkerchiefs, and a bunch of small items. The thief gained entrance through a slit screen in the rear of the store.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 25, 1923*

### **Farm Home Center:**

Preparation of vegetables, revolving around a nutrition project, is the principal discussion and instruction subject for a Farm Home meeting to be held at the Alvarado Center this afternoon.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 28, 1923*

### **Alviso Grammar Opens:**

Alviso Grammar School opened on August 20, 1923. Ms. Angeline Silveira will be the teacher for the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class. Listed below are the student's names, ages, and the names of their parents.

<u>Student Name:</u>	<u>Age:</u>	<u>Parent's Name:</u>
Abreu, Miss Mary	12	Abreu, Joe
Abreu, Manuel	14	Abreu, Joe
Amaral, Miss Jewel	8	Amaral, Antone S.
Andrade, Joe	11	Andrade, John
Bettencourt, Miss Marge	8	Bettencourt, Anthony
Bettencourt, Vincent	10	Bettencourt, Anthony
Duarte, Miss Mary		Duarte, Manuel
Faria, Manuel	14	Faria, Joe S.
Ferry, Miss Aline	8	Ferry, Manuel M.
Fugel, Eddie	13	
Fugel, Miss Anna	10	
George, Miss Aline	9	George, Manuel
Gonsalves, Miss Rose	8	Gonsalves, Peter
Lebon, Eddie	10	Lebon, Manuel
Lewis, Joe	12	Lewis, Joe L.
Martin, Miss Mamie	10	Martin, Tony
Mello, Miss Dorothy	9	Martin, Manuel
Orsetti, Amerigo	12	
Parodi, Tom		Parodi, John
Pierce, Miss Marie	7	Pierce, Joe
Roderick, Miss Ilean	8	Roderick, Manuel
Rogers, Miss Elsie	10	Rogers, Manuel
Rose, Eddie	12	Rose, Manuel
Rose, Frank	10	Rose, Manuel
Rose, Miss Evelyn	11	Rose, Manuel
Santos, Miss Aulinda	13	
Sarmento, Frankie		
Secada, Miss Beatrice	10	Secada, Mrs. Mamie
Silva, John	8	Silva, John
Silva, Miss Mary	11	Silva, John
Soit, Manuel	11	Soit, Alfred
Soit, Miss Mamie	15	Soit, Alfred
Souza, Alfred	10	Souza, Tony
Souza, Frank	12	Souza, Joe



Souza, Miss Evangeline	10	Souza, Joe
Texeira, Miss Angie	8	Texeira, Mathew
Thomas, Miss Bernice	10	Thomas, Frank
Ushijima, Nagaki		Ushijima, B.
Ushijima, Tato		Ushijima, Sachea
Videll, Miss Alice	10	Videll, Manuel

***Alviso School Class Listing, August 20, 1923***

### **Sugar:**

*(From The Woodland Daily Democrat)*

Sixty thousand tons of sugar beets were harvested from less than 4,000 acres in the Holland Land Tract during the season now concluded, according to a report made the Alameda Sugar Company. A noteworthy aspect of the harvest was that it was concentrated into an unusually short season, running from August 15<sup>th</sup> to October 20<sup>th</sup>.

During that nine-week period, from 30 to 40 trucks and from three to five beet dumps were operating daily, with the supplementary employment of three barges, a tugboat or two, and the railroad. The beets were all shipped to the Alvarado refinery.

***The Woodland Daily Democrat, Woodland Calif, November 9, 1923***

### **Principal's Father Dies:**

Foster Morrison, Principal of the Alvarado Grammar School received the news of his father's passing in St. Helena, Calif. on Christmas Day; he was 68 years old and a pastor at an Adventist Church.

***The Woodland Daily Democrat, Woodland California, December 28, 1923***

### **Marriage:**

Miss Mary Margaret Rivers of Alvarado and Theodore Lemos will be married at St. Anne's Church in Alvarado on Monday.

***The Oakland Tribune, January 19, 1924***

### **New Alvarado School:**

The construction of the new school building here will begin in February or March, according to the plans set forth by the trustees. The building will be of hollow tile and will have an auditorium and six classrooms. It will stand in front of the present building so construction can go on while school is being held in the regular classrooms and woodshed as before. The trustees in charge of the work are: J. M. Scribner, Mrs. W. R. Robie and F. C. Harvey. Henry Meyers of Oakland is the architect.

If the present attendance keeps up it will be necessary to have a sixth teacher next year, according to Mr. Morrison, principal of the school. A fifth teacher has been added this year.

***The Oakland Tribune, January 20, 1924***

### **Chinese Man Stabbed to Death:**

Tom Lick, 70, Chinese laborer, employed on the Hines Brothers Ranch in Decoto was found stabbed to death on Dry Creek Road between Alvarado and Decoto, early this morning by Mrs. Mary Anderson. Lick had been stabbed in the back and the chest a number of times and death was almost immediate. He was last seen alive in Alvarado's China Town district between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. on Sunday night.

***The Oakland Tribune, January 21, 1924***

### **Bank of Alameda County:**

At the recent annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Alameda County, the following directors were elected: **August May, Henry H. Patterson, J. R. Blacow**, F. B. Granger, E. H. Stevenson, E. H. Hirsch and J. H. Silva.

The following offers were elected by the board to serve for the coming year: **August May**, President; **Henry H. Patterson**, Vice President; **J. R. Blacow**, Secretary and Cashier; R. A. Blacow and C. M. Christensen, Ass't Cashiers.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 22, 1924*

**Alvarado School Bonds:**

The Bank of Italy ([today's Bank of America](#)) was awarded the \$60,000 bond issue for the Alvarado School District. The \$60,000 bond issue due in 1948 sold at 5% with an \$805 premium.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 28, 1924*

**Alvarado Farm Center:**

Members of the Alvarado Center of the Alameda County Farm Bureau Home Department will meet at the Hayward Public Library tomorrow afternoon with Miss Maryetta Wilson, demonstration agent. A project in nutrition, begun last year, will be continued. The project includes demonstrations and instruction on the correct preparation of foods and emphasis on proper selection of food and a balanced diet.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 30, 1924*

**Social Dance:**

Mrs. Susie Lemas, Miss Susie E. Amaral and Mrs. Emily Fields have charge of the pre-Lenten social dance to be given by the ladies of the Maccabees in the Odd Fellows Hall in Alvarado next Saturday evening.  
*The Oakland Tribune, Jan 30, 1924*

**Rebekah's:**

About fifty members of the Hayward Rebekah and Odd Fellow Lodges paid a fraternal visit to the Alvarado Rebekah's last night. The feature of the night was an impressive initiation of a class of candidates. Following, a banquet was served with the usual entertainments.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 3, 1924*

**Bank of Alameda County:**

The bank of Alameda County, Alvarado was the highest bidder on the \$45,000 Mt. Eden School Bond issue. The Alvarado bank bid 5% at a \$700 premium.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 4, 1924*

**Farm Center Meeting:**

**Miss Ada Jensen**, health nurse for Washington Township, will be in charge of a meeting of the Alvarado Center of the Alameda County Farm Bureau home department to be held at the home of Mrs. A. Vargas there tomorrow afternoon. A project in home nursing and first aid, designed principally to reach those women who live far from immediate medical or surgical aid will be studied and demonstrated at the meeting. **Miss Maryetta Wilson**, demonstration agent of the department will assist Miss Jensen.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 27, 1924*

**Farm Center Meeting:**

**Miss Maryetta Wilson** of the Farm Bureau has sent word canceling the home demonstration meetings, which were to be held in Irvington and Alvarado, owing to the strict quarantine of the hoof and mouth disease. **Miss Ada Jensen** of Niles was to have spoken to the ladies on first aid at these meetings on health care.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 27, 1924*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

At a recent meeting of the Chamber of Commerce reorganization was made. The new slate consists of: O. J. Emery, George Enos, Dr. R. N. Gray, F. C. Harvey, George P. Hellwig, August May, J. H. Ralph, E. A. Richmond, J. M. Scribner, H. M. Springer and R. S. Stewart.  
*The Oakland Tribune, March 13, 1924*

### **Country Club Winners:**

The Country Club of Washington Township will award to Fred Landenschager of Newark and Ramona Hinkley of Alvarado on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, a prize of \$5 each for having written the two best essays on the "Narcotics Problem."

*The Oakland Tribune, March 30, 1924*

### **The Two Playmates:**

From *The Tribune's "Aunt Elsie Children's Page:"*

Once upon a time like all stories begin. There was a girl who was very rich. She lived in Alvarado and her name was Jane Johnson. There lived a very poor girl next to Jane. Now Jane liked the little girl. Her name was Mary Brown. Jane's parents didn't like their girl to play with a ragged girl. Then Jane was mad because she couldn't go out and play with Mary. So Jane planned to run away that night with Mary.

That night Jane went to bed. Her mother turned out the light. Jane made out she was sleeping. When everything was quiet Jane got up and got dressed. Then she quietly crept out of the window. It was twelve o'clock. She went to Mary's house and woke her up and told her to get dressed quick so they could run away. Mary didn't like to leave her mother but she did. Jane and Mary then crept out of the window. They both walked up the road towards the next town.

Mary saw a barn a little ways off. The girls said lets go over there and sleep till the morning. So they walked and walked until they reached the barn. It was an old barn, there were mice running all over the floor and the roof was nearly torn down. But Mary and Jane found a corner to sleep in.

The next day Mary and Jane started off, they were quite hungry. When they were at the next town, which was Centerville. They were walking along until they saw two nice looking boys coming towards them. When Jane and Mary got to the boys they fainted. Because they were so weak and hungry. The two boys, whose names were Jack and John, picked up Mary and Jane and took them to their house. John then asked his mother if the girls could stay with them. The mother said yes. Then Mary and Jane had a very nice supper.

Mary and Jane were very happy now for they could play together. But their parents in Alvarado wanted their daughters back. Jane's mother told Jane she would let Jane play with Mary if she would only come back again.

A few years past and Jane and Mary were big girls. So Jane married Jack and Mary married John and then they lived happily ever after.

Genevieve Davilla, age 11 ([Genevieve Davilla Dutra, future Postmaster of Alvarado](#))

*The Oakland Tribune, March 30, 1924*

### **Around Town:**

In spite of the dry winter, an unusually large crop of spinach is being harvested in this district. The representatives of the canneries are stationed at Alvarado, because of its central position to route their product to the various plants.

As part of general scheme to improve Alvarado, Fred Harvey, August May, **John Ralph** and P. C. Lowery have moved a complete block of houses from Vallejo Street to Watkins Street. They have completed the filling and placing of the ornamental wire fences on the property. These lots are to be placed on the market as restricted residence lots. The houses moved to Watkins Street have been entirely altered, modern conveniences installed, and painted white. Now that the garages have been built for each of these houses, and owing to the fact that Watkins Street is impassable in wet weather, a petition is soon to be presented to the county board of supervisors, asking them to take over this street.

The Alvarado Rebekah Lodge initiated eight candidates last night. Over a hundred members were present last night including visitors from Niles, Hayward, Livermore and Oakland. At the close of the ceremony, a banquet was served.

The Ladies Aid Society met at the house of Mrs. Joseph Fyffe this afternoon. Mr. & Mrs. Peter Lowrie, who have been visiting their daughter, **Mr. & Mrs. John Ralph** for the past three months, left for their home in Brookdale.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 13, 1924*

#### **Hiram Johnson For President:**

A club has been formed in Alvarado to work for the nomination of Hiram Johnson for President. The President of the Alvarado committee is E. Foster Morrison. On his committee are: Mrs. Edith Mello, Charles W. Baird, Mrs. Millie Amaral, Antone Davilla, Mrs. Isabelle Menezes, A. J. Hammer, Mrs. Clara Jacinto, Joseph N. Lewis, A. V. Moffitt, Mrs. Frank Silva, M. E. Perry, Fred Hafen, Manuel E. Joseph, Enos S. Hendricks, N. Boysen, J. E. Avilla, Peter L. Juhl, Mrs. Joe Lima, Antonio S. Mello, Mrs. George Vargas, Mrs. Charles W. Baird and Louis Amaral.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 17, 1924*

#### **Sunset Lumber Yard Sold:**

The Sunset Lumber Yard in Alvarado was one of 14 Sunset Lumber Yards sold to E. M. Tilden of Richmond. Mr. Tilden also purchased four lumberyards of the Hogan Lumber and Mill Company. The combined company will be called the Tilden Lumber Company and will be the second largest lumber company in California.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 18, 1924*

#### **Sugar:**

Chris Moldt, 45, a carpenter employed the Alameda Sugar Company at Alvarado, was caught by a stringer in the mill late yesterday, pulled into a whirling saw and thrown eight feet. He died of his injuries in the Hayward Hospital four hours later. He is survived by his wife and an eight year-old daughter.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 27, 1924*

#### **William Fyffe Completes Courses:**

William Fyffe of Alvarado has just become a member of the Order of Gregg Artists. Julia Ruschin and Stella B. Dutra have been granted, as has Mr. Fyffe, special certificates showing that they have completed three sets of bookkeeping courses, retail, wholesale, and corporation with a grade of "1" in each set.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 6, 1924*

#### **Washington Township Country Club:**

The Washington Township Country Club held its regular meeting recently with Mrs. August May of Alvarado, the new president presiding for the first time. Mrs. Fred Harvey and Mrs. Roscoe Gray, also of Alvarado, were the hostesses for the day to an unusually large attendance of members and guests. The new president, Mrs. May, appointed standing committees for the year.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 8, 1924*

#### **Sugar:**

*(From The Nevada State Journal)*

The Alameda Sugar Co. is planting 3,200 acres of beets in Lovelock Nevada. This is an experiment, which if successful, will be the means of having a large sugar beet factory placed in Lovelock and the seat of the industry moved from California to Nevada.

*The Nevada State Journal, Reno Nevada, May 22, 1924*

#### **Around Town:**

Randall Foote has returned to the Alameda Sugar Company as Ass't Sup't after an absence of six years. During this time he has served the sugar industry of the southern states and Mexico. The Foote's are now settled in the Ralph house on Union City Road.

Miss Victoria Palmer, who completed her first year at the University of California at Berkeley, is home for the summer vacation with her aunt, Mrs. August May. She has as her houseguests Miss Helen Cagy of Berkeley.

Charles Nauert's home has been entirely remodeled and repainted. This house is one of the oldest landmarks of the town and Mr. Nauert is our oldest living inhabitant.

The Junior Bridge Club met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Earl Hellwig. Mrs. John Ralph and Mrs. George Hellwig acted as substitutes. The prize went to Mrs. George Hellwig.

The Alvarado Grammar School Girl's baseball team will play Tennyson, Tuesday, May 27 on our home field.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 25, 1924*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. R. S. Stewart entertained the East Bay Associated Matrons of the Eastern Star at an elaborate luncheon. The guests numbered more than 30 persons.

The Alvarado girl's baseball team defeated Tennyson on the home diamond 24-2. Captain Agnes Silva pitched a fine game.

Past Worthy Presidents Anderson and Antone Mello are attending the state convention of the Fraternal Order of Eagles at San Bernardino, as delegates from the Alvarado Aerie.

Miss May Logan, who is a student nurse at Lane Hospital in San Francisco, is home for vacation for two weeks.

Mrs. Ora Morrison has joined her husband at their new residence on Union City Road.

Mrs. William Gregory has returned home to Modesto after visiting with her son, Charles Baird.

Albert Norris, Postmaster and Librarian, who has been confined to his bed for several days, is back up and around.

Mrs. M. Munger entertained the O. V. J. Club of Alameda at her home in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 1, 1924*

#### **Sugar:**

The hotel of the Alameda Sugar Company in Tracy, California will open about the middle of this month at the company's million-dollar beet sugar plant near Tracy. It has been completely renovated after being idle for several years. The sugar factory is undergoing a thorough overhauling, about sixty mechanics being employed. It will start up by the middle of August. For the first time in years the farmers are again raising beets, but the great part of those handled will be shipped in from outside points.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 4, 1924*

#### **Alvarado Grammar School:**

A half-holiday was declared here yesterday afternoon while the whole town turned out to celebrate the laying of the cornerstone of the \$60,000 Alvarado School. The exercises were held under the direction of the Crusade Lodge, No. 93, of Odd Fellow with Past Grand Master H. Brunck at the placing of the stone.

All of the fraternal organizations of Alvarado joined in a parade preceding the exercises. At the head of the column waved the oldest flag in Alameda County, a banner made by the women of Alvarado in 1864 for the Alvarado Guard.

Also present was John Scribner, President of the Board, **Mrs. Walter Robie** Clerk of the Board, and F. C. Harvey, Trustee.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 22, 1924*

#### **Around Town:**

The Sunday School of the Presbyterian Church held its annual picnic on Thursday under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society. The children motored over to the Henry May ranch in the hills near Decoto. Games were played and races were held. The ladies served a picnic lunch.

Mrs. Perkins of Fresno, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. C. Harvey, was the guest of honor at a bridge tea given by Mrs. Roscoe N. Gray Tuesday. Those bidden to meet Mrs. Perkins were Mrs. August May, Mrs. John Scribner, Miss Mildred Nauert, Mrs. Milton Munger, **Mrs. Walter Robie**, Miss Anne Forbes and Mrs. F. C. Harvey. Miss Mildred Nauert won the prize.

Henry Peixotto has taken over the trucking business recently owned by Foster Morrison of Alvarado. Peixotto and family plan on moving to Alvarado soon.

Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Lydecker, with their children have gone to Los Gatos for the summer. The Birthday Club was entertained at a luncheon by Mrs. Edgar Tainton of Oakland. In the afternoon "500" was played. John Ralph won the prize.

Milton Munger will drive his family to Big Basin Saturday, where they will camp during the summer vacation.

The Alvarado Aerie of Eagles held its regular meeting Monday night, with the new Worthy President Charles Baird, in the chair for the first time.

***The Oakland Tribune, June 22, 1924***

### **Sugar:**

The Alameda Sugar Company will open its Alvarado plant for the fall work about August 15<sup>th</sup>. The mill has been completely overhauled in order to handle the beets from the approximately 14,000 acres in California and Nevada. This is the first year that the sugar company has entered the Nevada fields, but with the reopening of the Tracy plant it was necessary to find a larger acreage than usual in order to supply both mills.

***The Oakland Tribune, June 25, 1924***

### **F. C. Harvey:**

F. C. Harvey is having his residence on Smith Street repainted, and has finished two fish ponds to be stocked with gold fish. Ted Harvey, who is home for vacation has gathered many varieties of water plants for the ponds.

***The Oakland Tribune, June 25, 1924***

### **Alvarado School Cornerstone:**

A parade was held to commemorate the laying of the cornerstone for the new Alvarado Grammar School. The Odd Fellows and other organizations took place in the parade as well as the unfurling and display of the 1864 Alvarado Battle Flag. Also on hand was C.P. Johnson, Alvarado's first public teacher in Alvarado. He taught here in 1854.

***The Oakland Tribune, June 27, 1924***

### **Mexican Found Dead:**

Frank Hellona, a Mexican employed in a Chinatown pool hall here, was found dead in bed last night by friends who went to his room for him when he did not show up for work. Death is believed to have been caused by natural causes. He was 26 years old and unmarried. He had no relatives in this country.

***The Oakland Tribune, July 12, 1924***

### **Fire Commissioners:**

The Board of Supervisors received a letter from Dr. Roscoe N. Gray, on behalf of the citizens of Alvarado suggesting three names for fire commissioners of that town. They are Dr. Gray himself, George Hellwig and August May. The board is expected to approve these names by resolution next Monday.

***The Oakland Tribune, July 17, 1924***

### **Odd Fellows:**

The officers of Livermore Lodge, No. 219 and Pleasanton Lodge, No. 255 were installed by District Deputy Grand Master, Edward G. Lang of Alvarado assisted by E. Hunter of Alvarado as Grand Master.

***The Oakland Tribune, July 20, 1924***

**Alvarado Fire District:**

A petition signed by Roscoe N. Gray, M. D. and 61 others of the town of Alvarado asking the Board to take the necessary steps to form a fire district was presented to the Board.

Roscoe N. Gray, M. D., being duly sworn, testified to the facts contained therein.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 23, 1924*

**Sugar:**

The Alameda Sugar Company is set to begin this years run on Wednesday with a force of 200 men employed at its Alvarado plant. The plant will cut beets from approximately 14,000 acres of beets in California and Nevada, which will bring in 75,000 tons of beets. During this run the plant will run night and day until the middle of January.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 17, 1924*

**Druids:**

The order of Druids held their monthly meeting in Centerville last Tuesday and planned their annual barbeque to be held at the Newark Pavilion on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Members from Livermore, Pleasanton, Sunol, Niles, Alvarado, Newark, Irvington, Decoto and Centerville will participate.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 17, 1924*

**Around Town:**

Alvarado was well represented at the Boy Scout rally held in the grammar school at Centerville. Refreshments followed an entertainment of speeches and moving pictures directed by scout leader Henry Hopkins of Hayward.

The **Washington Township Union High School** will open its doors Monday morning August 25<sup>th</sup> for the regular fall term. Two new busses have been added to accommodate added students, one of them being for **Alvarado**.

The local fire department, led by Chief John Ralph, responded quickly to a fire at the Drack Building. The fire was quickly put out; damage was limited to what was caused by water.

Mrs. C. W. Stabler of Phoenix Arizona is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. M. P. Munger.

Mrs. Harold Bartlett and children, Harold and Jean, have returned from Big Basin where they had vacationed.

Rev. Campbell will occupy the Pulpit of the Presbyterian Church Sunday Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 24, 1924*

**Scribner's to Leave Alvarado:**

Mr. & Mrs. John Scribner, prominent citizens of Alvarado for many years are leaving for Livermore in six weeks, Mr. Scribner having purchased a store there. Both are active social circles, Mrs. Scribner being president of the Ladies Aid and a member of the Birthday Club, the Bridge Club and the Rebekah Lodge. Mr. Scribner is Treasurer of the Odd Fellows Lodge, President of the **Board of School Trustees**, Secretary of the Woodmen of the World and member of the Men's Club of Washington Township.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 24, 1924*

**Sugar:**

Shipments of sugar beets from Lisbon, on the Sacramento Short Line, to the Alameda Sugar Company at Alvarado have begun arriving at the rate of ten carloads a day for processing and refining. It was expected the crop would take 60 days to move. The rate of shipment will double to 20 carloads a day next week.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 7, 1924*

**Alvarado School:**

School opened in the new Alvarado Grammar with approximately 200 pupils and two new teachers, Miss Nathalie Burger, who teaches the first grade and part of the second grade, and Miss Gordon, who has the fifth and sixth grades. The other teachers are **Miss Charlotte Jung**, teaching the fourth grade, Miss Mary Bailey, teaching the third grade and part of the second grade and Foster Morrison, teaching the seventh and eighth grades. Andy Anderson is in charge of the building and the grounds. There were 30 children in the receiving class and several new pupils in other grades. At 9 o'clock when all the children were assembled, Morrison gave an impressive talk about the new building, the flag was saluted, and then all marched to class.

Alvarado's new \$60,000 school building is second to none in the state of the same size. It is built of brick and is steam heated throughout. One of the features is the warming bench in the main hall for the benefit of the students arriving wet and cold during the winter months. There are six classrooms, five of which are in immediate use and one to be used in case of expansion. Each room is equipped with a cloakroom and a private teachers office. There is also a large auditorium in the building, a teacher's rest room, the principal's office, two rooms for school supplies and a room for janitor's supplies. The school is built in the Spanish Mission style in the shape of a letter "U" so as to afford protection from the wind to pupils on the playground.

***The Oakland Tribune, September 12, 1924***

#### **Around Town:**

The Alvarado Study Club met at the home of Mrs. John H. Ralph. **Miss Charlotte Jung** gave an illustrated talk on European countries before and after the war. Mrs. Ralph read a paper on France and Mrs. August May read a paper on Germany. At the next meeting, two weeks from now, which will be with Mrs. H. M. Springer, Miss G. Crocker of Centerville, is expected to present and give a presentation of peace and the League of Nations.

Mr. & Mrs. Henry May, Jr. and daughter, were weekend guests of Mrs. May's parents, Mr. & Mrs. John Scribner.

Miss Dale Langdon spent Sunday in Santa Cruz.

Miss Orma Emery motored to Mayfield where she is to teach this winter.

Mrs. Fred Harvey and Ted Harvey were in Napa Saturday and Sunday, visiting the Misses Ingemundsen, sisters of Mrs. Harvey.

Dr. Campbell of Centerville filled the pulpit of the Alvarado Presbyterian Church, in the absence of Rev. McElhenny, who will return to his pulpit next Sunday after his return from vacation.

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Richmond gave a family dinner in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Everett Richmond who recently returned from their honeymoon.

The inquest into the death of Manuel Amaral of Alvarado, who committed suicide several days ago, was held at the Bontelho Funeral Home in Centerville.

***The Oakland Tribune, September 12, 1924***

#### **Cauliflower:**

Local farmers report the recent rains did practically no damage to the tomato and greatly benefited the cauliflower crop, which is grown in large quantities in this vicinity.

***The Oakland Tribune, September 12, 1924***

#### **Salt:**

The California Salt Company will float \$375,000 worth of 7 percent bonds to finance a completely modern and up-to-date salt processing plant on the company's 3,600-acre property near Alvarado. The entire output of this plant is absorbed and distributed by the large wholesale grocers and jobbers of the Pacific Coast, marketing under their own labels.

***The Oakland Tribune, September 12, 1924***

#### **Peach Borer:**

Joseph B. Hammon, assistant farm advisor, working under the state horticultural commissioner, has completed arrangements for the final practical open-air demonstrations on the application of poison for eradicating peach borers.



The first demonstration will be at the ranch of A. R. Gallagher at Fairview at 10:00 a.m. and the second will be on the property of Manuel E. Perry, on the Creek Road in Alvarado at 2:00 p.  
*The Oakland Tribune, September 12, 1924*

**Sugar:**

(From *The Modesto Evening News*)

Approximately 600 tons of sugar is being produced in the Alameda Sugar Company's Tracy plant.  
*The Modesto Evening News, September 13, 1924*

**Salt:**

The California Salt Company is selling \$375,000 in corporate bonds for financing "the erection of the new (salt) refinery at Alvarado with a certain portion for working capital and for other corporate purposes." The price at 100 will yield 7.00%

*The Oakland Tribune, September 18, 1924*

**Peach Borer:**

The county horticultural commissioner will give an open-air demonstration Monday on the application of poison to eradicate peach borers. The afternoon demonstration will take place on the farm of Manuel E. Perry at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at his ranch on Alvarado Creek Road.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 21, 1924*

**Sugar:**

George Lang of Oakland died this week at Hayward. Mr. Lang was one of the pioneers that helped Alvarado achieve success in the sugar business.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 3, 1924*

**Washington Township Country Club:**

"Glimpses Through Foreign Lands," will be afforded the members of the Washington Township Country Club Tuesday afternoon when they meet in the Centerville Clubhouse. Mrs. Howard Chadbourne, who retired last year from the presidency, spent some interesting months abroad sightseeing in places out of the usual route of the tourists. She will share her experiences with her fellow clubwomen this week. A program of music has been arranged. Mrs. August May, President of the club will preside.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 5, 1924*

**Sugar:**

There is a great deal of rivalry between the day shift and the night shift at the Alameda Sugar Company plant at Alvarado as to which shift can slice the most beets in 12 hours. Recently, the night shift, under B. C. Bain, foreman, sliced 601 tons, which is the largest amount ever sliced on one shift.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 12, 1924*

**Marriage:**

Miss Pauline Alameda of Nilas will wed Antone Cecil Silva of Alvarado Sunday in the Nilas Corpus Christi Church. Mr. Silva is the son of an Alvarado pioneer family and is employed by J. H. Ralph.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 12, 1924*

**Washington Township Country Club:**

Under the direction of Mrs. J. C. Shinn of Nilas, the Washington Township Country Club gave a reception to the faculty of Washington Union High School at the Country Club Hall Tuesday night. About fifty people attended. Mrs. August May, of Alvarado, gave the address of welcome on behalf of the club, which was responded to by Principal E. B. Hodges.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 12, 1924*

**Sugar & Salt:**

Alvarado is putting the finishing touches on two of California's greatest crops, sugar and salt. The former is near enough completed to estimate accurately, and it will be the bumper crop of the existence of the local mill, a total of more than \$2,000,000 worth of sugar at current retail sugar prices.

The salt crop harvested about the bay, for which Alvarado is considered the center, will total about \$1,250,000.

The sugar payroll is about \$250,000, most of which pours into the channel of trade in Alvarado. The salt payroll will be divided mostly between workers who live in Alvarado and Newark.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 2, 1924*

### **Early Settler Passes Away:**

Mr. A. P. Machado, of Alvarado, died late Monday evening. He was 97 years old. Mrs. Machado died three months ago at age 93. They were among the first to settle this part of Alameda County. They came to California during the gold rush. Twenty-one grand children, nine great grand children and twelve children, the youngest being 30 years old survives Mr. Machado.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 13, 1924*

### **Dairyman Refuse to Ship Milk:**

Violence marked the milk war this morning when five dairymen from Alvarado, said to be members of the East Bay Milk Producer's Association attempted to stop a truck loaded with milk just east of San Leandro, during which one shot was fired. Milk producers are refusing to ship milk for less than 29 cents a gallon and they claim to control 30,000 of the 32,000 gallons of milk shipped daily.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 16, 1924*

### **Boy Scouts:**

Boy scouting in lower Alameda County has progressed so rapidly that there now remain only four small communities that do not boast scout troops, according to Henry L. Hopkins, county field executive. The communities are: Decoto, Alvarado, Mission San Jose and Warm Springs.

Decoto and Alvarado, states Hopkins, have positively assured the organization of troops before the end of this year. The other two communities are known to be favorably inclined to the organization.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 16, 1924*

### **Mushrooms:**

Mushroom seekers are out in force in Southern Alameda County looking for the delicious fungi. While pickings are good all around, Alvarado seems to be a particularly favorite spot of many.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 16, 1924*

### **Boy Scouts:**

With the appointment of a master and troop committee, organization of a Boy Scout Troop at Alvarado was officially begun. The following partial troop committee was selected: E. F. Morrison, Chairman; M. H. Springer, H. W. Bartlett, Albert Morris, O. J. Emery, J. S. Logan, J. H. Ralph and W. S. Robie. Additional members will be chosen later. Henry F. Peixotto and Milton P. Munger have been chosen master and assistant master, respectively. The first meeting of the new troop, which will have a membership of about 12 boys initially, will be held Friday night.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 16, 1924*

### **Milk Strike:**

Deputy Sheriff's detailed to convoy milk shipments from the lower county into Oakland arrived just too late to encounter masked men who destroyed large quantities of milk at several ranches near Alvarado this morning.

When Deputy Sheriffs Charles Blagmonne, Jack Wamsley and Jeff Brown arrived with a Walnut Grove creamery truck at the ranch of George Harvey at 9:15 a.m. they were informed that about 25 masked men, some of whom were armed, had just left the place after pouring 180 gallons of milk upon the ground. They notified the sheriffs that several other farmers in the area had also received visits.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 16, 1924*

### **Alvarado Armory (IOOF Hall):**

To halt the demolishing touch of time, the "Old Armory" at Alvarado, one of California's most treasured relics of the Civil War, has been overhauled. This is the building where, in the time of Abraham Lincoln, the flower of Alameda County's young manhood answered the call for volunteers. As result of that call, the "Alvarado Hundred" was organized and the hundred sturdy youths enlisted before the first battle of Bull Run. That group of men drilled, perfected their organization in that hall and went to war, carrying with them a large silk flag, which their sweethearts, wives and mothers had made for them.

That flag is still furled in their armory, their drill hall has changed little or none since, and though a new floor is going in, and the hall is being thoroughly renovated, its distinctive style will not be changed. Alvaradan's have spoken and orders have been given the workmen that they must not change one iota of the former hall.

The unit fought through 54 battles in the Civil War and their lead Capt. Charles S. Eigenbrodt, whose picture still smiles from its frame on the wall, fell in a battle of the Shenandoah Valley and one by one his soldiers fell.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 23, 1924*

### **Highwaymen Near Alvarado:**

Three shots were fired at C. E. Allen of Oakland by four bandits who attempted to hold him up on the highway near Alvarado early last night. Allen said he was driving a truck toward Oakland when he saw an automobile drawn up across the highway, apparently placed there to force him to stop. Four men gathered beside the road and called on him to stop. Instead, Allen said, he increased the speed of his truck and passed the blockading automobile. Three shots were fired at him, but the bandits did not try to pursue him.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 24, 1924*

### **Mrs. Selma Harvey:**

U.S. Genweb Tombstone Project, Mrs. Selma Harvey, date of death: November 26, 1924.

Interred: Decoto Cemetery, Hayward California.

<http://files.usgwarchives.net/ca/alameda/cemeteries/decoto.txt>

### **Sugar:**

This year's sugar run at Alvarado is the heaviest yet made, owing to the gaining of possession of a new acreage of land for beet culture in the Delta district along the Sacramento and San Joaquin regions, near Stockton. It is expected that this year's campaign will total 225,000 bags or about 80,000 tons of sugar, the finished product.

The heaviest run ever made by the Alvarado mill was in October when a maximum of 1,133 tons of beets were ground. This is the record since the erection of the mill by E.H. Dyer in 1869. It has run continuously (?), gradually increasing its output with the adoption of modern equipment and the additions necessary to care for the increasing crops.

Beet sugar is one of Alvarado's chief industries, the payroll running well over a \$1,000 a day. It requires over 6,000 tons of lime to treat the crude sugar. The lime is obtained above Sacramento. After treating the sugar the carbonated lime is sold to farmers for "sweetening" the land, mostly in the San Joaquin Valley.

Another industry born of the sugar mill is the fattening of cattle nearby from the sugar beet pulp. Many of the choicest cuts of beef that are placed on Bay city tables are from herds fed on the pulp of California sugar beets.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 30, 1924*

### **Shooting Protected Species:**

An Oakland man, Francis Tierney, was caught with a half dozen dead plovers in his possession. After questioning he admitted shooting them and at the time he had shot them he knew they were protected.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 2, 1924*

### **Alvarado Bridge:**

Incorporation papers of the Dumbarton Bridge Company, Inc., were filed today with the county clerk. This is the company, which is constructing the Dumbarton Bridge over the Bay from a point near Alvarado ([Newark](#)) to a point in San Mateo County ([East Palo Alto](#)).

*The Oakland Tribune, December 18, 1924*

### **Midnight Mass:**

Midnight Mass will be held at St. Anne's Church in Alvarado. The recently appointed Father Edward Guedet will conduct the mass.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 22, 1924*

### **Around Town:**

Mrs. E. J. Stewart, Mrs. Dora Richmond, **Mrs. Rose Springer** of Alvarado and Mrs. V. Wilson of Newark, entertained the members of the Orient Chapter at the hall in Centerville. A dinner was served.

Mr. & Mrs. Foote entertained a number of friends at their home here. Mrs. Eric Ruus of Tennyson was awarded the prize at cards.

Mrs. Chris Skow, Mrs. Charles Baird, Mrs. Harold Bartlett, Mrs. Fred Joyce, Mrs. Andrew Logan and **Mrs. Rose Springer**, enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Milton Munger on Thursday.

Mr. & Mrs. G. P. Hellwig and Mrs. J. H. Ralph spent Friday in San Francisco.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 18, 1925*

### **Cauliflower:**

Cauliflower is going forward to Eastern markets at the rate of two freight carloads daily. Twenty-five carloads have been shipped so far this year. This district is keeping with its previous record of being the earliest cauliflower shipped in the Bay district, according to local growers. Centerville is the city in the district accredited with starting the earliest shipments forward this year having picked and shipped about six days ahead of Alvarado.

Alvarado cauliflower this year has the honor of having been chosen for the cuisine of a line of large ocean liners and today Atlantic Ocean liners are eating the earliest of California cauliflower grown by the farmers at Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 1, 1925*

### **Citizens Donate Property:**

The Board of Supervisors today accepted a gift of deeds to property to be used to widen the highway curves into Alvarado. The Bank of Alameda County and Antone Davilla, and his wife Marie, were the donors of the property.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 2, 1925*

### **Eagles:**

Plans for an increase in the activity during the coming year, which will be featured by a drive for new members. This will be the goal of the Aeries from Fruitvale, Hayward, Alvarado and Mt. Eden.

*The Hayward Review, February 6, 1925*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. G. Hellwig and Mrs. E. A. Richmond were visitors in San Francisco on Thursday. Mrs. P. Lourrie of Brookdale is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Ralph. The Junior Bridge Club was entertained on Thursday by Mrs. Rose Springer. Mrs. Earl Hellwig and Mrs. Jensen were awarded the prizes. Mr. & Mrs. Laplante, and Mr. & Mrs. Skow visited with Mr. & Mrs. Frank Burgess at Agnews recently. H. M. Springer visited relatives in Oakland on Friday. The Alvarado Birthday Club met on Saturday with Mrs. August May. Mrs. Gordon and son of Sacramento are visiting at the home of Mr. & Mrs. R. S. Stewart.

*The Hayward Review, February 15, 1925*

**Pioneer Salt Man Dies:**

Death has taken Willard Barton millionaire and prominent resident of Alameda California while in New York. Mr. Barton is President of the Pacific Union Salt Company of Alvarado and was also connected with several other prominent Pacific Coast industries.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 18, 1925*

**Around Town:**

**Mrs. E. A. Richmond** and Mrs. John H. Ralph were Oakland visitors on Thursday. Mrs. Walter Robie was hostess to the members of the Senior Bridge Club on Wednesday. Honors were awarded to Mrs. Emma Hellwig and **Mrs. E. A. Richmond**. The pupils of the Alvarado Grammar School gave a card party last Saturday night in the IOOF Hall. The proceeds are to purchase a radio set for the school. Quite a neat sum was realized.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 22, 1925*

**News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Perry of Alvarado were attendees of the birthday party of William Perry at his home in Valle Vista.

*The Hayward Review, February 25, 1925*

**Prohibition:**

The home of "Buck" Manual Joseph in Alvarado was raided Friday evening by the county liquor squad. Officials claimed to have obtained evidence at the raid, which occurred at 11:30 p.m.

*The Hayward Review, February 28, 1925*

**High School Trustee Election:**

Mr. F. Dusterberry, President of the High School Board, and Mr. J.S. Stewart of Alvarado, who is Secretary of the Board, are candidates for re-election. As of yet they are running unopposed.

*The Hayward Review, March 5, 1925*

**Accident Kills Man:**

Joseph Santiago, 25, of Alvarado, who was suffering from a basal skull fracture caused by a fall, died this morning at the County Hospital. The injury was received when Santiago slipped on the garage floor of John Logan and fell into a six-foot pit used in the repair of automobiles. A wife and a small child survive him. He was a native of Porto Rico.

*The Hayward Review, March 6, 1925*

**Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. P. G. Lowrie of Brookdale are visiting at the home of Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Ralph. Mrs. Emma Hellwig entertained the members of the Senior Bridge Club at her home in Mt. Eden. Mrs. George Hellwig and Mrs. Earl Hellwig were awarded the honors. Mrs. N. Johnson was hostess to a few friends on Friday. Mrs. Chris Skow, Mrs. Charles Baird and Mrs. M. Springer were among those present. Mrs. W. Humphreys of Oakland visited with relatives here on Thursday. The Fortnightly Bridge Club met on Friday night at the home of Mr. And Mrs. James Logan. Mr. B Reece was awarded the prize for high score. Mr. M. Trumpler took the consolation prize.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 8, 1925*

**Alvarado School Dedication:**

Alvarado School trustees are mailing invitations to prominent educators of the Pacific Coast to be present at the dedication of Alameda County's newest educational institution, the Alvarado Grammar School. The affair is slated for Friday.

The Alvarado School replaces one of the first built in Alameda County. It was built 45 years ago when Alvarado was the center of the shipping industry with salt and sugar factories well started. The Grammar School of those days was a two-story affair, with what was the latest in teaching apparatus. This building has been moved to the rear of the school site, and could be used, if necessary, but at present it stands idle.

One of the unusual features of the school is that nature has provided a "rain-proof" playground. Nature has thrown a canopy over an area large enough to shelter about 400 children where the branches of two weeping willows cover a large stretch of ground. Here children play in security every day of the school year.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 17, 1925*

**High School Board:**

M. J. Bernardo of Centerville has announced himself as a candidate for high school trustee. Mr. Fred Dusterberry of Centerville and Mr. R. S. Stewart, of Alvarado, present incumbents, are also candidates. Two are to be elected.

*The Hayward Review, March 19, 1925*

**Alvarado School:**

Alvarado Grammar School has been formally dedicated and the new school opened with an enrollment of 227 pupils. The faculty staff is composed of: E. Morrison, Principal, Dorothy Gordon, Charlotte Jung, Celia Gifford, Mary Bailey, and Nathalie Burger, teachers. The trustees of the district are: J. Scribner, Mrs. F. R. Robie, and F. C. Harvey.

*The Hayward Review, March 21, 1925*

**Around Town:**

The members of the Senior Bridge Club journeyed to Livermore on Wednesday and were entertained in a delightful manner by Mrs. J. M. Scribner. **Mrs. Walter Robie** and **Mrs. G. P. Hellwig** were awarded the honors.

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Bartlett visited in Chico over the weekend.

Mrs. Ann Forbes of Berkeley is visiting at the home of her sister, **Mrs. Walter Robie**.

**Mrs. G. P. Hellwig** is enjoying a vacation at Byron Hot Springs.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 22, 1925*

**New Garage in Alvarado:**

The garage being built by Peter D. Brown and John P. Boyd, in Alvarado, is soon to be completed. They are equipped with a first class machine shop and will do any and all kinds of electrical work. Both men are first class mechanics who have for the past nine years been employed by the California Salt Co. as master mechanics.

Mr. Boyd previously spent eleven years as an auto mechanic and shop foreman in several of the larger shops in San Francisco. Mr. Brown is at present employed by one of the largest and best-equipped auto and machine shops in Oakland.

*The Hayward Review, April 1, 1925*

**Niles Faculty Challenges All:**

As an added attraction to the May Day fete to be held on the grounds of the Washington High School by the schools of the township, the teacher's baseball team of Niles school has issued a

challenge to any school faculty of the Washington Township to play during the festivities. The challenge hasn't been accepted as yet but either the Alvarado or Decoto teachers have signified their intentions of accepting the challenge.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 3, 1925*

### **Washington Township Industrial Survey:**

Agricultural possibilities and factory site opportunities are being investigated in Washington Township in an industrial survey now being carried on by a committee representing the district. In the Newark district, the first to come under the eye of committee, agricultural conditions were reported to be unusually good. Prospects indicate early crops, while the rainfall has been ideal, causing the planting of a larger crop than is usual.

Before completing its work the committee will extend its survey to the Irvington, Centerville, Niles, Decoto, Centerville, Alvarado and Mission districts.

*The Hayward Review, April 5, 1925*

### **News Note:**

Mrs. August May of Alvarado has sent out invitations for a tea on April 18<sup>th</sup>, which she will give in honor of her daughter, Miss May and Miss Eloise Hellwig.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 12, 1925*

### **Washington Township Country Club:**

At the regular meeting of the Country Club on Tuesday the following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. August May of Alvarado, was re-elected as President; Mrs. Roland Bendel of Niles, was re-elected Vice President; Mrs. Walter of Alvarado, re-elected Secretary; Mrs. Frank Brown of Newark, re-elected Financial Secretary; Mrs. Robert Anderson of Centerville, elected Treasurer in the place of Mrs. Edward Chadbourne, who has resigned as she is going on an extended Eastern trip. Mrs. Mila Norris of Centerville was elected directress, taking the place of Mrs. Mary Brown.

*The Hayward Review, April 16, 1925*

### **Niles Challenge Accepted:**

The Alviso and Alvarado teachers have accepted the challenge of the Niles teachers for a baseball game to be held in conjunction with the May Day festivities at the high school.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 17, 1925*

### **Mentally Ill:**

R. Martinez Mericon, of Alvarado, was taken to the receiving hospital in Oakland, Monday of last week suffering from a deranged mind. He burned his wife's clothes and tried to kill her.

*The Hayward Review, April 20, 1925*

### **Charles Johnson Dies:**

Charles Johnson, California pioneer and first teacher of the Alvarado School, died at his residence in Alameda this morning at age 89. He was a native of Jackson Maine and first arrived on the Pacific Coast in 1849. Johnson assisted in the organization of the Congregational church at Alvarado and became a leader in that church in California

Surviving are a widow, Mrs. Sarah Johnson, four sons, Charles E., Ben W., H.R., and Cyrus C.; and three daughters, Mrs. Gertrude Clark, Mrs. Mabel McCullen, and Mrs. Harry Kemp. None of the children currently reside in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 22, 1925*

### **Mrs. May's Reception:**

Mrs. August May, President of the Washington Township Country Club, held a reception at her Alvarado home. Nearly four hundred guests from the township and old friends living in Oakland, Berkeley and San Francisco were present. The affair was given in honor of the Misses Eloise Hellwig and Marjorie May, who are to be spring brides. The spacious residence was tastefully

decorated with baskets of flowers. The hostess was assisted in receiving by Mrs. E. Hellwig, Mrs. Henry May, the Misses Eloise Hellwig and Marjorie May. The Arion Trio played several selections during the reception.

*The Hayward Review, April 22, 1925*

#### **Veterans Hospital:**

Mrs. August May will go to the veterans hospital in Livermore with flowers the patients on this coming Thursday.

*The Hayward Review, April 29, 1925*

#### **Alvarado Bank Robber in Hot Water Again:**

For the first time since the State Legislature passed a law making an assault by a life-termer a capital offense, in order to hang Jake "Tiger Man" Oppenheimer, San Quentin prison authorities today revived the statute to cause the execution of Larry Fitzgerald, Alvarado bank robber, for his instigation of a riot.

Fitzgerald, a member of Oakland's notorious "Thirty-Strong" gang, has been charged with assaulting a Mexican boy with an iron bar by Elmer J. Hobbs, a Captain of the Guard. He will go to trial for his life soon in the Marin County Superior Court.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 2, 1925*

#### **Around Town:**

The pupils of Alvarado Grammar School gave a Whist Party in the IOOF Hall here on Wednesday. Mr. R. S. Stewart, Mr. Earl Hellwig, Mrs. D. Starke and Mrs. Morrison were among the prizewinners.

Mrs. Milton Munger entertained a number of friends at dinner on Wednesday in honor of her son Richard, who celebrated his 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Mr. & Mrs. Martin Trumpler visited with friends in Oakland Thursday.

Mrs. Randall Foote is visiting with relatives in Salt Lake City.

Mrs. & Mrs. C. Skow and son, Melvin, motored to Burlingame on Thursday.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 3, 1925*

#### **Wedding:**

St. Anne's Church at Alvarado was the scene of a pretty wedding May 2<sup>nd</sup>, when Miss May Gomes of Alvarado, was united in marriage to George Rodericks of Newark. Upon return from their honeymoon they will make home on the Alvarado-Centerville Hiway.

*The Hayward Review, May 6, 1925*

#### **Around Town:**

The Junior Bridge Club met at the home of the Misses Nancy and Flora McKeown. **Mrs. Milton Munger** and Miss Jane Logan acted as substitutes for the afternoon. Mrs. Theodore Lydecker was awarded the prize.

**Mrs. J. H. Ralph** and Mrs. Earl Hellwig were San Francisco visitors on Thursday.

Mrs. Walter Robie, Mrs. August May, Mrs. Edward Foley and **Mrs. J. H. Ralph** visited Mrs. Edgar Tainton in Los Gatos on Tuesday.

**Mrs. Milton Munger** spent Friday in Oakland.

Mr. & **Mrs. Trumpler** entertained a number of friends from Oakland Saturday evening.

The Fortnightly Bridge Club held its last meeting at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Logan.

Charles Baird and **Mrs. Trumpler** were given the prizes for high and low score.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 17, 1925*

#### **Scout Rally:**



About 100 Boy Scouts of Washington Township, representing the troops from Niles, Centerville, Alvarado, Irvington and Newark will gather at the Scout rally and jollification at the Newark Pavilion Friday afternoon and evening.

*The Hayward Review, May 27, 1925*

### **1861 War Flag Unfurled:**

A time-worn banner carried to war in 1861 by the "Alvarado Hundred" with the blessing of the women of Alameda County community, was the center of memorial services this week for the heroes of three wars (Civil War, Spanish-American War & the World War) just 64 years after its silken stripes had been fabricated into a war flag by the women patriots of the community.

Preserved by the community of as a reminder of the day when the youth of the town responded to Abraham Lincoln's call for volunteers. It was brought forth as a tribute to the town's soldier heroes of all conflicts.

Deeds of valor over which it had waved, tales of how "Alvarado's Hundred" three times stopped charges of Confederate Troops were told at the recent memorial exercises held in the new Alvarado School.

This flag had been made by the pioneer women of Alvarado, for the "Alvarado Hundred" as the first deputation in answer to President Lincoln's call. While their husbands and brothers drilled, wives and sweethearts met and mingled their prayers and tears as they made the battle flag.

The flag is in the possession of the IOOF Lodge, whose entire membership, almost to a man answered President Lincoln's call. They enlisted in April 1861, and the women of Alvarado, including the mother of Farley B. Granger, invited to speak here yesterday and the mother of Judge Lincoln Church, were among the women who helped sew the flag.

Granger and Church were youngsters when their mother's helped make the flag, and they remembered having watched the women work at night to sew the flag and stood on the curbing to watch the men drill.

History of the "Alvarado Hundred" is written into the action of 54 major battles. Alvarado men went out with Sherman, and then fought under Grant. Some of them were imprisoned at Libby Prison and some were imprisoned at Andersonville. But few of them returned.

Many a glowing tribute was paid the relic that has withstood these decades that have passed since the "Alvarado Hundred" marched to Alameda to embark upon the boat that carried them to participate in the Great Civil War.

Since then Alvarado has sent volunteers to the Spanish American War and the World War. The people of this community answered every Liberty drive with more than their quota. Alvarado sent out scores of young men before the draft was made for the World War and every call of the draft board was answered with young men that measured up to national standards.

And as proudly as the pioneers wrote their names in blood upon the major battlefield of the Civil War, just so did their grandsons make the supreme offering on the battlefields of France. And this was the theme of the speakers of yesterday, a theme that puts Alvarado in the first rank.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 31, 1925*

### **Around Town:**

Miss Dorothy Jess of Alvarado will be an attendant for Queen Miss Isabelle Rose of San Leandro for the Holy Ghost celebration in San Leandro tomorrow.

Miss Mildred Faurel and Mrs. Rose Springer attended a luncheon on Thursday given by Mrs. Robert Anderson in Centerville.

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Bartlett entertained a number of friends at dinner on Friday evening.

Mrs. J. H. Ralph and Mrs. W. C. Humphreys are spending a few days in Brookdale as the guests of their parents, Mr. & Mrs. P. G. Lowrie.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 31, 1925*

#### **Pedestrian Hit & Run Victim:**

A man left lying for two hours on the highway near Alvarado this morning after he had been struck by a hit and run motorist. M. Millbrae, 61, living at the Riverside Hotel in Alvarado, was picked up by a passing motorist and left at the gate of Dr. McWhirter, the motorist left without notifying the doctor of Millbrae's injuries. Millbrae is now at the County Hospital in critical condition from severe scalp wounds, a fractured leg and internal injuries.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 1, 1925*

#### **Washington Township Country Club:**

The business meeting of the Washington Township Country Club was conducted by club President Mrs. August May. It was reported that nearly \$50,000 has been donated for the "Save the Redwoods" campaign.

*The Hayward Review, June 12, 1925*

#### **Marriage License:**

Clarence Hesse of Mt. Eden  
Cecilia Gomes of Alvarado

Angelo Torres of Alvarado  
Emily Cabral of Alvarado

*The Hayward Review, June 16, 1925*

#### **News Note:**

George Hellwig was in Centerville on business attending to his chain of meat markets.

*The Hayward Review, June 22, 1925*

#### **News Notes:**

The members of the Presbyterian Aid Society of Centerville were entertained here Wednesday by the Alvarado Presbyterian Ladies. The Alvarado Ladies served a nicely appointed luncheon.

George Hellwig visited Centerville on connection with his chain of meat markets.

*The Hayward Review, June 23, 1925*

#### **Alvarado Graduating Class Program:**

The closing exercises of the Alvarado Grammar School graduating class was held last Thursday night in the school auditorium at which a class of nineteen pupils received their diplomas.

The program was:

- 1) Operetta: "What's the Matter With Sally," by the school children directed by Miss Celia Gifford, Music Teacher.
- 2) Piano Solo: Gertrude Trumpler.
- 3) Talk to Graduates: Albert Lyser, Principal of the Alvarado School over forty years ago.
- 4) Piano Solo: **Helen Baird**.
- 5) Class Will: **Conception Gomes**, read by **Minnie Hizer**.
- 6) Piano Solo: Dorothy La Vant
- 7) Presentation of Graduating Class: Mr. E. F. Morrison, Principal.
- 8) Presentation of Diplomas, Mrs. F. Robie, Clerk of the Board of Trustees.
- 9) America: The audience.

The Graduates were:

Minnie Rivers, Mabel Amaral, Edith Mello, **Conception Gomes**, Edith Amaral, Norma Peixotto, Rosalie Joyce, Genevieve Davilla, Bernice Boyd, Joe Lemos, Toshie Soto, Wilbert Hendricks, Mamie Vargas, Melvin Skow, Raymond Hinkley, Madeline Goularte, **Helen Baird** and **Minnie Hizer**.

*The Hayward Review, June 22, 1925*

**Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. Martin Trumpler entertained the members of the Fortnightly Bridge Club at their home on Thursday night.

Mrs. Russell Robie and little daughter Rosalie are here for a few weeks stay with the Walter Robie family.

Mr. & Mrs. Everett Richmond and Jeanette Richmond have returned after a vacation at Camp Curry.

Miss Dorothy and Willa Laplante entertained a number of their little friends at a birthday party. The M.P. Munger family and Harold Bartlett family are spending a two-months' vacation at Big Basin in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Mr. & Mrs. G.P. Hellwig left on Monday for British Columbia where they will spend two months of vacation.

Clarence Hesse of Mt. Eden and Miss Gomes of Alvarado were quietly married at Alvarado last week. They are enjoying their honeymoon on a trip to Los Angeles.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 28, 1925*

**Sugar:**

The Alameda Sugar Company is selling their 10,600-acre Meridian Farms Ranch in Sutter County near Colusa. The land is to be subdivided and sold to individual farmers.

The advertisement describes the land as:

"A beautiful country for a permanent home. Complete irrigation and drainage system built. Ready-made farms, rich river silt soil, practically level. Heavy yields and choice quality of fruit, nuts, alfalfa farm crops, vegetables and grains. All fundamental conditions sound."

*The Van Nuys News, Van Nuys California, June 30, 1925*

**Van Vleet New Alvarado School Principal:**

T. S. Van Vleet, formerly of the Irvington School department, was today named as the new Principal of Alvarado Grammar School to replace Mr. E. F. Morrison, who resigned recently to pursue a real estate career in Southern California.

Two teachers have tendered their resignations. Miss Mary Bailey will teach in Newark at the opening of the new term and Miss Cecilia Gifford has taken a position in Berkeley. Miss Ellen Hughes, of Oakland has been retained to teach 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 9, 1925*

**New Automobile:**

Mr. E.E. Baines of Alvarado has purchased a new Hudson-Essex Coach automobile from Burchill and Lowenthal of Hayward.

*The Hayward Review, July 11, 1925*

**Alvarado Fire District:**

Very little headway is being made relative to the establishment of a fire district in Alvarado. The district attorney's office advises that there is no act at present operative under which the department may be formed. Quite a little bit of new building is being done in town, while no consideration is being given to fire protection. The present equipment consists of a fire cart and about 500 feet of hose, which, at the very least is twenty years old, and five fire hydrants, mostly in the center of town.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 12, 1925*

**License to Marry:**

Manuel F. Aguiar, San Leandro, 26

Miss Mamie Vargas, Alvarado, 16

*The Oakland Tribune, July 12, 1925*

**Around Town:**

C. T. Lund of the agricultural department of the Alameda **Sugar Company** has returned from a vacation spent in Yosemite National Park.

Ross Werner of the **sugar mill** is at present on his vacation, a part of which will be spent in Colorado.

Walter Jurgensen is away for a two-week trip to Canada.

George P. Helling, accompanied by Mrs. Helling, is in Canada convalescing from a recent operation.

Alvaradan's are pleased to see August May of the bank back from the hospital.

Mrs. Rebecca Logan has improved sufficiently from her accident to be able to leave St. Anthony's sanitarium. She is staying with her brother in Oakland at the present.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 12, 1925*

**Albert Norris:**

Local **Albert Norris**, Alvarado Postmaster and Librarian at age 74, in his early life took up the policy of following in the footsteps of Lincoln and chopping wood; he took a lot of hard knocks. To be exact, he chopped 817 cords of wood and that gave him enough money to follow his chosen calling, teaching.

Norris was born in Farmington Iowa in 1851, and in 1853 his parents placed him in a cot in a covered wagon and brought him to California. Norris says he does not remember much of the trip. A few years later, however, after hearing his father tell of the hardships of the voyage he set out to retrace his steps and see for himself if it was as hard as he had pictured. He found it was worse than that. He reached Idaho finally, and that is where he put on his wood chopping stint.

Returning to California he taught grade school at Pleasant Valley, El Dorado County for eight years. The following nine years Norris was Principal of the Colfax School. In 1898 he moved to Alvarado and had the helm of the Alvarado School for ten years.

**The Norris'** recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and are as much in love today as the day they were married.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 15, 1925*

**New Notes:**

Mrs. L. Turner, and children Pearl and Robert, of Stockton are spending the week as guests of Mrs. J. Luna.

Miss Florence Walden enjoyed a Sunday in Oakland visiting Mrs. Scovalle.

Mrs. & Mrs. Albert M. Norris of Oakland were the Sunday guests of **Postmaster and Mrs.**

**Norris.**

*The Hayward Review, July 15, 1925*

**Highway Repairs:**

Gangs of county workers are at work this week filling the breaks in the concrete highway between Alvarado and Centerville. This stretch of highway has been in bad condition for some time due to deep chuckholes in the edge of the concrete caused by heavily loaded trucks.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 17, 1925*

**Marriage:**

Miss Annie Amaral and Clarence Flores, both members of pioneer families of Alvarado, will be married tomorrow morning at St. Anne's Church in Alvarado by Rev. Father Casey. Mrs. Mamie Roderick will attend the bride and Frank Roderick will be the best man.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 19, 1925*

**Post Office Rating Raised:**

The Alvarado Post Office has been raised from fourth class to an office of third class rating, according to the word received from Postmaster Albert Norris. Norris attributes the increase in his Post Office receipts, which entitled the office to the higher rating, to the influx of new residents and the steady growth not only of the city but also of the farms.

*The Hayward Review, July 21, 1925*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. R. Robie, wife of Russell Robie, chemist with the Hawaiian Sugar Company at Crocket is spending a few days visiting **Mrs. Walter Robie**. With her are her son Howard and daughter Rosalie. Russell Robie was for several years connected with the Santa Ana Sugar Companies, having recently made the change to Crockett.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Langdon and children, Dale, Billie and Vernon, are on a motor vacation trip to Nevada.

Mrs. Francisco Luna is confined to her home on account of a sight illness.

Mr. & **Mrs. Walter Robie** will leave early in August for Lake County to participate in deer season.

*The Hayward Review, July 22, 1925*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Frances Luna of the post office staff is confined to her home with an illness.

Miss Florence Walden spent the weekend visiting her parents in Oakland.

August May, the manager of the Alvarado Branch of the Bank of Alameda County was in Oakland on business Wednesday.

W. H. Norris has been visiting with his parents here for a few days.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 24, 1925*

#### **Shooting in Little Tiajuana:**

Silviano Rocha, 24, is in the county hospital with a bullet in his side and two other men and a woman are in the county jail following a quarrel last night during a dance in Alvarado. Those in custody are Frederick Amador, 27, Fred Garcia, 22, and Marie Gonsales, 22.

Rocha was reported to have been wounded by Amador after a quarrel, which developed over the girl in a dance hall in what is known as the "Little Tiajuana" district in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 27, 1925*

#### **Shooting in Little Tiajuana:**

Of the three persons taken into custody in the connection with the shooting of Silviano Rocha at Alvarado yesterday morning, one is being held in the Alameda County Jail. Marie Gonsales and Fred Garcia, arrested with Frederick Amador, were released late yesterday. Rocha was found in front of 11 Little Tiajuana Street, Alvarado, suffering from a bullet wound. He was taken to the Alameda County Hospital where he later identified Amador as his assailant. Amador has been charged with attempted murder.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 28, 1925*

#### **The New Alvarado Bank:**

The home of the Alvarado Branch of the Bank of Alameda County opened its doors last evening for public inspection. The new structure, in the center of the business district, is one of the finest banking structures in Southern Alameda County. Hundreds of depositors and friends from throughout the county arrived during the evening to congratulate the heads of the institution on their new home. Floral pieces from well wishers filled the spacious lobby.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 2, 1925*

#### **May Logan to Wed:**

One of the foremost events in the summer social life in Alvarado will occur on August 10<sup>th</sup> with the marriage of Miss May Logan, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Logan to Dr. Paul Elwood of Chicago.

The romance, which started at the Lane Hospital where Miss Logan was in training as a nurse while Doctor Elwood was attending a patient, will culminate at a wedding to be held at the First Presbyterian Church in San Francisco. Miss Matilda Logan will act as maid of honor and Dr. Roland will attend the groom. They plan to establish their future home in Chicago.

*The Hayward Review, August 4, 1925*

#### **Alvarado School:**

The final vacancy at the Alvarado Grammar School has been filled by the appointment of Mrs. Laura Orelli, former teacher in the Sacramento schools, and niece of Postmaster Albert Norris. The complete faculty now includes T. S. Van Vleet, formerly the Irvington school principal, Miss Ellen Hughes, and Mrs. Orelli. School opening date has been set at August 10<sup>th</sup>.

*The Hayward Review, August 7, 1925*

#### **May Logan Shower:**

Miss May Logan, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Logan, who soon becomes the bride of Dr. Paul Elwood of Chicago, was the recipient of a shower this week given by Miss Jeannette Richmond and Miss Victoria Palmer at the home of Mr. & Mrs. August May. Present at the affair were the Misses Tillie, Clarabelle, Alma, Jane and Marjorie Logan; Orma Emery, Gertrude Juhl, Bertha Hoerle, Ruby Joyce, Nila Leque, Clarisse and Estelle Hirsch, Marcella Norris, Catherine and Margaret Overacker, Kathryn and Claire Witherly, Elsie Murphy, Georgia Chalmers, Elizabeth Buswell, Janette Meyers, Millicent Oliver, Victoria Palmer, May Logan and Mrs. R.C. Jelleff.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 9, 1925*

#### **Around Town:**

A party of friends gave Mrs. J. L. Flores a surprise housewarming party on the eve of her moving into her new Alvarado bungalow. Those participating were Mrs. A. Vargas, Mrs. J. Menezes and daughter Alice, Mrs. T. Mello and daughters Mamie and Madelyne, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Flores, Mrs. Antone Flores, Mrs. A. Freitas and daughter Anna, Misses Edith and Mamie Andrade, Mr. & Mrs. Sapper and family of Oakland, Mr. & Mrs. A. Figeroa and Miss Mary Soares of San Francisco, and Edward Machack of Oakland. Refreshments were served after an evening of dancing and games.

Mr. & Mrs. W. S. Robie spent the weekend at the Robie orchards in Healdsburg.

Miss Georgie Chalmers of Berkeley was a visitor in town last Thursday, having come to attend the shower given Miss Logan in Alvarado on Thursday.

Miss Amaral of Alvarado has taken a position with Mrs. Jean Molter in the Centerville telephone office.

Mr. H. M. Springer was visiting Centerville on Monday.

*The Hayward Review, August 12, 1925*

#### **News Notes:**

Miss Susie Amaral of Alvarado has accepted the position of relief operator at the Centerville (telephone) Exchange.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Jacinto have returned from several days visit in Sacramento.

Judge J. A. Silva of Niles was a business visitor this week.

Arthur Nelson is spending the weekend visiting friends in San Francisco.

Miss Beth Markham has returned to her Berkeley apartment where she will make her home while she attends the university.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 16, 1925*

#### **Fire District:**

The Alvarado Fire Protection District will be formed on September 14<sup>th</sup>, according to the notice of intention adopted by the supervisors today. The district is being formed with the object of affording fire protection to the town of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 17, 1925*

#### **News Notes:**

Manuel Pinto and brother Peter of the Alvarado Grammar School enjoyed a Sunday trip to Half Moon Bay. They went by way of San Francisco, and returned by way of Santa Clara and Alviso. Fred Hammer and Bert Osgood enjoyed a weekend trip to Healdsburg.

Mr. & Mrs. A. S. Becker of Oakland spent Sunday here visiting friends.

Miss Marion Rodriguez of Oakland spent Sunday here with her former school chums.

Miss Susie Amaral has accepted the position of relief telephone operator at the Centerville exchange.

*The Hayward Review, August 21, 1925*

#### **Marriage:**

With Rev. A. P. Orth officiating, Miss Edna Hansen, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Chris Hansen of Mt. Eden was married to John Brugge, businessman of Alvarado, at the home of the bride. Following a two week honeymoon the couple will settle in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 23, 1925*

#### **License to Marry**

William H. Traeger, Alvarado 26

Frances E. Thompson, Oakland, 18

*The Oakland Tribune, August 27, 1925*

#### **News Note:**

Miss Ruby Joyce of Alvarado has been appointed to the position of secretary to Prof. E. H. Hodges, Principal at Washington Union High School in Centerville.

*The Hayward Review, August 28, 1925*

#### **Men's Club:**

H. M. Springer of Alvarado has his name placed in nomination for Secretary of the Men's Club of Washington Township at a recent meeting in Niles.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 30, 1925*

#### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Manning of Oakland visited friends here this week.

Albert Norris and Fred Hansen are spending the weekend in Oakland.

Mrs. Mary Souza is spending a few days in the bay cities visiting relatives.

Mrs. Marie Cardoza and daughter Mamie are enjoying a weekend visit with relatives in San Jose.

Bob Merrick is spending a short vacation in Lake County

*The Oakland Tribune, August 30, 1925*

#### **Township Businessmen Guests of PG&E:**

A delegation of Washington Township businessmen left Saturday for a three-day trip to the Pit River as guests of Pacific Gas and Electric Company, the party included J. R. Blacow and P. C. Hansen of Centerville; Clarence Salz of Decoto; Frank X. Viet of Newark; H. M. Springer of Alvarado; and Ralph Richmond and E. J. Murphy of Niles.

*The Hayward Review, September 1, 1925*

#### **Country Club:**

The Country Club of Washington Township held its annual luncheon Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, at the Toyon Inn at San Lorenzo Junction. Mrs. F. R. Robie, of Alvarado was in charge of the arrangements.

*The Hayward Review, September 1, 1925*

**News Notes:**

Manual Borges is enjoying the highway in a new car.  
Miss Irene Freitas is convalescing from an operation for appendicitis.  
*The Hayward Review, September 2, 1925*

**Alvarado Graduates:**

Several Alvarado Grammar School graduates visited Irvington this week. They are: Mabel Amaral, Edith Amaral, Edith Mello, Rosalie Joyce, Bernice Boyd, Genevieve Davilla and Helen Baird.  
*The Hayward Review, September 2, 1925*

**Commercial Ad:****RESOLD CARS:**

In 1850 it took a horse and buggy practically all day to make a trip from Oakland to Alvarado. Now this short distance is only an after dinner ride.

Check our AUTOS FOR SALE columns in today's Classified Pages and see how cheaply you, too, may possess one of these modern "distance eliminators."

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*The Oakland Tribune, September 6, 1925*

**Eagles:**

The East Bay Council, F.O.E., will give a class initiation at Alvarado, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. A silver cup will be given to the Aerie that initiates the most members according to percentage.

The famous drill team of Fruitvale Aerie will have full charge of the initiation. The Alvarado Drill Corps will also be there, causing those who attend to raise their feet so that there's no slight danger of stumbling over the Alameda sugar beets.

An old fashioned barbeque will take place after the initiation. All the Eagles and their friends are invited to attend and help Alvarado win the cup.

*The Hayward Review, September 10, 1925*

**Alvarado Wants Fire Equipment:**

Alvarado citizens have taken steps to form a fire district and equip a modern fire department with motor trucks and other apparatus. The numerous new buildings that have been erected recently and others underway made the step necessary as a precaution against possible fire loss.

*The Hayward Review, September 10, 1925*

**Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. M. L. Orberg of San Leandro visited friends in Alvarado during the week.

Postmaster Albert Norris enjoyed several days at the San Francisco celebration.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Souza, and daughters Mary and Della, enjoyed a several day visit in Oakland and San Francisco.

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Murray of Berkeley visited Alvarado friends this week.

Roy Burton was a Thursday visitor in Oakland.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 13, 1925*

**Ad:****POULTRY:**

For Sale: A pen of Rhode Island reds. Nine hens and one rooster, only fourteen months old, from heavy laying, true color and prize-winning stock. A chance to get the very best at a moderate price.

T. S. Van Vleet, Alvarado, Calif. Phone: ALvarado 32

*The Hayward Review, September 19, 1925*

**Alvarado Shooting:**



When he attempted to enact the role as peacemaker during a fight in an Alvarado gambling joint Saturday night, J. Cariel, a Mexican laborer, was shot through the cheek. Lawrence Alvarado was suspected of having wounded Cariel and is being sought by Alameda County authorities. Cariel was removed to Hayward Central Hospital. He will recover.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 21, 1925*

#### **Woodmen Sue Alvarado Bank:**

The Woodmen of the World have sued the Bank of Alameda County at Alvarado for \$2,196 held as funds, which belonged to the former Alvarado Camp of the Woodmen, whose charter was revoked in November of last year. At that time the organization directed the membership of the Alvarado Camp be transferred to the Centerville Camp. Attorney, Bestor Robinson, who filed the suit, explains that former officers of the Alvarado Camp have objected to revocation of the charter and contest the release of the funds.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 25, 1925*

#### **Sugar:**

C. F. Tropsen of Hayward, Ass't Sup't of the Alameda Sugar Company in Alvarado has been sent to Tracy for a few weeks.

*The Hayward Review, September 25, 1925*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Laura Orelli was a Monday business visitor in Oakland.

Mrs. W. S. Robie and Miss Mildred Nauert were Wednesday social visitors in Oakland.

Mrs. John Ralph entertained the Birthday Club at a party in an Oakland café.

Mrs. John Masters is spending a few days as the guest of Oakland friends.

Mrs. K. Benson and Mrs. Donald Francis of Oakland visited friends here this week.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 27, 1925*

#### **News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. J. Souza were Wednesday social visitors in San Jose.

Mr. & Mrs. Francis George and daughter, Vivian, of Oakland visited friends here this week.

Mrs. J. Mendoza and son, Joseph, of Hayward, were the guests of Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Vargas.

Mrs. L. Kenneth is spending a few days visiting friends and relatives in San Francisco.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 4, 1925*

#### **Tilden Lumber Co.:**

Tilden Lumber Company

Lumber, Millwork, Sash and Doors

Building Materials

With a Yard located in Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, October 4, 1925*

#### **Scholarship Winner:**

Lulu Bettencourt has been announced as a winner of a scholarship to Heald's Business College.

*The Hayward Review, October 5, 1925*

#### **Washington Township Hires Patrolmen:**

A detective organization for the protection of business interests of all Washington Township towns has been formed, according to reports from interested parties. The first step has been completed and nine patrolmen in five of the principal business center are now on duty.

The patrolmen are being placed under the supervision of J. F. Goldner, of the California Patrol Service, who is giving war veteran's first opportunity for the positions.

The present force is placed as follows: Mt. Eden 1 man, Alvarado 3 men, Irvington 1 man, Centerville 2 men and Niles 2 men. Action for the establishment of an organized patrol was

started recently following numerous robberies throughout this district, thought to be the work of an organized gang who are familiar with the territory.

*The Hayward Review, October 7, 1925*

#### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. B. Armstrong of San Jose visited friends here this week.

Mr. & Mrs. F. Waterman and daughter Ruth have moved to Oakland where Mr. Waterman has accepted a position in an insurance company.

Misses Francis Dorman, Marie Souza, Margaret Gomez and Bertha Menezes are spending the weekend visiting friends in San Francisco.

Nathan Morgan was a Thursday visitor in Hayward.

Mrs. Maria Bettencourt is visiting relatives in Berkeley for a few days.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 11, 1925*

#### **Birthday Club:**

The Alvarado Ladies Birthday Club, whose only meetings occur at the time of a member's birthday, met this week at the home of Mrs. W. S. Robie to celebrate her birthday. A luncheon was served by Mrs. Robie, which was followed by an afternoon of cards. High scores were made by Mrs. August May and Mrs. John Ralph.

The members present were: Mrs. Emma Hellwig of Mt. Eden, Mrs. George Hellwig, Mrs. Doris Richmond, Mrs. Morton Springer, Mrs. August May, Mrs. John Ralph and Mrs. Raymond Stewart.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 15, 1925*

#### **News Notes:**

Postmaster Albert Norris is attending the Masonic Convention in session in San Francisco.

Mrs. Rose Kennedy of Lake County is spending a few days as the guest of Mr. & Mrs. W. S. Robie.

Mrs. Andrew Logan is spending a few days visiting friends in Petaluma.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Ormond of Berkeley visited friends here Thursday afternoon.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 18, 1925*

#### **Auto Thieves Caught:**

With the capture of four men and a boy in the act of "stripping" an automobile today, a gang that has been terrorizing motorists throughout Alameda County for several months was believed to have been broken up.

The men are said to have been dismantling the car of Tell Desiganieri of Hayward, which was parked in Alvarado. The men apprehended are Marcel Silva, Pedro Gomez, Orlorgo Mindi, and Oriano Algordi. The boy, Mike Silva, 14, was said to be the lookout. The five were arrested by Policeman G. E. Newman of Alvarado and were lodged in the Niles jail. Justice of Peace J. A. Silva will hear their cases.

*The Hayward Review, October 23, 1925*

#### **John Lemos:**

John Lemos, Alvarado's live wire realtor was in Hayward Saturday morning talking things over with a lot of friends he has there. He is particularly interested in disposing of a beautiful property in Niles, an advertisement for which will appear here shortly.

*The Hayward Review, October 24, 1925*

#### **Vice Raid in Little Tiajuana:**

Federal and county agents descended upon Alvarado's Little Tiajuana in the Mexican district here late tonight and staged a vice cleanup netting eight prisoners who were sent to the county jail in Oakland. Those arrested included two women and two Chinese. The officer's declared they found gambling games in operation and liquor being sold. The women were arrested in a dance hall declared to be a replica of pioneer days.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 25, 1925*

**Classified Ad:**

FOR SALE: A Beautiful 6-room house with 5 acres of fine orchard near Niles. A first class property on the highway with every improvement and very attractive. \$10,500, with \$4,000 cash, balance to suit.

John Lemos, Box 165, Alvarado, Calif.

*The Hayward Review, October 26, 1925*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. Loring Hammond was the Wednesday hostess at a bridal luncheon given to a party of township ladies including, Mrs. M. Waters, Mrs. G. Orlong, Mrs. P. Ihnmann, Mrs. K. Dolan, Mrs. Francis Tripp, Mrs. D. South, Miss Alice Israel, Miss Bernice Frankel and Mrs. Albert Jones.

Mr. & Mrs. T. Mendoza, former Alvarado residents now residing in Berkeley, visited friends here during this week.

Miss Beryl Whittier is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. Fred Marshall, of Oakland.

Mr. & Mrs. George Amaral have returned from a three-day trip to Inverness.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 25, 1925*

**Birthday Surprise:**

A genuine surprise birthday party was given to Victor La Grave at his home on Wednesday evening by the "Horse-Fly Club" of San Francisco of which he is a member. Mrs. La Grave served a delightful dinner. George Hellwig, of Alvarado, was the only invited guest. Mr. Hellwig is La Grave's business partner.

*The Hayward Review, October 30, 1925*

**Road Construction:**

The big viaduct on the Alvarado road near Valle Vista is now in the course of reconstruction, thirty men being at work. It is expected that it will not take many moons before this much-needed improvement is finally completed.

*The Hayward Review, October 30, 1925*

**News Notes:**

A party of Alvarado clubwomen who enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Everett Martin of Niles, this week included Mrs. George Hellwig, Mrs. Earl Hellwig, **Mrs. August May**, Mrs. John Ralph, Mrs. Morton Springer, Mrs. Raymond Stewart, Miss Mildred Nauert and Mrs. R. S. Robie.

Mr. & Mrs. G. Bettencourt have returned from a two-weeks visit with Tracy friends,

Mrs. George Martin of Hayward visited friends in Alvarado this week.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 1, 1925*

**Country Club:**

The Country Club of Washington Township will meet next Tuesday in the Centerville Clubhouse.

**Mrs. August May**, club President from Alvarado, will preside. A program of music and addresses has been arranged.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 1, 1925*

**Road Repair:**

Now that the final harvesting of the fall crops are completed, men and teams of horses from the ranches are being pressed into service from the eastern end of Livermore to Alvarado working on repairing the roads to a serviceable condition.

The Alvarado Creek Road is receiving immediate attention and is being regavelled in some spots.

*The Hayward Review, November 2, 1925*

**Alvarado Girl Kidnapped:**

Search of the bay district is being made today for Carmen Moreno, a pretty 20-year old Mexican senorita and the two Mexicans who are declared to have overpowered her in Alvarado late

yesterday and abducted her in an automobile after throwing her brother, F. Torres from the running board of the auto and fracturing his arm.

One of the kidnapers is said to be Frank Zryanca, owner of the gray touring car in which the girl was abducted. It is believed he or his companion, who is unknown, is infatuated with Miss Moreno and that she was forcibly thrown into the car and taken away after she refused to accept his protestations of love and request that she marry him.

The two Mexicans were seen talking to the girl in an earnest manner on the main street of Alvarado when her brother, recently arrived from Los Angeles, approached. It was then that the two men seized the girl, and despite her screams and struggles, forced her into the machine and started to speed away. Torres jumped on the running board of the car in an attempt to rescue his sister, but was thrown off. The fall fractured his arm.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 5, 1925*

#### **Alvarado Girl Kidnapped:**

In the hill country between Alvarado and Livermore more posses today were out again searching for Carmen Moreno, 20-year-old waitress who was kidnapped yesterday by two men in an automobile. So far no clues have been turned up.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 6, 1925*

#### **Reckless Driving:**

The charge of reckless driving against Ernest Vargas, 18, of Alvarado, was dismissed on his promise to behave in the future.

*The Hayward Review, November 6, 1925*

#### **Marriage:**

Edward Neil, 40, San Francisco

Ida Moore, 38, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, November 7, 1925*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Mabel Meyers was the Friday guest of her sister, Mrs. D. Loring of Irvington.

Mrs. Walter Barnard was the Thursday guest of Mrs. Marie Gomes.

Miss Mary Rose and sister Angelina are spending the weekend visiting their sister, Mrs. R. Frates of San Leandro.

Mrs. Katherine Hastings and daughter Winifred visited friends in Alvarado Wednesday afternoon.

Bert McAllister has returned from a weeks visit with relatives in Lake County.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 8, 1925*

#### **Niles Reception:**

Mrs. Cecil Wright was guest of honor at an entertainment given by Mrs. Joseph Zwissig. Included in the guest list was Miss Jennie Logan of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 8, 1925*

#### **License to Marry:**

Vasco Bettencourt, Alvarado 21

Mary Correia, Alvarado, 16

*The Oakland Tribune, November 11, 1925*

#### **Washington Township Patrol:**

The organization of the Washington Township Detective Patrol, affording fire and police protection to the seven communities in this district, has been completed according to Chief J.F. Goldner, who today announced the patrol personnel and the various towns to which they are assigned. The towns that will be patrolled are: Alvarado, Decoto, Niles, Centerville, Mission San Jose, Warm Springs and Irvington.

Assigned to patrol Alvarado are Al Wall and George V. Sa.  
*The Oakland Tribune, November 15, 1925*

### **Surprise Party:**

On the evening of November 14<sup>th</sup> a surprise party was given to Mr. Germano Silva. The evening was spent in dancing and playing games. Those in attendance from Alvarado were:

Mr. & Mrs. Germano Silva, Mr. & Mrs. F. Lemos, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond, Mr. & Mrs. J. Amaral Sr. and Mr. & Mrs. J. Amaral Jr.

The Misses Rose Silva, Marion Silva, Angelina Silva, Louise Silva, Virginia Rodgers, Emily Dias, Margaret Perry, Cecilia Fuller, Mary Frates, Annie Frates, Orina Machado, Eloia Souza, Lorraine Souza, Louise Brum, Zelda Lawrence, Mary Vaz, Dorothy Hackbarth, Marjorie Hackbarth and Mabel Amaral.

*The Hayward Review, November 18, 1925*

### **T. P. Harvey Engagement:**

The betrothal of Miss Marguerite Galbraith, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. A. Galbraith of Piedmont, and Theodore Perkins Harvey, son of F. C. Harvey of Alvarado was told at a formal dinner party given last Saturday evening by Miss Sarah Dudley at her home on Highland Avenue.

Cards were also sent to a number of friends of the young couple, which told the interesting news. Both Miss Galbraith and Mr. Harvey are students at the University of California, and it is expected that the wedding will take place next summer.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 19, 1925*

### **Boy Scouts:**

The Boy Scouts of this community have planned a card party, to be held on the evening of December 19<sup>th</sup>, in the Odd Fellows Hall, for the purpose of raising funds for athletic equipment. The Scout Troop now has a membership of 24 and several new candidates will be received at the next meeting, according to Scout executives.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 22, 1925*

### **Around Town:**

Mrs. M. Andrade and daughter Mary were the Thursday afternoon guests of Mrs. J. Souza of Hayward.

Manuel Carmen was a Thursday business visitor in Oakland.

Mrs. N. Lovelace of Williams is spending the week with Mrs. A. Lorin.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Opperman of Glendale visited friends here during the week.

Mr. & Mrs. R. Ogden and daughter Lucille of Madera were the Thursday guests Mrs. A. Orman.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 22, 1925*

### **Marriage:**

Bendillio Figueroa, 25, Oakland

Emily Vegas, 20, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, November 25, 1925*

### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. R. Andrade and family have returned from a trip of several days to Sacramento.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Souza are spending a few days visiting relatives in San Leandro.

Mrs. M. B. Wanderer and daughter, Dorothy, of Oakland are this week's guests of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Andrade.

Mrs. Pauline MacDonald of San Francisco is the weekend guest of Mr. & Mrs. Gomez.

Manuel Bettencourt was a Wednesday business visitor in Hayward.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 29, 1925*

### **New Catholic Church:**

The new St. Anne's Parish Church, erected at a cost of approximately \$25,000, will be ready for occupancy within two weeks according to Father John Casey. The former church edifice, erected here in 1862, will be remodeled and used as a Sunday school.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 3, 1925*

#### **Alvarado Youth Dies:**

Funeral services were held today for Joseph Avila, 9 years old, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Avila of Alvarado, who died at the Hayward General Hospital. He was a pupil of the Alvarado Grammar School.

*The Hayward Review, December 4, 1925*

#### **Alameda Sugar, Tracy:**

After the most satisfactory season in the history of the Tracy Calif. plant, the Alameda Sugar Company has ended its run on sugar beets. During the period of operations, covering 100 days, the Tracy refinery converted 66,500 tons of sugar beets into 191,600 bags of sugar. The daily payroll for the valley town was \$1,000. Next year the acreage in this section will be increase as farmers discovered this season that the crop is profitable.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 6, 1925*

#### **News Notes:**

Mrs. T. Amaral is spending this weekend with her sister, Mrs. T. Lemoore of San Leandro.

Mrs. N. Pedro and Mrs. Mary Azevedo were Thursday shopping visitors in Oakland.

Manuel Mendoza is home after several weeks' illness in an Oakland Hospital.

Mrs. M. Garcia was the Wednesday dinner hostess to a party of friends, including Mrs. B. Galindo, Mrs. Bessie Lopez, Miss Mary Tehan and Miss C. Tehan.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 6, 1925*

#### **Salt Giants Consolidate:**

Financing by which the California Salt Company, Leslie Salt Refining Company and the Continental Salt and Chemical Company (all of which operate large around the San Francisco Bay), will consolidate into a corporation to be known as the Leslie California Salt Company have just been concluded.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 7, 1925*

#### **Church Bazaar:**

Last night marked the closing of a six-day church bazaar, the most successful event of its kind ever held in the Alvarado Parish, according to Mrs. Tony Vargas who had been working on it for several months. Parish women from throughout the district joined in gathering articles for the various booths and so many were brought to the sale that two extra nights were added to the original program. Father John Casey, head of St. Anne's Church, presided at the opening evening and was present on the last night to thank the Parish workers who has worked so hard to make this a successful event.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 9, 1925*

#### **Boy Scouts:**

Field Executive Henry Hopkins, of the Boy Scouts of Alameda County, visited the local Scouts here and demonstrated first aid work. A Report was made that Washington Union High School officials have sent \$5 to the Scout's treasury. The troop accepted the gift with thanks and sent word they will repay it with services later. Jesse Jacinto and Irwin Emery were named athletic directors of the troop. M. Logan was named chairman of the athletic committee and H. M. Springer and John Logan general committeemen.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 18, 1925*

#### **Around Town:**

Children at the orphanage of St. Mary's are giving a series of plays in nearby towns for the benefit of the new convent to be erected by the Dominican Sisters at Mission San Jose. Their date at

Alvarado has not yet been announced, but officials state that this town will be visited early next year by the juvenile troupe.

Mrs. Julia Martinez, a teacher here, is spending part of her vacation with a sister at Martinez. Miss Cecilia Luna of Alvarado, victim of a motorcycle crash on the highway near here recently, has returned to her position in San Jose, entirely recovered.

The Catholic Ladies Bazaar here last week netted a tidy sum.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 20, 1925*

#### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. F.A. Muller were recent guests of Mr. & **Mrs. W.S. Robie.**

Fred W. Joyce, a member of the **Alvarado School Board**, was a business visitor in Livermore last week.

Mrs. Mary Harder has returned from Berkeley where she visited her sister, Mrs. James Montgomery.

The date of the play to be presented here sometime this month by the children of St. Mary's orphanage at Mission San Jose has not yet been announced.

Elaborate ceremonies are scheduled for Alvarado January 12<sup>th</sup>, when officers of Nilas, Irvington and Alvarado lodges of the Odd Fellows are installed by District Deputy E. G. Lang of Tennyson.

Milton Jones has returned to Berkeley, where he will resume studies at the University of California after a visit with his parents.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 3, 1926*

#### **Sugar:**

The Alameda Sugar Company, in common with other California beet sugar companies, suffered from the effects of the leaf hopper, the worst ever known in the history of the west, and from low sugar prices in 1925.

From all indications, it was said yesterday, 1926 would be another quiet year. The acreage contracted for this year is reported to be fairly large, and the growing crop has benefited from the recent rain and balmy weather that followed it.

No change was made in the list of officers at a director's meeting yesterday, and one substitution only made in the Board of Directors. C.A. Johnson, of Huntington Beach, manager of Holly Sugar Corporation succeeds H.A. Benning of Ogden, Utah (retired).

*The Oakland Tribune, January 3, 1926*

#### **Alvarado School:**

**Mrs. W. S. Robie**, Secretary of the **School Board**, anticipates greater progress in the Alvarado education program this year. Negotiations for a strip of land on which to move the old school building in line with the new, has been held up for some time, but the secretary expects the board to be in a better position soon to dispose of the matter satisfactorily. The property involved is jointly owned by the water company, the Catholic Church and K. Matsumoto. No changes in the faculty of the Alvarado School is contemplated, according to Mrs. Robie. The institution will open Monday morning.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 3, 1926*

#### **Mrs. A. S. Machado Dies:**

Mrs. A. S. Machado, 73, pioneer resident of Alvarado, passed away at her home on the Creek Road here. She was one of the first settlers in this section. She is survived by one son, Frank Machado of Alvarado, and three daughters, Mrs. Minnie Perry of Alvarado, Mrs. May Kintz of San Francisco, and Mrs. Annie Roderick of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 8, 1926*

#### **Bandits Hold Up Dance Hall:**

In approved "Wild & Woolly West" style, a dozen supposed bandits took the "Little Tiajuana" boardwalk row by storm near midnight last night. With guns drawn they forced a crowd of nearly

50 American, Mexicans, and Chinese assembled in the dancehalls to stand with hands held high while they drank and caroused.

When the authorities approached with sirens blaring the men made off in their autos towards Centerville and lost the police in a dense fog.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 8, 1926*

#### **Alvarado School:**

No change in the faculty of the Alvarado Grammar School have materialized this term, it has been announced by Mrs. W.S. Robie, secretary of the school board. The same staff of last year, including Principal T.S. Van Vleet, Miss Nathalie Burger, Mrs. Laura Orelli, Miss Helen Hughes, Miss Charlotte Jung and Miss Dorothy Gordon, returned to their class instruction duties the opening day of school. The enrollment is slightly larger than last year according to Principal Van Vleet.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 8, 1926*

#### **Order of Eastern Star:**

Members of the Orient Chapter, No. 177, Order of Eastern Star, will hold their monthly meeting Wednesday evening the Masonic Hall in Centerville. Worthy Matron, Dora Richmond of Alvarado will be presiding.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 8, 1926*

#### **Alvarado School:**

A meeting of the Alvarado School Board will probably be called sometime this week to discuss the proposed purchase of a strip of land near the school building, according to **Mrs. W. S. Robie**, Clerk of the School Board. Negotiations have been held up several months, owing to the fact that three parties own the land. Arrangements are being made to confer with officials of the water company, the Catholic Church and K. Matsumoto, joint owners of the parcel involved.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 10, 1926*

#### **Around Town:**

Following a short illness, Miss Minnie Hizer has returned to her duties as telephone operator at the local exchange. Her place was temporarily filled by Miss Dale Langdon who has since resumed her schooling.

Mrs. A.A. Oliver was hostess to the members of the Mt. Eden Thimble Club at her home here Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Erle Hellwig of Alvarado was a guest.

Mr. & **Mrs. August May** recently entertained 42 relatives and friends at dinner in their residence here. The guests represented practically every southern Alameda County community.

Fred Joyce, a member of the **Alvarado School Board**, was a visitor in Tracy Thursday.

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Lowrie of Brookdale, Santa Cruz County, are spending a few weeks here visiting Mr. & Mrs. John H. Ralph.

Mr. & Mrs. Perkins of Fresno is visiting his brother-in-law F. C. Harvey and his son Theodore. Mr. Perkins was formerly principal of **Alvarado Grammar School**.

Mrs. Laura Orelli has returned from a visit to her mother in Sacramento.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 10, 1926*

#### **Lecture on Youth & Crime:**

A large delegation of Southern Alameda County clubwomen will attend the address of Miriam Van Waters, noted lecturer on youth and crime, to be given Monday afternoon. Attending from Alvarado will be **Mrs. August May**, President of the County Club of Washington Township and **Mrs. W.S. Robie**, Secretary of the organization.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 10, 1926*

#### **Cauliflower:**



Cauliflower shipments are already coming in from Alvarado and Centerville. The product is said to be of the best class, according to U. S. Dept. of Shipping authorities.

*The Hayward Review, January 12, 1926*

#### **Deputy Constable Held on Larceny Charges:**

A preliminary hearing in the case of Deputy Constable Fred W. Wall, charged with grand larceny by Tony Points, an Alvarado farmer, will be held in Niles next Monday afternoon. Wall was arraigned before Justice J. A. Silva here yesterday and remanded to the county jail at Oakland.

Wall, who is being held in default of \$10,000 bail, protests his innocence of the charges against him and declares his arrest is a "frame up" resulting from the reported holdup-hoax at "Little Tiajuana" last Thursday night.

Two factions are at outs here over the whole matter. One group, supporting Wall, declares that the "rescue party" who were reported to have routed the bandits terrorizing the Alvarado dance hall were themselves the "bandits" who created the original disturbance. The opposing faction maintains stoutly that the rescue party from Niles came in response to a call from Alvarado, and that they did, in fact, put to flight a gang of marauders who had invaded the ball and lined patrons against the wall at the points of revolvers.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 13, 1926*

#### **Around Town:**

Postmaster Albert Norris will travel to Geyserville, Sonoma County, Sunday, to instruct his class in Esperanto. He recently opened a course there in response to repeated requests by Sonoma residents.

F. C. Harvey, local merchant, was a visitor in San Francisco Thursday.

Mrs. Dora Richmond, worthy matron of Orient Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, was a Centerville visitor Wednesday evening.

Mrs. August May and Mrs. W. S. Robie, President and Secretary, respectively of the Washington Township Country Club, were Tuesday visitors in Oakland.

Ardith Wightman has returned from a short visit with relatives in Berkeley.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 17, 1926*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. George Hellwig entertained the Alvarado Birthday Club at her home here Friday afternoon. Refreshments and cards featured the social session. Among those attending were: Mrs. E.R. McCarthy and Mrs. Edgar Tainton of Oakland, Mrs. James Scribner of Livermore in addition to Alvarado members.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 24, 1926*

Mrs. W.S. Forbes of Berkeley is spending a few days at the home of Mr. & **Mrs. W.S. Robie**. She is Mrs. Robie's sister.

Mr. & Mrs. A.E. Vargas were visitors this week in Oakland at the home of Mr. & Mrs. J. Freitas.

Miss Mildred Nauert entertained a party of friends at her home here Thursday, including Mrs. August May, Mrs. W.S. Forbes and **Mrs. W.S. Robie**.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 24, 1926*

#### **New St. Anne's Church:**

The old St. Anne's Church, known to early residents since its erection 1862 as the "Little Church of Lucky Weddings," will terminate its usefulness as a house of worship within the next two weeks. Obsolete and weather beaten from its unrelentless vigil of three score years and four, the little structure will make way for a bigger and better, but no more sanctimonious, St. Anne's Church.

With finishing touches now being applied to the new mission edifice by the workmen, members expect dedicatory services either February 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 24, 1926*

#### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. Chris Skow have purchased the Smith Street home of Mr. & Mrs. John H. Ralph for a consideration said to be \$5,000. The new owners will move into the residence some time this week.

Mrs. Laura Orelli, Mrs. W. S. Robie, F. C. Harvey and T. S. Van Vleet, Principal of the Alvarado Grammar School, attended the regular meeting of the Washington Township Teacher's Assoc. in Niles this week.

Mr. & Mrs. H. Ferris and daughter, Geraldine, were recent visitors of Alvarado friends. Mrs. Wiegman, who has been ill here for the past two weeks at her home here, is improving. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Roderick have moved into their newly constructed residence on Vallejo Street.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 31, 1926*

#### **St. Anne's Church:**

Archbishop Edward Hanna, of this diocese, will officiate as master of ceremonies at the dedication and the laying of the cornerstone of the nearly completed St. Anne's Catholic Church here, it was announced by Father John Casey, parish priest. Church dignitaries from many parts of California will lend color to the spectacle. The joint ceremony will likely be held on Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, Father Casey said.

Construction work on the concrete building will be completed within two weeks, according to present indications. While the dedication and cornerstone laying ceremonies are not scheduled until early March, initial services in Alvarado's new house of worship will be conducted about Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, the Rev. Casey said.

"Progress of the building and the workmanship displayed by the employees has far exceeded my most optimistic expectations," Father Casey declared. "Our parish will have one of the most modern, if not the most modern, church structure on the Pacific Coast."

St. Anne's Church is being erected at a cost of \$25,000 to succeed the weather-beaten structure of the same name, adjoining the new building. The old church, constructed in 1862, is the second oldest in Alameda County, outranked only by the old Mission San Jose.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 31, 1926*

#### **Washington Township Men's Club:**

Ninety-three persons were in attendance at the regular meeting of the Washington Township Men's Club held in Niles. In attendance from Alvarado were: H. M. Springer, E. A. Richmond, F. C. Harvey and James Hunter.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 5, 1926*

#### **S. P. R. S. I.:**

Tentative plans for celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of Alvarado Council No. 21, S. P. R. S. I., were outlined at the regular meeting of the society in the Odd Fellows Hall. The event will be observed on Tuesday night, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, it was announced. A committee will be appointed by the council at its next meeting to direct arrangements. Anthony Mello, President of the Alvarado Council presided at the session.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 7, 1926*

#### **Liquor Raid:**

Six persons, two of them minor girls, were arrested by operatives of the district attorneys and sheriffs offices during a raid on an alleged bootlegging establishment in "Little Tiajuana," Alvarado

yesterday afternoon. The four adults, Mack Gonzales, Francis Gonzales, Morris Gonzales and Merced Delgado, were charged with possession of liquor. Additional charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor were placed against Mack Gonzales and Merced Delgado.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 7, 1926*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. George Hellwig entertained members of the Alvarado Senior Bridge Club at her home here on Thursday.

Little Miss Elizabeth Anne Humphreys of Berkeley, niece of Mrs. J. H. Ralph, was given a birthday party at the Ralph home this week.

Mrs. D. E. Crane of Los Angeles is expected to visit her sister, Mrs. W. S. Robie here next week.

Mrs. August May will entertain members of the Birthday Club at her home Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.

A visitor at Mrs. May's home this week is Mrs. Burke, from the east.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 7, 1926*

#### **Maccabees:**

Arrangements have been completed for the winter social dance of the Washington Township Chapter, Ladies of the Maccabees, in the Odd Fellows Hall in Alvarado on Saturday night.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 11, 1926*

#### **Rebekah's**

Alvarado Rebekah Lodge, No., 142, ended one of its most successful terms on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> under the leadership of **Mrs. Edmund Graff**. Mrs. Graff is a most successful leader, and has a charming personality, and so made a host of friends. The officers and friends showered her with beautiful and useful gifts. District Deputy Rose Fournier and her Marshal, installing officers of the evening, also received pretty presents.

The newly installed officers are: Junior Past Noble Grand, **Henrietta Graff**, and Noble Grand Forest Langdon. Other officers are: Elsa Anderson, Corinne Munger, Anna Skow, Petra Gronley, Emily Laplante, Minnie Hunter, Jane Logan, Margaret Emery, James Hunter, Mary Lang, Anna Salas, Orma Emery, Mabel Joyce, Annie Baird and Edward Callow.

After the meeting a banquet was served.

*The Hayward Review, February 12, 1926*

#### **Catholic Church:**

Special heating equipment has arrived here from San Francisco for installation of the nearly completed St. Anne's Catholic Church. The equipment was specially made for the Alvarado church, which will be dedicated by Archbishop Edward J. Hanna of San Francisco.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 12, 1926*

#### **Around Town:**

Many Alvaradan's attended the regular meeting of the Order of Eastern Star in the Masonic Hall in Centerville this week including: Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Richmond, Mr. & Mrs. George Hellwig, Mr. & Mrs. Earl Hellwig, Mr. & **Mrs. John Ralph**, Mr. & Mrs. James Hunter, Mrs. R. S. Stewart, Mr. & Mrs. W. S. Robie and Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Lydecker (Oakland residents), formerly of Alvarado, also attended.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Marshall of Centerville were visitors of Mr. & **Mrs. Tony Vargas** this week.

**Mrs. John H. Ralph** will entertain members of the Alvarado Senior Bridge Club at her home Wednesday.

Mrs. Antone Mello and daughter, Geraldine, Mrs. John Menezes and **Mrs. Tony Vargas** were guests of the Hayward SPRSI Lodge this week in honor of the organization's silver anniversary.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 14, 1926*

#### **Salt:**

Through Mitchell, Tully & Co., Mysell, Moller & Co. Inc., 6,000 shares each of \$7 cumulative preferred stock and common stock, both without par value, of Leslie-California Salt Company are being offered today at \$127 per block of one share of preferred and one share of common. Mitchell, Tully & Co., at the time of the merger last December, headed the syndicate, which underwrote an issue of \$1,250,000 first mortgage 6% sinking fund bonds for this company.

The Leslie-California Salt Company owns 6,775 acres of developed salt land on San Francisco Bay, most of which has been in production for over 20 years. It operates two modern vacuum refineries, one at the California Plant near Alvarado and the other at the Leslie Plant near San Mateo.

*The San Mateo Times, February 23, 1926*

#### **School Board:**

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Alvarado School District last night, an election was called for the 26<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of filling a vacancy on the board created by the expiration of F. C. Harvey's term. The term will be for three years, according to Mrs. W. S. Robie, Clerk of the Board, who with **F. W. Joyce** comprise the membership.

Appointment of James Logan as the election inspector, with Margaret Emery and Mildred Nauert as Judges was also announced. The polling place will be Alvarado Grammar School.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 26, 1926*

#### **Dance Holdup A Hoax:**

State authorities are investigating whether the Washington Patrol Service staged a reported holdup in Alvarado's "Little Tijuana" section last month. The patrol service reportedly showed up in Alvarado with sirens blaring and ran off the alleged bandits.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 26, 1926*

#### **News Note:**

Charles Hizer and two sons Edgar and Charlie spent last weekend in Placerville as the guests of E. H. Malone and family.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 26, 1926*

#### **Around Town:**

In honor of his third birthday, a surprise party was given to Master Frederick Warren Joyce, son of Mr. & Mrs. F. W. Joyce at the Joyce home here. Those present were as follows: Vivian Mae Logan, Linda Jane Hellwig, **Edna Marilyn Lydecker**, Elizabeth Ann Humphreys, Mrs. Edward Foley, Mrs. Everett Richmond, **Mrs. Theodore Lydecker**, Mrs. Humphreys, **Mrs. Andrew Logan**, Mrs. Earl Hellwig, Mrs. Charles Baird, Miss Helen Baird, Misses Ruby and Rosaline Joyce, Frederick Warren Joyce and Mr. & Mrs. F. W. Joyce.

Mrs. Martha Baker of Oakland, Miss Grace Watson of Berkeley and Miss Billie Langdon of Alvarado were visitors the J. C. Shinn's.

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Rogers spent Sunday in San Lorenzo with Mrs. Frank Videll.

Mr. & **Mrs. Theodore Lydecker** and daughter, **Edna Marilyn Lydecker**, of Oakland, were visiting here this week, renewing acquaintances with former neighbors.

Manuel Amaral and Stanley Ramos of Centerville are visiting today in Salinas.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Martin and son returned from Las Banos on Monday evening and as the day was Martin's birthday as well as George Washington's, a few of friends gave him a surprise party.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 28, 1926*

#### **Country Club Fete:**

A program of music will entertain members and guests of the Country Club of Washington Township when they meet in the Centerville Clubhouse next Tuesday afternoon. **Mrs. A. Logan** of Alvarado and Miss Elizabeth Lowrie of Irvington will be the hostesses. Mrs. August May, President, will preside as chairman.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 28, 1926*

**Auto Accident:**

Frank Troche, of Alvarado, was treated at the county hospital for cuts and bruises received when he drove his auto into a parked car at Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 2, 1926*

**Classified Ad:**

TRUCK FOR SALE

For Sale: Dodge 1923 delivery truck, has new battery, new tires, just completely overhauled.

Inquire at: Alvarado Meat Market.

Telephone: Alvarado 23

*The Hayward Review, March 2, 1926*

**Sugar:**

The Alameda Sugar Company, in common with other California beet sugar companies, suffered from the effects of the leaf hopper, the worst ever known in the west, and from low prices in 1925.

From all indications, it was said yesterday that 1926 will another quiet year. The acreage contracted for this year is reported to be fairly large, and the growing crop has benefited from the recent rain and the balmy weather that followed it.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 3, 1926*

**Alvarado Church:**

The Zambresky Furniture Company of Hayward is putting the finishing touches on the carpets and linoleum at St. Anne's Catholic Church, the magnificent new edifice for this parish, and all will be in readiness for the dedication and the laying of the cornerstone at the special exercises to be held on Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

The people of Alvarado, both Catholic and Protestant, have been exceedingly generous toward it. The congregation has donated all windows, altars, Stations of the Cross and pews. The one thing lacking is a new Bell, and that the Pastor believes, will be forthcoming in the near future. The stained glass windows certainly are a credit to the artist who designed them in beauty and tone.

*The Hayward Review, March 5 1926*

**Better Homes & Gardens:**

Seventeen pupils from Alvarado Grammar School will enter the Better Homes & Gardens gardening contest, sponsored in this township by the Washington Township Country Club.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 6, 1926*

**Around Town:**

**Miss Mildred Nauert** entertained the Senior Bridge Club Wednesday at her home. Guests included **Mrs. August May, Mrs. John Ralph**, Mrs. Emma Hellwig, **Mrs. W. S. Robie, Mrs. George Hellwig**, Mrs. Henry Heitmuller, Mrs. Charles Baird and Miss Nauert.

Five Alvarado members of the Country Club of Washington Township attended the card party recently at the Rock Ridge Women's Club in Oakland to provide funds for nursing children in the hospital. The party from Alvarado included **Mrs. George Hellwig, Mrs. W. S. Robie, Miss Mildred Nauert, Mrs. August May, Mrs. John Ralph**. Joining them from Niles was Mrs. George Hudson, and Mrs. Howard Chadbourne.

**Mrs. August May** and **Mrs. R. S. Robie** attended the meeting of the County Federations of Women's Clubs held in San Leandro this week.

Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Marting of Knights Landing are visiting relatives here this week.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 7 1926*

**New Home:**

F.C. Anglus, one of the township's leaders in building new homes is preparing to build one for Gasper Pine of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 7, 1926*

**Japanese Schooling:**

Five of six Japanese children attending school in Newark have put in for transfers to the Japanese School in Alvarado. Present laws allow the transfer of children from one district to another for special schooling. In this case the transfer would require the approval of the Alvarado district. Newark does not have a Japanese language school.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 7 1926*

**Baby Pictures:**

Just how many babies Alvarado has and how adorable each of them is was evident when they flocked to Ralph's General Merchandise Store between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Monday to pose for the Wallace Studio photographer, with whom the Hayward Review has made special arrangements to photograph all the kiddies between the ages of 6 months and 5 years in Washington and Eden Townships. These charming youngsters will soon see their pictures in the Hayward Review along with the many other little entrants in the Baby Revue.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 9 1926*

**Classified Ad:**

LOST:

Grip; Melrose Station, reward.

C. M. Anderson, Alvarado, Calif.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 9 1926*

**Polling Place:**

Polling Place: IOOF Hall, Alvarado

Inspector: John Dee

Judge: G.B. Vanderpeer

Clerks: Joe Flores & James Logan

*The Oakland Tribune, March 13, 1926*

**Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. John Ralph opened their home Sunday to the ecclesiastical dignitaries participating in the dedication of St. Anne's Church. Tables were served by Mrs. Mamie Roderick, Mrs. Clarence Flores, Mrs. Rita Rivers and Miss Geraldine Mello.

**Mr. & Mrs. W.S. Robie** will attend the reception to members of the 1922 Past Matrons and Patrons Club, Auxiliary of the Order of the Eastern Star at the home of Mrs. Violet Kennedy on Foothill Boulevard in Oakland on Monday.

**Mrs. W.S. Robie**, Miss Mildred Nauert and Mrs. Fred A. Muller of Newark were visiting in Oakland this week.

Mrs. Raymond S. Stewart will entertain the Alvarado Birthday Club at her home on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Hansen were visitors to Oakland this week.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Lawrence of Danville were visitors here this week.

**Mr. & Mrs. W.S. Robie** are planning to visit Mr. & Mrs. Russell Robie of Crockett.

Miss Billie Langdon was a guest at the home of Mrs. J.C. Shinn of Niles last week.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 14, 1926*

**Sugar:**

The Alameda Sugar Company and the Alameda Sugar Farms Company report a deficit of \$837,039 for 1925, which ate up the previous surplus and left the profit and loss account with

\$22,797 in red ink. The consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 1925 shows current assets of \$2,041,067, of which \$153,755 was cash. The current liabilities were \$855,554.

In explanation of the unfavorable year, President C.P. Drescher says, in part:

With a considerable increase in acreage planted in 1925 against 1924 and a favorable outlook in the early part of the season, it was necessary to prepare both factories ([Alvarado & Tracy](#)) thoroughly for the expected campaign and to provide required facilities in the field. A new pulp drier was provided at the Tracy factory and gave satisfactory results, even in the face of the unfavorable crop development.

The reduced tonnage and the way it became available prevented the factory from operating to capacity during the entire season. Notwithstanding these unfavorable conditions, the results of the factory operation proved fairly satisfactory. The extremely unfavorable market conditions, however, prevented anything like reasonable returns.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 18, 1926*

#### **Around Town:**

Among Alvarado folks attending the St. Patrick's Day whist party at Newark Grammar School for the benefit of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Newark were: Mr. & Mrs. Louis Mayer, **Mrs. W. S. Robie**, Miss Helen Hughes, **Miss Mildred Nauert**, Miss Nathalie Burger and F. C. Harvey.

Mrs. August May, **Mrs. W. S. Robie** and **Miss Mildred Nauert** visited Niles to inspect gardens entered in the Better Homes & Gardens contest, sponsored by the Washington Township Country Club.

**Mrs. W. S. Robie** entertained members of the Alvarado Senior Bridge Club at her home. Members of the Alvarado Birthday Club were entertained at the home of Mrs. Raymond Stewart.  
*The Oakland Tribune, March 21, 1926*

#### **Liquor Possession:**

Mrs. Mercedes Gonzalez, 22, of Alvarado, was sentenced to 100 days in jail or payment of \$100 fine for liquor possession. She was removed to county jail while her husband, Mack Gonzalez, raised the money for the payment of the fine. The husband, at a preceding trial, pleaded guilty to the same charge and was given a suspended sentence. The pair was arrested at their Alvarado resort on February 6<sup>th</sup> by sheriff's deputies. A quantity of liquor was found on the premises, while two sixteen year-old girls were found working in the establishment.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 22, 1926*

#### **Cauliflower:**

This year the Hayward, Alvarado, Decoto and Centerville section produced a finer quality of cauliflower than any section in the state of California according to the U. S. Department Shipping Point.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 23, 1926*

#### **Stabbing:**

Ah Hing, 73, proprietor of a merchandise store in Alvarado was the victim of two Mexican thugs who stabbed him in the right side and nearly beat him to death. Today he is at the county hospital in precarious condition. The Chinaman was asleep in the rear of the store when he was awakened by a noise and went to investigate. Two Mexicans wanted to enter and asked for a can of sardines. When their victim's back was turned they attacked him, he said. They robbed the store of about \$39 in cash.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 26, 1926*

#### **Better Homes & Gardens Contest:**

The following students from Alvarado Grammar School have signed up for the Better Homes and Garden contest, which is being fostered by the Washington Township Country Club. The students are: Charles Hizer, George Goularte, Edna Avilla, John Munger, Ralph Logan, Evan Orelli, Edna Salmon, James Perry, Morton Springer, Ruth Avila, William Laplante, Grace Avila, Donald Flores, Antoinette Rose, Joseph Otto, Edwin Rose and Tony Ortega.

*The Hayward Review, March 26, 1926*

### **Irrigation Pipe:**

Installation work on an irrigation pipeline, believed to be the longest in Washington Township, was started on the M. S. Rodgers ranch on the Alameda Creek Road ([Alvarado-Niles Rd](#)) yesterday. Water will be carried through several miles of cement pipeline. Several weeks will be required to complete the installation, it is believed.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 28, 1926*

### **Around Town:**

Members of the Alvarado Junior Bridge Club were entertained at the home of Mrs. Fred Joyce. Refreshments were served after the social session. Guests included Mrs. Earl Hellwig, Mrs. Everett Richmond, Mrs. Theodore Lydecker, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Percy Brown, Miss Mildred Nauert, Miss Nancy McKeown and Mrs. Jensen.

Mrs. George Enos entertained members of the Alvarado Farm Center at her home. Hat making and sandwich filling demonstrations were featured. Mrs. Joseph Williams a former resident of Alvarado was a special guest.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Videll of San Lorenzo were guests this week of Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Rodgers.

Mrs. George Wolfe is visiting friends today in San Francisco.

F. C. Harvey was an out-of-town visitor this week.

Ed Callow of Mt. Eden, who has had charge of the beet contract department for the Alameda Sugar Company in Alvarado, left this week for his former home in Idaho.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 28, 1926*

### **New Church Blessing:**

Second only in importance to the recent dedication of the recently erected St. Anne's Catholic Church, will be the two day Holy Ghost celebration Saturday and Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup>, when blessings will be showered on the new structure. The observance will be ushered in Saturday night with a procession of the Holy Ghost Crown to the house of worship for the bestowal of the blessings. A benefit dance will be given in the Alvarado Odd Fellows Hall. The service Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. will be featured by the crowning of the Holy Ghost Queen. Solemn high mass will be sung by Rev. Father Casey.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 1, 1926*

### **"Little Tiajuana" Raided:**

A dreary stillness hung over "Little Tiajuana" at Alvarado today following the first dark and dreary evening in 18 months last night.

District Attorney Earl Warren, with the aid of the deputy sheriffs, Oakland Police and Federal Immigration authorities, raided and took 10 women and 13 men to jail this morning to await legal proceedings expected to deport some of them and deprive the others of further chance to contribute to the hollow gaiety of "Little Tiajuana."

"Abatement proceedings against a score of resorts which hide behind the stretch of fence across the street from the Alvarado Grammar School and within a stone's throw of the new St. Anne's Catholic Church will be started at once," District Attorney Warren announced today.

"We are going to close up this hell hole once and for all," said Warren, "I was amazed by the brazen iniquity of the 'line' dope dens, gambling joints, and soft drink' parlors."



*The Oakland Tribune, April 1, 1926*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. August May entertained the **Senior Bridge Club** at luncheon and bridge Wednesday at her home. Her guests included Miss Maude McCarty of Oakland, Mrs. Fred W. Joyce and **Mrs. Earl Hellwig** of Alvarado.

Mrs. Chris Skow had her sisters, Mrs. Christensen and Mrs. Hansen of Hayward, as visitors this week.

**Mrs. Earl Hellwig** will depart for Missouri for an extended visit with relatives and friends.

**Mrs. W. S. Robie** will entertain members of the **Alvarado Bridge Club** Wednesday at her home.

Mrs. George Hellwig and nephew, John Kidd, motored to Sacramento Wednesday.

D. Foster Morrison, former principal at **Alvarado Grammar School**, is engaged in business at Butte Montana according to a letter received by **Mrs. W. S. Robie**.

Miss Nathalie Burger, teacher of the **Alvarado Grammar School**, has returned from Placerville, where she spent the Easter vacation.

Miss Helen Hughes and Mrs. Laura Orelli, other **members of the faculty**, have been visiting in San Francisco.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 4, 1926*

**"Little Tiajuana"**

Convinced that the last flame of Alvarado's "Little Tiajuana" has flickered and died, five families stole a march on District Attorney's threatened "padlock" proceedings by packing up over the weekend and abandoning their shack abodes in the night. Warren says abatement suits will be filed within 24 hours. With residents of the notorious settlement rapidly diminishing as a result of a raid by the combined county, state, and federal authorities last Wednesday, the moving of three Mexican families and two Chinese is believed by Alvarado businessmen to be the "straw that broke the camel's back." That the entire "line" of dives will be vacated within the next ten days is the consensus of opinion.

Saturday and Sunday nights were the quietest Alvarado has witnessed in the last eighteen months, residents said. Where a total of 10 to 50 automobiles lined up along the board walk over the past weekends while owners and guests made merry, resort owners this weekend refused to permit a single patron to trudge over the wooden walk leading to the 26 establishments. Though a powerful spotlight shone on "Little Tiajuana" as on other nights, the settlement might well have been "padlocked" for the amount of business transacted, the Mexican and Chinese proprietors asserted. Many operators have made known their intention of vacating the premises before April 15th when the next rents are due.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 5, 1926*

**Little Tiajuana:**

"Little Tiajuana" is a city of desolation these days. No lights are shining a welcome to the weary traveler or the idling stay-at-home. Not even a Chinese lantern glitters through a curtained window, and no elevated lights guide the feet of the stranger through the haunting mysterious way of the modern Sodom.

There's no one to put a nickel in the piano, or a even a piano to put it in, for they are locked up and deserted, says the Niles Register whose Editor went around to take a look. There's no one to be seen on the street, and peace, quiet and solemnity pervade the atmosphere.

For the first time in eighteen months there is "nothing doing" in that section of Alvarado which has been famed far and wide for bootlegging, narcotics, gambling and various vice resorts.

Wednesday afternoon twenty-three establishments in the town suddenly found themselves surrounded by a veritable army of immigration officials, prohibition officials, Oakland Police, county detectives, newspaper correspondents, photographers and what have you. There were a few shouts, a shot or two, and ten women and thirty men found themselves in custody.

District Attorney Earl Warren led the posse, which proceeded to confiscate quantities of marijuana, opium, jackass, Chinese Liquors, and gambling paraphernalia. The raid was executed quickly and thoroughly, with little opposition being encountered, though in several instances doors had to be battered down.

The raids climaxed a long series of investigations, it is said. The raiders met by plan at Mt. Eden where ten automobile loads of them swarmed into Alvarado, and quickly surrounded the Chinese quarter.

*The Hayward Review, April 6, 1926*

### **Service: All Night Telephone**

Pacific Telephone & Telegraph will begin all night service by adding a night operator at the F. C. Harvey Store.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 10, 1926*

### **First Annual Holy Ghost:**

Hazel Roderick, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Roderick of Alvarado, has been chosen queen of the first annual Holy Ghost celebration, which will be held here Saturday and Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup> in honor of the completion of St. Anne's Church. The selection was made in the parish hall by a special committee of which T. S. Mello is chairman. Maids for the celebration are Madaline Avila and Minnie Gomes.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 11, 1926*

### **Mrs. W. S. Robie:**

Mrs. W. S. Robie entertained faculty members of the Alvarado Grammar School and friends Wednesday night at her home. Those present were: Mr. & Mrs. T. S. Van Vleet, Mrs. J. Young, Mrs. Laura Orelli, Miss Charlotte Jung, Miss Nathalie Burger, Miss Helen Hughes, Miss Dorothy Gordon, F. C. Harvey and Miss Mildred Nauert.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 11, 1926*

### **Telephone Operator:**

Miss Louise Molter is acting as telephone operator, filling in the place of Miss Susie Amaral of Alvarado who has resigned. A new telephone has been installed just outside the post office to be used by the night watchman or in calling him at night.

*The Hayward Review, April 16, 1926*

### **Marriage:**

Miss Minnie Hizer, daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Frank Hizer, will become the bride of Alfred Duarte of Hayward at a wedding to be solemnized in Oakland Tuesday. Duarte, who is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Nick Duarte, is in the employ of the Morton Salt Works in Newark. He is well known in Alvarado. The couple will honeymoon in Los Angeles.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 18, 1926*

### **News Notes:**

A birthday party was given at the home of Mr. & Mrs. John Menezes in honor of their little daughter Alberta May. Guests included Hubert Jacinto, Winifred Santos, Alvina Santos, Joie Tavis, Morris Davilla, Alice Menezes and Genevieve Davilla.

Mr. & Mrs. John Scribner of Livermore, formerly of Alvarado, visited Centerville for the Order of Eastern Star meeting there this week.

A Whist Party for the benefit of St. Anne's Church will be given here Tuesday night.

Joe Goularte is confined to his home with a sprained ankle sustained in a fall from a ladder at the California Salt Works.

Edward Farley of Oakland, property owner in Alvarado, was a visitor here Tuesday.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 18, 1926*

**Frauenverein:**

Mrs. F. Wiegman of Alvarado attended the German Lutheran Ladies' Aid Society Frauenverein held at Hayward on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 18, 1926*

**Irvington Chamber of Commerce:**

After members of the Irvington Chamber of Commerce at a previous meeting had protested the proposed sending of a communication to District Attorney Earl Warren, commending him for initiating his recent vice crusade on "Little Tiajuana," Alvarado's foreign settlement, the chamber adopted a resolution by a majority vote Monday evening thanking the county official for his action. The matter was brought before the organization in a communication issued by the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce and signed by H.M. Springer, Secretary.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 20, 1926*

**Around Town:**

Miss Susie Amaral is assisting as operator this week at the Centerville Exchange.

Mr. & Mrs. A.E. Vargas received many pretty gifts this week in observance of their twentieth wedding anniversary.

Charles Lawrence of Bakersfield is spending a few weeks with his sister, Mrs. J. Goularte.

Mrs. W.S. Robie attended the Federation of Women's Clubs conference at Crockett as a delegate of the Country Club of Washington Township.

Ladies of the Alvarado Farm Center met at the home of Mrs. Cardoza.

Miss Orma Emery of Mayfield spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. O.J. Emery.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 25, 1926*

**"Little Tiajuana" Denizens Face Judge:**

With deportation proceedings started against six aliens and abatement suits filed against owners and operators of 23 establishments; District Attorney Earl Warren declared that material steps were taken today towards the closing of the "Little Tiajuana" alleged vice resorts at Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 26, 1926*

**Sugar:**

The Alameda Sugar Company, operating a beet sugar refinery at Alvarado, has been cleared of an alleged violation of the Clayton Act through interlocking directorates with three other sugar concerns. Two complaints against the four corporations have been dismissed by the Federal Trade Commission, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Washington. The other concerns are the Holly Sugar Corporation of Denver and the Southern California and Santa Ana sugar companies.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 28, 1926*

**Large Real Estate Buy:**

John Lemos, Alvarado real estate trader, today added to his property by purchasing the Pacheco Ranch in Contra Costa County. The 381-acre ranch stretches from Concord to Pacheco and sold for \$100,000. It is considered a top property of that area.

*The Hayward Review, April 30, 1926*

**The Hayward Review Beautiful Baby Contest:**

Vote for your favorite baby picture in the *Review*. The pictures have been posted in past copies of the *Review* and it is your turn to pick the most beautiful babies.

To Vote: Send in the coupon in the paper for 100 points toward your favorite child; or subscribe to the *Review* for one year and receive 10,000 points, a two year subscription is worth 25,000 points and a four year subscription is worth 45,000 points. The present standings in Division 2:

Alvarado

Irma Borges

55,500

Clarence C. Gomes	51,200
Mary Jane Hinkley	53,000
Winifred Santos	161,300

Decoto

Joseph Perry Jr.	58,400
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Niles:

Howard Alves	116,100
Pearle L. Amaral	53,200
Betty Jean Burr	158,500
Marion G. Pine	76,700
Laura Lee Zwissig	52,300

***The Hayward Review, May 4, 1926***

**Little Tiajuana:**

Praising the work of the United States Immigration Service inspectors in this section, District Attorney Earl Warren has endorsed two congressional bills providing for the promotion and increased salaries for the men that assisted him in recent raids.

Warren's endorsement follows the work of E.C. Donson and R.F. Davis, who aided county officers in a recent raid on "Little Tiajuana" at Alvarado in which 23 places were closed and a score of persons arrested.

***The Oakland Tribune, May 4, 1926***

**Operetta:**

The people of the Alvarado vicinity are looking forward to the presentation of "Penelope," a comic operetta, on Saturday night May 8<sup>th</sup>. The production is being put on for the benefit of St. Anne's Church and will be staged by twelve of Burlingame's brilliant young singers and performers. The offering will be at the Odd Fellow Hall, and Pastor J. F. Casey is hoping for a large attendance.

***The Hayward Review, May 7, 1926***

**Alvarado School Buys Land:**

Mrs. W. S. Robie, Clerk of the School Board, announced satisfactory negotiations for the purchase of an acre of land adjoining the Alvarado Grammar School from Farley Granger yesterday. The board is now seeking to purchase a parcel of land behind the present school building, which is jointly owned by the East Bay Water Co., St. Anne's Catholic Church and K. Matsumoto. This land will be used as a playground.

***The Oakland Tribune, May 13, 1926***

**Sugar:**

According to an announcement made in Tracy California by a representative of the Holly Sugar Corp., offices will immediately be opened at the plant recently leased from the Alameda Sugar Company. Work will be started to prepare for the campaign this fall. Next year the company expects to materially increase their acreage for the Tracy plant. The Holly Sugar Company is one of the largest beet manufacturing companies in the United States with plants operating in Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, North Dakota and California.

***The Oakland Tribune, May 14, 1926***

**News Note:**

**F. C. Harvey** attended the sixty-third commencement exercises at the University of California at Berkeley where his son, **Theodore**, received a Bachelors of Science Degree from the College of Agriculture.

***The Oakland Tribune, May 15, 1926***

**Harvey to Wed:**

**Theodore Perkins Harvey**, son of **F. C. Harvey**, prominent Alvarado merchant will wed Miss Marguerite Virginia Galbraith of Piedmont on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the First Congregational Church. Both are graduates of UC Berkeley, where they met. They will reside in Alvarado.  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 15, 1926*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. J. H. Ralph was hostess to members of the Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. George Hellwig entertained matrons of the Order of the Eastern Star of the East Bay Chapters at her home.

Mr. & Mrs. Del Rhoades of Lemoore are visiting the home of Mrs. George Wolfe.

J. C. Shinn of Niles and Chris Sunkel of Berkeley visited the W. S. Robie home Thursday.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 16, 1926*

**The Hayward Review Beautiful Baby Contest:**

The Review's Baby Revue contest has closed and the winners are announced below:

Division 2 (Alvarado-Decoto-Niles) 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Miss Winifred Santos, Alvarado; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Irma Borges, Alvarado; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Betty Jean Burr, Niles.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 21, 1926*

**S. P. R. S. I.:**

Ranking officers of the SPRSI Lodge from Oakland, Hayward, San Leandro and Livermore will be honored guests at the annual officers installation ceremony of the Alvarado Ladies Council in the local IOOF Hall in Alvarado. Miss Mamie Andrade will be installed in the president's chair, succeeding Mrs. Edith Mello who has guided the destiny of the council during the past year.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 23, 1926*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. J. W. Young of Chicago is visiting her brother, T. S. Van Vleet, principal of the Alvarado Grammar School. She plans to stay throughout the summer.

Mrs. E.A. Richmond will entertain members of the Alvarado Birthday Club at her home at luncheon Monday.

The Junior Bridge Club were the guests of Mrs. Genevieve Bartlett Friday afternoon.

Father John F. Casey, priest of St. Anne's Church, has been visiting Burlingame this week.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 23, 1926*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. George Hellwig and the Misses Flora and Nancy McKeown entertained a number of friends at bridge and a luncheon at the Toyon Inn Thursday afternoon. Among the Alvarado women attending were Mrs. John H. Ralph, **Mrs. W. S. Robie**, Mrs. R. S. Stewart, Mrs. H. M. Springer, Mrs. Fred Joyce and **Miss Mildred Nauert**.

Mrs. George May attended the county federation meeting in Oakland Y. W. C. A. Thursday. She was accompanied by Mrs. Howard Chadbourne and Mrs. Garrett Norris of Centerville.

Miss Geraldine Mello has been visiting relatives in Melrose this week.

A number of local people attended the meeting of the Alvarado-Centerville Farm Center at the home of Mrs. Cardoza this week.

Mrs. Dora Richmond entertained the Birthday Club at a luncheon this week.

**Mrs. W. S. Robie**, Mrs. August May, **Miss Mildred Nauert** and Mrs. E. R. McCarthy of Oakland were guests of the Women's Club at Saratoga this week.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 30, 1926*

**Harvey - Galbraith Wedding:**

Miss Marguerite Virginia Galbraith, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Alexander Galbraith of Piedmont, will become the bride of Theodore Perkins Harvey, son of Mr. & Mrs. F. C. Harvey of Alvarado at a ceremony to be held tomorrow at the First Congregational Church in Oakland Calif.

*The Hayward Review, June 3, 1926*

#### **Alvarado School Graduation:**

Commencement exercises will take place on Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. The graduates are: Julia Allegrotti, Victor Amaral, Minnie Gomes, George Goularte, Joe Ghigliazzi, Charles Hizer, James Logan, Alice Lemos, Mary Mateo, Viola Montalbo, Sophie Oliveria, Sara Olivencia, Manuel Pinto, Richard Silva, Leonard Silvey and Ida Troche.

*The Hayward Review, June 4, 1926*

#### **Around Town:**

Mr. A. Rodgers of San Lorenzo is visiting his son here, Tony Rodgers this week.

Mrs. Walter Lineberger, wife of the congressman from Long Beach, and Mrs. Vinnie Linderman of Oakland were visitors of **Mrs. W. S. Robie**.

Mrs. A. E. Vargas attended the installation at the SPRSI Lodge this week.

Mrs. August May entertained the Senior Bridge Club. Miss Flora McKeown was a guest of the occasion.

Mr. & **Mrs. W. S. Robie** and Mrs. F. A. Mueller and daughter, Frances Ann, were recent visitors at Healdsburg, Sonoma County.

Mr. & Mrs. Perkins of Fresno are visiting at the Harvey home.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 6, 1926*

#### **Alvarado Grammar School Faculty:**

Appreciative of the work of the faculty of the Alvarado Grammar School, trustees have received the assent of the entire teaching staff to continue for the next year, it was announced today by **Mrs. W. S. Robie**, Clerk of the Board. Principal T. S. Van Vleet whose 17 eighth-grade pupils graduated with the highest marks among Alameda County elementary schools, was moved to remain at Alvarado after refusing an offer from the Board of Trustees of the Sunol Glen Grammar School District to take the principalship of the school there.

Miss Dorothy Gordon, Miss Charlotte Jung and Mrs. Laura Orelli are members of the faculty who have been invited to remain here with an increase in salary. Principal Van Vleet's salary was also increased. The vacancy created by the resignation of Nathalie Burger, who will teach at Willow Glen in San Jose next year, will be filled by the wife of Mr. Van Vleet.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 6, 1926*

#### **Citizens Capture Burglars:**

Manuel Camo, 26, of Alvarado and Lewis Solna, 23, a rancher near San Jose are being held in the County Jail charged with an attempt to break into the store of J. H. Ralph at Alvarado last night. Citizens captured the pair as they were trying to force a rear door, Deputy Sheriff Soares said, Ralph will swear in a complaint against them.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 7, 1926*

#### **Alvarado School Graduation:**

Graduation exercises were held at the Alvarado Grammar School Wednesday night at which all students in the eighth grade received their diplomas; no final examination was required this term due to the excellent work throughout the year by the pupils.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 8, 1926*

#### **Miss Jane Logan Marries:**

Miss Jane Ross Logan, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Logan, prominent Alvaradan's, became the bride of Verne Gordon, wealthy rancher of the Sacramento region. The ceremony was solemnized at the Alvarado Presbyterian Church. Alvaradan's at the ceremony included: Miss Tillie Logan, sister of the bride; Miss Orma Emery, bridesmaid; John and William Logan were ushers; Vivian

Mae Logan and Marcella May were flower girls. Mrs. Andrew Logan, Miss Emma Young, Marcella Norris and William Fyffe provided musical selections.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 13, 1926*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. August May entertained two score members of the Country Club of Washington Township, who served as officers or on committees during her tenure as president last year, at bridge and a luncheon Thursday afternoon.

Will Norris has returned from Cuba for an extended visit with his parents, Postmaster and Mrs. Albert Norris.

Mr. & Mrs. Russell Robie of Crockett spent the recent weekend at the home of Mr. & Mrs. W.S. Robie.

Miss Mildred Nauert will entertain the Senior Bridge Club at a farewell social Wednesday afternoon. The club will terminate its activities for July and August.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 13, 1926*

**Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Hansen have departed for Los Angeles on their vacation.

Mrs. J. H. Ralph and Mrs. Humphreys of Oakland are visiting their mother, Mrs. Dave Lowrie in Brookdale.

Mrs. James Logan is visiting her daughter, Mrs. May Elwood, in Oakland this week.

Mr. & Mrs. W. S. Robie and Lillie and Lottie Young are visiting Mr. & Mrs. Russell Robie in Crockett this week.

Mrs. George Wolfe spent the week in San Francisco visiting friends.

Ladies of the SPRSI, Lodge No. 64, held their regular meeting in the hall Thursday afternoon.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 20, 1926*

**Baseball Dance:**

In honor of the start of the second half of the Washington Township Baseball League schedule, a social dance will be given in the Odd Fellows Hall in Alvarado on Saturday evening by the Alvarado Baseball Club, according to Manager Louis Amaral. The W.O.W. Orchestra will provide music. Irvington, Newark, Decoto and other towns comprising the league are co-operating with the Alvarado club to make the affair a success.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 22, 1926*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

Three outstanding civic projects are now occupying the attention of the recently reorganized Alvarado Chamber of Commerce, according to Secretary, H. M. Springer. They are: Construction of a new bridge for the creek here, enlargement of the fire district, and installation of additional light along Mt. Eden – Alvarado Hiway.

A committee is now actively planning for the new lights while the County Board of Supervisors will be petitioned for the erection of the span. F. C. Harvey, John H. Ralph and George R. Hellwig have been appointed to the committee to confer with the supervisors toward increasing the size of the Fire District. The present district is confined to the downtown section of Alvarado and does not offer any protection to outlying areas.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 23, 1926*

**Alvarado Bridge:**

Construction of a bridge over Alameda Creek on the outskirts of Alvarado, 90 feet long, costing approximately \$30,000 is included in the road improvement budget of 1926-1927.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 25, 1926*

**Alvarado School:**

Notice has been given by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors of a conference in Oakland Monday morning at which time the purchase of a parcel of land adjoining the Alvarado Grammar School from Katsusaburo Matsumoto will be consummated, according to Mrs. W. S. Robie, Clerk of the Board of Trustees for the Alvarado School Board. The property is located at Smith and Alvarado Streets, is sought by the board to straighten out the Grammar School playground.  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 27, 1926*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Charles Baird and daughter Helen, and **Miss Rosalie Joyce** were recent visitors in Glenwood.

Mrs. Earl Hellwig has returned from a two-months' visit to relatives in St. Louis, Missouri.

Miss Orma Emery, a teacher at Mayfield Grammar School, is visiting her mother Mrs. O. J. Emery. Members of the Alvarado Junior Bridge Club will be entertained Friday afternoon at the County Hospital in San Leandro by Mrs. Jensen.

Mrs. F. W. **Joyce** and daughters, the **Misses Rosalie** and Ruby, are visiting Mrs. Lydecker in Oakland over the weekend.

Mr. & Mrs. Beryl Bain have left Alvarado to make their home in Crockett.

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Dinsmore departed this week by automobile on their vacation.

F. C. Harvey is having his store and residence on Smith Street repainted.

Mr. & Mrs. R. C. Galindo have returned home from a visit to Pittsburgh.

The entertainment offered Wednesday night in the Odd Fellows Hall by the local IOOF Lodge for the benefit of the Christmas fund proved to be a success.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 27, 1926*

#### **Classified Ad:**

DOGS:

For Sale: Seven Gordian and Irish setter pups, hunting dogs.

Joe Martin – Alvarado, Calif.

*The Hayward Review, July 2, 1926*

#### **Train Kills Two:**

A Southern Pacific freight train brought death to a man and woman when it crashed into their car at 10 o'clock in the evening at the crossing north Alvarado on Alvarado-Mt. Eden Hiway. The dead are Everett Campbell, 32 and Miss Eva Bolling, both of Oakland.

*The Hayward Review, July 2, 1926*

#### **Alvarado School:**

Purchase of a parcel of property adjoining the **Alvarado Grammar School** at Smith and Alvarado Streets from Katsusaburo Matsumoto, by the County Board of Supervisors for school use, has been announced by District Attorney Earl Warren in an official communication to **Mrs. W. S. Robie**, Clerk of the School Board. The purchase price was \$700. **Mrs. Robie** also has made out a warrant for \$50 to Matsumoto for a second piece of land, near the school, which will straighten out the property used by the school.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 4, 1926*

#### **Miss Gordon Resigns:**

Miss Ruth Gallagher was elected to the school faculty of the **Alvarado Grammar School** at a special meeting of the board of trustees, called by Chairman F. C. Harvey to consider the unexpected resignation of Miss Dorothy Gordon, who will teach in Pittsburgh next term.

Miss Gallagher has been a member of the faculty of a Marin County grammar school. Miss Gallagher will teach the fifth and sixth grades. According to an announcement of **Mrs. W. S. Robie**, Clerk of the Board. Miss Gordon had been associated with the local school for two years.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 4, 1926*

#### **Alvarado School:**



Several improvements to the grounds of the Alvarado School are contemplated, according to Mrs. W. S. Robie, Clerk of the Board. It is proposed to erect a fence around the grounds including the property most recently purchased by the county board, and to also plant a lawn. The old school structure will be remodeled and moved in line with the new building and will provide emergency classrooms.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 11, 1926*

#### **Scoutmaster Resigns:**

M. Peixotto has resigned as Scoutmaster of the Alvarado Troop of Boy Scouts, it was announced yesterday by the advisory committee. H. M. Springer, Manager of the Alameda Sugar Company will temporarily take his place.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 13, 1926*

#### **Alvarado Precinct:**

Polling Place: IOOF Hall

Inspector: Andrew K. Logan

Judges: Helen Anderson and Rose Springer

Clerks: Mayme Roderick, Annie L. Baird, and Clarence L. Flores

*The Oakland Tribune, July 16, 1926*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. August May entertained a party of Alvarado friends Thursday at her home here in honor of Mr. May's mother of Alameda. Guests included: Mrs. T. S. Van Vleet, Mrs. Young, Mrs. George Hellwig, Mrs. Earl Hellwig, **Mrs. W. S. Robie**, Mrs. E. A. Richmond, Mrs. J. H. Ralph, Mrs. James Hunter, Mrs. Orman Emery, Mrs. Charles Baird and Mrs. H. M. Springer.

Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Harvey have returned from their honeymoon of six weeks to the Eastern seaboard, during which they visited the sesqui-centennial at Philadelphia, Niagara Falls, and many other places of interest.

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond S. Stewart and niece, Miss Dorothy Gordon, are spending several weeks in Los Angeles on their vacation.

The Misses Flora and Nancy McKeown entertained the Junior Bridge Club at their home Friday.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 18, 1926*

#### **School Bond:**

Calling of a bond election for \$16,000 in improvements to the new and the old Alvarado Grammar School buildings was announced yesterday by **Mrs. W. S. Robie**, Clerk of the Board of Trustees. Date of the bond election will be set next week.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 18, 1926*

#### **Bandits Rob Laundry:**

Lining their victims up against the wall, threatening them with instant death if they offered resistance, four armed bandits entered the Alvarado Steam Laundry here late last night and escaped with over \$500 in cash and jewelry.

While two of the men covered six Japanese employees of the establishment, the others marched into a rear room, where they ransacked the place, opening drawers and breaking furniture. After ordering their victims to remain in the laundry with their arms upraised for ten minutes or they would be shot to pieces. They jumped into a waiting auto with a fifth companion and raced off towards Decoto.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 24, 1926*

#### **Around Town:**

Wess Emery and Iver Herald have departed for Sonora on a fishing trip.

Mrs. A. E. Vargas and Mrs. Anna Amaral have returned from San Francisco, where they attended the convention of the SPRSI Lodge as delegates from the Alvarado society.

Mrs. Edward Harvey entertained ladies of the Alvarado Farm Center at her home on Friday.

Joseph Correia is erecting a bungalow of the Spanish style on Granger Avenue.

Mrs. George Wolfe is expected home from Hanford where she has been visiting for the past month.

Anthony Rogers of Centerville and A. E. Vargas of Alvarado have been in Brentwood this week on business for the H. P. Garin Produce Company

*The Oakland Tribune, July 25, 1926*

### **Dummy Policeman:**

Vehicular traffic on the Oakland-San Jose Hiway near Alvarado was paralyzed last night for nearly 15 minutes all because of a scarecrow policeman used by a Washington Township Constable candidate for advertising purposes. As a result, 100 motorists would like to get their hands on the vandals who strung a dummy officer across the Hiway. The scarecrow, formed of rags and sawdust and attired in a khaki uniform, was marched to the center of the Hiway by use of pulleys. Finally, irritated by the delay, one motorist climbed from his vehicle to investigate. The discovery was greeted with jeers and cheers as the line began to move.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 26, 1926*

### **Sugar:**

The Alameda Sugar Company has leased 1,619 acres of land near Woodland, to Homer W. Fenn, wealthy cattle dealer of Salt Lake City. Fenn is to run cattle on all of the lands he has leased near Woodland.

*The Woodland Daily Democrat, Woodland California, July 31, 1926*

### **Mrs. T. P. Harvey:**

Now settled into their new home in Alvarado, Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Perkins Harvey (nee Marguerite Galbraith of Piedmont), have just recently arrived from an extended honeymoon on the Eastern seaboard. Mrs. Harvey is planning many informal affairs to be given in her new home at which numerous of the younger East Bay set will be her guests.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 31, 1926*

### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Dora Tainton, of Oakland, entertained members of the Alvarado Bridge Club at a luncheon at the Athens Club in Oakland this week. Those attending were: **Mrs. George Hellwig**, Mrs. Dora Richmond, Mrs. August May, Mrs. J. H. Ralph, Mrs. W. S. Robie, all of Alvarado, Mrs. Emma Hellwig of Mt. Eden, Mrs. J. M. Scribner of Livermore, and Mrs. Emma Ford, Mrs. E. R. McCarthy, Mrs. V. Linderman and Mrs. Tainton, all of Oakland.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Roderick and family are in Santa Cruz.

Mrs. & Mrs. Arthur Hansen are planning to leave in August on an extended visit to Norway to visit Mrs. Hansen's relatives.

Miss Orma Emery has returned from Portland Oregon and the state of Washington, where she spent a month's vacation.

Fred Herold and family have moved from Alvarado to their new home in Hayward.

**Mrs. George Hellwig** gave a party in honor of her husband at the Hellwig home this week. The occasion was Hellwig's birthday, twenty persons attended.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 1, 1926*

### **Maccabees:**

Two candidates will be initiated into the ranks of the Washington Township Lodge of Maccabees in Niles tomorrow night at the local hall, according to an announcement by Miss Susie Amaral of Alvarado, Lieutenant Commander of the organization.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 3, 1926*

### **Baseball Championship:**

Decoto and Alvarado baseball teams, winners of the split season race of the Washington Township League, will meet in the first of a three game series next Sunday afternoon at Decoto to determine the championship of the league. The team winning two out of three games will meet the winner, Richmond or Concord team, whichever one wins the championship of the Three C League.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 6, 1926*

### **Around Town:**

Mrs. J. H. Ralph gave a party for the babies of friends at the Ralph residence this week in honor of the child of her cousin, Mrs. Aileen Elliot of Bakersfield, who is visiting at the home of her parents, Mrs. D. C. Mickle in Centerville.

The Misses Flora and Nancy McKeown entertained a party of friends.

Mrs. J. Azevedo of Benicia is visiting Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Mello.

Ladies of the Alvarado Junior Bridge Club were the guests of Mrs. F. W. Joyce during the week.

Mrs. Russell Robie and three children of Crockett are visiting Mr. & **Mrs. W. S. Robie**.

Mrs. George Wolfe is expected to return next week from Hanford, where she has been spending several months with her sister, Mrs. Rhodes.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 8, 1926*

### **Alvarado School:**

Voters of the Alvarado School District will decide next Saturday whether the board of trustees shall expend \$16,000 for improvements to the buildings and grounds of the Alvarado Grammar School.

There has been no hitch in the arrangements for the election, all polling officers having accepted the appointments made by the board according to **Mrs. W.S. Robie**, clerk. These are Miss Mildred Nauert, inspector; Mrs. Corrine S. Munger and Thomas Van Vleet, judges.

If approved the bonds will be used for the purchase of school lots, erection of one or more buildings, alterations and additions to buildings, the purchase of furniture and necessary apparatus and the improving of grounds and insurance.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 8, 1926*

### **Horseshoe Club:**

Quilt hurlers of Southern Alameda County have organized the Washington Township Horseshoe Club, comprised of members from Alvarado, Centerville, Decoto, Irvington, Niles, Newark, Mission San Jose and Warm Springs.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 8, 1926*

### **Baseball:**

Behind the steady pitching of veteran Gene Kersten, Alvarado defeated Decoto 4-2 in the first of the best of three championship series in the Washington Township League. Decoto will try to stave off elimination next Sunday in Alvarado. The Alvarado lineup:

Jacinto, Catcher  
Pimentel, Left Field  
Perry, Second Base  
Mueller, Short Stop  
Searles, First Base  
Dondero, Third Base  
Marshall, Center Field  
Machado, Right Field  
Kersten, Pitcher  
Amaral, Manager

*The Oakland Tribune, August 12, 1926*

**Around Town:**

Manuel Goularte of the Creek Road has purchased the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Hansen on Smith Street. The Hansen's are planning an extended trip to Norway soon.

Mr. & Mrs. F. W. Joyce and children and Mrs. Charles Baird and daughter, Miss Helen, are spending the weekend at Santa Cruz.

Milton Munger, popular Alvarado youth, is recovering from an illness.

Miss Isabelle Drack is visiting her sister in Turlock for a few weeks.

A social Whist Party will be given by the Alvarado Lodge of Odd Fellows on Saturday night at the local Odd Fellows Hall.

Mrs. Russell Robie of Crockett is a visitor at the W. S. Robie residence.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 15, 1926*

**Alvarado I.D.E.S. Lodge:**

Conferring the initiatory degree on ten candidates for membership into the I.D.E.S. Lodge featured the regular meeting of the society in the Odd Fellows Hall. Mr. P. Rose of Oakland, Grand President of the order, was the honor guest of the occasion. Manuel Ferrea, President of the local I.D.E.S. Lodge officiated as Master of ceremonies.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 15, 1926*

**Baseball:**

In a game marred by loose play on the part of the Decoto infield, Alvarado defeated Decoto for the championship of the Washington Township League by a score of 14-8. A banner crowd witnessed the game that gave Alvarado the right to play Concord, Three "C" League champions for the semi-pro title of Northern California. The place and date for the Alvarado-Concord game will be announced after a meeting is held between Andy Coleman of Concord and Louie Amaral of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 17, 1926*

**News Note:**

John Lemos, Alvarado Realtor and wealthy landowner in different counties, with Mrs. Lemos and their three daughters, left today for a stay of three or four weeks in Los Angeles and vicinity. John is going down to see just how those Los Angeles realtors manage to corral three fourths of the tourists that travel that way.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 17, 1926*

**Polling Place:**

Polling Place: IOOF Hall, Alvarado

Inspector, Andrew K. Logan

Judges: Helen Anderson & Rose G. Springer,

Clerks: Mayme Roderick, Annie L. Baird & Clarence L. Flores

*The Oakland Tribune, August 18, 1926*

**Alvarado School:**

County architect Meyers has communicated with the Alvarado Board of School Trustees, expressing a desire to confer in regard to plans for additional school buildings, for which \$16,000 was voted last week. The election returns, carrying the bond issue 43 to 1 were canvassed last week by F. W. Joyce and **Mrs. Robie**, trustees.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 22, 1926*

**Around Town:**

Fred Mueller nephew of Mr. & **Mrs. W. S. Robie**, Kenneth Ferry and Tony Machado have left for Lake County on a deer-hunting trip.

F. C. Harvey, Alvarado School Trustee, is visiting his brother-in-law in Fresno this week.

Miss Geraldine Mello, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. T. S. Mello, is visiting relatives in Benicia this week.

Mrs. George Wolfe has returned home after a six-week visit with her sister at Hanford.

Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Foster of Sacramento, who is well known here, visited their many friends in Alvarado this week.

Mrs. Isabelle Drack has returned from Turlock, where she visited her sister.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 22, 1926*

### **Charles Heyer:**

Born in Alvarado, and with his parents moving to Hayward a year later, longtime resident of Hayward and now chairman of the Alameda County Board of supervisors, gave a rousing talk to the Twenty Thirty Club at Hayward about his life and career.

*The Hayward Review, August 24, 1926*

### **Alvarado School:**

Conferences between school trustees and school architects have developed plans for doubling the capacity of the Alvarado School to keep pace with the growth of the community, according to Principal Van Vleet.

Plans show that the old school, moved to the back of the school property last year, will be "de-roofed" and dwarfed in height to the same size as the new school and attached to the auditorium. The school authorities recently purchased five additional acres adjoining the school property. This is being made into an athletic field.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 26, 1926*

### **Country Club:**

Mrs. Roland Bendel has been elected President of the Country Club of Washington Township. She will replace Mrs. August May.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 29, 1926*

### **News Notes:**

J. H. Gage, recently appointed manager of a local lumberyard here, has announced that he will bring his family to reside here.

The Junior Bridge Club met Friday with Mrs. Ruth Hellwig here.

Interest is aroused by talk of reviving the old original Alvarado Whist Club. This club existed prior to the World War but was suppressed by war activity when the members devoted their time to Red Cross and Liberty drives.

The Alvarado Bridge Club will meet September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The little friends of Vivian May Logan enjoyed her fourth birthday party Thursday afternoon. She is the daughter of the A. K. Logan's.

Members of the Alvarado Birthday Club, most of them living here, formed a caravan Saturday to celebrate the birthday of J. M. Scribner at the Scribner home in Livermore.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 29, 1926*

### **Horseshoes:**

Membership in the Washington Township Horseshoe Club is now above 100. The local club is composed of men from Centerville, Irvington, Newark, Alvarado, Decoto, Mission San Jose and Niles. The oldest member of the club is Alvarado's Postmaster Albert Norris who is 76 years old and has played horseshoes for seventy years.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 29, 1926*

### **Around Town:**

Alvarado women will have a large delegation of members at the meeting of the Washington Township Country Club at the opening session of the season next Tuesday. **Mrs. August May**, past president of the Country Club, will be a guest of honor at the affair. Alvarado has a large membership, many of whom are on important committees.

Mrs. John Ralph will entertain the Alvarado Birthday Club at her home here on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Miss Mildred Nauert and Mrs. F. R. Robie attended a party given by Mrs. Walter Rodgers at Newark on Friday night.

Albert Norris, Postmaster, is back from a four-day trip in the northern part of the state.

Miss Martha Cilker, teacher, of Los Angeles, was the guest of honor at a party given by **Mrs.**

**August May.**

*The Oakland Tribune, September 5, 1926*

**Sugar:**

The Holly Sugar Plant in Tracy will open next Tuesday for the start of beet slicing season. For the past three months 100 men have been at work preparing for the mill opening. When the mill starts 175 men will be employed in Tracy and the plant has a capacity of handling one thousand tons of sugar beets a day.

This year the plant at Alvarado has been closed and the beets grown here will be shipped to Tracy. The beets raised in the delta country will be shipped by barge to Tracy.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 5, 1926*

**Around Town:**

**Mr. & Mrs. W. S. Robie** spent Admission Day at an outing at Alum Rock Park. They were accompanied by Mr. & Mrs. Fred A. Mueller and Mr. & Mrs. Walter Rogers of Newark.

Mrs. Raymond S. Stewart entertained at a birthday luncheon today.

Mr. & Mrs. August May have departed for the Yosemite Valley.

Mr. & Mrs. Earl Hellwig are spending the holiday at Blue Lake.

**The W. S. Robie's** spent the recent holidays at Healdsburg in Sonoma County.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 12, 1926*

**Alvarado School:**

County Architect Meyer is expected to enter into a conference with the board of trustees of the Alvarado School District this week toward the drawing up of plans for the erection of a new unit to the present buildings. A bond issue of \$16,000 was recently approved for this purpose by the voters of this district. Bids for the work will be advertised following the conference, according to **Mrs. W.S. Robie**, board clerk. The trustees are anxious to push the matter forward, inasmuch as Chairman F.C. Harvey plans to leave next month on a world tour.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 12, 1926*

**News Note:**

Mrs. Gertie Hizer and son Edgar of Alvarado are spending a few days with her parents Mr. & Mrs. Maylone at Fairplay ([near Placerville](#)). Edgar was fortunate enough to bag a five-point buck.

*The Mountain Democrat, Placerville California, September 17, 1926*

**Classified Ad:**

COUNTRY LAND:

381 acres to lease, fine truck garden land in Concord, on highway, ½ mile to high and grammar schools, 17 miles from Oakland. Others get \$50 to \$70 and acre, our price, \$35 per acre.

Owner: John Lemos

P. O. Box 165, Alvarado Calif.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 18, 1926*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. George Wolfe of Alvarado was surprised at a family reunion in her home this week. The party of relatives included her son, Fred Wolfe and his wife from Chicago, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Wolfe of Turlock, and Mr. & Mrs. Hague of Richmond. The Fred Wolfe's will return to Chicago.

Father Casey, Priest of St. Anne's church here, and St. Edward's in Newark, visited friends in Alvarado this week after an absence of several months. He is rapidly improving from injuries suffered in an auto accident in Salinas.

Mrs. J. Lebon of San Francisco is here visiting her mother, Mrs. M. A. Silva.  
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Hansen Jr. and children, and Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Hansen Sr. have departed for Norway on an extended trip.  
Mr. & Mrs. William Traeger and child are visiting in Vancouver, B.C.  
Anthony E. Vargas is improving at Fabiola Hospital in Oakland from a severe case of rheumatism.  
Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Jacinto and children spent several days in Sacramento visiting relatives.  
Peter L. Decoto, President of the Decoto Chamber of Commerce and Mr. & Mrs. August May of Alvarado, spent a week vacationing in Yosemite.  
*The Oakland Tribune, September 19, 1926*

#### **State Fair Attendees:**

Rollin B. Ross and John Varni, the cauliflower king of Alvarado, visited points of interest at the state fair at Sacramento over the weekend.  
*The Hayward Review, September 21, 1926*

#### **Pave Niles Canyon Road:**

The campaign instigated by the Sunol Chamber of Commerce to pave the traffic way through Niles Canyon received additional impetus this week when the Irvington and Alvarado Chambers of Commerce went on record as unanimously endorsing the movement.  
*The Oakland Tribune, September 26, 1926*

#### **Building Remodel:**

Trustees of the Alvarado Grammar School district have opened for bids the remodeling and moving of the two story building adjoining the new school it was announced today by **Mrs. W. S. Robie**, Clerk of the Board. Voters of the school district recently approved a bond measure of \$16,000 to pay for remodeling and moving.  
*The Oakland Tribune, September 26, 1926*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. J. H. Ralph entertained a party of her friends at her home yesterday, the occasion being her birthday. Those attending were: Mrs. Emma Hellwig, Mrs. George Hellwig, Mrs. Dora Richmond, Mrs. Rose Springer, **Mrs. W. S. Robie**, Mrs. R. S. Stewart, Mrs. August May, all of Alvarado; Mrs. J. M. Scribner of Livermore; Mrs. Dora Tainton, Mrs. Emma Ford and Mrs. E. R. McCarthy all of Oakland.

E. L. Farley and daughter of Oakland called on **Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Robie**.

F. C. Harvey has departed for Hawaii on the first leg of his world tour.

Will Norris, son of Postmaster Albert Norris, is visiting friends in Crockett. He expects to leave sometime next month for his work in Cuba.

Members of the Ladies Aid Society of the Alvarado Presbyterian Church met with Mrs. James Logan Thursday afternoon.

Dr. & Mrs. Roscoe Gray of San Francisco, former Alvarado residents, were visited this week by **Mr. & Mrs. Walter Robie**.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 26, 1926*

#### **John Lemos Returns:**

John Lemos and his family have returned here after an extensive tour of Southern California. The south has gone forward with rapid strides, Lemos points out, but as great as its growth has been, the future of the Bay Area is exceedingly bright, backed as it is by the resources around the bay region. Lemos found land prices exceedingly high in the south, especially in the area around Los Angeles, Lemos and his family stopped at many places en route. He liked Santa Barbara and Monterey very much.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 3, 1926*

#### **Parent Teachers Association:**

Organization of a permanent Washington Township Parent Teacher Association (PTA) was perfected at a meeting of parents and faculty members of 12 township schools in the Washington Union High School building here. Mrs. W. S. Robie, of Alvarado was elected President.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 3, 1926*

**Little Tiajuana:**

Efforts to permanently dim the once bright lights at Alvarado’s “Little Tiajuana” will be made on Monday when the case against Edward L. Farley as owner of “Little Tiajuana,” a group of 25 buildings at Alvarado, will be aired before Judge James A. Quinn. The state, represented by District Attorney Earl Warren seeks to close “Little Tiajuana” for one year under abatement proceedings.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 6, 1926*

**Church Bazaar:**

A monster bazaar for the benefit of St. Anne’s Church, Alvarado is to be held in the IOOF Hall Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights (October 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>). It is a most worthy cause and should receive the cooperation of all. All are most cordially invited, not only to attend but also to take part in this big affair. Donations are being received and the committee is sparing no effort to make this a success. This bazaar promises to be the biggest ever held in Alvarado. Offerings of any kind may be given to any of the committees or to Mrs. (Mayme) Roderick, chairman of all committees, at Ralph’s Store in Alvarado.

*The Hayward Review, October 8, 1926*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. George Hellwig, Mrs. W. S. Robie, **Mrs. J. H. Ralph**, and Mrs. **R. S. Stewart** of Alvarado attended the East Bay Matron’s luncheon this week in Oakland. Other Washington Township ladies in attendance were Mrs. A. T. Biddle of Newark, Mrs. H. C. Searles and Mrs. Henry May of Decoto and Mrs. Ed Chadbourne of Centerville.

Charles Nauert and daughter Miss Mildred Nauert are spending two weeks visiting in Los Angeles. They are accompanied by Mr. & Mrs. Heinie Heitmuller of Oakland.

**Mrs. R. S. Stewart** is spending several days this week in Berkeley with her sister.

**Mrs. J. H. Ralph** entertained the Alvarado Bridge Club at her home during the week.

Mr. & Mrs. August May are spending the weekend in San Jose.

*The Hayward Review, October 10, 1926*

**1926-1927 Washington Township Tax Rates:**

School District	Tax Rate:
Alvarado	3.92
Alviso (District)	3.62
Centerville	3.62
Decoto	3.89
Irvington	3.70
Lincoln	3.15
Mission San Jose	3.36
Mowry's Landing	3.26
Newark	3.84
Niles	3.57
Stony Brook	3.17
Sunol Glen	2.80
Warm springs	3.19

*The Oakland Tribune, October 11, 1926*

**Mrs. Mary Correia Dies:**

Mrs. Mary Correia, aged 80 years, and for fifty years a resident of Alvarado, died here on Wednesday at 2:00 o’clock. Mrs. Correia came from the Azores fifty years ago and leaves three granddaughters, Mamie & Edith Andrade and Mrs. John Lemos.



*The Oakland Tribune, October 15, 1926*

**Baseball:**

Alvarado's baseball team, The Amaral Brothers, was soundly beaten by Martinez 9-0. Alvarado's league record now stands at one win against two losses.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 18, 1926*

**Little Tijuana Abatement Proceedings:**

Trial of two abatement proceedings against Alvarado's "Little Tiajuana" opened today in Judge James G. Quinn's court today with spectators benches crowded with women, public welfare workers and neighbors of the district subpoenaed to testify concerning the general reputation of the boardwalk establishments where gambling, drinking and sale of contraband liquor and narcotics are alleged to have been a constant source of revenue.

Twenty owners of the rickety pool rooms and dance halls, and Edward L. Farley, owner of the land on which they are built, are defendants in the two suits. Since the passing of the narcotics abatement law at the last legislative session, this is the first instance of prosecution asking abatement for that cause in Alameda County and in the State.

The two suits designated as "The United States versus Edward Farley and others" and "The People versus Edward Farley and others," result from a raid of "Little Tiajuana" last March, when twenty-six wooden houses, connected by alleys, runways and underground tunnels, were entered by federal and county officials and wholesale arrests made.

Mrs. August May, sister of former District Attorney Ezra Decoto, was among the character witnesses summoned to testify concerning the activities of the notorious "board walk row."

*The Oakland Tribune, October 18, 1926*

**Chinese Woman Fights Abatement Proceedings:**

While state prosecutors and welfare workers join forces in their fight to have the block of "Little Tiajuana" resorts at Alvarado padlocked, **Mrs. Wo Lee**, aged Chinese woman and veteran resident of the district, has raised her voice in a wall of Oriental-tongued protest against being ousted from the place.

Abatement proceedings against the row of wooden shacks, where gambling and sale of contraband liquor and narcotics are alleged to have taken place, are being heard before Judge James G. Quinn this week. Women welfare workers have crowded the spectator's benches every day of the trial.

**Mrs. Lee** is 80 years old. For forty-two years she has lived in Alvarado, watching the inhabitants come and go, get married and die. It was a Chinese settlement entirely when she first came, but in recent years the Mexican element has grown stronger, leading to the nickname "Little Tiajuana." It is the Mexicans Mrs. Lee blames for the present trouble. She operates a small Chinese merchandise store in the section and insists that she has never done anything in violation of the law. If she is put out of her old home she will have no other place to go she says. There are now nine Chinese farmers living in the quarter, and all face difficulty if evicted, she says.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 20, 1926*

**Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. R. S. Stewart, Mr. & Mrs. George Hellwig and Mrs. E. A. Richmond are at Coronado this week attending the grand chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. The Stewarts only recently returned from several weeks' vacation in Los Angeles.

**Mrs. W. S. Robie** and Mrs. Milton Munger of Alvarado and Mrs. E. A. Ellsworth, Mrs. Harvey Braun and Mrs. J. E. Townsend of Niles attended the district conference of the Parent-Teacher Association in Hayward Wednesday.

Mrs. John H. Ralph will give a reception at the Ralph residence here Sunday in honor of the Golden Wedding Anniversary of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Lowrie of Brookdale in Santa Cruz County.

Mrs. & Mrs. Russel Robie of Crockett were visitors at **the W. S. Robie home** over the weekend.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 24, 1926*

#### **Odd Fellows Meeting:**

An Odd Fellows meeting of several lodges from Alameda and Santa Clara County was held in Niles last night to honor long tenured members. Recognized from Alvarado was O. J. Emery, past grand, for 42 years of membership.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 24, 1926*

#### **Baseball:**

The feature baseball game last night was the battle between Martinez and Alvarado on the Alvarado field before a large crowd. It proved to be a pitcher's battle with Mueller and Dutra of Alvarado against Eglight of Martinez. Martinez won 3-2.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 25, 1926*

#### **Little Tiajuana:**

Sam Endicott, former watchman at Alvarado and now an officer with the U.S. Immigration Service, took the witness stand today in the abatement proceedings directed against Little Tiajuana, which are being heard by Judge James G. Quinn. Endicott told of aiding county officers in the raid of March 31<sup>st</sup> when 21 men and women in the report were arrested. The District Attorney is attempting to close the 26 buildings, which comprise Little Tiajuana, claiming violations of the liquor law, red light and narcotics act.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 26, 1926*

#### **Little Tiajuana:**

Denied a motion to strike out testimony given by prosecution witnesses directed against the whole district of "Little Tiajuana" in Alvarado rather than at individual buildings in the section, defense counsel today produced witnesses in the hope of battering down the complaints made in an attempt to abate the premises.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 29, 1926*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Nathalie Burger, a member of last year's Alvarado Grammar School faculty and now teaching in Willow Glen ([San Jose](#)), was entertained at a dinner by **Mrs. W. S. Robie**, clerk of the Alvarado School, this week. Guests included **Miss Charlotte Jung**, Mrs. Laura Orelli, Miss Ruth Gallagher, and Miss Hughes.

**Mrs. W. S. Robie** was an invited guest this week of the Aletha Chapter, of the Eastern Star, and the occasion being in honor of Mrs. Effie Miller, who was conferred with a grand office. Mr. & Mrs. A. T. Biddle of Newark and **Miss Charlotte Jung** of Alvarado also attended.

Approximately 100 people attended the reception of Mr. & Mrs. Peter Lowrie of Brookdale in honor of their golden anniversary Sunday at the home of their daughter Mrs. John H. Ralph. F. C. Harvey, local merchant and president of the Alvarado School Board, is visiting in Honolulu on the first stop of a tour of the world, according to word received from friends.

Mrs. August May, Miss Mildred Nauert, and **Mrs. W. S. Robie** were guests of Mills College in Oakland at a conference Thursday afternoon.

Ladies of the Alvarado Bridge Club will be entertained Wednesday by **Mrs. W. S. Robie**.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 31, 1926*

#### **Little Tiajuana Defense Witness Arrested:**

Fong King, who was a witness for the defense in the "Little Tiajuana" abatement proceedings in Alvarado, was arrested yesterday and charged with possession of liquor in violation of the Wright Act. The arrest was made by County Detective Oscar Jahnsen who is said to have found a still and a small quantity of liquor in Fong King's place at "Little Tiajuana." Fong King was later released on bail.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 1, 1926*

#### **Alvarado School:**

Abandoning the idea of remodeling and moving the old Alvarado School, the Board of Trustees have decided to put the old school on the market for sale. The additional space that will be gained will be added to the children's playground.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 7, 1926*

#### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. T.S. Van Vleet, **Miss Ruth Gallagher**, Miss Charlotte Jung and Mrs. Laura Orelli of the Alvarado Grammar School faculty and **Mrs. W.S. Robie**, clerk of the school board, attended the Halloween party given at Niles by the Niles school teachers.

Mrs. Andrew Logan has returned from a weeks' visit with her mother and sister in Petaluma. Mrs. August May and **Miss Ruth Gallagher** won prizes at the meeting of the **Alvarado Bridge Club** this week. **Mrs. W.S. Robie** was the hostess.

Miss Jeanette Richmond, University of California student, and daughter of Mr. & Mrs. E.A. Richmond of Alvarado, has invited members of the **Alvarado Bridge Club** to a tea in Berkeley. Mr. & Mrs. R.S. Stewart are on an extended visit to Southern California.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 7, 1926*

#### **Baseball:**

Florio Hardware found the going too tough in Alvarado and Louie Amaral's nine copped a 6 to 0 victory. The Washington Township entry ran roughshod over the hardware and improved their league record to two wins and four defeats.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 10, 1926*

#### **Marriage License:**

Joaquin Silveira, Alvarado

Annie Brune, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, November 14, 1926*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Corrine Munger and **Mrs. W. S. Robie** of Alvarado and Mrs. Harvey Braun of Niles will represent Washington Township at the PTA at the district conference in Hayward Wednesday.

Mrs. George Hellwig entertained a party of friends at cards this week.

Mr. & **Mrs. Robie** spent the past weekend in Crockett visiting their son Russell Robie and family. F. C. Harvey, local merchant and grammar school trustee, has reached Shanghai on this trip around the world, according to Theodore Harvey.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 14, 1926*

#### **Order of Eastern Star:**

At a meeting held in the Masonic Hall in Centerville last night Mr. & Mrs. H. M. Springer of Alvarado were elected worthy patron and worthy matron respectively of the Order of the Eastern Star. They succeed Mrs. Dora Richmond of Alvarado and J. M. Scribner of Livermore.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 14, 1926*

#### **Alvarado Fire Commission:**

Proving that there is no burden so heavy but that it can be greater, the townfolk of Alvarado have literally heaped another civic job on the shoulders of H. M. Springer. Added to his many official titles, is now Fire Commissioner Springer. The county Board of Supervisors recently

appointed Springer and O. J. Emery to the Alvarado Fire Commission, which also includes F. C. Harvey and George Hellwig of the old board and the confines of the district were enlarged.  
*The Oakland Tribune, November 21, 1926*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Mildred Nauert entertained the Alvarado Bridge Club at her home here this week, guests being Mrs. George Hellwig, Mrs. J. H. Ralph, **Mrs. W. S. Robie**, Mrs. Henry Heitmuller, Mrs. August May and Mrs. Emma Hellwig.

Mr. & **Mrs. Walter Robie** have returned home from several days' visit to Healdsburg. William Traeger has been transferred to Tracy by the Standard Oil Co. and his place is being taken by Clarence Flores who formerly was employed at the J. H. Ralph Merchandise Company. Miss Ruth Gallagher, member of the Alvarado Grammar School faculty, was a weekend visitor at Grass Valley.

**Mrs. W. S. Robie** was visited this week by her sisters, Mrs. Anne Forbes of Berkeley and Mrs. Fred Muller of Newark.

Approximately \$100 was cleared from the recent food sale sponsored by the Ladies Aid Society of the Alvarado Presbyterian Church.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 21, 1926*

#### **Baseball:**

In Alvarado the Oakland Garage team pounded their way to a 5-2 win over the Amaral Bros. ([Alvarado](#)). The garage team slapped out 15 hits against Pichelli and Dutra.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 22, 1926*

#### **Little Tiajuana:**

Twenty-seven rickety wooden houses in Alvarado's "Little Tiajuana Row" will have padlocks on their doors, following the court order today of Judge James G. Quinn commanding abatement of the entire district. The order ends a ten-month fight by District attorney Earl G. Warren to close the places.

Conviction on violating red-light laws and the liquor regulations was made in the cases of all 27 houses. In five of them convictions for violating narcotics laws were made. The close of these places marks the first instance in the State in which abatement has been ordered on the basis of the narcotic enforcement law passed at the last session of the State legislature.

Fines or small jail sentences were handed out to the 28 persons arrested in the March raids. Most of these were Chinese or Mexicans.

Suits were brought against Ed Farley, owner of most of the property on which the wooden structures were constructed. William and Joseph Avilla, owners of two pieces of property, "and others." Narrow passageways, some of them underground, connected the structures it is said.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 26, 1926*

#### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. W.S. Robie entertained Edward Farley and daughter, Miss Beryl Farley of Oakland, and Mr. & Mrs. Russell Robie and family from Crockett, and Mr. & Mrs. Fred A. Mueller of Newark for Thanksgiving dinner.

Mr. & Mrs. John H. Ralph were hosts to Mr. & Mrs. P.G. Lowrie of Brookdale Mr. & Mrs. Walter Humphreys of Oakland over the holiday.

F.C. Harvey, Alvarado School Trustee and merchant, has reached Peking, China, on his tour of the world, according to correspondence received by friends.

Alvaradans attending the American Legion whist at Niles this weekend included Miss Helen Hughes, Miss Ruth Gallagher, Manuel Hendricksen and Richard Duarte.

Mr. & Mrs. August May entertained a party of relatives with Thanksgiving dinner.

***The Oakland Tribune, November 28, 1926***

**Alameda Sugar Co. Sold:**

It is reported that the Alvarado and Tracy plants of the Alameda Sugar Company have been sold to the Holly Sugar Corporation. The Holly Sugar Corporation had leased the two plants in May of this year on a profit sharing basis, and the present agreement converts the lease into cash. The two plants are the only ones owned by Alameda Sugar Company. The company controlled the Alameda Farms Company, which owns 10,035 acres of sugar beet land in Sutter County. These lands are being subdivided presently and will be sold.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 9, 1926***

**Christmas:**

Sunday School pupils of St. Anne's Catholic Church here were entertained with a Christmas program yesterday. A Christmas tree was decorated for the children and gifts were given out. The affair was arranged by The Sisters of the Holy Family from San Jose. Father Casey gave a talk.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 10, 1926***

**Alvarado Drama Club:**

Preparations are now being made by the Alvarado Dramatic Club for the presentation of a benefit show at St. Anne's Church. Local residents who will participate are: Mrs. A. Flores, Mrs. M. Roderick, Miss W. Mello, Miss Eva Costa, Miss Elizabeth Costa, H. Gomes, N. Lewis and C. Flores.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 19, 1926***

**Mrs. Elizabeth Beebe:**

U.S. Genweb Tombstone Project, Mrs. Elizabeth Beebe: date of death: Jan. 8, 1927. Interred: Centerville Pioneer Cemetery, Fremont, California.

***<http://files.usgwarchives.net/ca/alameda/cemeteries/centerville.txt>***

**Holly Sugar:**

Holly Sugar Corporation, which last year leased the Alvarado and Tracy factories of the Alameda Sugar Company earned a net after depreciation of \$408,772 for the year. Holly Sugar is now in the process of purchasing the mills of the Alameda Sugar Company.

***The Oakland Tribune, January 10, 1927***

**Bogus OB:**

Mrs. Mary Alston of Alvarado was found guilty by Judge T. W. Harris of falsely representing herself as a qualified Obstetrician in attending Mrs. Antonio Gomez of Alvarado, and was fined \$100 for violation of Section 17 of the state medical act.

***The Oakland Tribune, January 10, 1927***

**Sake Supply Seized:**

The source supply of sake, an intoxicating Japanese drink made from rice, which has been sold in "Little Tiajuana," is believed shut off as the result of a raid staged last night by county officers.

T. Kanaka, a Japanese was arrested in the raid and is charged with having operating the plant that provided the sake. More than 155 gallons of the drink, ready for delivery, was seized.

Kanaka was released on \$1,000 bail.

***The Oakland Tribune, January 13, 1927***

**Alvarado Crops:**

Various counties throughout California are bragging about their wonderful crops, states county supervisor Charles Heyer, but Alameda County ranks first in many instances. Mr. Heyer calls attention to the cauliflower grown in the Alvarado section and the early green peas that tickle the palate of eastern millionaires.

***The Hayward Review, January 15, 1927***

**Farmers Face Ruin:**

Farmers in lower Alameda County, below Alvarado and between the foothills and the bay are threatened with possible ruin from salt water intrusion unless the East Bay Water Company ceases its daily pumping of 10,000,000 gallons of fresh water from the Alvarado wells, representatives of the Alameda County Water District told the directors of the East Bay Municipal Utility District yesterday.

The fresh water table is now far below the level of the bay, the utility district was told, and many wells in the district have already been rendered useless by the intrusion of salt water into local wells. The water company does not see any short-term solution to the problem.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 15, 1927*

#### **Alvarado Dramatic Club:**

Rehearsals are being completed for the benefit play to be given by the Alvarado Dramatic Club for the Centerville Fire Department. The production will be staged in the Centerville Parish Hall on Wednesday evening, January 19<sup>th</sup>. The play, "Bashful Mr. Bobbs," a three-act farce-comedy, is under the supervision of Frank Jones.

The cast includes the following: Mrs. A. Flores, Mrs. M. Roderick, Miss Edith Mello, Miss Hazel Roderick, Miss Geraldine Mello, Miss Eva Costa, Miss Elizabeth Costa, S. Costa, H. Gomes and Nick Lewis.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 16, 1927*

#### **County Padlock 27 Buildings:**

Twenty-seven padlocks "hanging in a row" mark the last chapter of "Little Tiajuana" of Alvarado. Above each padlock is a printed notice that the building has been officially closed on the order of District Attorney Earl Warren.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 25, 1927*

#### **E.S. Harvey Jr. Dies:**

At Alvarado, 4:30 o'clock Thursday January 27<sup>th</sup>, E.S. Harvey Jr., son of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Harvey of Alvarado, nephew of F.C. Harvey of Alvarado, nephew of Mr. & Mrs. F.B. Granger Jr. of San Leandro, nephew of Misses Nancy and Flora McKeown, and grandson of Mrs. McKeown of Newark.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 29, 1927*

#### **Dance:**

A dance will be given at the Odd Fellows Hall Saturday night for the benefit of the local baseball team. Other dances are to be held prior the opening of the season so that the team may be outfitted with new uniforms and equipment.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 4, 1927*

#### **News Note:**

Peter Brown, a prominent farmer from the Alvarado district, was taken seriously ill recently and brought to the Hayward General Hospital, where he is now under the care of Dr. R. M. Manson of Hayward and Dr. Charles Law of Niles.

*The Hayward Review, February 7, 1927*

#### **John Lemos:**

Attorney Joseph M. Lemos and family of Tulare visited here recently with their father, John Lemos, a prominent Alvarado Real Estate Man. From here they went to San Francisco to transact legal business and will return to their home in Tulare.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 16, 1927*

#### **John Lemos Commits Suicide:**

John Lemos, prominent real estate dealer of Alvarado and Alviso committed suicide by jumping from his tank house on Monday. Mr. Lemos, who is financially comfortable, had been erratic and difficult to deal with at times. On Monday he became insane, imagining that some of his enemies

were in his home, he fired rifle shots into his house. Neighbors tried to calm him but finally he went to the top of his tank house and jumped off. He leaves a young wife and two small children.  
*The Hayward Review, February 24, 1927*

#### **Chamber of Commerce:**

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce will hold a banquet Monday night in connection with the annual election of officers. As Alvarado is in line with "the Big Parade" since the opening of the Dumbarton Bridge in Newark, members of the Chamber of Commerce intend to make an intensive effort during the summer to advertise the advantages of the city to strangers in its midst.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 13, 1927*

#### **Bank Break In:**

Investigation of an attempt to rob the Alvarado Bank is being made here by Sheriff Burton Becker. Three sides of a plate glass window were found to be cut, but it is believed the robber was frightened away. An effort is being made to trace the ownership of an auto found abandoned near the bank and was believed to have been used by the bandit.

The bank was held up and robbed of \$24,000 in 1920 and its President, August May, was wounded. The robbers were captured and all sentenced to San Quentin.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 18, 1927*

#### **T. P. Harvey Social:**

Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Perkins Harvey will be hosts at an open house party at their attractive country home in Alvarado, Sunday afternoon, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. A score of friends have been bidden and plan to motor out for the affair, which is to be in the nature of a colonial party.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 25, 1927*

#### **Holy Ghost Celebration:**

Mr. A. S. Mello, of Alvarado, has been made chairman of the committee in charge of preparations for the annual Holy Ghost celebration of Washington Township. The celebration will be held in May and a queen is to be elected during the early part of April. The committee, according to Mello, is meeting once a week and plans for the event taking form rapidly.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 25, 1927*

#### **Sugar:**

(COMMERCIAL ADVERTISEMENT)

A Southern Alameda County Industry...

'HOLLY SUGAR'

A proven product unsurpassed for all sugar uses!

We feel that we are part of the development of this part of the County and as such, we ask for your support. Hundreds are employed in operating and modernizing our plant near Alvarado.

\$1,100,000 has been invested in our Alvarado plant, giving these hundreds of men employment. Our field operations directly cause the employment of thousands more in working crops in the field. The equipment in our Alvarado plant keeps these men employed.

Our Alvarado plant brings money into Southern Alameda County from all over America. Why not use this superlative sugar? Ask your grocer for and be sure to get Holly Sugar.

HOLLY SUGAR CORP.

Alvarado, California

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 27, 1927*

#### **Chamber of Commerce:**

Purchase of a chemical engine and increasing the diameter of water mains in Alvarado from four inches to six inches will be discussed at a meeting to be held in the Alvarado Hotel on Monday night.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 8, 1927*

#### **Animal Posters:**

Prizes were awarded yesterday to schoolchildren of Alameda County for the "Be Kind to Animals" poster contest held countywide. Henry Morton Springer of Alvarado Grammar School was a winner.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 15, 1927*

#### **Washington Township Athletes:**

Athletes from the 13 grammar schools in Washington Township will participate in a track and field meet featuring the annual May Day celebration to be held on the grounds of Washington Union High School May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Baseball games will be played during the morning. A musical program will be given by pupils of the Alvarado, Decoto, Niles, Newark and Irvington schools at noon and the track and field meet will be staged on during the afternoon.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 1, 1927*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. & Mrs. J. R. Smith, of Stockton, and Mrs. R. Spain, of San Francisco, were guests at the home of Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Foley this week.

Mr. & Mrs. Tainton, former residents of Alvarado and now residing in Berkeley, were in town visiting old friends and renewing acquaintances.

George Edgar, former principal of the Alvarado Grammar School, addressed the local lodge of Odd Fellows this in celebration of the one hundredth and eighth anniversary of it's founding. Refreshments were served and cards were enjoyed.

Paving of the approaches of the new concrete bridge over the Alameda Creek on the Smith Street end of town has been completed and the bridge will soon be ready to receive traffic.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 1, 1927*

#### **Becker Raids Alvarado & Decoto:**

The first step toward cleaning out the gangs of Mexicans who are responsible for the unrest and the alleged liquor running and shootings in Southern Alameda County, was taken Saturday night, when a force of Becker's deputies and federal Immigration bureau raided gathering points in Alvarado and Decoto.

The raid netted one arrest in Decoto, Ralph Lopez, owner of a poolroom for possession of liquor; and one arrest in Alvarado, Susano Mantann, owner of a poolroom for possession of liquor.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 2, 1927*

#### **News Note:**

Mrs. L. Corim of Alvarado is the houseguest of Mrs. M. Ghiglione of San Lorenzo.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 8, 1927*

#### **Eagles:**

New officers of the local lodge of the Eagles will be installed at the next meeting of the organization to be held in the first week of June. The officers to be installed are: W. H. Costa, President; W. Dutra, Vice President; T. E. Amaral, Secretary; J. Menezes, Treasurer; Mr. J. Bernardo, Chaplain, A. Moffitt, Inner Guard; and Manuel Goularte, Outer Guard.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 13, 1927*

#### **Holy Ghost:**



Red, green, and yellow banners were fluttering above the streets of Alvarado yesterday as the community began to put on its gala attire for the annual Holy Ghost celebration, which will be held here Saturday and Sunday.

A merry-go-round and other carnival attractions are being assembled, while A. S. Mello and assistants were completing the arrangements for the parade, ball, fireworks exhibit, and other features of the annual event.

The celebration opens Saturday with a parade when the crown to be worn by Miss Madelyn Avila is brought from a private home to the hall, where the ceremonies will begin. During the evening there will be a ball at the Odd Fellows Hall, and then a fireworks exhibit.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 13, 1927*

### **Sugar:**

The Holly Sugar Corporation, which last year leased the Alvarado and Tracy factories of the Alameda Sugar Co., earned a net after depreciation of \$408,772 in the year ended March 31<sup>st</sup>, President A.E. Carlton reports.

The company manufactured 1,286,239 bags of sugar, against 1,333,239 in the preceding year and cut its carryover from 775,984 bags last year to 407,869 March 31<sup>st</sup> last. The Tracy factory produced 102,316 bags last year and 300,000 is estimated for this year from the planting, agricultural conditions in the Tracy district being very satisfactory.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 13, 1927*

### **Fire Department Equipment:**

The Alvarado Fire District as a result of the effort on the part of the local Chamber of Commerce to provide the community with more adequate fire protection has purchased a new chemical engine with 200 feet of chemical hose and 600 feet of water hose. A series of dances and other benefit entertainments are being arranged to help pay for the new equipment.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 13, 1927*

### **Poor Road:**

The Oakland office of the California State Automobile Association reports the paved road from Oakland to Milpitas, via Alvarado, is rough in spots between Mt. Eden and Alvarado, due to concrete being broken up by heavy trucks.

*The Modesto New Herald, Modesto California, May 15, 1927*

### **Country Club of Washington Township Play:**

The dramatic section of the Country Club presented the play "Much Too Sudden." Taking parts in the play from Alvarado were Mrs. Walter Robie, Mrs. August May and Mrs. Andrew Logan.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 10, 1927*

### **Little Tiajuana Burns:**

Little Tiajuana, known for years as the toughest place in Alameda County, is no more. It was destroyed in one of the most spectacular blazes in this part of California, with five Fire Departments fighting the flames. Only by prompt and efficient efforts, did fireman prevent the fire from spreading to an adjoining lumberyard, and for a time the entire Alvarado community was threatened.

The fire is believed to have been started by a group of hoboes who camped in one of the buildings last night. The entire two blocks of buildings comprising that notorious district had been padlocked several months ago, so that aside from hoboes they were unoccupied. The frame shacks proved to be kindling wood, and within a short time they began eating toward the Catholic Church and the Alvarado School across the street.

Little Tijuana obtained its name from the Mexican city where vice is given a free reign. This district consisted of two blocks of shacks in Alvarado, where the prohibition law was openly flouted, the scene of kidnappings and holdups and the refuge of lawbreakers. Violation of the law became so flagrant that authorities finally stepped in and padlocked the entire district, at the same time starting abatement proceeding against all of the buildings.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 4, 1927*

### **116-Mile Bicycle Race:**

The 116-mile bike race, longest of its kind ever held in the west and including riders of every nationality, will have sixty of the wheelman in California answering the starters gun on Sunday morning.

The race will start out of Oakland, going via San Leandro, Alvarado, Centerville and Warm Springs to San Jose. From the Garden City the racers will pedal through Palo Alto up to the Five Forks Road and past Woodside over the King's Mountains to Tunitas, thence back up the Pacific Ocean highway through Half Moon Bay, Rockaway Beach and past the Fleishacker Pool along the beach highway to the finishing point at Golden Gate Park Stadium, San Francisco.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 7, 1927*

### **Iver Koue Dies:**

The funeral of Iver O. Koue, formerly of Alvarado, aged 23 years, was held in Salinas.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 8, 1927*

### **Little Tiajuana:**

The Newark Fire Department members, seeing the blaze on Sunday evening, rushed to the fire thinking that it was close by, as no alarm had been sent in. They kept following the blaze and were surprised when they arrived at Alvarado to find that "Little Tiajuana" had partly burned down. Decoto, Niles, Centerville and Ed Rose's private fire equipment and the Newark Fire Department put the blaze out in a short time. Fifteen building were burned and two are left, one is badly damaged.

*The Hayward Review, July 8, 1927*

### **Marriage:**

Howard R. Decker, Martinez, 36

Orma J. Emery, Alvarado 26

*The Oakland Tribune, July 9, 1927*

### **Baseball:**

The Marine nine of the Mare Island Navy Yard will go to Alvarado on Sunday to play the Alvarado team. The residents of Alvarado have promised the Marines a royal time during their visit.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 10, 1927*

### **Water:**

The Spring Valley Water Co. has a big year this year, the biggest for a number years and it has chosen to pay back very liberally the water loaned to it from our water district during the shortages of 1920. The East Bay Water Company, which pumps from the district's underground supply at Alvarado, is pursuing a very different course. It also has the greatest water storage for years, in fact the greatest in its history. It owns only a few hundred acres of land at Alvarado but it is draining the water from the entire 50,000 acres of fine farmland in the Alameda County Water District. Although the Alameda District has kept up the underground supply for the past ten critical years and has made it possible for the East Bay Water Company to meet the growing needs of the Eastbay cities, the company in spite of its greatly increased storage, has refused to cut down its daily pumping at the Alvarado wells.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 13, 1927*

### **Around Town:**

Wesley Emery and Iver Hoerle are spending a vacation in Northern California and Southern Oregon. Emery returned recently from a trip through British Columbia. John Logan, local garage man, has returned from a vacation spent in Southern California. Theodore Harvey and wife are enjoying a motor trip through Northern California and are expected to return next week. Mr. & Mrs. Carton James, of Tracy, are visiting friends here this week. Mrs. Clarence Steinmetz, a former resident of Alvarado, was in town visiting friends.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 17, 1927*

#### **Road Closure:**

Local merchants are complaining of "quiet" business caused by the closing of the road from Mt. Eden to Alvarado for resurfacing and widening.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 17, 1927*

#### **Fire Department:**

Organization of a volunteer Fire Department is under way here. This has been contemplated since the new firefighting equipment was purchased several weeks ago but the recent destruction of "Little Tiajuana" by fire caused the fire commissioners of the district to name officers of the department earlier than had been expected.

The officers as announced by Will J. Emery, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners are: John H. Ralph, Chief; Jack Boyd, Captain; and Harry Shingler, Tony Santos and W. H. Costa, Lieutenants. The officers of the department are to recruit a force of 12 firemen and regular drills will begin in the near future.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 17, 1927*

#### **Change In Holly Sugar Ownership:**

It is reported that a new subsidiary of the Holly Sugar Corporation to be known as the Holly Western Sugar Company has been incorporated to take over the Alvarado and Tracy factories in Alameda County California from a Colorado Springs syndicate, which acquired the properties last fall.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 19, 1927*

#### **Alienation of Affection:**

What is declared to be the first Japanese alienation of affections suit ever brought in Alameda County is on file today. Zoichi Fujikawa is demanding \$25,000 from Masata Fujita, proprietor of the Alvarado Laundry at Alvarado, for stealing the affections of Mrs. Toshima Fujikawa. The complaint states that Fujita employed the Fujikawa's in his laundry in January 1926, and after gaining the confidence of Mrs. Fujikawa through flattery suddenly discharged the husband and ejected him from the plant.

Later Fujita is declared to have induced Mr. Fujikawa to institute divorce proceeding against her husband, and has since enticed her away and hidden her from the husband. In her divorce complaint she alleges cruelty.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 20, 1927*

#### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. Howard R. Decker, who were married here on July 7<sup>th</sup>, have returned from a honeymoon spent in the northern part of the state and will make their home in Martinez, the home of the groom. Mrs. Decker was the former Miss Orma Emery, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. O. J. Emery. The groom is 36 and the bride 27. James Hunter, who is stationed in Rio Vista for the Alameda Sugar Company, spent Sunday with his family here. Mrs. Anthony Vargas has returned from a visit with relatives in Fresno. Mrs. Vern Gordon, of Jersey, is visiting her parents, Mr. & Mrs. James Logan.

Mr. A. K. Logan spent a few days with his family who are enjoying a vacation in Yosemite this week.

Weston Emery and Iver Hoerle are on a motor trip through Northern California and Nevada. Mrs. Milton Munger and children have returned from an outing in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Miss Ruby Joyce is visiting friends in Sacramento.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 24, 1927*

### **Luncheon At Castlewood Country Club:**

The Misses Margaret Lowry of Centerville, Margaret Moore of Niles and Miss Logan of Alvarado and Crystal Plummer of Menlo Park motored to the Castlewood Country Club recently where they enjoyed a luncheon, celebrating the birthdays of Miss Lowry and Miss Moore.

*The Hayward Review, July 29, 1927*

### **Liquor Raids:**

"Mary, Mary, quite contrary."

"How does your garden grow?"

"With beer, wine & whisky too."

"In bottles all in a row."

That is the way the nursery rhyme should be brought up-to-date, according to the county dry squad and their opinion is based on a raid at the Alvarado Hotel last midnight.

There, beneath a well-kept garden marked with packages that had contained turnip, carrot, and other vegetable seeds, the officers report they found a cache of assorted liquors and now they are searching for the "gardener." The "planted" liquor was confiscated and destroyed.

And liquor was also in the vegetable kingdom at the Newark poolroom, operated by Louis Ruschin, the raiders reported. In a large basket of vegetables on the back porch they found whisky and white wine concealed, they said. Purchasers ordered turnips and got whisky they declared while an order of carrots brought forward wine. Ruschin was brought before Justice of the Peace A. J. Norris of Centerville and fined \$25.

A third cleverly concealed cache was discovered and Mrs. Catherine Pratali arrested in the Travelers Rest in Niles. When officers entered Mrs. Pratali denied having any liquor in the place but there was a long, old-fashioned hatpin lying on the kitchen table, and Mrs. Pratali had bobbed hair.

Taking the pin the sleuths began poking it into sundry holes in the wall and floor and finally a trapdoor in the floor swung open and a quantity of liquor was revealed. Mrs. Pratali was fined \$300 by Justice of the Peace J. A. Silva.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 30, 1927*

### **Classified Ad:**

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY:

Sandwich stand. Must be young and active; if couple interested:

Phone Alvarado 17

*The Oakland Tribune, July 30, 1927*

### **Around Town:**

T. S. Van Vleet, Principal of Alvarado Grammar School, has returned after spending several weeks on his ranch in Mendocino County.

Mr. A. Norris local Postmaster was a recent visitor in San Francisco.

Mr. & Mrs. Earl Hellwig are spending a vacation in Lake Tahoe and are expected to return the latter part of next week.

Mr. & Mrs. M. Jacinto of Sacramento, were the guests at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Jacinto.

Mrs. George Hellwig is spending a vacation with friends in Byron Hot Springs.

Mrs. Gladys Barton and Miss Theresa Sanchez of Martinez were guests of relatives here.  
*The Oakland Tribune, August 2, 1927*

**Marriage:**

Miss Helen Marie Howell will marry Louie William All next Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> in Niles. Miss Howell is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. D. R. Howell of Alvarado and has lived in Alvarado for four months, having moved here from Richmond. The groom is also from Alvarado.  
*The Hayward Review, August 9, 1927*

**Sugar:**

The Holly Sugar Corporation's Alvarado plant will open the first of October for a run of six or eight weeks. The sugar beet crop in this and nearby sections will be handled, according to J.A. Logan, field representative of the company. This is the first resumption of work in the plant since it closed three years ago.

The refinery may be put in operation for a short time every summer because of the extensive sugar beet raising in Washington Township and the possibilities of greater production. Repairs are being made to the old plant that is badly in need of remodeling because of its' three years of inactivity.

*The Hayward Review, August 9, 1927*

**Mule Skinner:**

Ben Connor, believed to be about 80 years old, was found wandering along the Hiway near Alvarado yesterday and was taken to the Alameda County Infirmary. In his prime, Connor was known as the champion "mule skinner" of the Mojave Desert, being the first man to drive a 20-mule team across the desert.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 11, 1927*

**Dance:**

A benefit dance will be given at the school auditorium here tonight for the Alvarado baseball team. Money raised will be used to help defray the cost of traveling expenses.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 13, 1927*

**Alvarado School Count Down:**

Registration of students at the opening of the Alvarado Grammar School, which opened its fall term this week, fell short of the total registration for the last term by 60 students, according to T. S. Van Vleet the school Principal. This is due to the prune harvest and the planting of cauliflower, which has taken many families out of the area. Within a month the average daily attendance is expected to climb even higher than the mark set last year.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 20, 1927*

**Baseball:**

The Boss of the Road club from San Francisco defeated Amaral Brothers Garage of Alvarado 4-2 before a large crowd at Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 23, 1927*

**Road Construction:**

Construction work is under way on the road between Alvarado and Centerville, reports the California State Automobile Association and this route is not recommended for pleasure driving. It is being kept open for the benefit of local residents.

*The Modesto New Herald, Modesto California, August 27, 1927*

**Alvarado Eagles:**

The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Alvarado Aerie of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles will be celebrated at the Parish Hall of the Centerville Eagles here tonight when the Centerville Lodge will give a benefit dance.

Funds raised through the dance will be placed in the social fund of the lodge and the greater part of it will be spent in preparations for the lodge's celebration to be held in Alvarado early in October, according to W. H. Costa, president of the aerie. At this time, officers from all sections of Central California will visit Alvarado for a class initiation.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 3, 1927*

#### **Sugar:**

The Holly Sugar Corporation mill in Alvarado will open about the first of October for a run of six or eight weeks. The sugar beet crop in this and nearby sections will be handled by the Alvarado mill, according to Andrew Logan. This is the first resumption of work since the plant was closed three years ago. Repairs are being made to the old plant that is quite badly in need of remodeling because of its three years of inactivity.

*The Hayward Review, September 9, 1927*

#### **Eagles:**

The Alvarado Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles gave a dance in the parish hall, Centerville, Saturday evening that was very largely attended. The Alvarado lodge soon expects to celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Alvarado Aerie when officers of the various lodges in California will be their guests.

*The Hayward Review, September 9, 1927*

#### **Scouts to Meet:**

Problems of the Boy Scouts in Washington Township will be discussed at a meeting of the scout leaders, representing every troop in Southern Alameda County, at a banquet to be held here September 27<sup>th</sup>, according to Henry Hopkins field representative of the Alameda District.

*The Hayward Review, September 9, 1927*

#### **Sugar:**

Approximately \$700,000 worth of business will be transacted in the six to eight week run of the Holly Sugar refinery in Alvarado, which is set to open on October 1<sup>st</sup>, for the first time since it closed three years ago. Two hundred men will be employed and about 30,000 tons of sugar beets will be used in the production of 100,000 bags of sugar, according to A.K. Logan, company field representative.

*The Hayward Review, September 13, 1927*

#### **San Mateo Bridge:**

Construction of a bridge over San Francisco Bay from San Mateo to Alvarado should begin immediately, according to the opinion of a group of San Mateo and Burlingame businessmen who appeared before the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors yesterday. This announcement followed the decision of the board of supervisors prohibiting the construction of a second bridge from Candlestick Point near South San Francisco to the East Bay side. The opinion is that the board's action removes the final obstacle in the path of the first proposed bridge.

*The Hayward Review, September 16, 1927*

#### **New Fire Hydrants:**

Five new fire hydrants in Alvarado, which would bring the total up to 12, are by being sought by the Alvarado Fire Department so that a blaze may be fought anywhere in town with present 1,200 feet of hose the department presently has. Members of the Fire Department are building their own chemical truck, which is being built on a fast six cylinder chassis recently purchased.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 20, 1927*

#### **Sugar – Tracy:**

It is reported that the Holly Sugar Corporation's plant capacity at Tracy has now been increased about 1,000 tons of beets every 24 hours. This is supplied from 8,000-acres of beets from the delta section with beets from several hundred more acres coming from the vicinity of Sacramento.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 21, 1927*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. George Hellwig entertained twelve of the matrons of 1920, Order of the Eastern Star at her home on Tuesday.

**Mrs. John H. Ralph** and Mrs. Walter Robie attended the Lindberg reception in Oakland this week.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church of Alvarado met on Thursday afternoon at the Odd Fellows Hall. Mrs. Ormond Emery, president, had charge.

**Mrs. John Ralph** will entertain the Birthday Club at her home on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. May Sr. was hostess of the Birthday Club at the new Alameda Hotel at a luncheon this past week.

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Costa visited relatives in Hayward this week.

The date is expected to be set soon for the 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary celebration of the Alvarado Eagles. Many officers from the Bay Area and Central California lodges are expected to be present.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 25, 1927*

**Baseball:**

The Amaral Brothers from Alvarado beat the Letterman's Hospital team from San Francisco 7-5 in a game played at Alvarado. Alvarado lined up with:

McCord, Third base

Jacinto, Catcher

Velosa, Center Field

Amaral, First Base

Mueller, Short Stop

Pimentel, Second Base

Dondero, Right Field

Lazzreal, Left Field

Degermark, Pitcher.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 27, 1927*

**Pleasanton Rebekah's:**

James Hunter of Alvarado was a hit at the Pleasanton Rebekah's for his fine performance of Scottish songs given during the program phase of the meeting.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 6, 1927*

**Lewis Rogers Dies:**

Lewis S. Rogers died in Alvarado, October 7<sup>th</sup>; he was 60 years old and a native of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 8, 1927*

**Baseball:**

In a game featuring the twirling of Degermark, Amaral Brothers Garage of Alvarado defeated Martinez 4-0. Degermark fanned 19 and walked only one.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 9, 1927*

**Band Instruments:**

The campaign to raise \$1,000 to purchase the heavier instruments for bands that are being organized in Washington Union High School and practically all of the grammar schools in Washington Township will be brought to Alvarado Monday night when a group from the music committee of Washington Township pays a visit to the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 9, 1927*

**Game Sanctuary:**

A.N. Kesterson, secretary of the Washington Township Sportsmen's Association, has announced that the proposed establishment of a game sanctuary on the Newark Flats is now practically

assured success. At present 5,000 acres of marshlands have been secured, and an additional 5,000 acres is expected to be offered to this group within the coming three months.

The Washington Township Sportsmen's Association is composed of approximately 100 members from Hayward, Niles, Centerville, Alvarado, Decoto, Newark, Mission San Jose and Irvington. The organization has been actively engaged upon the work of establishing a game sanctuary for a number of months past.

*The Hayward Review, October 13, 1927*

### **Road Reopened:**

The highway from Alvarado to San Lorenzo under re-construction for the past four months was opened to the public this week. Experts pronounce this highway one of the finest in the State of California.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 15, 1927*

### **Around Town:**

O. J. Emery and Jack Boyd represented the Alvarado **Chamber of Commerce** at a banquet given by the Decoto chamber this week.

Mrs. & Mrs. John Ralph visited Mr. Ralph's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Lowrie, in Fruitvale Thursday. Members of the **Ladies Aid Society** served dinner at the meeting of the Alvarado **Chamber of Commerce** Monday.

Mrs. August May was hostess at a meeting of the **Ladies Aid Society** at the Odd Fellows Hall this week. The organization is preparing for the church bazaar, which is to be held in the near future. Miss Mildred Nauert will entertain the Bridge Club at her home Wednesday afternoon.

A son was born to Mr. & Mrs. Joe Lewis at the Silva Maternity Home this week.

Rehearsals are under for a comedy to be presented by the Alvarado club early in November. The date will be announced next week according to Frank Jones the director.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 16, 1927*

### **Mrs. T. P. Harvey:**

Mrs. Theodore Perkins Harvey of Alvarado is planning to give a tea in November in honor of her sister, Miss Eleanor Galbraith, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Galbraith of Piedmont. The affair will be given at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco.

Mr. & Mrs. Harvey are building a new home of the English style of architecture, which will be situated on the Oakland San Jose Hiway just outside of Alvarado. An acre of ground will be devoted to the garden, which will be attractive with rustic bridges and pools. They will take possession of their new home sometime in January.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 17, 1927*

### **Alvarado Bazaar:**

October 29<sup>th</sup> was selected as the date for the annual bazaar of the Ladies Aid Society at a meeting at a meeting the society held in the Odd Fellows Hall yesterday. The ladies have been sewing for the event for several months and the needlework booth is expected to be a feature of the bazaar.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 20, 1927*

### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. William Jameson and daughter, Penelope, and Syd Harvard of Oakland, were recent visitors at the home of **Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Roland**.

M. A. Crowther and sons, Ernest and Dr. D. Crowther, and daughter Mrs. Ricker of Oakland, were guests at **the Roland home** this week.

The grounds in front of Alvarado Grammar School have been plowed and prepared for the planting of lawn and ornamental shrubs.

Mrs. James Hunter has as her guests for the week Mrs. Lamb and Mrs. Shepherd of Montreal.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 23, 1927*



### **Baseball**

The Alvarado Amaral Brothers, by defeating the El Cerrito Merchants 6 to 4, took sole possession of first place in the Maxwell Hardware Mid-Winter League class AAA. Ned Davis, second baseman for Alvarado hit a long triple with the bases loaded beside slapping out a double and a single, Degermark pitched for the winners, scattering seven hits.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 24, 1927*

### **Baseball:**

By virtue of their win over the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Market by a score of 2 to 1 the Amaral Brothers of Alvarado retained their top spot in the Maxwell Hardware Mid-Winter League, class AAA. The game featured the pitching of Duncan and Degermark for Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 7, 1927*

### **Little Tiajuana:**

Operatives of the Sheriff's Office led raids on Hayward and Mt. Eden, and on a tip that "Little Tiajuana" was reopening in Alvarado, the raiders then blanketed Alvarado, which netted some vagrants, some persons with liquor on them and some illegal aliens. But the town was relatively quiet.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 7, 1927*

### **Alvarado Drama Club:**

"Family Disturbance" a three-act comedy, is to be presented by the Alvarado Dramatic Club, November 16<sup>th</sup>, as a benefit for St. Anne's Church. The production that will be staged in the new auditorium of the **Alvarado Grammar School** is under the direction of Frank Jones from Newark.

Rehearsals have been under way for two months and Jones believes the characters are so well drilled in their parts that their work will have the quality of professionals.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 8, 1927*

### **School Landscaping:**

Concrete curbs along the circular driveway in front of the **Alvarado Grammar School** have been completed and the board of trustees has called for bids on a sprinkler system, which will irrigate the lawn now being made. Additional shrubs are to be planted in front of the building.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 8, 1927*

### **Around Town:**

St. Anne's Church held their annual bazaar at the Odd Fellows Hall here Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Costa are making their home in East Oakland for the winter months, but are expected to return here next spring.

T. Wildner and family have moved here from Hayward.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 13, 1927*

### **Scout Leader Meeting:**

Scout leaders of Washington and Eden Townships will hold their monthly meeting the Alvarado Hotel Tuesday night, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, according to the announcement sent out by J. R. Stevenson, Secretary. Dinner will be served and reservations are being made through the local chairman or secretary.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 18, 1927*

### **Cabbage:**

The alchemy of rich Alvarado soil, plenteous sunshine and devotion of business has at last produced a bigger and better cabbage. The gardens of the Cotella Company produced a sweet single cabbage that tipped the scales at 30½ pounds, 48 inches in girth, 14 inches in diameter, and 44 inches from top to bottom.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 23, 1927*

**Around Town:**

**Mrs. W. S. Robie** and Mrs. Corrine Munger were hostesses at a pre-nuptial shower at the Munger home this week. Miss Ruth Gallagher, a teacher at the Alvarado Grammar School was the honoree. About 25 ladies attended.

Mrs. Marion Simpson and her sister Mrs. C. L. Kramer, of Oakland were guests of local friends this week.

A party of friends and relatives from Crockett, Berkeley and Newark were entertained at the **W. S. Robie** home Thanksgiving.

Mrs. J. Mendonca is reported to be seriously ill in a San Jose Hospital.

Mr. A. J. Gage has been appointed new scoutmaster of the newly reorganized Alvarado Troop. The boys expect to make a trip to the Chabot Observatory in December with the Irvington Troop.  
*The Oakland Tribune, November 27, 1927*

**Fire Department:**

Closer cooperation between the fire departments in Washington Township has been assured through a meeting of the fire chiefs at which time the territory was divided into districts and an arrangement reached as to the order in which the departments would answer alarms in case the blaze gets beyond the control of the department answering the first alarm.

The meeting was held in Newark, out of respect for Louis Ruschin, the oldest chief in point of service in the township. The other chiefs attending the meeting were: Roland Bendel, Decoto; Jack Boyd, Alvarado; Fred Rodgers, Centerville; and H.B. Rathbun, Niles.

*The Hayward Review, December 2, 1927*

**Alvarado Dramatic Club:**

The Alvarado Dramatic Club will give its play "Family Disturbance," at the Newark School auditorium, Friday evening, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, for the benefit of St. Edward's Church. A large rug will be awarded during the evening and the proceeds will go into the church fund.

The cast of "Family Disturbance:"

Harry Harrison, a henpecked husband  
Mrs. Dorothea Harrison, who does the pecking  
June, their daughter  
Nellie Harrison, Mr. Harrison's cousin  
Joshua Judson, Mr. Harrison's uncle from the country  
Nora McBride, the Irish cook  
Pat O'Donnelly, in love with the cook  
Elmer Slimoroy, June's sweetheart  
Count Vallencia, an imported product

V. Langdon  
Mrs. Annie Flores  
Miss Hazel Roderick  
Miss Mello  
Henry Gomes  
Mrs. Mayme Roderick  
N. Lewis  
C. Flores  
G. Gomes

Director of the production is Frank Jones.

*The Hayward Review, December 2, 1927*

**Ode to the Sugar Mill:**

Half hidden in the leafy shadow  
Where whispering willows hover near  
Still stands the mill at Alvarado  
Grinding on from year to year

From year to year in track well beaten  
In modesty it serves mankind  
Its only purpose is to sweeten  
Its only mission is to grind

*The Oakland Tribune, December 5, 1927*

**Mrs. T. P. Harvey:**

Miss Helen Snyder and Miss Eviva Johnson will entertain at a luncheon and theater party at the Women's Club across the Bay next Saturday afternoon. The guest of honor will be Miss Eleanor Galbraith, younger sister of Mrs. T. P. Harvey, who will leave for Paris soon.

Miss Galbraith was the guest of honor last Saturday afternoon at a tea for half a hundred people hosted by Mrs. T. P. Harvey, of Alvarado, in honor of her younger sister which was held at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 6, 1927*

**Baseball:**

The Johnson Oil Burners shaded the Amaral Brothers of Alvarado 4-3.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 7, 1927*

**News Note:**

Friends of John Ralph of Alvarado will be sorry to learn that he is quite ill in the Fabiola Hospital and was operated on Monday. At last report he was doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

*The Hayward Review, December 9, 1927*

**Road Construction:**

Motorists using the Oakland San Jose Highway should drive carefully through Mt. Eden to Alvarado advises the Touring Bureau of the California State Automobile Association. Trucks are hauling dirt along this section for shoulder construction. Extensive grading work is under way between Warm Springs and Milpitas in preparation for widening and resurfacing.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 11, 1927*

**Road Improvement:**

The cry of the motorist for better approaches to the Dumbarton Bridge ([Newark](#)) has been answered by the bridge officials with the paving and opening of the San Lorenzo to Alvarado highway, and the smoothing out of the five miles of Dumbarton Bridge approaches. A three-inch layer of oiled Macadam has been laid on the approaches.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 11, 1927*

**News Note:**

Mrs. W. S. Robie entertained recently in the Memorial Hall in Centerville for Mrs. F. Robinson of Centerville who will leave shortly after the holidays to make her new home in Los Angeles. Several tables of bridge and refreshment were enjoyed.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 18, 1927*

**Baseball:**

Alvarado fans will see the Amaral's, leaders of the Maxwell League, in action against the National Ice and Cold Storage nine at 2:00 p.m.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 1, 1928*

**Rebekah Drill Team:**

John T. Carren, local agent for the *Oakland Tribune*, and active lodge man, has been selected to drill the Rebekah Drill Team of the Alvarado district. Carren has already started his drilling program, with headquarters at the Alvarado Rebekah Lodge. The team will officiate at installation ceremonies for lodges at Alvarado, Irvington, Livermore, Pleasanton and Niles. Uniformed and comprising twenty-four women, the team will be an impressive and proficient body when the first installation program will take place late this month, Carren said today.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 6, 1928*

**Around Town:**

Plans for its spring campaign will be outlined at the meeting for the Alvarado PTA to be held Monday afternoon, according to **Mrs. W.S. Robie**, the president.

Miss Celeste Bunker of Niles, spent several days with **Mrs. W.S. Robie.**

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Costa, former residents of Alvarado, were recent visitors at the home of his father. They are presently residing in Sacramento.

Mr. & Mrs. August May entertained a number of friends and relatives at their home over the weekend.

F.A. Mueller and family of Newark, Mr. & Mrs. W.R. Robie of Crockett, Mrs. Forbes of Berkeley and Mrs. William Robinson of Los Angeles were guests at a recent dinner at the home of Mr. **& Mrs.**

**Walter S. Robie.**

*The Oakland Tribune, January 8, 1928*

#### **Rebekah's:**

The Rebekah's are planning for their installation on January 20<sup>th</sup>. District Deputy Grass will act as installing officer, assisted by a team from the Alvarado lodge.

*The Hayward Review, January 13, 1928*

#### **IIOF:**

A joint installation of the ALvarado and Niles IIOF Lodges is to be held in Niles at the Odd Fellows Hall on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

*The Hayward Review, January 13, 1928*

#### **Lawrence Silva in Auto Accident:**

Lawrence Silva of Alvarado narrowly escaped injury when his automobile was hurled through a bridge on the San Jose cutoff by another machine. The car broke a twelve by twelve timber then performed a somersault, according to Silva.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 13, 1928*

#### **Real Progress Coming:**

Industry throughout the county took a big step forward during 1927 and will continue to prosper during 1928. New factories are locating in the county every week, not only in the metropolitan area but all along the Bay Shore to the Contra Costa County line. The large salt works in the southern end of the county ([Alvarado/Newark](#)) is one of the larges in the world. The sugar beet factory at Alvarado and the large pickle works in Hayward all rank among the largest and best in the country.

*The Hayward Review, January 17, 1928*

#### **Alvarado Man Electrocuted:**

Johannes Ebeling, 28, an employee of the California Salt Works near Alvarado, was killed almost instantly early this morning when in a manner undetermined he received an electric shock from a large motor he was attempting to start.

Ebeling, a native of Germany, was unmarried and lived in a cottage furnished by the salt company. His first duty in the morning was to start the motor, usually about 6 o'clock. The remainder of the men arrived at 8 o'clock, and it is presumed that the man had been dead for approximately two hours when his body was found by workmen arriving at the room where Ebeling was employed as a vacuum pan operator.

*The Hayward Review, January 20, 1928*

#### **Bootleg Dog in Custody:**

Alameda County's first bootleg dog is in jail! He was arrested today in Alvarado, along with his master, John Gomez, by the county raiding squad from the sheriff's office.

The squad entered Gomez' soft drink place just as Gomez gave a shrill whistle. In trotted the dog with a basket in its mouth, in which was a pint of brandy for the customer. The dog's collar was fastened to a wire, which connected the bar with a kennel, by a ring. This was to keep the dog on

the wire so as to not escape. A search of the kennel revealed numerous baskets all ready for delivery. The dog stayed in the kennel and brought in a load when Gomez whistled.

Gomez has been booked for sale and possession and the dog is held on general principles.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 11, 1928*

### **Triple Birthday Party:**

On February 4<sup>th</sup> a triple birthday party was held in honor of Mrs. Mary Cardoza, Manuel Morreira and Daniel Tavares, at the home of Mr. & Mrs. J. Nunes of Irvington. The evening was delightfully spent in dance and playing cards. A lunch was served, with display of three birthday cakes on the table.

Those in attendance from Alvarado included: Mr. & Mrs. M. Silveira, Diolinda Silveira, Mamie Silveira, Joe Soares, Joe Mendes and Tony Escobar.

*The Hayward Review, February 17, 1928*

### **Around Town:**

Mrs. J. H. Langdon is spending a few days with her mother in Sacramento.

George Confield of San Francisco was a recent guest at the home of Mr. & Mrs. James Logan.

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce has joined Centerville in an effort to bring the majority of the Oakland-San Jose highway traffic through Alvarado.

Carl Emil Peterson will give an illustrated lecture on South America at the IOOF Hall Monday night.

Mrs. H. Bartlett entertained the Bridge Club at her home Thursday afternoon.

Mr. & Mrs. T.P. Harvey are expected to return early next week from their honeymoon spent in the southern part of the state.

Despite the shortage of rain here this winter the spinach crop is unusually heavy and is bringing the growers a good profit.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 18, 1928*

### **Baseball:**

The Alvarado baseball nine defeated the Leslie Salt team 13 to 1. Degermark and Hansen twirled for the winners.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 20, 1928*

### **Flood:**

Continued rains in the Calaveras Valley yesterday sent the Alameda Creek out of its banks at near Alvarado and flooded several large ranches. The Alvarado-Newark Road ([Marsh Road](#)) was under water for more than a mile and was closed to traffic.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 28, 1928*

### **Around Town:**

Many friends from Alvarado attended the reception given this week at the home of F.B. Granger in Broadmoor in honor of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Farley B. Granger Jr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Harvey.

Frederick Muller visited at the home of his grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. W.S. Robie.

Mrs. W.S. Robie and her daughter, Mrs. Frederick Muller, are on a motor trip to Los Angeles and other points south.

Mrs. George Hellwig has returned from a visit to Los Angeles.

Mrs. Edwin Richmond was a recent visitor to Oakland.

Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Harvey have recently moved into their new home on ([Alvarado](#)) Centerville Road.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 8, 1928*

### **Alvarado School:**

The Alvarado School hosted a program in observance of National Education Week on Tuesday. Quite an attendance from other grammar schools was seen.

*The Hayward Review, April 27, 1928*

#### **Natural Gas:**

Having been granted a certificate of public necessity and convenience, the Pacific Gas & Electric Company will start shortly to extend gas mains from the end of the present gas system south of Hayward to serve Decoto, Niles, Centerville and Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 29, 1928*

#### **Mrs. Albert Norris:**

Mrs. Albert Norris, of Alvarado, died in her home Thursday at age 71. She is the wife of Albert Norris long time Alvarado Postmaster and mother to Mrs. W.R. (Alma) Robie of Crockett.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 1, 1928*

#### **May Day Baseball Game:**

Girls, as well as boys, will compete in the games and athletic events, which feature the annual May Day field meet for grammar school pupils to be held at Washington Union High School grounds tomorrow. The girl's baseball championship of Washington Township will be at stake. The Alvarado team, the titleholder, will meet a team of girls from the Irvington Grammar School.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 3, 1928*

#### **Baseball:**

Young Fred Muller Jr., who plays second base and shortstop for Newark, is doing wonderful work with the bat, knocking out two-baggers and home runs, and is credited with only two errors since the season opened. Muller is a member of the Pacific Coast League's Seattle team and is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Muller of Newark and the grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Walter S. Robie of Alvarado.

*The Hayward Review, May 4, 1928*

#### **Alvarado Fireworks:**

A written request was received by the Board of Supervisors from The Alvarado Holy Ghost Festival Committee asking permission to display fireworks at Alvarado on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Permission was granted.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 4, 1928*

#### **Ruby Joyce Engaged:**

Miss Ruby Joyce was the honoree at a dinner given by the ladies of the faculty of Washington Union High School on Wednesday evening. Miss Joyce has just announced her engagement to George Harvey of Alvarado.

*The Hayward Review, May 11, 1928*

#### **Baseball:**

Members of the Irvington Grammar School girls' baseball team resent reports that they won the championship of Southern Alameda County from Alvarado by challenging the team when it had been out of practice for this year. To show that they are entitled to the championship the girls have hurled a challenge at all grammar schools in the township and are determined to be "Fighting champions."

An effort was being made this week to arrange a return game with the Alvarado team, but if this cannot be arranged the girls say that they will begin the next season by renewing the challenge.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 20, 1928*

#### **Baseball:**

Local baseball enthusiasts today expressed approval of the proposed organization of a Southern Alameda County league to include the teams from San Leandro, Hayward, Newark, Ashland, Niles, Alvarado, Pleasanton and other communities that are interested. According to tentative plans the league will start activities in June and continue throughout the summer.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 20, 1928*

**Alvarado Hotel Fire:**

Prompt action on the part of the Alvarado Fire Department saved the business section of the city from destruction yesterday when a fire started in the kitchen of the Alvarado Hotel. The blaze had gained considerable headway before it was discovered and damaged the building to the extent of approximately \$3,000 before it could be extinguished.

The fire appeared so serious for a time that the departments from Decoto and Centerville were called, but the blaze was under control by the time they reached the scene.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 24, 1928*

**Rebekah's:**

Mrs. Carrie Hutchins, President of the Rebekah Assembly of California, will make here first official visit to Alvarado Rebekah Lodge No. 142, IOOF, next Friday evening.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 30, 1928*

**Tea With Mrs. T.P. Harvey:**

Mrs. Theodore Perkins Harvey entertained this week with a tea in honor of Miss Ruby Joyce, a bride-to-be. The honoree received a box of linen. Those present were Mrs. Walter Robie, Mrs. Andrew Logan, Mrs. John Ralph, Mrs. Earl Hellwig, Mrs. August May, Mrs. Fred Harvey, Mrs. Milton Munger, Mrs. Morton Springer, **Mrs. Edwin Richmond**, Mrs. Everett Richmond, Mrs. Percy Brown, Mrs. Emma Hellwig and Mrs. Harold Bartlett. Also attending the tea were Miss Mildred Nauert, Jeannette Richmond, Flora McKeown, Rosalie Joyce and Master Frederick Joyce.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 3, 1928*

**Around Town:**

**Mrs. E. Richmond** entertained the Birthday Club on Thursday.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Alvarado entertained the Ladies' Aid Society of Centerville at Alvarado Hall Wednesday at a luncheon.

"Spring Glow" an operetta will be given at the Alvarado Grammar School on the evening of June 6<sup>th</sup> at 8 o'clock. Judge Homer R. Spence of Oakland will give the address of the evening and Miss Celeste Bunker will distribute the diplomas to the graduating class.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 3, 1928*

**Ralph Robbed:**

A. Salazar, of Alvarado, was sent to the county jail for six months by Justice of the Peace J.A. Silva yesterday, after he had admitted to the theft of a bolt of silk and four sweaters from John Ralph, Alvarado merchant. He was unable to pay a \$100 fine.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 27, 1928*

**Alameda County Beauty Contest:**

Thirty-one Alameda County girls have enlisted in the race to become the queen of the Alameda County Farm Products show. Entered from Alvarado are Miss Rita Reveril and Miss Hazel Roderick.

*The Hayward Review, July 3, 1928*

**Jury Fails to Convict:**

A Washington Township jury yesterday in the court of Justice of the Peace J. A. Silva disagreed with only two favoring conviction in the case of Augustine Rios of Alvarado who was charged with possessing liquor. Judge Silva did not fix a date for a new trial and the case is expected to be dropped.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 18, 1928*

**Tony Mello:**

Tony Mello, Alvarado businessman and President of the local Holy Ghost Association, suffered a broken nose and cuts and bruises about the legs when his car overturned on the road leading from Alvarado to the salt works last night.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 25, 1928*

**Women's Baseball:**

A semi-professional team composed of girls has been organized in Alvarado and is seeking games with other girl teams in nearby towns and industrial plants. Another team is being organized at the International Wood Products Company at Niles. The manager of the Alvarado team is Genevieve Davilla. The other players are: Edith Mello, Bernice Boyd, Helen Silva, Cecelia Andrade, Madelyn Avila, Agnes Silva and Helen Baird.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 31, 1928*

**Fire Department:**

Chemical tanks installed on fire truck here.

*The San Mateo Times, San Mateo California, August 10, 1928*

**Alviso Grammar Opens:**

Alviso Grammar School opened on August 20, 1928. Ms. Elsie Madruga will be the teacher for the 6th, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class. Listed below are the student's names, ages, and the names of their parents.

<u>Student Name:</u>	<u>Age:</u>	<u>Parent's Name:</u>
Amaral, Miss Jewel	13	Amaral, Anthony
Bettencourt, Cecil	10	Bettencourt, Anthony A.
Dias, Vincent Jr.	11	Dias, Vincent
Duarte, Tony	13	Duarte, Martin
Egashira, Iwao	11	Egashira, Rikiza
Faria, Miss Madeline	12	Faria, Manuel S.
George, Frank	10	
Hendrick, Miss Irene	13	Hendrick, Joe
Joseph, Louis Jr.	11	Joseph, Louis
Lebon, Miss Pauline	11	Lebon, Mrs. Margaret
Martin, Mrs. Mamie	15	Martin, Mrs. Mary
Matsuzaki, Miss Shizuko	11	Matsuzaki, Yokichi
Mazza, Alfred	14	Virgano, Mrs. P.
Mello, Miss Dorothy	14	Martin, Manuel S.
Orsetti, Italo	13	Orsetti, Virgil
Orsetti, Miss Esther		
Orsetti, Miss Letizia	15	Orsetti, Virgil
Pierce, Miss Mariel	12	Pierce, Manuel
Prina, Manuel	14	Prina, Mrs. D.G.
Roderick, Anthony	10	Roderick, Joe D.
Roderick, Miss Ilean	13	Roderick, Manuel S.
Rogers, Miss Elsie	14	Rogers, Manuel
Rose, Frank	15	Rose, Manuel P.
Silva, Joseph	11	Silva, John
Souza, Miss Evangeline	15	Souza, Joe
Tsuno, Isao	13	
Videll, Miss Alice	15	Videll, Manuel

*Alviso School Class Listing, August 20, 1928*

**Former Alvarado Resident Dies:**

Funeral services will be held for Albert Smithurst who passed away at his home in Oakland, Wednesday morning at 11:00 o'clock. Mr. Smithurst had been about 50 years ago in Alvarado and spent almost his whole life in California.

*The Hayward Review, August 31, 1928*

**Former Alvarado Resident Dies:**



Harold Parker Dyer, of Saratoga California, died last Sunday. Born in Alvarado he is the husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Ralph Dyer.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 4, 1928*

### **Neighborhood Stores, Inc.**

(Paid Advertisement)

The largest California Grocery Organization of its kind is ready to serve you with 800 members, of which 150 are in the East Bay territory, with a potential membership of over 1000 throughout the West. Neighborhood Stores, Inc., offers you every day in the week the lowest prices consistent with the highest quality, with many extra specials on Fridays and Saturdays. It will pay you to visit the nearest store and see for your self the new savings offered by these, your own neighborhood grocers, with whom you have been trading for years. Visit the store in your neighborhood. In Alvarado your grocers are:

G. Cosso

A. A. Lee

*The Oakland Tribune, September 7, 1928*

### **Mother Saves Child:**

Mrs. Brigida de Paredes, 35, of Alvarado, will suffer no permanent injuries from her successful attempt to protect her four-year old daughter, Maria from crushing when their machine overturned on the Niles Highway (today's Mission Boulevard) near Hayward. This was the report received by Constable A.J. Cunha from Alvarado. Mrs. Paredes has been confined to her home from shock, back sprain and lacerations of the face and hands. The child escaped with only a cut on the leg. Mrs. Paredes so braced herself that the slowly settling auto was prevented from resting on the body of the child. The pair was extricated by passing motorists after they had been pinned down for more than ten minutes.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 7, 1928*

### **Alvarado School:**

Efforts are being made at the Alvarado Grammar School to specialize in vocal music this year. To that end a specialist has been engaged for the department. She is one of the new teachers this year, Miss Margaret McGrath. She will handle the Glee Club and choral music.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 18, 1928*

### **Alvarado School:**

School authorities have completed the installation of an automatic fire alarm signal here. The building can now be automatically emptied in a few minutes. Regular fire drills are held and safety first in the handling of the crowds is practiced periodically.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 27, 1928*

### **Sugar:**

With an expected season's run of 70,000 tons of beets, the Alvarado sugar factory of the Holly Sugar Company is now in the second week of operation. Day and night shifts are being run in the plant employing about 150 persons and recording a monthly payroll of about \$25,000.

*The Hayward Review, September 28, 1928*

### **Traveling Gavel:**

The "Traveling Gavel" will be presented by Porter Lodge, No. 272, IOOF, to Crusade Lodge, No. 93 of Alvarado next Tuesday night.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 29, 1928*

### **William Smith Dies:**

William Smith, of Alvarado, who died at his brother's home in Alameda, was buried at St. Mary's Cemetery Saturday morning.

*The Hayward Review, October 9, 1928*

**Progressive Dinner:**

Ten Washington Union High School students held a progressive dinner Friday at the homes of the students. The salad course was at the home of Miss Gertrude Ellsworth, with Miss Ellsworth and Miss Mary Sullivan as hostesses. Miss Elizabeth Shinn and Miss Lois Abbott were hostesses at the Shinn residence for the meat course, then the party made a trip to Alvarado where Miss Rosalie Joyce served desert. The evening was spent in games and dancing.

*The Hayward Review, November 30, 1928*

**Thanksgiving Dance:**

The annual dance given by the Washington Union High School Student Body at the Alvarado Grammar School Saturday evening was a big success.

*The Hayward Review, December 7, 1928*

**Native Sons:**

There will be a meeting held in Alvarado on Friday to determine if the Native Sons of the Golden West parlors in Alvarado, Niles and Centerville will combine to form one Washington Township Parlor. Although the three parlors are relatively small in members they are all prosperous parlors. Mt. Eden will also join in the Friday meeting.

*The Hayward Review, December 7, 1928*

**Classified Ad:**

MISCELLANEOUS:

For Exchange: 1921 Hudson Speedster in exchange for good shotgun or anything of equal value.

Phone: Alvarado 11

*The Hayward Review, December 18, 1928*

**Vegetables:**

The recent cold weather has held down the volume of the cauliflower harvest, although a few carloads have been shipped to the coast and the eastern markets in the past two weeks. Alvarado, Hayward and Santa Cruz are the chief production and shipping centers for this vegetable in California.

*The Hayward Review, December 21, 1928*

**Darneal Radio:**

[\(Commercial Advertisement\):](#)

The Darneal Radio Shop, 578 Castro Street, has been given an exclusive franchise as Hayward's dealer in Kolster Radio sets. The territory includes Alvarado and Centerville. The Kolster set is a leading standard make, descriptions of which can be found in the Darneal Advertisement on this page.

*The Hayward Review, December 21, 1928*

**Laborer Doped:**

Alberto Bernal, Alvarado laborer, is being sought by Constables Manuel J. Bernardo and Tom Silva following the drugging and robbing of D. Lopez, local ranch hand, of a leather coat and more than \$400. Lopez charges that Bernal gave him a drink of doped liquor and robbed him while he was in a stupor.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 2, 1929*

**Sugar:**

Arthur Schumacher, chief chemist at the Alvarado Holly Sugar Refinery, is occupying the winter months by conducting germination tests on 80,000 pounds of sugar beet seed, one carload of which is sitting on the siding at the factory. His task is to take samples from each sack of 110 pounds and plant them in a laboratory cabinet so arranged that the temperature could be controlled. When the seed has had time to sprout he calculates what proportion of the seed in the shipment will germinate in the field. The seed comes from company fields in southern California.

*The Hayward Review, January 5, 1929*

**Baseball:**

Chanslor & Lyons are enjoying a two-game lead in the Southern Alameda County League and with only three more games left on the schedule for them; they appear to be just about "in" for the flag honors. Leslie Salts of Alvarado are in second place and have five games remaining on their schedule.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 5, 1929*

**Around Town:**

Manuel Goularte and Miss Sophie Oliveria will be married at St. Anne's Church in Alvarado Sunday afternoon. Father Casey will perform the ceremony.

Mrs. R. R. Fagan has returned from a visit to Morgan Hill.

Larry Bettencourt who plays baseball for the St. Louis Browns, an American League major ball team, will leave February 20<sup>th</sup> for training camp in Florida.

The Hayward High School Orchestra will play a concert at the Alvarado Grammar School Monday afternoon.

Fred Mueller will play baseball with the Seattle team ([Pacific Coast League AAA](#)) this season and will leave February 15<sup>th</sup> for training camp near Los Angles.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 20, 1929*

**Peter Gordon Lowrie Dies:**

Mr. Peter Gordon Lowrie, 77, passed away Tuesday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Ralph in Alvarado. He is survived by his wife Isabelle; they had been married 52 years. He was a retired butcher and came to California when he was 14 years old.

*The Hayward Review, January 22, 1929*

**Decoto Shacks:**

Incensed by the further removal from Hayward to Decoto of shacks that were condemned by the building inspector as unfit for human habitation, the Decoto Chamber of Commerce is renewing its fight to have the state housing inspector given jurisdiction over unincorporated towns in Alameda County. A petition requesting this protection from the Board of Supervisors was presented and approved by the commerce bodies in Niles, Centerville and Alvarado last fall. The buildings moved are so small they can be transported on trucks.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 22, 1929*

**Rev. Sawin Dies:**

Word has been received of memorial services, held January 13, 1929, by the residents of Loyalton and Sierra Valley to honor the memory of the late Rev. A.G. Sawin. Rev. Sawin, who had been making his home with C.H. Langdon of Alvarado the past year, passed away on December 25, 1928 and was buried in the Masonic Cemetery in San Jose.

*The Hayward Review, January 25, 1929*

**Stolen Clothes:**

Officers now have a clue that may lead to the arrest of the clothesline thief who has been conducting raids on back yards throughout Washington Township since early in December. Manuel Silveira, of Alvarado, encountered a skunk while changing a tire on his car between Alvarado & Newark early last night. When he reached home he hung all of the clothing he had been wearing on a clothesline to air out. A few hours later he was aroused by the barking of his dog and discovered the thief had taken the clothing, aroma and all.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 29, 1929*

**Bill Degermark Signs With Seals:**

Bill Degermark, pitcher for the Leslie Salts of Alvarado has signed a contract to play for the San Francisco Seals of the Pacific Coast League. He will report to their training camp in Monterey on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Bill had formerly played for the Amaral Brothers baseball team in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 31, 1929*

**Sanitation Urged:**

Peter Decoto and John Bendel, both of Decoto, have endorsed a petition that asks the county board of supervisors to pass an ordinance creating a housing zone, under which undesirable and unsanitary residences may be condemned or their owners obliged to install modern sanitary apparatus.

The petitioners pointed out crowded and unsanitary conditions that exist in certain parts of Niles, Centerville, Decoto and Alvarado.

*The Hayward Review, February 5, 1929*

#### **Marriage:**

Mutanoshin Motozaki, 29, Alvarado

Sumiko Matsumoto, 16, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, February 6, 1929*

#### **Baseball:**

Before one of the largest crowds ever to witness a ball game in Southern Alameda County, Pleasanton nipped the Leslie Salts of Alvarado 5-4 to create a three-way tie for first place.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 11, 1929*

#### **Albert Norris Honored:**

**Albert Norris**, Alvarado Postmaster and one of the most picturesque of Washington Township's old-timers has been presented with a gold emblem by the members of Alameda Lodge, F. & A. M. on the occasion of the fifty-seventh anniversary of his joining the Masonic Order. Norris was a schoolteacher, Justice of the Peace and businessman during the gold rush days.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 12, 1929*

#### **Mrs. Robie to Attend Conference:**

Mrs. Walter Robie, President of the Country Club of Washington Township, will represent the organization at a meeting of the Rockridge Women's Club to be held in Oakland Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. The meeting is to be attended by practically every woman's club in the county and it will feature a discussion of problems facing women's clubs.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 12, 1929*

#### **Rooftop Guide for Airplanes:**

The roof of the IOOF building here is being considered by the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce as the location of an aerial guide sign which will advertise Alvarado to occupants of airplanes passing over the town between valley points and the airports at Oakland and San Francisco, according to

**Albert Norris, Postmaster of Alvarado who is sponsoring the idea.**

Alvarado is on a well-traveled commercial airway and many planes pass over it with sightseers from the Oakland Airport. The businessmen feel the proposed sign would do much to advertise the town and at the same time serve to keep flyers on their course.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 12, 1929*

#### **Baseball:**

The Southern Alameda County Baseball League will draw to a close if plans arranged by the league directors are carried out. Chanslor & Lyon Tires are scheduled to play Pleasanton at 10:30 this morning in the first game of the day, the winner to play at Alvarado to determine the title at 2:30.

"Babe" Pieretti was declared eligible for competition with Alvarado and league officials granted Alvarado permission to use either Larry Bettencourt or Tony Dondero, St. Louis Browns (of the [American League, Major League Ball Club](#)) stars in the place of Fred Muller of Seattle. "Spud" Degermark, San Francisco Seal rookie will be on the mound for Alvarado. Should Pleasanton defeat the C&L team, they have been granted permission to use another pitcher other than a regular against Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 17, 1929*

**Classified Ad:**

HELP WANTED:

Coupled wanted to work on dairy, wife good cook, man good milker or can manage.

P. O. Box 910, Alvarado Calif.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 18, 1929*

**Pioneer Woman Passes On:**

Funeral services will be held tomorrow for Mrs. Annie McKeown, 79, a resident of Alvarado for 40 years, who died recently after a long illness. Mrs. McKeown was the widow of the late James McKeown and the mother of Mrs. Elizabeth Harvey, Joseph, A. W., Nancy and Flora McKeown.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 27, 1929*

**Fugitive Caught:**

Alfredo Bernal is being held in county jail in Oakland after being captured in Contra Costa County. He allegedly stole a coat and a wallet containing \$460 from Domingo Lopez in a poolroom in Alvarado. Mr. Lopez had laid down his coat to participate in an altercation with another patron of the poolroom when Mr. Bernal purportedly took his coat.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 1, 1929*

**Mrs. Annie McKeown Dies:**

A large concourse of friends and relatives of the late Mrs. Annie McKeown, pioneer of the Alvarado community, attended funeral services held for her at her late home near Alvarado. Poignant memories of the virtues of the pioneer wife and mother brought eloquent tribute of many tears as those to whom she was near and dear for so many years gathered around the bier, and many flowers testified additionally to the respect and affection in which the deceased was held.

She was the wife of the late James McKeown and mother of Mrs. Elizabeth Harvey, Joseph W. McKeown, A.W. McKeown and the Misses Flora and Nancy McKeown.

*The Hayward Review, March 2, 1929*

**Classified Ad:**

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES:

Soda fountain store, we want to rent or sell. All complete.

Phone: Alvarado 46, A. Davilla

*The Oakland Tribune, March 14, 1929*

**Mrs. Mae Delores (Deniz) Rose Dies:**

At the end of a long battle for life, Mrs. Mae Delores Rose, beloved wife of Tony Rose of Hayward, passed to the great beyond Friday night. She had been suffering with pneumonia and complications, which eventually overcame her. Her mother, Mrs. Mary Deniz, and sister-in-law, Mrs. John M. Deniz, likewise had been battling pneumonia for some time, but have been sent from Hayward Central Hospital on the way to recovery.

The death of the young matron, at the age of but 26 years, throws a pall of gloom over a wide circle of friends and relatives. She was born at Alvarado and was widely known in the community. Besides her husband, her mother Mrs. Mary Deniz, and brother John M. Deniz, another brother Arthur L. Deniz survives her.

*The Hayward Review, March 16, 1929*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. May entertained the Senior Bridge Club at her home here Wednesday afternoon.

William Richardson of San Leandro was a visitor in Alvarado this week.

Miss Carrie Pimentel of Hayward is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Beinick.

Mrs. H. M. Springer and Mrs. M. P. Munger were recent visitors in Oakland.

Miss Caroline Annis is spending a few days with friends in San Jose.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fallon of Crockett visited friends here Wednesday.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 17, 1929*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce has elected new officers and is outlining a program that will keep the chamber busy for the rest of the year. The following officers will serve during the coming year: **J. P. Boyd, George P. Hellwig, H. M. Springer** and John Menezes.

The following will serve on the board of directors: E. W. Baird, **J. P. Boyd**, O. J. Emery, **George P. Hellwig**, August May and **H. M. Springer**.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 7, 1929*

**Joseph Fyffe Dies:**

Joseph Fyffe, beloved husband of Margaret Fyffe, and father of William J., Anna M., Mabel M., and Joseph L. Fyffe. He was a native of Ireland, and 47 years of age.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 11, 1929*

**New Arrival:**

To the wife of Jingo Terezawa, Alvarado, April 13<sup>th</sup>, a son.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 19, 1929*

**Alvarado Dramatic Club:**

The dramatic club cast, which is to present, a three-act comedy as a benefit for St. Anne's Church in the near future has been decided upon by the Alvarado Dramatic Club and the date for the production is expected to be announced early next week, according to Frank Jones, the director. The play, "And Ted Comes Home," is said to be one of the cleverest staged by the club in many months.

Those who will appear in the play are: William Lazzarini, Hazel Roderick, Annie Flores, Sam Costa, Madelyn Avila, Jim Callins, Clarence Flores, Mayme Roderick, Edith Mello, Kenneth Ferry, May Avila and Joseph Lemos.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 23, 1929*

**Holy Ghost:**

(From a Board of Supervisors Meeting held on April 23<sup>rd</sup>)

The Alvarado Holy Ghost Society has been granted a permit today to display fireworks on the evening of April 27<sup>th</sup> in Alvarado as part of their Holy Ghost Festival.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 2, 1929*

**Classified Ad:**

FOR RENT:

In Alvarado, \$40.00 per month includes large store, ice cream parlor, kitchen and sleeping room upstairs. Best corner in town. See B.J. Bettencourt, 970 "B" Street, Hayward.

*The Hayward Review, May 8, 1929*

**Alvarado Infant Dies:**

The many friends of Mr. & Mrs. Crespulo M. Ancheta attended funeral services for their infant daughter, Beatrice, held Tuesday afternoon at All Saints Church in Hayward and burial at St. Joseph's Cemetery. The baby died at the family home on Hall Road in Alvarado after but three days of life.

*The Hayward Review, May 22, 1929*

**New Arrival:**

To the wife of Lloyd Bailey of Alvarado, a son, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 25, 1929*

**Alvarado School:**

"Grandmothers Flower Garden," an elaborate operetta is to be presented by the pupils of the Alvarado Grammar School tonight under the direction of Charlotte Huntley Foster. About 60

children are to take part in the production and the majority of them are to be costumed as fairies, birds, flowers, butterflies and trees. Their costumes are said to be the most elaborate ever used in a local school play.

The principal roles are to be played by Beatrice Machado, Adeline Silva, Richard Munger, Sam Dinsmore (Jr.), Ralph Logan and Morton Springer.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 4, 1929*

#### **Train Fatality:**

M. Ishihara, 42, a Japanese worker at the Alvarado Salt Works was killed when his car was struck head-on by freight while he was driving home from work.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 4, 1929*

#### **Miss Ruby Joyce:**

Miss Ruby Joyce was the guest of honor at a bridge luncheon and surprise shower, which was given by Mrs. Jeanette Richmond and Mrs. Edwin Richmond at their home, Saturday afternoon, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Attendees included: The Misses Flora and Nancy McKeown, Rosalie Joyce, Catherine Witherly, Victoria Palmer, Willette Burge, Genevieve Ford and Charlotte Young (Jung); Mesdames Ruth Langrobe, Frederick Joyce, Earl Hellwig, Theodore Harvey, Andrew Logan, Weston Emery, Howard Decker, Henry May, Jr., Vernon Goad, Dorothy Campbell, Roland Morgan, Bernard Lawlor, Joseph Zwissig and Everett Richmond.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 5, 1929*

#### **Alvarado Woman Dies Mysteriously:**

That Mrs. Olive White, 30, wife of Manuel White Jr., died of a general septicemia, or internal poisoned condition, the cause of which is undetermined, was the verdict of a jury sitting in inquest on the case at the Pratt Mortuary Saturday afternoon. Evidence as to whether the condition, which caused her death, was or was not due to a criminal operation was held to be inconclusive.

Dr. E.A. Ormsby of Centerville, who attended Mrs. White before her death and Doctor Edward V. Tiffany, county autopsy surgeon, testified that they found evidence that such an operation had been performed. Dr. Gertrude Moore of the Western Laboratories, who analyzed part of the autopsy material by microscope, declared there was no evidence of the operation having been performed, nor of the condition preliminary to the operation having existed.

Mrs. Margaret H. Manning, 769 Watkins Street, was held for two days in connection with the death of Mrs. White Tuesday at a local hospital, and questioned regarding the illegal operation alleged to have been performed on Mrs. White. She denied ever having known or have seen Mrs. White and denied all knowledge of such an operation. Mrs. White was released Tuesday afternoon and no evidence to warrant her being held has been produced.

By the advice of her attorney, Mr. Leo Sullivan, Mrs. Manning did not testify at the inquest. Mr. Sullivan tallied an important point when Dr. Tiffany testified that the two bags of surgical instruments taken by the officer's from Mrs. Manning's home in connection with the investigation did not contain certain instruments necessary for the operation under discussion.

Dr. Ormsby and Dr. Tiffany testified that Mrs. White was in a very grave condition, that she was suffering from pneumonia, heart disease and a generally poisoned condition of the intestinal tract. Peritonitis was also present during her stay at the hospital before her death, they said. They declared also that positive evidence of an afterbirth existed. The statement obtained by Dr. Ormsby, however, was the only evidence linking Mrs. Manning with affair produced at the inquest.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 8, 1929*

**Baseball:**

Starting June 16<sup>th</sup> the Spalding Summer league, with eight clubs, will open its season. The eight teams in the league will include: The Hayward Merchants, Fern Candy, Alvarado, Hughes Cleaners, Ashland, San Leandro, Neptunes and The Oakland Colored Giants.

*The Hayward Review, June 8, 1929*

**Around Town:**

Miss Jeanette Richmond and her mother, Mrs. Edwin Richmond, entertained at a bridge luncheon and surprise shower for Miss Ruby Joyce.

Mrs. Morton Springer entertained the Birthday Club at her home here Wednesday afternoon.

M. P. Munger and sons enjoyed a recent fishing trip on Monterey Bay.

Mrs. A. K. Logan gave a recital for her music students this week.

Gilbert Peyton attended a dinner party given by friends in San Mateo this week.

Mrs. Laura Benson of San Leandro visited her friends here Thursday.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 9, 1929*

**Fred Muller Injured:**

Fred Muller, Alvarado boy who has been playing with the Seattle club of the Pacific Coast League the past two years, is confined to bed at his grandmother's home, Mrs. Walter Robie of Alvarado, with a sprained ankle received in a game several weeks ago. The injury is expected to keep him out of action for at least another month.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 12, 1929*

**License to Marry:**

John Furtado, Alvarado, 26

Mary Cabral, Oakland, 30

*The Oakland Tribune, June 18, 1929*

**Wedding:**

The marriage of Miss Rose Riele of Niles and Joseph Belshaw of Alvarado will take place tomorrow. A reception will be held in the Moose Hall in San Jose.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 1, 1929*

**Sugar:**

The Holly Sugar Co. at Alvarado will begin its beet-processing run on August 10<sup>th</sup> this year and expects it will last for 100 days. Over 175 men will be employed during this period.

Improvements have been made to the plant that includes: A complete pulp drier and a new power generator.

*The Hayward Review, July 20, 1929*

**License to Marry:**

Joseph E. Rivers, Alvarado, 22

Lillian E. Briggs, Hayward, 17

*The Oakland Tribune, July 23, 1929*

**Water:**

Farmers around the Newark area in Southern Alameda County whose wells have either gone dry or are pumping salt water are being advised by Chris Runckel, secretary of the Alameda County Water District, against going to the expense of sinking their wells deeper this summer in an attempt to reach a supply of fresh water.

Despite the release of water obtained from the Spring Valley Water Co. this summer, the water in southern Alameda County is said to be at its lowest stage in many years, and a number of farmers have lost their crops because they have no water for irrigation. The condition of the water table is said to be due to the shortage of rains last winter and the heavy pumping at Roberts Landing and Alvarado to supply the bay cities.



Mr. Runckel further stated that if rains are heavy this winter the underground supply would be raised sufficiently to produce an adequate supply of water from the private wells at their present depth.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 23, 1929*

#### **Sugar:**

J.E. Boyd and family of Grand Junction, Colorado, arrived in Hayward Tuesday. They will establish a home here. Mr. Boyd will be associated with the Holly Sugar Company at Alvarado.

*The Hayward Review, July 24, 1929*

#### **Eagles:**

Twenty-five candidates are to be initiated at a ceremonial to be held by the Alvarado Aerie of Eagles tonight. The Fruitvale Aerie will have charge of the initiations and the affair is to be followed by a ball for the members of the organization and their families. The Fruitvale Aerie is to bring their drill team, which will give an exhibition during the evening. Box lunches are to be auctioned and refreshments will be served by the local aerie.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 5, 1929*

#### **Alvarado Water:**

The recent purchase by the Alameda County Water Company of 334 acres of land in Alvarado, the water pumping plant, a water pipeline from Alvarado to San Lorenzo and the water distribution system of Alvarado, Mt. Eden and Newark from EBMUD ([The East Bay Municipal Utilities District](#)) is hoped to have a positive effect on the usage of water pumped from the Alvarado water basin. The underground water table below Alvarado is becoming depleted and salt water is starting to intrude into our fresh water underground supply. The thirty years of unabated pumping of water from Alvarado is starting to show.

*The Hayward Review, August 19, 1929*

#### **Machado Caught with Moonshine:**

Mat Machado, fish dealer of Smith Street in Alvarado, wasn't secretive enough to disguise five gallons of moonshine and two gallons of wine. He will appear in the justice court in Niles for sentencing on Thursday.

*The Hayward Review, August 29, 1929*

#### **Dr. Bettencourt:**

The S. S. Malolo arrived in port from Hawaii with Dr. & Mrs. Bettencourt and Mrs. D. Dekidos from Alvarado on board.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 1, 1929*

#### **Ducks:**

Wild ducks are invading the marshes around the south bay marshes (Mt. Eden, Alvarado, Newark and Alviso) in great numbers and indications are that shooting will be good this year. The ducks are arriving earlier than usual and old-timers are predicting an early winter.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 3, 1929*

#### **I. O. O. F.:**

The San Leandro Lodge No. 231 will pay a visit to the regular meeting of the Alvarado Crusade Lodge, NO. 1695 to be held in Alvarado on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 6, 1929*

#### **Little Tiajuana:**

"Little Tiajuana," capable small brother of that brilliant spot across the border, has again flared into activity after a long period of suppression and is causing county officials to cast speculative glances in the general direction of Alvarado. This is the declaration of the operatives of the district attorney's office who have just made liquor raids in the miniature "Tiajuana" and who assess that a restless stirring in the sportive circles there is evidence of an eruption unless curbed quickly.

The most recent raid netted Frank Gama, 30, operating a hotel with which a boot legging operation was combined. He pleaded guilty to possession and sentenced to 250 days in the county jail.

Operation of the Alvarado sugar mill and employment of many men in the orchards and fields of this district are responsible for growing activity in "Little Tiajuana," according to sheriff's deputies.  
*The Oakland Tribune, September 6, 1929*

#### **Dance Permit:**

(From a Board of Supervisors Meeting held on September 3<sup>rd</sup>)

A dance permit has been issued to the Alvarado Aerie of Eagles, No. 1695 to hold a dance of IOOF Hall in Alvarado on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 12, 1929*

#### **Washington Township Postmasters:**

Mrs. Adeline Santos, of Centerville and Mrs. Carolyn Orcutt, of Niles are representing Washington Township at the national convention of the Postmaster's Association being held in Sacramento this week. With the exception of Mission San Jose and Alvarado, all of the post offices in this township are presided over by women.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 19, 1929*

#### **Sugar:**

The Holly Sugar Company is expecting to manufacture and ship about 400,000 sacks of sugar at its Alvarado factory during the fall season now underway. A trainload of beets from the North Bay districts is going to the plant daily by way of Oakland. Beets from the Mt. Eden vicinity also are being received by the factory.

*The Hayward Review, September 21, 1929*

#### **Bandits Fail at Robbery:**

At least two unsuccessful attempts are believed to have been made by bandits to hold up motorists Saturday night just outside Alvarado. In each case reported to the officer something of value was placed beside the road to lure motorists to stop and pick it up.

One motorist reported that a set of automobile tools had been laid out by the side of the road. When he turned around and went back to get the tools he caught a glimpse of two men who were hiding in the bushes by the side of the road. Another motorist reported that he saw a shotgun lying on the side of the road at the same spot where the car tools were set out.

*The Hayward Review, October 1, 1929*

#### **New Branch Bank:**

Conference rooms of the beautiful new home of the Niles Branch of Bank of Alameda County have been placed at the disposal of the Niles Chamber of Commerce courtesy of the President of the bank, Mr. August May of Alvarado. The new building is an attractive modern design, which gives it a distinctly metropolitan flair.

*The Hayward Review, October 5, 1929*

#### **Sugar:**

Construction by the Holly Sugar Corporation of a million dollar sugar beet factory in the territory of Disappointment Slough, San Joaquin County, will be undertaken as a result of the interstate commerce commission decision today, authorizing the Western Pacific Railroad to build a three-mile branch connecting with its main line at Harte, near Stockton, and running westerly to a point on Disappointment Slough.

The factory will have a daily capacity of 1,000 tons of sugar and is expected to result in the development on an extensive scale of the existing sugar beet industry in that area. The Holly

Sugar Corp. now operates factories at Alvarado and Tracy and at various points in Colorado, Wyoming and Montana.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 6, 1929*

**Marriage:**

Many people attended the wedding of Miss Lena A. Bernard of Hayward and Edward Vargas of Alvarado, which was celebrated at the All Saints Church on D Street in Hayward. Eva Mendoncia and Alfred Bernard, both of Hayward, were bridesmaid and best man. They will honeymoon in Los Angeles and will reside in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 13, 1929*

**Continued Water Problems:**

Light rains that fell last week brought hope for an early winter in the Newark section who have had to abandon their crops because of the low water level throughout this section of the county. Although the East Bay Municipal Utilities District has reduced its pumping from the Alvarado plant, due to the bringing in of the Mokulumne project, the water below the Niles fault is the lowest it has been in many years.

Many of the wells in the Newark vicinity have had to be abandoned because salt water is seeping into them. A number of ranchers have gone to the expense of sinking their wells to lower levels but the Alameda County Water District is advising against this as the district is taking over the properties which have been supplying water to the principal east bay cities. The wells are to be shut down and the winter rains are expected to raise the water level to normal.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 15, 1929*

**Baseball:**

The Hayward Merchants baseball team will venture to Alvarado to engage in their second league game. Starting for the Alvarado team will be:

Robinson	3 <sup>rd</sup> Base
Jacinto	Catcher
Dondero	1 <sup>st</sup> Base
Duval	Center field
Searles	Left field
Gunnison	Short stop
H. Robinson	2 <sup>nd</sup> base
Lazzarini	Right Field
Roderick	Pitcher

*The Hayward Review, October 19, 1929*

**Baseball:**

Alvarado's Leslie Salts ran over the Hayward Merchants 10 to 4 in a game played at Alvarado.

*The Hayward Review, October 21, 1929*

**Washington Township School Tax Rates:**

<b>School District:</b>	<b>Tax Rate</b>
Alvarado	3.73
Alviso (1)	3.85
Alviso (2)	3.30
Centerville	3.91
Decoto	3.85
Irvington	3.71
Lincoln	2.95
Mission San Jose	3.10
Mowry's Landing	3.60
Newark	4.17

Niles	3.52
Stony Brook	2.96
Sunol Glen	2.63
Warm Spring	3.17

***The Oakland Tribune, October 4, 1929***

**News Notes:**

Mrs. Roland Bendel, Mrs. August May and **Mrs. W. S. Robie** were visitors in Oakland this week. **Mrs. Walter Robie** attended a meeting of the Hill and Valley Club in Hayward this week. M. C. Pinto is building a shop in front of their Smith Street home.

***The Oakland Tribune, October 27, 1929***

**Country Club of Washington Township:**

Mrs. Walter Robie, President of the Country Club of Washington Township, has announced that the club will hold a cake sale and card party Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. The proceeds will go to defraying the cost of remodeling and redecorating the clubhouse.

***The Oakland Tribune, November 6, 1929***

**Baseball:**

Pleasanton defeated the Leslie Salts of Alvarado 9 to 3 to claim the league championship.

***The Hayward Review, December 23, 1929***

**Young Couple Terrorized:**

Nick Traller, 26, of Livermore, was beaten to death and his girl companion, Ella Hibbs, 22, was slugged and brutally attacked by a mysterious assailant early this morning on a lonely road three miles south of Hayward in the Alvarado area in one of the most fiendish crimes ever committed in Alameda County. The girl, badly hurt and hysterical told several conflicting stories to detectives, denying the man who attacked her, a Negro, had attacked her.

Later, Miss Hibbs told the deputies that she has submitted to the attention of the attacker to save the life of her companion, only to have the thug break his promise and brutally bludgeon her companion to death. He then slugged her and she feigned death and managed to stay alive.

Screaming and hysterical Miss Hibbs staggered to the home of James Nesbitt, rancher on the Halvern Road ([Later, Alquire Road, and then Dyer/Industrial Parkway](#)) at 5 o'clock this morning.

The attack took place on the property of Fred Wiegman, well known Alvarado Rancher and dairyman. They have several leads on the assailant but he is not yet in custody.

***The Oakland Tribune, January 17, 1930***

**Detour Ended:**

The detour just south of Alvarado where a bridge was being built over the Patterson Slough has been eliminated according to the Oakland Office of the California State Automobile Association.

***The Oakland Tribune, January 19, 1930***

**Speed Demon Caught:**

Gilpin's famous ride was duplicated on the highway between Mt. Eden and Alvarado late Friday afternoon, to the considerable alarm of all automobile drivers who chanced to be motoring peacefully along that seven-mile road. Dr. E.J. Lauber, of San Leandro, in his new automobile, enacted the role of John Gilpin at a speed reported at 87 miles per hour. According to the arresting officer, Dr. Lauber charged through Mt. Eden at a terrific rate of speed, passing the officer like a streak of greased lightning. As the officer gave chase the San Leandro doctor plunged down the road, forcing many motorists off of the pavement and dodging in and out of traffic. Two young women were also in Dr. Lauber's car.

***The Hayward Review, January 25, 1930***

**Baseball:**

The Hayward Merchants swamped the Leslie Salts from Alvarado 12-5. Larry Bettencourt and Leonard Dondero, two major league players for the St. Louis Browns played for Alvarado. The line-up for Alvarado was: Ferry, CF; Robinson, 2B; Searles, 1B & CF; Bettencourt, 3B; L. Dondero, SS; Jacinto, C; Lazzarini, P & 1B; Amaral, RF; Dutra, LF; W. Dondero, 1B & P.  
*The Hayward Review, February 4, 1930*

**Baseball:**

The Leslie Salts of Alvarado sprung a surprise on the Hayward Merchants with 15-7 win at Alvarado's field.  
*The Hayward Review, February 10, 1930*

**PG&E:**

PG&E will be spending \$21,300 in the Alvarado and Newark areas for additional electrical power capacity.  
*The Hayward Review, February 11, 1930*

**J.P. Boyd to Speak:**

More than 100 officials and members of the Federated Improvement Clubs of Southern Alameda County, together with representative visitors from near-bay and southern county cities, are expected at the banquet of the federation at the Masonic Hall in Hayward. Among the listed speakers will be J.P. Boyd of Alvarado.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 18, 1930*

**PTA Formed:**

A Parent Teacher Association (PTA) has been formed in Alvarado and a drive is being conducted to gain 50 new members. The association was started with 26 members and the officers are: Mrs. Earl Hellwig, Mrs. J. C. Wasley, Mrs. M. M. Maciel, Mrs. W. J. Laplante and Mrs. John Mendez.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 23, 1930*

**Water:**

Cyril Williams, of Oakland, engineer for the Alameda County Water District will address the Centerville Chamber of Commerce on the reason why ACWD must buy the Alvarado Wells and pumping station from EBMUD ([Eastbay Municipal Utilities District](#)). Williams will explain the details of the gravel beds and underground reservoirs of this section in an effort to show the purchase of the pumping rights at Alvarado owned by EBMUD is the only way through which the water supply problem of Washington Township can be solved.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 25, 1930*

**Taxpayers Association:**

Directors of the newly organized Alameda County, division of the California Taxpayers' Association will meet next Tuesday at a luncheon to elect permanent officers of the organization designed to promote greater economy and efficiency in the collecting and spending of tax dollars. **Mr. August May**, of Alvarado, was named one of the directors.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 25, 1930*

**Mrs. Sophie May Dies:**

Last rites were held today for Mrs. Sophie May 87, Alameda Resident and philanthropist, who died Saturday after an illness of several weeks. Mrs. May came to California at the age of 18 years by the way of the Isthmus of Panama. She arrived in the Bay area by sailing ship in 1861, just as the Civil War was declared.

Soon after her arrival in San Francisco she met and married August May, who had preceded her from Germany by three years. The couple established their home in Alvarado. Mrs. May was actively engaged in charitable work in conjunction with the Lutheran Church of Alameda. She is survived by four grown children: **August May Jr.**, President of the Bank of Alameda County and

a resident of Alvarado; George B. May, San Jose; Henry May of Decoto and Mrs. Bertha S. Meyers, wife of Henry H. Meyers, Alameda County Architect.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 25, 1930*

#### **Alvarado the Key to W.T. Water Problem:**

Cyril Williams, of Oakland, engineer for the Alameda County Water District will explain details of the gravel beds and the underground reservoirs of this section in an effort to show that the purchase of the pumping rights at Alvarado owned by the East Bay Municipal Utilities District is the only way through which the water supply problem of Washington Township can be solved. At a special election to be held March 28<sup>th</sup>, voters of this section will be asked to approve a bond issue of \$250,000 for the purchase of these pumping rights.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 25, 1930*

#### **Retailer's Credit Association of Alameda County:**

About 45 Hayward merchants attended the annual banquet of the Hayward Branch of the Retailer's Credit Association Alameda County at the Green Shutter Hotel Friday night, at which a keynote of high business optimism for 1930 was sounded repeatedly.

Several of the leading merchants in Hayward were optimistic regarding business conditions and the expansion of the Retailer's Credit Association. Jack Boyd, speaking on behalf of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce, said an organization such as this association has been needed in Washington Township for years.

*The Hayward Review, March 1, 1930*

#### **Water:**

Member of the Alameda County Water District, the territory of which includes the southern end of the county, Niles, Centerville and Warm Springs, hope to conserve the subterranean water supply in that area through the popular vote in a bond election to be held March 28<sup>th</sup>. The proposed bond issue is \$250,000 and its purpose is buy 17 wells of commercial water companies.

Cyril Williams, engineer of the water district, said that the water in farmer's wells had been lowered by 40 feet since 1915 because of the pumping of the company wells. The East Bay Municipal Utility District already has stopped pumping from its wells at Roberts Landing, thus releasing about 4,500,000 gallons of water for use for agricultural purposes. The company is understood to have agreed to stop pumping at its Alvarado wells if the bond issue for purchase of the wells passes.

The total capacity of all the wells is about 13,000,000 gallons daily. This amount the district's farmers hope to have for irrigation. A meeting of the water district officials Saturday afternoon was to complete final plans for the bond election. J.C. Shinn of Niles is president of the district.

*The Hayward Review, March 3, 1930*

#### **False Alarms:**

Six Alvarado Grammar School pupils were arraigned before Justice of the Peace Allen Norris yesterday on a charge of malicious mischief. Their offense had been throwing the town into a state of excitement through an experiment with the fire alarm. They contended they did not know what the bell was for and merely wanted to make a noise. They were released after Judge Norris explained that he usually gave terms in San Quentin prison for second offenses of turning in a false alarm.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 5, 1930*

#### **Traffic Fine:**

Miss Juana Cabrera, 20, of Alvarado was fined for cutting in traffic from a complaint of Chris Perry.

*The Hayward Review, March 18, 1930*

**Baseball:**

The Leslie Salt baseball team of Alvarado will display a classy uniform when the team takes the field this year. The new uniforms are designed after our local professional team, the Oakland Oaks of the Pacific Coast League.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 3, 1930*

**Mrs. Juana Martinez Dies:**

Funeral rites were held this morning for Mrs. Juana Martinez, 65, who died at her home in Alvarado, following an illness of several months. The deceased was the widow of the late Marcelino Martinez and the mother of Mrs. Mary Garcia, Mrs. Eleanor Torres, and Edward and Eugene Martinez. She was a native of Porto Rico and had lived in Alvarado for fourteen years.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 4, 1930*

**News Note:**

Toyon Branch of the Oakland Baby Hospital Association will hold its April meeting at the home of Mrs. August May of Alvarado Monday after next.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 6, 1930*

**License to Marry:**

Jose Valdez, Alvarado, 41

Ramona Viscarra, Alvarado, 42

*The Oakland Tribune, April 8, 1930*

**Baseball:**

The strong and able-bodied Alvarado baseball club, supported and financed by the Leslie Salt Co., will be the opponents of the San Mateo Blues at the city park tomorrow afternoon. To write that the team from Alvarado is strong and able bodied is not stretching the truth one iota if their past performances are taken in to consideration. They won the Oakland Mid-Winter League championship and last Sunday took a fourteen-inning game from the Modesto Reds 1-0. Our San Mateo team will have to be on top of their game to come out winners.

*The San Mateo Times, April 12, 1930*

**John D. Mello Dies:**

John D. Mello, of Hayward, died Tuesday. He leaves a sister, Mrs. F. Furtado of Alvarado to mourn his loss.

*The Hayward Review, May 9, 1930*

**Holy Ghost:**

The Board of Supervisors has granted permits for the Portuguese Holy Ghost celebration and fireworks display in Alvarado in early June.

*The Hayward Review, May 16, 1930*

**Alvarado Fire:**

Through the combined efforts of the Alvarado, Decoto, and Centerville Fire Departments yesterday the residence of Fred Wiegman, one of the finest homes in the community, was saved from destruction by a fire that started in the kitchen and ate its way through the second floor to the attic. Most of the furnishings were removed. Damage from fire and water was estimated at \$2,500.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 16, 1930*

**Worth Their Salt:**

The Leslie Salts will be playing the Hayward Merchants at home Sunday at 2 o'clock. The Salts will field: H. Robinson, LF; Dondero, SS; Searles, RF; W. Robinson, 3B; Figueroa, 2B; Escobar, 1B; Lazzarini, CF; Jacinto, C; and Lefty Phillips, P; with Roderick as relief. Subs will be Dutra, Tochine and Amaral.

*The Hayward Review, May 16, 1930*

**Baseball:**

The Hayward Merchants defeated their ancient rivals the Leslie Salts in a game played at Alvarado Sunday. The final score was 11 to 8. Alvarado got 10 hits and Hayward got 19 hits.

*The Hayward Review, May 20, 1930*

**Washington Township Population:**

The population of Washington Township towns for the year 1930 was 12,705 people. In 1920 the township had a population of 8,494. By town the population was:

Alvarado	1,889 (Probably includes the Alviso District)
Centerville	1,657
Decoto & Niles	4,129
Irvington	1,234
Masonic Home	313
Mission San Jose	902
Newark	1,533
St. Mary's Orphanage	198
Warm Springs	850

*The Hayward Review, May 20, 1930*

**Water:**

The Alameda County Water District has bought the water rights to the Alameda Creek and the pumping station at the Alvarado wells for \$265,000 from the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD).

*The Oakland Tribune, May 26, 1930*

**Classified Ad:**

FURNITURE:

For Sale: Furniture, dining room, bedroom and chesterfield set, daybed, 9X12 rug, etc. \$200. Phone Alvarado 64 or call at the S. P. Station, Alvarado.

*The Hayward Review, May 27, 1930*

**Vanguard Association:**

An invitation is being issued to Mexican residents of this section by the Vanguard Association, an organization of Latin American people in this country, to attend a meeting in Alvarado June 10<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30 o'clock. The purpose of the association is the assembling of funds for traveling expenses for those desiring to return to Mexico. This and other matters affecting Mexicans in this country will be discussed at the meeting. Circulars are being issued by Vanguard officials, including Roberto Aragon, "Delegate of propaganda," Roman Mirele, President and Manuel Garcia, Secretary.

*The Hayward Review, June 3, 1930*

**T. P. Harvey:**

Farewells are being said to Mr. & Mrs. Theodore P. Harvey who are leaving for the east on an extensive visit. They will make their headquarters for a time in Chicago where they will visit with friends and relatives. Their return will be by way of Yellowstone Park. Mrs. Harvey is the daughter of Dr. & Mrs. A. Galbraith of Piedmont. She entertained recently at an informal tea at the home of her parents, honoring Miss Helen Kettler, a sorority sister, who is leaving for Mexico City. Guests at the tea were all members of the Delta Delta Delta sorority house of the University of California.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 7, 1930*

**Campaign Manager Visits Alvarado:**

John T. Edner, Southern Alameda County manager of the Rolph for governor campaign, made a visit to Alvarado Monday morning, reporting the goose hanging high as regards the Rolph cause in that vicinity. He visited Adolph (August) May, President of the Bank of Alameda County there. Mr. May, while not disposed to take an active part in politics, spoke favorably of Mr. Rolph. Mr.



May added that he was sorry that Charles Heyer, Alameda County Supervisor, does not represent his district.

*The Hayward Review, June 24, 1930*

**Sugar:**

Construction of a spur track to connect the Holly Sugar Corp. plant in Alvarado to the Western Pacific line at Decoto has been approved by the Board of Supervisors. The track will connect the Holly Sugar plant to the Halvern Station on the Western Pacific tracks, a distance of nine-tenths of a mile.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 25, 1930*

**Niles I. O. O. F.:**

The Niles IOOF held a joint installation with the Alvarado lodge at Alvarado Tuesday. Tony Mezza was re-elected Noble Grand of the Niles Lodge.

*The Hayward Review, July 4, 1930*

**Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. Fred C. Harvey are spending a vacation in Yosemite National Park.

Mr. & Mrs. Theodore P. Harvey have returned from a vacation in the east.

Miss Vivian Logan is visiting relatives in Petaluma.

Albert Norris, Alvarado Postmaster, is spending his vacation in Southern California.

Mr. & Mrs. Claude Palmer of Oakland were the guests of Mr. & Mrs. Morton Springer this week.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 13, 1930*

**Baseball:**

The Leslie Salts turned back their rival company's baseballers, the Morton Salt nine, by a score of 11 to 4 in a game played at Alvarado. The win gave the Leslie Salts bragging rights over Morton Salt for the local championship.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 16, 1930*

**Around Town:**

A daughter was born to Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Sutherland this week.

Miss Helen Baird has as her guest this week, Miss Ruth Montevalde of San Francisco.

Mr. & Mrs. George P. Hellwig have returned from a vacation spent in the southern part of the State.

Mrs. J. Cline is spending a vacation on the Russian River.

John Kidd of Los Angeles is a guest of her aunt, Mrs. Willa Jane Hellwig.

The Alvarado Grammar School will begin its fall term Tuesday.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 10, 1930*

**Baseball:**

S. P. Stores made it nine wins in a row by defeating Alvarado by an 11 to 6 count.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 12, 1930*

**New Arrival:**

To the wife of Ralph Nieto, Alvarado, August 17<sup>th</sup>, a son, Ralph Robert.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 27, 1930*

**News Note:**

Mrs. R. Stewart of Holtville is visiting her sister, Mrs. E.J. Strock of Hayward. Mrs. Stewart has many friends here. She had previously lived in Alvarado and the Matron of the Orient Chapter of the Eastern Star at Centerville. Mr. Stewart was superintendent of the sugar mill in Alvarado.

*The Hayward Review, September 3, 1930*

**Pedestrian Hurt:**

P. Kampner of Kelly Hill was struck and knocked down by an auto driven by L.A. Mayer of Alvarado about 11:30 o'clock Monday morning as he attempted to cross Castro Street in front of the firehouse on foot. A bruise on the arm was the only injury sustained by Mr. Kampner.  
*The Oakland Tribune, September 8, 1930*

#### **Alvarado Stabbing:**

Joe Tafoya, 24, of Alvarado was stabbed twice in the chest and once in the abdomen. The assailant or reason for the attack is unknown as Tafoya, a Filipino, does not speak English. Tafoya was brought to Hayward Central Hospital at 1 o'clock Sunday morning by Paul Rodriguez, also of Alvarado. Mr. Rodriguez said he was driving through Alvarado when a group of men directed him to a porch where Mr. Tafoya was lying. He is expected to recover.  
*The Hayward Review, September 22, 1930*

#### **Sugar:**

The Holly Sugar Corp. beet sugar factory at Alvarado is very busy these days making sugar. Two hundred men are employed in two shifts, keeping the factory in operation 24 hours a day. Eleven hundred tons of beets are handled each day and 4,000 sacks of sugar are filled, says W. H. Ziegler, Plant Sup't.  
*The Hayward Review, September 23, 1930*

#### **Alvarado Stabbing:**

Hayward Police have been requested to look for Joe Sanderson, for several years employed with the Southern Pacific section gang at Newark, as the latest phase of the investigation of the mysterious stabbing last Saturday night of Joe Tafoya, 24, which presumably occurred in Alvarado.

The foreman of the gang Tuesday night left a message at the Hayward Firehouse, stating that Sanderson suddenly left his job and left the locality and voicing suspicion that he knows something about the stabbing.  
*The Hayward Review, September 24, 1930*

#### **Minor Accident:**

In a minor accident Sunday the car driven by Harry MacDonald of Hayward was struck by that of G. Sorseno of Alvarado, at the main traffic intersection of Alvarado. The rear of MacDonald's car was damaged considerably when Mr. Sorseno's car struck it.  
*The Hayward Review, September 29, 1930*

#### **J. C. Wasley:**

Principal Wasley of the Alvarado Grammar School is directing and coaching the Mt. Eden baseball team. Every Thursday afternoon after school hours the Alvarado and Mt. Eden teams play pro-active games.  
*The Hayward Review, October 1, 1930*

#### **Around Town:**

More than 100 people attended a card party given last night by the Alvarado PTA in the school auditorium. Proceeds are to go toward the purchase of a moving picture machine for the school. The Odd Fellows Hall will be the scene of St. Anne's Catholic Church annual bazaar. The dates will be from October 22<sup>nd</sup> to October 25<sup>th</sup>.

A large number of Alvarado people attended a benefit Whist Party last night in Newark's St. Edward's Catholic Church.

Mr. & Mrs. George Hocking (married Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>) have returned from their honeymoon.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Luna are the proud owners of a new coupe.

Antone Santos, employee of the Leslie Salt Co., is confined to his home with an injured foot. He will be unable to return to work for two weeks.

Miss Bernice Boyd is acting as an assistant in the post office for a few days. Miss Boyd is a graduate of Washington Union High School, class of '29.

Mrs. Sam Dinsmore spent Thursday in Oakland visiting her sister.

George P. Hellwig was among the Alvarado hunters who were off bright and early on the opening day of duck season.

*The Hayward Review, October 3, 1930*

### **Alvarado Prosperous:**

At one community in the United States has been found where the current "depression" has not been felt. That place is Alvarado. According to bank officials, merchants and citizens generally, business is good. There is little or no unemployment, and the farmers are doing well. This happy condition is due; it is agreed, to the fact that the community and region have long been one of the most prosperous in Alameda County.

*The Hayward Review, October 4, 1930*

### **Sugar:**

The largest output of beet sugar in the history of the Alvarado sugar plant is reported by the officials of the Holly Sugar Co. refinery in Alvarado, which started its seasonal run in August. Some 200 persons are employed, and the daily production is about 4,000 100-pound sacks of sugar a day.

The facilities of the plant have been improved with the recent addition of a beet unloading conveyor, a new evaporator, and other new machinery. A new warehouse has also been built and the plant is now served by a new spur line, installed by the Western Pacific Railroad.

Enough beets are in prospect to warrant the plant continuing operations for three months, bringing the season to a close about January 1<sup>st</sup>, according to officials.

*The Hayward Review, October 4, 1930*

### **Stabbing Victim Dies:**

Joe Tafoya of Alvarado died several days after a stabbing incident in Alvarado. Police are looking for Alfred Domingues.

*The Hayward Review, October 6, 1930*

### **Danish Brother Delegate:**

H. Christiansen of Alvarado has been named as a delegate from Hayward to the Danish Brotherhood convention to be held in Oakland.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 6, 1930*

### **Classified Ad:**

AUCTION:

Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, on the T. P. Harvey Ranch, 2 miles southeast of Alvarado on highway to San Jose. 157 head of dairy cows, 2 bulls, a team of horses, wagon, mower, rake, 1928 Chevy truck, trailer, buckets, cooler, all dairy and farming equipment. A lot of hay, some in bales some in a big stack. Escobar and Alexander, owners. Regular auction terms to buyers.

*The Hayward Review, October 10, 1930*

### **Around Town:**

Mrs. August May and Mrs. W. S. Robie had as their guests at the Washington Township Country Club in Centerville Tuesday, **Mrs. Ted Harvey**, Miss Mildred Nauert and Mrs. Baird of Alvarado. The club is on the oldest in the county having been founded 50 years ago.

Mr. & Mrs. George Hocking recently entertained relatives from San Francisco and Richmond.

Mr. & Mrs. S. P. Millington recently celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a trip to Petaluma to visit grandchildren.

**Mrs. Ted Harvey** and her mother, Mrs. A. Galbraith of Piedmont, were Wednesday luncheon guests at the home of Captain and Mrs. L. H. Price, recently returned from a three year stay in

China. Captain Price was stationed in Peking and Tientsin. He was in Tientsin during the revolutionary clashes there.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 11, 1930*

#### **Around Town:**

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church met at the Odd Fellows Hall Thursday afternoon. The afternoon was spent making cushion covers for the hall. A lovely luncheon was served by **Mrs. Ralph**, the hostess.

**Mrs. Edgar Tainton** of Oakland is the guest for a few days at the home of Mrs. E. E. Hellwig. **Mrs. Earl Hellwig**, matron of the Eastern Star, presided at the regular meeting held in the Masonic Hall at Centerville. The meeting was attended by 100 members and was featured by a surprise program, given in honor of the assistant grand matron, Willa Jane Hellwig, of Alvarado. Those taking part in the program were Marcella May of Oakland, Mabel Joyce of Alvarado, song; Etta Chadbourne, Centerville, reading; and **Dora Richmond**, reading. The dining room of the hall and the tables were beautifully decorated with Halloween tokens.

J. C. Wasley, Principal of the Alvarado Grammar School, will attend the regular meeting of the principals of Southern Alameda County at Pleasanton Monday evening. These meetings are held quarterly when plans for ensuing months are made.

**Mrs. J. H. Ralph** entertained members of the Birthday Club at her home last Friday. Luncheon was served and bridge was played. Bridge prizes were won by **Mrs. E. A. Richmond** and Mrs. John Scribner. On the same evening **Mrs. Ralph** entertained a group of friends. They were the Misses Nancy and Flora McKeown, Mr. & **Mrs. Earl Hellwig**, Mr. & Mrs. A. K. Logan and **Mrs. Dora Tainton**.

Mr. & Mrs. V. C. Pantraja of Reedley were guests at the home of **Mr. & Mrs. Ted Soderlund**. The Farm Home Club will meet Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. Kind of Centerville. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served.

Mr. & Mrs. R. Robie and children of Crockett recently visited with relatives in Alvarado.

Mrs. M. Lawrence and sons Raymond and Manuel are owners of a new sedan.

*The Hayward Review, October 11, 1930*

#### **Zeppelin Stamp:**

A letter carried by the Graf Zeppelin from Finland to Germany; then crossed the Atlantic by boat, and was sped across the continent by airmail, was received by **Ted Soderlund**, a service station operator in Alvarado. Written by a friend, Walter Sockki, the letter was mailed in Finland on September 24<sup>th</sup>, making the trip half way around the world in 15 days. The face of the envelope was literally covered with stamps and cancellations. Mr. Soderlund has been besieged by local stamp collectors seeking to add the envelope to their collections. They state the Graf Zeppelin cancellations are as yet very rare.

*The Hayward Review, October 11, 1930*

#### **Around Town:**

In the recent school census Alvarado was shown to have a school population of more than 500, according to Principal W. C. Wasley of the Alvarado Grammar School. This figure represents an increase of over 200 students since the last census, he declares. The count included boys and girls up to the age of 18.

Two new members were introduced at a recent meeting of the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Church. They are Mrs. Walter Ziegler and **Mrs. A. K. Logan**.

Two members of the Crusade Lodge, Odd Fellows, were presented with 40-year jewels at a recent meeting of the lodge. The men honored were James Logan and Oscar Nauert. E. Farley, a pioneer resident of Alvarado, now of San Leandro, officiated.

**Mr. & Mrs. A. Santos** of Alvarado and Alvino Gomes of Hayward were guests at the home of Mr. & Mrs. F. Silva of Richmond last Wednesday.

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Dinsmore and children, and C. W. Baird and J. P. Boyd spent last Sunday fishing at Pittsburgh.

Postmaster Albert Norris returned last night after attending a three-day Masonic Lodge session in San Francisco.

Mr. & Mrs. M. Maciel recently were hosts to friends at a party in honor of the fourth birthday of their little daughter, Barbara Jeanne.

Mrs. Manuel Luis is home after a week's visit with her parents in Hughson, Mr. & Mrs. F. Simas.

Mr. & Mrs. George Harvey plan to spend the weekend in San Francisco visiting with Mrs. Harvey's mother, Mrs. McDevitt.

Mrs. W. B. Emery recently had as her guest Mrs. W. J. Evans of San Simeon.

Ms. Rosalie Joyce recently entertained at dinner Mrs. Mildred Sayles, a student at the University of California.

Mr. & Mrs. James Anderson of Byron were recent guests of Mr. & Mrs. A. Anderson.

Mr. & **Mrs. A. K. Logan** entertained 12 guests at a dinner party Wednesday. Bridge was played.

Ray Lewis, Leslie Salt employee from Alvarado is driving a new car.

**Antone Santos** was given a surprise birthday party by friends and relatives.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Hendricks Jr. are spending their honeymoon in Southern California, following their marriage in St. Anne's Church in Alvarado last Sunday. Mrs. Hendricks is the former Hazel Vivian Roderick, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Roderick.

A birthday party was given for Linda Jane Hellwig, 7 year-old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Earl Hellwig.

Attending the party from Alvarado was Vivian May, Sally Ann Hogan, Frederick Joyce, Alberta Menezes, Joan Boyd and Peggy and Jimmy Wasley.

Mrs. H. M. Springer will entertain the Junior Bridge Club at her home next Friday afternoon.

Mrs. J. E. Rivers has as her guest Mrs. Emily Briggs of San Francisco.

A mission is being conducted by Father Reginald of Ft. Bragg at St. Anne's Church in Alvarado.

Services are being held every evening at 7:30 and 8 o'clock

Miss Minnie Rivers, formerly of Alvarado, is now employed at the National Dollar Store in Oakland.

Miss Marie Troche has as her guest Mrs. Mildred Montalbo of Irvington.

A barn dance will be given at the school November 8<sup>th</sup>, sponsored by the PTA. Cider and doughnuts will be served.

The Alvarado drill team of the SPRSI drilled at the U. P. E. C. convention in San Leandro Wednesday night. Mrs. Nancy Allegre is Captain of the team.

***The Hayward Review, October 18, 1930***

### **Alvarado School:**

An Oakland High School band played at the Alvarado Grammar School Tuesday morning. The music sections of the various Washington Township schools were present and enjoyed an excellent program.

***The Hayward Review, October 23, 1930***

### **O. E. S.:**

Mrs. Willa Hellwig, prominent Alvarado woman, was elected Worthy Grand Matron of the California Lodge of the Order of the Eastern Star in Oakland last night and will be installed tonight.

***The Hayward Review, October 24, 1930***

### **Ted Harvey:**

Mr. & Mrs. Ted Harvey attended the reception tendered to Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul, President of the University of California in Berkeley. It is reported more than 5,000 people attended the reception. Mr. & Mrs. Harvey are personally acquainted with Dr. & Mrs. Sproul, having met them on a visit to Alaska several years ago.

***The Hayward Review, October 25, 1930***

### **Annual Church Bazaar:**

Potatoes weighing nearly two pounds each are the feature of the annual church bazaar of St. Anne's Catholic Church. Besides vegetables and fruits, other products on display are to include

jams, jellies, confectionery, home baking, fancy work, dishes and electrical appliances. The bazaar will close Saturday night.

The committee in charge of the various booths include: fancy work, Mrs. Anna Amaral, Frances Allegre and Mrs. Lebon; refreshments: Mrs. Nora Vargas and Mrs. J. Menezes; candy: Mrs. J. Avila; ice cream: Mrs. M Flores; groceria: Mrs. Alfred Perry.

*The Hayward Review, October 25, 1930*

### **The Story of Mt. Eden:**

Another version of how Mount Eden received its name was given here yesterday by E. H. Clawiter, pioneer resident of Alameda County. Struck by the beauty of the flowery green fields and the blue bay in the distance, the first settlers called the region "Eden," and because of an Indian mound near where the community now stands, bestowed the prefix "Mound," Mr. Clawiter related.

The second step in the evolution of the name, he said, came more than a half century ago when settlers at Alvarado, forced to take to boats because of a flood, sought refuge in the vicinity of Mt. Eden. "This is not a mound, but a mount," they exclaimed and "Mound Eden" soon became known as "Mount Eden."

The old Indian mound, covering about an acre of land and about 10 feet high is located on Mr. Clawiter's farm. From it, when he was a boy, he unearthed two Indian mortars and a number of pestles and arrowheads. He has kept the mortars over the years and they are said to be perfect examples of Indian stone-art.

Mr. Clawiter was born in Alvarado in 1852. His father conducted one of the first stores in the region. He traded with the ranchers for meat for which he found a ready market in San Francisco, and for marketing purposes kept a boat and employed a man to operate it.

Mr. Clawiter related that the Indians once yearly journeyed from the mountains to spend a season on the bay shore digging clams and gathering salt. The various mounds, which they left, he points out, no doubt were favored campsites, and were built up through the years.

### **Editors Note:**

The Clawiter's were a prominent Mt. Eden family that originally settled in Alvarado. In 1851 the Clawiter's gave birth to the first white child in Union City, Union Clawiter. In the following year they added a son Edward (E. H. Clawiter). By 1860 they had established themselves in Mt. Eden.

*The Hayward Review, October 27, 1930*

### **William Ralph Dies:**

William Taylor Ralph dies in a Martinez Hospital yesterday at age 81. Ralph came to California 78 years ago and was settled in Alvarado. He is survived by three sons and three daughters.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 4, 1930*

### **Road Construction:**

Motorists using the paved road from San Leandro to San Jose through Alvarado will encounter a short detour due to bridge construction just south of Alvarado according to the touring department of the California State Automobile Association.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 9, 1930*

### **Dummy Keyboards:**

A new system of teaching the piano keyboard has been introduced in the local grammar school by Charlotte Huntley Foster, instructor in vocal music in township schools with the assistance of the boys in the manual training class. A silent keyboard of standard length containing both black and white keys was constructed for practice purposes. After the pupils have mastered the dummy keyboard, they are graduated to the silent keyboard made in the shop. The result is that they

players are able to play simple tunes before they are given an opportunity to practice on a real piano. In this way other classes in the school are not disturbed by the practice.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 14, 1930*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. August May, Mrs. W. S. Robie and Miss Mildred Nauert are directing the sale of Christmas Seals in Alvarado.

The Ladies Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. M. P. Munger on Thursday.

Albert Norris attended the dinner given Congressman Albert E. Carter in Oakland by the Postmasters of the district.

The Misses Nancy and Flora McKeown entertained the Junior Bridge Club at their home here recently.

Mrs. H. M. Springer and her son were visitors in Oakland Tuesday.

After residing in Alvarado for several months, Mr. & Mrs. V. W. Gordon have returned to their former home in Brentwood.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 16, 1930*

#### **Poolroom Killing:**

An attendant known only as "Erada" ([Jesus Heredia](#)) was shot and killed early this morning when two men and a woman held up and robbed the Victoriano Perez poolroom at Alvarado. The men emptied the cash register and ransacked the residence before leaving. Only a meager description of the robbers was obtained.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 20, 1930*

#### **Baseball:**

Western Paper Box advanced in the league standings by soundly defeating the Leslie Salts of Alvarado 9-3. The Salts are down this season having won only one of six contests.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 1, 1930*

#### **Poolroom Killing:**

Acting on a tip, Deputy Sheriffs Pat Enos and William Terry arrested Miss Carmen La Garda, 24, and Pedro Pineda, 24, early today for investigation in connection with the shooting of Jesus Heredia, shot to death at an Alvarado poolroom November 12<sup>th</sup>. The two were booked into county jail. Heredia was slain when two men and a young woman held up the Victoriana Perez poolroom during the early morning hours.

The woman ordered a soft drink. When Heredia started to serve the order one of the men whipped a pistol from his pocket and shot Heredia through the heart.

Pedro Aguillar, 68, who was assisting Heredia in caring for the place in the absence of Perez, the proprietor, fled while one of the bandits called, "wait a moment, uncle." An undetermined amount of money was taken from the poolroom cash register by the three bandits.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 8, 1930*

#### **Order of Eastern Star:**

Worthy Grand Matron Willa Hellwig of Alvarado will install newly elected officers of the Orient chapter, Order of Eastern Star at a ceremonial to be held in Centerville Thursday night, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 10, 1930*

#### **School Survey:**

A house-to-house survey is to be made in Alvarado by the Parent Teacher Association, with the co-operation of the Township Health Center, in an effort to locate and treat under nourished or physically defective children who are to enter school for the first time during the coming semester. Classes in nutrition are to be organized for the mothers of the community in view of increasing the health and strength of the children now attending school.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 14, 1930*

**Alvarado PTA:**

New uniforms for the baseball team, a gas plate and a kitchen cabinet for dishes in the school kitchen are to be purchased by the Alvarado PTA. Half of the cost of the costumes for the Christmas operetta was also borne by the organization.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 16, 1930*

**Around Town:**

Miss Charlotte Jung, teacher at Alvarado Grammar School, has returned to her home here after being confined to a San Jose Hospital for several weeks.

Mrs. Earl Hellwig and Mrs. J. H. Ralph were shopping in San Francisco this week.

Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Bartlett and children of San Jose, former residents of Alvarado, visited friends here this week.

Mrs. J. P. Boyd, Miss Bernice Boyd and Miss Joan Boyd were visitors in Oakland this week.

Mr. & Mrs. H. D. Heitmuller of San Francisco visited Miss Mildred Nauert this week.

Miss Ellen Reinhart Kittlesen of Norway is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Arthur Hansen.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 21, 1930*

**News Note:**

Mrs. Mae Furtado and daughter Ann visited the home of Mrs. M. E. Garcia of San Lorenzo Sunday night for an evening of cards and fun. Also attending were Mrs. J. Serpa and daughter Emily of Newark, and Mrs. M. A. Rose and Mrs. Josephine Frates of Niles.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 22, 1930*

**Baseball:**

Bill Degermark is a big young pitcher who will pitch for the Leslie Salts when they meet the Western Paper Box Company at Alvarado today. Degermark has been under the eyes of scouts for some time.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 28, 1930*

**Around Town:**

Miss Wilma Laplante of Berkeley, formerly of Alvarado, spent several days at the Boyd home.

A family reunion was held at the home of Mrs. W. S. Robie during the holidays.

Mrs. & Mrs. C. W. Baird visited friends and relatives in San Francisco recently.

Mr. & Mrs. E. E. Hellwig and daughter Linda Jane, and Mr. & Mrs. George P. Hellwig visited relatives in San Francisco this week.

Charles Nauert and his daughter Mildred Nauert entertained a number of relatives at their home this past week.

Gilbert S. Peyton, manager of a local gun club, has returned from a vacation spent in Southern California.

Theo Soderlund and family have returned from a visit with relatives in Gridley.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 4, 1931*

**Murder Suspects Apprehended:**

At the request of Deputy District Attorney Harry Styles and the attorney for the defense, the preliminary hearing of Pedro Pineda and Carmen La Gardo, charged with the murder of Jesus Heredia (initially reported as "Eradia") of Alvarado, has been continued for a week. The continuance was granted to give county authorities an opportunity to apprehend Guadalupe Gomez who, the defendants claim, did the actual shooting. Two men and a woman entered the poolroom late on the night of November 20<sup>th</sup>, and when Heredia turned his back to serve them, one of them drew a pistol and shot him through the heart. Pineda and La Gardo were arrested in Oakland.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 8, 1931*

**Willa Hellwig:**



Mrs. Willa Jane Hellwig, recently appointed Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, is making an official tour of the state and expects to pay visits to the principal chapters within the next two months. She is making the tour by automobile. Her first official visit was made to the chapter in Livermore, which joined with the Pleasanton chapter in arranging for her reception.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 20, 1931*

#### **Alvarado Lodges:**

Mr. & Mrs. E. G. Lang attended the joint installation of officers for the Odd Fellows and the Rebekah lodges in Niles Monday night. In a colorful ceremony the lodges of Niles, Alvarado and Irvington installed their new officers.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, January 21, 1931*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Joan Boyd visited friends in Oakland this week.  
Miss Jeanette Richmond and a party of friends from San Francisco enjoyed winter sports during a recent outing in Yosemite.

Mrs. A. C. Jensen of San Lorenzo entertained the Junior Bridge Club at her home this week.

**Mrs. Willa Jane Hellwig**, Worthy Grand Matron of the O. E. S. is in Southern California making official visits to chapters in that part of the state.

Mrs. J. H. Ralph entertained the Birthday Club in her home here recently in honor of **Mrs. Willa Jane Hellwig**.

The local PTA is making arrangements to give a masquerade ball at the school auditorium on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 25, 1931*

#### **Bank of Alameda County:**

Officers and directors of the Bank of Alameda County were re-elected at a recent stockholders meeting held in Alvarado, the headquarters of the institution, which operates banks in Alvarado, Irvington and Niles. The directors are **August May** of Alvarado, F. B. Granger of San Leandro, Henry Patterson of Centerville, J. A. Silva of Niles, A. A. Oliver of Mt. Eden and **J. R. Blacow** of Centerville. The officers of the institution are **August May**, President; **J. R. Blacow**, Vice President; R. A. Blacow of Centerville, Cashier; and C. M. Christensen of Irvington, Assistant Cashier.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 26, 1931*

#### **Mushrooms:**

Bright skies and the first early crop of mushrooms conspired to bring a record-breaking throng of motorists from the city to the country highways and byways. Searchers, carrying paper bags and baskets, combed the fields for the delectable fungus. Many motorists patronized roadside mushroom vendors, who varied from old men to children.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 26, 1931*

#### **Around Town:**

A Valentine costume dance will be given by the Alvarado PTA in the school auditorium Saturday evening, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Decorations are planned in keeping with St. Valentine's Day. The school cafeteria is being equipped with dishes and kitchen utensils by the Parent Teacher's Association.

Mrs. Earl Hellwig entertained with a 1 o'clock luncheon at her home Friday. The guests are Mrs. G. P. Lowrie, Miss Margaret Lowry, **Mrs. T. P. Harvey** and Mrs. J. H. Ralph.

Mrs. J. Luna, assistant Postmaster, has been ill for the past few days. Postmaster Norris is being assisted by Bernice Boyd in the absence of Mrs. Luna.

Mrs. A. Galbraith, of Piedmont, mother of **Mrs. T. P. Harvey**, left for Wisconsin last week where she will visit relatives.

A three-act musical comedy is planned by pupils of the Alvarado Grammar School for presentation early in February. Costume dances and songs will feature the play, which is under the direction of Miss Leda Sayles.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 27, 1931*

**Pair Held in Extortion Attempt:**

Donald Hayes and Manuel Moya are charged with extorting \$20 from Mrs. Anna Ramos last December, will go to trial February 9<sup>th</sup> before Judge John J. Allen.

Hayes and Moya are declared to have appeared at Mrs. Ramos' soft drink shop in Alvarado on the night of December 16<sup>th</sup> and to have represented themselves to be prohibition agents in an attempt to extort money.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 27, 1931*

**Around Town:**

**Mrs. C. W. Baird** was the hostess of the January meeting of the Ladies Aid Society.

Mr. & Mrs. T. P. Harvey were recent visitors at the home of friends in San Anselmo.

Mrs. Earl Hellwig entertained a number of friends and relatives at a luncheon recently.

Mr. & Mrs. George Barkman left for their home in Colorado this week after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ziegler.

William Norris of San Francisco visited his father, local Postmaster Albert Norris, this week.

W. J. Laplante, of Berkeley, visited friends here this week.

A son was born to Mr. & Mrs. Henry Miller recently.

Miss Barbara McClellan of San Francisco was a recent visitor at the home of Mr. & **Mrs. C. W.**

**Baird.**

*The Oakland Tribune, February 1, 1931*

**Washington Township Band:**

All the people of this community are working faithfully and willingly working hard to help raise enough money to send the band and orchestra to the State contest. They are giving parties, plays, dances and donations to raise their share of the funds to help the band and Washington Union High School. Band expenses will run about \$1,000.

Irvington has about twenty members in the band, and they are hoping to raise their share by giving a card party on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Fifty cents admission is charged, but good prizes, refreshments, and a good time is promised.

Alviso is going to a Portuguese-American dance on February 7<sup>th</sup> at the Alviso Grammar School in order to raise enough funds to send their nine students.

Mrs. Steinhoff of Newark is planning a play, about March 27<sup>th</sup> with a cast of Washington Students to raise the funds to send their 21 band members.

Dr. George Holeman of Centerville has consented to assist in raising Centerville's share in sending its 11 students, and Mrs. Robie of Alvarado has promised to raise Alvarado's share for nine students.

In addition to all the band members mentioned, there are five members from Mission San Jose, Four from Warm Springs, three from Decoto and almost 10 from Niles who are yet to be accommodated.

*The Hayward Review, February 3, 1931*

**Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fisher of Alameda were guests at the home of William Fisher this week.

Accompanied by friends from Decoto and Stockton, Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Wasley enjoyed a recent outing in Santa Cruz.

Mrs. F. W. Joyce entertained the Junior Bridge Club at her home Wednesday afternoon.  
Mrs. A. K. Logan gave a piano recital for her pupils at her home recently.  
Mrs. Earl Hellwig entertained friends from Newark and Alvarado at her home recently.  
Mrs. Edwin Nordberg of San Francisco is visiting Mrs. Albert Degermark for a few days.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 8, 1931*

### **Memory Lapse Aids Prisoner:**

Raymond V. Turner, involved in a Post Office robbery at Alvarado, won a two-month reduction in his jail sentence today because Federal Judge Frank Kerrigan's memory slipped a cog. Although Turner and his "pal" Michael Saulter were not directly involved in the robbery, it was shown that Saulter signed the government checks stolen from the post office and Turner passed them. They were captured in Seattle and brought back here for trial.

Judge Kerrigan today sentenced Turner to ten months in jail and Saulter to one year. Joseph O'Connor protested at the difference in time imposed. But, said Judge Kerrigan, Turner furnished the government with valuable information, which deserves consideration. On the contrary, O'Connor said, it was Saulter who did that. After a moment's thought Judge Kerrigan agreed that he had made a mistake and reduced Saulter's sentence to ten months.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 15, 1931*

### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Boyd and daughters attended a card party and dance in Oakland recently.  
Miss Eva Lorraine Costa of Alvarado gave a piano recital in the Hall of Music at Mills College, which was attended by a score of friends from Washington Township.  
Mrs. Frank Briggs and Miss Emily Briggs of San Leandro were visiting at the home of Mrs. J.E. Rivers.  
Mr. & Mrs. H. M. Springer visited friends in Alameda this week.  
William Fisher visited relatives in Alameda this week.  
Mr. & Mrs. James Logan visited friends in Watsonville on Sunday.  
Mr. & Mrs. Vern Gordon have moved to Centerville where they will make their home in future.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 22, 1931*

### **Poolroom Murder:**

The preliminary hearing of Pedro Pineda and Carmen La Garda, both of Oakland, charged with the murder of Jesus Heredia, Alvarado poolroom employee last November, was continued again yesterday by Justice of the Peace J.A. Silva to give the county authorities time to apprehend Guadalupe Gomes, who is alleged to have fired the fatal shot.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 26, 1931*

### **Gas Explosion Kills Alvarado Man:**

Funeral services were held in Alvarado yesterday for Manual Goularte, who died in a Hayward Hospital Saturday night as a result of burns he suffered in an accident near Newark that afternoon.

Goularte was employed by the Western Steel & Pipe Company, which is constructing the Newark to San Lorenzo emergency pipeline for the San Francisco Water Department. The accident occurred when Goularte attempted to pour gasoline into a hot welding machine and an explosion resulted.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 19, 1931*

### **High School Board:**

Frank T. Dusterberry, local manager for the Bank of America in Centerville and for many years on the Board of Trustees for the Centerville Grammar School, has announced himself as a candidate for trustee of the Washington Union High School to succeed his brother, Fred F. Dusterberry, who served as president of the Board of Trustees for seven years, but was forced to retire this year due to ill health.

A. F. Bettencourt of Centerville, whose on the Board of Trustees expires this year, has decided to seek re-election. This brings the candidates for the two positions on the board to a total of four. James Logan of Alvarado and John Oliveria of Mowry's Landing entered the race several weeks ago.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 24, 1931*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Ruth Hellwig attended a bridge luncheon in Hayward this week.

James Pilkington of Irvington has taken over the local garage.

Mrs. Dora Tainton of Berkeley was a recent guest of Mrs. J. H. Ralph.

William Norris of San Francisco visited his father this week, Postmaster Albert Norris.

Mrs. J. P. Boyd entertained several friends from Newark and Alvarado recently.

Miss Barbara Jean McClellan of San Francisco was a guest of Miss Helen Baird this week.

Miss Helen Howell has accepted a clerical position in Hayward.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 31, 1931*

#### **Burglary:**

Two medals given him by the Japanese government and about \$50 in currency were included in the loot burglars who entered the home of K. Makahia, Alvarado rancher, during the weekend, according to a report made to Constable Tom Silva.

As all member of the Japanese families work in the fields during the day their homes are unprotected and many of them have been robbed during the past few months.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 31, 1931*

#### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Ralph and Mr. & Mrs. Earl Hellwig enjoyed a recent outing in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Mr. & Mrs. J. P. Boyd and daughters, Bernice and Joan, gave a picnic recently near Livermore for a group of friends from San Francisco.

Mrs. W. S. Robie has returned from a trip to Crockett where she visited with her son.

Miss Bessie Smith of San Francisco visited her father here, Mr. S. L. Smith this week.

Mrs. E. E. Richards visited relatives in Mountain View.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 12, 1931*

#### **Illegal Liquor:**

Jesus Rocha, 29, of Alvarado, has started a term of five days in the county jail, sentenced by Judge Jacob Barder, Jr. for possession of liquor. He was given an alternative of a \$25 fine. Rocha was arrested by George Helms and George Henningsen of the District Attorney's office during an altercation with Mrs. A. B. Toral, also of Alvarado. Mr. Rocha had a pint of liquor in his pocket the officers said.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 13, 1931*

#### **License to Marry:**

John Silva, Alvarado, 44

Anna Madeira, Alvarado, 36

*The Oakland Tribune, April 14, 1931*

#### **Marriage:**

Carl Christensen married Miss Florence Rowe of Irvington. Mr. Christensen is employed by the Bank of Alameda County in Alvarado where he is Assistant Cashier.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 15, 1931*

#### **Alvarado School:**

Superintendent of Schools for Alameda County, Joseph Marr Gwinn, told 1,000 parents and children at Alvarado School today that students are now better educated than they were 40 years ago.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 22, 1931*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. C. W. Baird and Mrs. L. L. McClellan and their daughters enjoyed a recent visit with friends in Los Banos.

Mrs. August May expects to leave soon for an extended trip to Europe.

Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Ralph enjoyed a recent outing in Brookdale, in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Albert Norris, Alvarado Postmaster, has been confined to his bed the past week with an illness.

Miss Madeline Silva has been elected Holy Ghost Queen for the fiesta to be held in Alvarado May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

John Smyrle, who is to marry Miss Sadie Tait of Berkeley in the near future, is constructing a new home on the Alvarado-Centerville Road.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 26, 1931*

#### **First Papers:**

Seraphine Noia of Alvarado has applied for his first papers for naturalization and will be attending classes at Washington Union High School.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 28, 1931*

#### **Sugar:**

A second meeting of the beet growers in the Alvarado sugar factory district is expected to be called here sometime next week. Committeemen appointed Richard C. Kennedy of the Alameda County Farm Bureau who is now at work interviewing growers, learning their sentiments regarding a plan for a beet growers cooperative marketing association.

Members of the Central California Pea Growers Association, formed recently, report a successful season in progress. The association's directors are meeting occasionally, and a general meeting will be held at the close of the season.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 2, 1931*

#### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. A. B. Hill of San Mateo spent the weekend with friends in Alvarado.

William Fisher has returned to his home in Alvarado after staying at the home of his son in Alameda.

Mrs. Daniel Monroe and Mrs. S. J. Blackie of Berkeley visited the E. C. Richard's home this weekend.

Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Baird entertained a number of friends from San Francisco over the weekend.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 3, 1931*

#### **Water Rights:**

Ranchers in Alvarado and Mt. Eden are questioning the right of the City of Hayward to pump water from wells in Alvarado and pumping it outside the district ([East of Castro Street, now Mission Blvd](#)). The ranchers are asking that Hayward cease and desist from pumping Alvarado water into a reservoir in the east foothills.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 8, 1931*

#### **Car Stolen:**

A roadster owned by A. Thompson of Gading Road, Hayward, was stolen while Mrs. Thompson and daughter Gertrude were attending the celebration in Alvarado on Sunday. The car was found but was minus about \$20 worth of tires and accessories.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 8, 1931*

#### **Fireworks:**

The annual Portuguese Holy Ghost celebration held in Alvarado has received a permit for a fireworks display on the evening of May 2<sup>nd</sup> and to hold a dance on the evening of May 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 15, 1931*

**Marriage License:**

Joe D. Luiz, 57, Alvarado  
Mary P. Amaral, 52, Niles  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 20, 1931*

**Marriage:**

Gregory A. Perry, 21, Alvarado  
Mary A. Mendoza, 22, Sunol  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 20, 1931*

**News Note:**

Miss Annie Penke of Mt. Eden hosted a tea at her home yesterday afternoon, complimenting a group of her friends. She was assisted with the reception of guests by her nieces, the Misses Millie and Lottie Jung of Alvarado.  
*The Hayward Review, May 22, 1931*

**Joseph Roderick Dies:**

The late Joseph Roderick of Alvarado was laid to rest at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery yesterday, following funeral services at St. Anne's Church in Alvarado. The Pallbearers were: J. Avila, Joe Flores, M. Andrade, C. Mello, M. Menezes and August Silva. Mr. Roderick is survived by his wife, Mrs. Anna Roderick, a daughter, Hazel Hendrick of Hayward, and a son, Stanley Roderick of Alvarado.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, May 22, 1931*

**Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. William Richardson of Oakland were recent guests of Mr. & Mrs. J. P. Boyd.  
**Mrs. August May**, who is leaving soon on a European tour, entertained a number of friends at a recent luncheon.  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Baird and daughter Helen enjoyed a recent outing near Cupertino.  
Mrs. H. M. Springer entertained at dinner last week in honor of **Mrs. August May**.  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 24, 1931*

**Alameda County Farm Home Dept.:**

Preparation of vegetable plate luncheons will compose the instruction to be given by the Alameda County Farm Home Department at a meeting to be held in the home of Mrs. Nora Vargas tomorrow in Alvarado. Mrs. Maryetta Holman is to be the demonstration agent.  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 26, 1931*

**News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Bauhard and daughter, Doris Elaine, will leave this evening for a two-weeks' motor trip to Denver and Salt Lake City. Mr. Bauhard is assistant master mechanic at the Alvarado mills.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, May 29, 1931*

**Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. S. C. Nobleman of San Francisco are spending several days at the Edw. Foley home. J. C. Wasley, Principal of the Alvarado Grammar School, was a visitor in San Jose recently. Albert Norris, local Postmaster and Librarian, is recovering from a recent operation. Mrs. August May is en route to Europe and expects to spend several months visiting points of interest.  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 31, 1931*

**Sugar:**

A group representing the sugar beet growers of the Alvarado factory district, who met at Mt. Eden last Wednesday, went to Stockton to attend a regional meeting of delegates from factory districts of Central California. The Stockton meeting is expected to result in formation of a regional organization of beet growers in Central California, of which the Alvarado district will form one unit.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 2, 1931*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Willa Jane Hellwig has returned from a vacation in Spain.

Miss Vienna Pantage and Mrs. C. Pantage of Reedley were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Theodore Soderlund.

Mr. & Mrs. C. Skow and Melvin Skow will leave Monday for Oregon, where they will spend their vacation.

Mrs. W. S. Robie was a recent visitor in Crockett.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 7, 1931*

#### **Marriage:**

Miss Mae Breito of Hayward will wed Clarence Rose of Alvarado at All Saints Church in Hayward at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 10, 1931*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Willa Jane Hellwig, Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, is in Ely Nev., attending a meeting of the grand chapter.

W.J. Laplante and daughter of Berkeley were recent guests of Mr. & Mrs. J.P. Boyd.

Miss Helen Hughes of Berkeley has resigned as a teacher in the local grammar school to accept a position with an Oakland school.

Miss Lorine Roe of Los Banos was a recent guest of Mrs. C.W. Baird.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 14, 1931*

#### **Flaming Caskets:**

Officer Harry Hendricks of the patrol has been complimented for his recent rescue of a flaming truck loaded with caskets on the highway near Alvarado. A lighted cigarette, supposed to have been tossed from a passing auto ignited one of the caskets, which set fire to the others.

The driver was unaware of the fire until stopped by the officer. Officer Hendricks aided the driver in extinguishing the flames.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 16, 1931*

#### **Antone Azevedo Dies:**

A large throng of sorrowing relatives and friends of the late Antone Borges Azevedo followed his body to a grave at Holy Ghost Cemetery yesterday after a service at St. Anne's Church in Alvarado. The pallbearers were Joseph Lewis, Joseph Roderick, Manuel Maciel, George Enos, Frank Silva and Manuel Avila. Mr. Azevedo died at Newman Tuesday. He was born in the Azores 76 years ago and spent 55 years in California, many at Alvarado. Locally he is survived by daughters Mrs. Frances Allegre and Mrs. Mary Soares and a son Manuel Borges Azevedo.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 17, 1931*

#### **News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. John Dietrich have been recent guests at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Holyoake on East Avenue in Hayward.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 20, 1931*

#### **Night Watchmen Replaced:**

Uniformed police officers are now patrolling the streets of Irvington, Centerville and Alvarado, having replaced the night watchmen who were employed by the businessmen of this community.

The officers are being provided by a detective agency of Oakland and their salaries are paid by the subscribers to the service.

***The Hayward Daily Review, June 20, 1931***

### **Marriage:**

Miss Edith All, of Hayward, formerly from Alvarado, was wedded to George Hinkley of Alvarado in Reno on Saturday, the surprise being happily received by many friends of the couple. The groom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. George Hinkley Sr. of Alvarado, and is employed in Alvarado. The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George All, who came to California from Iowa.

***The Hayward Daily Review, June 23, 1931***

### **Salt:**

(From *The San Mateo Times*)

Leslie California Salt Company will be closing their refinery at San Mateo and consolidating this function with their plant in Alvarado, according to their main office in San Francisco.

The change is planned as a consolidation of the company's activities, and means all refining will be done in the Alvarado plant. Production of approximately 30,000 tons of coarse salt will continue from the San Mateo ponds across the Bay.

Dave Kirk, Sup't of the San Mateo plant will be transferred to the Alvarado plant. All employees in San Mateo will be given places in the Eastbay plant with the exception of laborers, who will be retained for work in the San Mateo ponds.

***The San Mateo Times, June 23, 1931***

### **Odd Fellows:**

At a joint installation at Alvarado Tuesday evening, officers of the Niles and Alvarado Odd Fellows Lodges were installed at an impressive ceremony conducted by James Hunter of Alvarado, district deputy of the lodge.

In the Alvarado Lodge installation, James Logan was installed as Noble Grand and A. E. Martin as Vice Grand. The other officers remain the same as for the preceding term.

***The Hayward Daily Review, July 17, 1931***

### **Commercial Ad:**

Mill Wood Blocks:

Clean wood mill blocks of convenient fire wood size. Mostly hard knots, no cutting or splitting necessary. Delivered to your door in single or double loads. Get your winter's supply now at the following attractive prices:

Alvarado	Single Load \$6.00	Double Load \$11.50
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International Wood Products, Co.

Nursery Road, Niles California

Phone: Niles 71-F-2

***The Hayward Daily Review, July 22, 1931***

### **Liquor Possession Nets Jail Time:**

Mrs. Frances Madina of Alvarado, arrested Monday during a raid by sheriff's deputies was given 20 days in jail or a \$100. Unable to pay the fine Mrs. Madina was jailed.

***The Oakland Tribune, July 29, 1931***

### **Marriage License:**

Masata Fujita, 42, Alvarado

Toshima Nishikawa, 33, Alvarado

***The Oakland Tribune, July 31, 1931***



**Around Town:**

Mrs. A. K. Logan and children have returned from a vacation spent in Petaluma.

Mrs. Willa Jane Hellwig, Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star paid an official visit to the two chapters in Santa Cruz.

Miss Mabel Fyffe has returned from a vacation spent in Santa Cruz.

Mr. & Mrs. William Richardson of Oakland were recent guests of Mr. & Mrs. J. P. Boyd.

Mr. & Mrs. A. Mayberry have moved to Mt. Eden.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 2, 1931*

**Sugar:**

The business barometer rose here today with the opening of the Holly Sugar mill in Alvarado, affording employment to 200 workers. With a daily payroll of \$1,200, the operation of the mill for the annual sugar beet season is expected to bring on an average of \$3,200 a day to farmers and employees of this district, it was declared. The working season for the mill is expected to run until December 1<sup>st</sup> this year.

During the season the mill expects to purchase more than 150,000 tons of sugar beets at a range of \$5.00 to \$6.50 a ton, it is estimated. Of this tonnage, 25 per cent is supplied by Washington Township, while the remainder comes from Stockton and Sacramento.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 2, 1931*

**Salinas O. E. S.:**

A reception and banquet was given here last night in honor of the visit of Willa Jane Hellwig of Alvarado, Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star. The Eastern Star leader addressed the delegates from all parts of Monterey County who gathered in joint session with the Salinas Lodge at the Masonic Temple here.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 11, 1931*

**Decoto Adds Powerful Pumper Truck:**

With the delivery of Decoto's new fire truck, the Decoto Fire Department now has a thoroughly up-to-date piece of firefighting equipment. A 350-gallon Barton centrifugal pump is mounted on the front end and carries 800 feet of hose.

With this apparatus in the community, Washington Township now has four modern pumping engines, located at Newark, Centerville, Niles and Decoto. There is also chemical apparatus at Newark, Centerville, Mission San Jose, and Niles, and one hose truck at Alvarado, making in all nine-fire trucks, which by a cooperative agreement among the departments can be assembled at any major fire in the township.

*The Hayward Daily Review, August 21, 1931*

**Hayward Chamber of Commerce:**

The Hayward Chamber of Commerce recently contributed to saving an important industry for Southern Alameda County, it was declared in a letter received by Secretary Harlie R. Norris from the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce.

The Alvaradan sent a letter here thanking the Hayward Chamber of Commerce for endorsement of a letter asking the county board of supervisors to have repaired a county road leading to the plant of the Leslie-California Salt Company near Alvarado.

The Alvarado men have been informed that their request has been granted and repairs will begin on the road as soon as possible. The Alvarado letter stated the action of the Hayward Chamber saved an important industry for Southern Alameda County.

*The Hayward Daily Review, August 27, 1931*

**Extension of Niles Nursery Road:**

Grading of the extension of First Street in Niles through the J. C. Shinn orchard to the California Nursery has been completed by the county road department. Work will be started immediately upon the widening of Niles-Alvarado north of the nursery. As soon as an agreement can be reached with between the county and George C. Roeding, president of the nursery, the road will be cut through his property and Niles will have a direct route to Alvarado, Mt. Eden and to the San Mateo Bridge.

***The Oakland Tribune, September 6, 1931***

### **Baseball:**

Freddie Muller, the Alvarado boy, who has been with the Seattle Indians of the Pacific Coast League for a few years, but it was not until this season that Manager Ernie Johnson found the right spot for him. Muller played a fair game at third base, but he is twice the player at second base and at least three major league ball clubs are dickering for him.

***The Oakland Tribune, September 7, 1931***

### **Around Town:**

Mrs. W. S. Robie entertained a number of friends at her ranch near Healdsburg during the holidays.

Mrs. C. Goodman, pioneer resident of Alvarado, was the guest of honor at a recent dinner party given by Mrs. Nellie Hinkley.

Mrs. S. J. Blackie of Oakland visited her daughter, Mrs. C. Richards this week.

Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Dinsmore, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Baird, and Mr. & Mrs. Chris Skow went on a fishing trip during the holidays.

Mrs. Anna Roderick is a visitor in San Francisco this week.

***The Oakland Tribune, September 13, 1931***

### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Willa Jane Hellwig, Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, has returned from a tour of Southern California.

Mr. & Mrs. Morton Springer were visitors in Oakland this week.

Mrs. J. H. Ralph and Mrs. Earl Hellwig spent Tuesday in Oakland.

J. P. Boyd made good on his last chance during the deer season and returned Monday with a buck killed in the Livermore hills.

***The Oakland Tribune, September 20, 1931***

### **School Baseball:**

The Mt. Eden School baseball team met the Alvarado Grammar School boys in close game Thursday afternoon. The score was 6-5 in favor of Mt. Eden.

***The Hayward Daily Review, September 26, 1931***

### **Eagles:**

Alvarado Aerie to initiate new members Monday night with a banquet to follow says Joseph Martin head of the house committee.

***The Oakland Tribune, October 16, 1931***

### **Auto Crash Claims Two:**

Two men were killed in an auto crash at Niles Road and Orchard Avenue about one quarter south of Hayward yesterday afternoon.

James Logan, 65, of Alvarado and James Cleveland Whipple, 51, prominent Decoto farmer, drove a light coupe into a gravel truck driven by Robert a Roach of Oakland. Mr. Whipple is believed to have been killed instantly, while Mr. Logan died at the Hayward Hospital about 6 o'clock, three hours after the accident. They had been returning from a fishing trip.

Logan is believed to have dozed at the wheel of his car. It shot across the four-lane highway striking the truck and pushing the front wheel and axle back against its body. The coupe was

telescoped in fearful fashion, both men being caught in the seat, crushed and deeply cut by the wreckage.

Mr. Whipple was a school trustee of the Decoto School District and a native of California. His wife, Edith, and three sons survive him. He was a member of the Centerville Masonic Lodge.

Mr. Logan was the newly elected trustee of Washington Union High School of Centerville and survived by his wife Rebecca, six sons, five daughters, and two sisters, Mrs. Maggie Fyffe and Mrs. Martha Kerr. He also was a member of the Centerville Masonic Lodge and of the Crusade Lodge of the Odd Fellows in Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 17, 1931*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Peter Gronley, district deputy attended the meeting of the Pleasanton Rebekah's this week. Mrs. E. A. Richmond and Jeanette Richmond, Mrs. J. H. Ralph and Mrs. G. P. Hellwig, have been attending the grand lodge of the O. E. S. in Coronado.

Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Stref of San Francisco have been visiting with Mr. & Mrs. J. P. Boyd.

Miss Lorene Roe of Los Banos has been visiting at the home of Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Baird.

Mr. & Mrs. John Lewis and family of Benicia spent the weekend with Mrs. Lewis' sister, Mrs. Manual Gaspar.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 25, 1931*

#### **Marriage License:**

A marriage license has been issued in Reno to William E. Vargas, 22, of Alvarado; and Katherine Cortez, 21, of Hayward.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 26, 1931*

#### **Alvarado Man Injured in Fall:**

Joseph Correa, 21, of Alvarado is at the Hayward Hospital with a possible skull fracture as a result of a fall he sustained while loading salt into a boxcar at the Southern Pacific station in Alvarado this morning. He was standing inside the door of the car when he was seen to fall to the ground, apparently seized with a fainting spell, according to witnesses.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 28, 1931*

#### **FREE:**

Free from October 31<sup>st</sup> to November 7<sup>th</sup>, inclusive at the following stores:

Alvarado: J.H. Ralph

Receive a 15¢ tin of Schilling Cinnamon **free** with your purchase of Schilling Coffee. Schilling Coffee comes from the only exclusive roaster of fine coffee in America. A million western homes know Schilling Coffee, many of them for the past 50 years!

*The Oakland Tribune, October 30, 1931*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. H. Ziegler entertained the Ladies Aid Society at the Odd Fellows Hall Thursday afternoon.

Miss Mildred Nauert was hostess of the Bridge Club this week.

Mrs. John Ralph, Mrs. E. A. Richmond, Miss Jeanette Richmond and Miss T. Layton of Berkeley returned this week from Southern California, where they attended the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

The ladies of St. Anne's Church are planning their annual bazaar for November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 1, 1931*

#### **Alvarado Stabbing:**

Sheriff's deputies were investigating a stabbing affray in Alvarado last night, in which Edward Chevada received a deep cut on the left side of his face. He was treated at the Hayward Hospital.

Sheriff deputies retrieved as much information on the stabbing as they could. The knife wielder is being sought police.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 2, 1931*

#### **Sour Milk:**

"Beet top milk" is the latest nuisance to invade the local milk market, according to City Milk Inspector R. L. Griffith today.

Last year, certain cows got into the garlic fields and the local milk inspection bureau was busy tracing the source of the milk, which was totally unpalatable because of its strong garlic flavor. In the previous year, dairyman fed raw tomatoes to their cows because of lack of water, and this produced "tomato milk" which was also unpalatable.

This year Griffith said that some of the dairyman at Newark, Centerville and Alvarado are feeding beet tops to their cows. The beet tops are often old and form a sour mash which the cows like, he said, but the milk from these cows is more bitter and unpalatable than even the tomato or garlic milk.

The Oakland milk inspectors are now striving to keep the producers of "beet top milk" out of the local market until after the cows have recovered from the beet orgy.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 3, 1931*

#### **T. P. Harvey:**

Mr. & Mrs. T. P. Harvey were guests at a dinner party held at the Athens Club in Oakland and hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Jones in honor of Miss Vivian Kreuckel.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 8, 1931*

#### **Scouts to Visit Holly Sugar:**

Troop 5 of the Hayward Boy Scouts will visit the Holly Sugar mill in Alvarado Saturday afternoon. John Wilbur will accompany the troop.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 13, 1931*

#### **Christian Beier Dies:**

Christian A. Beier, pioneer resident of Tennyson and Alvarado districts died at his home near Alvarado this morning. He had lived in the same home for 46 years and had been a resident of California for 64 years. His wife, Mrs. Anna M. Beier and a daughter survive him.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 13, 1931*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. M. Lawrence's home, which was partly destroyed by fire, is being rebuilt.

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Silveria and Mr. & Mrs. Joe Machado of San Jose, spent Sunday visiting with Mrs. John Menezes.

Mrs. Earl Hellwig entertained the Bridge Club at her home Friday afternoon.

Mr. & Mrs. Russell Robie of Crockett spent the weekend with Mrs. Walter Robie.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 15, 1931*

#### **Holy Ghost:**

A change in the methods of financing its annual spring fiesta has been adopted by the Alvarado Holy Ghost committee. Instead of canvassing the community for funds, the organization has decided to give a series of dances, whist parties and other benefits during the winter. Plans are now being made for a whist party, the first of a series, to be given in the parish hall early in December.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 22, 1931*

#### **Around Town:**

Alberta Menezes has been confined to her bed for several days.

Mrs. Theodore Harvey spent Monday in Berkeley visiting her sister who recently returned from Australia.

Mr. & Mrs. William Vargas who were recently married in Reno have left for a three-week honeymoon in Los Angeles.

John Cambridge of Alameda has been the guest of John H. Ralph this past week.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 22, 1931*

### **Silver Anniversary:**

The 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Chris Skow of Alvarado was a major event. Mr. & Mrs. Skow received their guests at the IOOF Hall in Alvarado Sunday evening. Long dinner tables were beautifully decorated in green and silver, with flowers and lighted tapers. Covers were placed for 58 persons. Dancing and visiting followed the dinner. As well as the Alvarado crowd there were many friends and relatives from the Hayward area.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 25, 1931*

### **Alvarado Man Slugged & Robbed:**

Joe Gastelon of Alvarado had a drink in a Mexican poolroom near his home and then lost his memory. The next morning he was at home with his head bandaged. He learned that he had been treated by a Centerville physician for a serious scalp wound. His wristwatch, a pair of gloves and \$40 were missing. Constable Tom Silva was informed that they found him the next morning near the spot where Gastelon had been discovered unconscious.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 2, 1931*

### **Niles Right of Way:**

The Niles Chamber of Commerce and the board of supervisors are marking time while Earl Warren is deciding what action is advisable to procure the right-of-way through the California Nursery property which will permit the extension of First Street to make a direct connection between Niles and Alvarado. The extension will eliminate two sharp curves, an underpass and a grade crossing.

Through efforts of the Niles Chamber of Commerce, a right-of-way was procured and First Street extended through to the south line of the nursery property where it is now dead-ended. Efforts of the civic body and the Board of Supervisors to procure the remainder of the right-of-way have been futile.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 8, 1931*

### **Mosquito Abatement:**

Extensive dredging operations are soon to commence in the salt ponds near Russell City and Alvarado it was announced today by the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District. A contract was let this week to Paris Brothers Construction Company of Berkeley for clearing the ponds as part of the work of mosquito eradication work of the district.

It involves digging 7½ miles of ditches and excavation of 24,000 cubic yards of earth. Work is to begin in two weeks, and will be done by draglines. The contract price is \$3,489.

The salt marshes include an abandoned salt-works southwest of Russell City and a duck pond west of Alvarado. Both are the properties of Leslie Salt Company. Excavation and drainage of the marshes are calculated to eliminate breeding places of mosquitoes.

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 19, 1931*

### **Mrs. Jane M Goodman Dies:**

Mrs. Jane Goodman passed away at her home near the Leslie Salt Works at Alvarado Tuesday. She was 86 years of age. She was the wife of the late Frank P. Goodman.

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 26, 1931*

### **Flood:**

Roads are blocked; creeks overflowed their banks and a large section in the vicinity of Hayward and throughout Southern Alameda County were flooded during the heavy downpour of Saturday and Sunday.

Seven inches of rain have fallen in the past week, the records of the high school weather bureau show. Since Saturday morning 3.8 inches have descended in this vicinity. Ashland, Tennyson and Valle Vista were largely under water. Reports from Alvarado indicated that Alameda Creek had overflowed its shallow course and that the surrounding country was a veritable sea.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 28, 1931*

#### **Flood:**

High water between Russell City and Alvarado is preventing the Oakland to San Jose Southern Pacific trains from getting through and they must be rerouted through Hayward and Niles.

At Alvarado a levee was broken, flooding the countryside and washing out the Alquire Road (today's Dyer Road) and the Nursery Road (Alvarado-Niles Road) between Alvarado and Niles. These roads were dangerous but passable.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 29, 1931*

#### **Deportations Face Alvaradan's:**

Having heard the Justice of the Peace Allen G. Norris announce last week he was determined to stamp out lawlessness in the Mexican quarter of Alvarado, even if it means resorting to deportation. Valderino Gonzalez will face Judge Norris tomorrow on a felony charge of violating the alien gun law.

Carlos Ramirez and Tony Quiroz were given 60 days in the county jail last week when they pleaded guilty to a charge of attacking Night Patrolman John Bates and taking Gonzales away from Bates after he had been placed under arrest.

Judge Norris of Centerville and Justice of the Peace A. J. Silva have joined forces in an effort to create respect for the law in the new "Little Tiajuana" in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 4, 1932*

#### **Murder Charge Dropped:**

Having been postponed many times during the past two years to give county authorities and opportunity to apprehend him, the murder charges against Guadalupe Gomes was dropped from the calendar of the local justice court yesterday, upon the recommendation of Deputy District Attorney Harry Styles. However, Judge J. A. Silva made the notation that the case was being dropped and is "to be reset."

Gomes is alleged to have murdered Jesus Heredia, an attendant in an Alvarado poolroom, in November 1929. Carmen La Gardo and Pedro Pineda, both of Oakland and companions of Gomes, were arrested and held in jail for several months. Later they were released under heavy bail as material witnesses. Gomes fled across the Mexican border. He was located and while extradition papers were being prepared he fled into the mountains and has not been seen since.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 6 1932*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. John H. Ralph has been a patient in an Oakland Hospital for several days.

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Degermark visited in Oakland this week.

Miss Laura Laplante of Berkeley spent the weekend with Mr. & Mrs. Jack Boyd.

Miss Nancy McKeown was a visitor in Oakland this week.

Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Soderlund and daughter, Caroline, have returned from a visit with relatives in Reedley.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 17, 1932*

**Mrs. T. P. Tea:**

Mrs. Campbell Arnott (nee Galbraith) will set sail on January 20<sup>th</sup> for her home in Sydney Australia. A tea party was given in her honor by her mother Mrs. Galbraith in her Piedmont home. Also assisting as hostess was Mrs. T. P. Harvey of Alvarado, Mrs. Arnott's sister. The function was attended by many east bay socialites.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 17, 1932*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. C. A. Forbes of Berkeley spent several days of this week with Mrs. W. S. Robie. Mrs. John Ralph has returned to her home after being ill in an Oakland Hospital for several weeks. Mrs. Chris Skow and Mrs. August May were visitors in Oakland Wednesday. Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Soderlund visited friends in Berkeley this week.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 24, 1932*

**News Note:**

Mrs. Celesa Gregory from Jennings is visiting her son and his family this week, Mr. Charles Baird.

*The Modesto News Herald, January 28, 1932*

**Alvarado Unhealthy:**

Apparently harboring the opinion that the atmosphere of Alvarado is becoming too "unhealthy," several Mexican families are reported to have left that place during the week. A recent raid by Alameda and San Clara County authorities which is rumored to have cleaned up the remnants of the old "Little Tiajuana" gang and a report that another raid is being planned by federal authorities to round up aliens who are in this country without passports is believed to be reason for the Mexican migration.

Information obtained by the Muller Detective Agency, which maintains a patrol system in several communities of Southern Alameda County, resulted in the recent raid in which nine Mexicans were arrested by San Clara and Alameda County authorities. The men were charged with stealing hogs from ranches in Santa Clara County and butchering them near their home here.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 30, 1932*

**Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Bromley of Hayward were recent visitors at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Albert Degermark.

E. A. Richmond has returned from an Oakland Hospital where he was a patient for several weeks.

John Salem of Berkeley visited Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Soderlund.

The Alvarado Farm Home Department met at the home of Mrs. Lena Bettencourt this week.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 31, 1932*

**Marriage License:**

Remigio Cerruti, 27, Newark

Florence Cosso, 19, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, February 1, 1932*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

The Hayward Chamber of Commerce is planning a banquet for the community Chambers at the Green Shutters Hotel in Hayward on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. August May of Alvarado is among the invitation list.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 2, 1932*

**Alvarado Man Receives a Shave:**

Miss Blanche Kessler, woman barber of Oakland is a defendant in a law suite today brought by Alvarado dairyman Joseph Reichlin to recover \$1,080 declared to have been given to Miss Kessler upon her promise to marry him.

The suit is on trial before Judge Frank M Ogden before whom Reichlin testified that he had seen Miss Kessler but five times, spending but 32 hours in her company in all. He also told the judge he had been shaved twice by Miss Kessler.

***The Oakland Tribune, February 2, 1932***

### **Salt:**

W. G. Stone of Hayward is the inventor of a new mechanical process to extract salt from ocean water and have pure distilled water as the by-product.

Leslie-California Salt Company in Alvarado has shown an interest in this new salt extraction process and may put it into use if a buyer can be found for the surplus water, which is a by-product of the process.

***The Hayward Daily Review, February 3, 1932***

### **Creek Creates New Land:**

Heavy rainfall and the consequent wearing away of the foothills near Alvarado has resulted in Alameda County Supervisors finding themselves in possession of valuable property that did not exist 20 years ago.

Thomas J. Power called attention to the situation by offering to purchase a piece of property that lies between Alameda Creek and Levee Street in Alvarado. A description of the property on old maps shows the boundary line to the edge of the creek at the time when the watercourse was wide. Since that time silt has been deposited on the banks of the creek until now the county owns the land where water used to be.

District Attorney's Warren opinion states that the county is entitled to increases in area, which have been built up by the deposit of earth.

[Editor's Note: Alameda Creek used to come into downtown Alvarado near the Alvarado Hotel where it crossed the highway \(the Horner's built a bridge here\) and continued south into town to within a few feet of Maiden Lane, just behind the old meat market. The channel for the Alameda Creek now lies between Alvarado and Mt. Eden. A good portion of the land behind Levee Street used to be Alameda Creek.](#)

***The Oakland Tribune, February 3, 1932***

### **Mt. Eden Birthday Party:**

A large birthday party for Miss Rose Pestdorf and Mrs. J.W. Gansberger of Mt. Eden was attended by many locals. Miss Annie Penke and Mrs. Emma Oakes were honor guests as their birthdays are also in February. Attending the party from Alvarado was Mr. & Mrs. Wiegman.

***The Hayward Daily Review, February 4, 1932***

### **Dance:**

The Alvarado Holy Ghost Society will host a dance at the Newark Pavilion, January 30<sup>th</sup>.

***The Oakland Tribune, February 8, 1932***

### **Around Town:**

Mrs. George Hellwig was a visitor in San Francisco Tuesday.

John Davilla returned from Los Gatos where he was seriously ill for several weeks.

Mrs. W.S. Robie was a recent visitor in Oakland.

Misses Ruth and Orina Kelly and Mrs. Earl Hellwig served refreshments at the Parent Teacher meeting Thursday afternoon.

***The Oakland Tribune, February 7, 1932***

### **Mrs. Minnie Moffitt Dies:**



Mrs. Minnie Moffitt, wife of the late William Moffitt, died Saturday in Oakland at the age of 71. She had lived in California for 64 years and made her residence in Alvarado. She is survived by a son and three daughters.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 8, 1932*

### **Sugar:**

The Yolo Feed and Fuel Company received a carload shipment of beet pulp from the Spreckels Sugar Company ([Holly Sugar Co.?](#)) plant at Alvarado just south of Oakland. It is the fifth carload shipped into Woodland within the last 30 days. Farmers are using the pulp for feeding dairy cows pending the development of spring pasturage.

*The Woodland Daily Democrat, Woodland California, February 16, 1932*

### **Around Town:**

Miss Viola Bell and Mr. & Mrs. William Richardson of San Francisco were guests of Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Boyd, Monday.

Miss Barbara McClellan of San Francisco spent the weekend with Helen Baird.

Miss Joan Boyd visited friends in Berkeley this week.

Mrs. Theodore Soderlund Sr. of Berkeley visited Mrs. Theodore Soderlund Jr. of Alvarado this week.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 28, 1932*

### **Baseball:**

Fred Muller, the Alvarado boy, will again be featured at second base for the Seattle Indians of the Pacific Coast League this year. Fred is poised to make the next step to the Major Leagues when the right offer is made, but this year will be spent with Seattle.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 5, 1932*

### **Around Town:**

William Norris of San Francisco visited his father, Albert Norris, Alvarado Postmaster, this week.

Mrs. A. K. Logan and children are visiting relatives in Petaluma for a few days.

Members of the Alvarado Birthday Club were entertained by Mrs. George Hellwig this week,

Mrs. E. C. Richards visited friends in San Jose this week.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 6, 1932*

### **Classified Ad:**

POSITIONS WANTED – WOMEN:

Swiss woman wants work as cook on dairy.

Call: Alvarado 65

*The Oakland Tribune, March 8, 1932*

### **Around Town:**

Mr. A. K. Logan is chairman of the Lions Club committee, which is endeavoring to raise Alvarado's share of the fund being sought for a public swimming pool for Washington Township.

J. P. Boyd was a visitor in San Leandro recently.

Mrs. Frederick Muller was in Santa Cruz to visit her husband, who is in training with the Seattle baseball team.

Mrs. Walter Robie was a recent visitor in Oakland recently.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 20, 1932*

### **Hit & Run Driver:**

Frank Azevedo of Alvarado was painfully bruised early last night when he was knocked from his bicycle by an automobile on the road between Centerville and Newark. The driver did not stop.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 21, 1932*

### **Man Shot:**

Jesus Mastochi was taken to Fairmont Hospital with two bullet wounds and Louis Ruiz, his roommate, was arrested last night as the probable assailant. Also arrested is Mrs. Maria Ruiz,

over whom a quarrel is said to have started, Manuel Martinez, Marciano Wisor and Vincente Assorio were also taken into custody.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 28, 1932*

### **Aunt Elsie's Club:**

OAKLAND TRIBUNE SECTION FOR CHILDREN:

"The Reward"

Fiction written by: Richard Munger of Alvarado, age 10 years.

Aunt Elsie Prize Winner

One Sunday morning while Jack was in his bed reading the funnies, Billie burst in and said their mother said they could go to the woods. In a while Jack was up. Soon their lunch was ready and they were on their way.

Later when they were pretty far into the woods they saw a house, so they went over to the lawn to eat their lunch. When they sat down to eat their lunch, the ground gave way and they fell into a room with one window in it.

While they were looking around they heard footsteps outside the door. Just as they hid behind a curtain the door opened and in walked a man with his hands tied, and following him was another man. Later the boys heard the one man say that other must give him some money.

Pretty soon the boys were sneaking up behind the man giving the order. They put their feet in front of his and pulled back. The man fell over. Jack tied him and Billie ran for the police. The police said they had been looking for him. The boys received a big reward.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 17, 1932*

### **Irvington Boy Scouts:**

An effort is under way to form a Boy Scout Troop in Irvington. The same group of persons are also going to attempt to start troops in Mission San Jose and Warm Springs. If they are successful, Alvarado will be the only town in the township without a Boy Scout Troop.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 19, 1932*

### **Holy Ghost Fiesta:**

Portuguese of the bay district invaded Alvarado tonight for the opening of the Holy Ghost season in this section of the state. A colorful procession, fireworks and a ball in the new I.D.E.S. Hall opened the fiesta. Tomorrow morning, Miss Adeline Silva, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A. P. Silva will be crowned queen of the festival.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 24, 1932*

### **Charles Heyer:**

Many friends of Supervisor Charles Heyer today are congratulating him on his 64<sup>th</sup> milestone of life's progress.

Supervisor Heyer was born in Alvarado in 1868 and one later his family moved to Hayward. During his early years he drove teams for the Palmtag and Heyer Brewery. He served as mayor of Hayward for 20 years, resigning 1914 to become county supervisor, which office he has since occupied.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 25, 1932*

### **Juvenile Artists:**

A group of juvenile artists and authors met here in the Alvarado School to form a local chapter of the Aunt Elsie Club of the Oakland Tribune.

The chapter members of the new club are: John Accinelli, Leonard Silva, Eva Soares, Marian Ziegler, Alvina Santos, Lloyd Silva, Richard Munger, T. Akinaga, Helen Pilkington, Cyril Flores, Jim

Wasley, Wilma Martin, Edward Martinez, Robert Avilla, Irma Borges, Mary Hinkley, Caroline Amaral, Olivia Nieto and Bernice Lezand. The chapter will be under the guidance of James C. Wasley and Mrs. Laura Orelli.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 26, 1932*

#### **Overcoats Stolen:**

H. E. Culver and G. R. Laybourne of Alvarado reported to policeman Al August Saturday night that their overcoats were stolen from their automobiles, which were parked near the Fire House.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 2, 1932*

#### **New Daughter:**

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Silva are receiving congratulations of their friends and relatives on the arrival of a new baby daughter at their Alvarado home last Thursday.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 3, 1932*

#### **Supervisor Richmond:**

Ralph V. Richmond, supervisor of the first Supervisorial district of Alameda County, has announced his candidacy for re-election. Supervisor Richmond is completing his second term on the board. His district includes all of Washington, Pleasanton and Murray Townships.

Richmond, prior to becoming supervisor, served as Justice of the Peace in Washington Township for 10 years. He is a native of Alvarado and at one time was engaged in business in Hayward.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 4, 1932*

#### **Radios in Police Cars:**

"Car number 202 go to salt works at Alvarado." That call came in on the ether waves yesterday to Sheriff's Deputy Chester A. O'Brien, assigned to Hayward territory by Sheriff Michael B. Driver, as he cruised along in his powerful police cruiser.

Mr. O'Brien explained that calls to the sheriff's office from any part of the county are relayed through the Berkeley Police Radio station promptly to police officers in any part of the county.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 7, 1932*

#### **Marsh Road Raised:**

More than half of the Newark-Alvarado Road ([Marsh Road/Union City Blvd](#)), which passes through the marsh south of Alvarado, has been rebuilt by the county road department. Its surface is being raised to keep the road above the floodwaters from the Alameda Creek.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 8, 1932*

#### **Hayward Water:**

Last week Judge John D. Murphey, in Alameda Superior Court, upheld the right of the City of Hayward to use water from its wells at Alvarado, and closes a threatening chapter in Hayward water history and assures the city a supply of water for domestic use sufficient to provide for considerable future expansion.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 17, 1932*

#### **Charles R. Nauert Dies:**

Many in Alvarado are mourning the death of Charles R. Nauert, who died at his home early this morning. He was well known in Alvarado and Hayward.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 26, 1932*

#### **Services for Charles R. Nauert:**

Funeral services were held today for Mr. Charles R. Nauert, for 73 years a resident of Alvarado, who voted for Abraham Lincoln for President. He was married to the late Hattie Nauert, a relative of Supervisor Heyer; and father of Kathryn N., Boyd, Mildred H., August B., Henry P. Nauert and Mrs. Oscarna Heitmuller. A brother, Oscar P. Nauert also survives him.

Mr. Nauert, one of the best-known old-timers of Southern Alameda County, was born in Buffalo, N.Y. and came to Alvarado at an early day in its history. Mr. Nauert was the long-time superintendent of the Geo. Tay Foundry and Stove Works in Alvarado.

***The Hayward Daily Review, May 28, 1932***

**News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Martin and family from Alvarado were visitors of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Chrisman of Hayward over the weekend.

***The Hayward Daily Review, June 2, 1932***

**News Note:**

Mrs. Anna Roderick presided over a dinner at her home in Alvarado Monday evening complimenting a group of her Hayward friends. They were Mrs. Hazel Hendricks, Mrs. Adeline Peters, Mrs. Mabel Rego and Mrs. Julia Alves.

***The Hayward Daily Review, June 2, 1932***

**Siren:**

The Holly Sugar mill will install a siren at its plant outside of Alvarado to be used as an emergency signal to call volunteers for local fire fighting emergencies. The siren will be tested each Saturday at noon.

***The Oakland Tribune, June 3, 1932***

**Sugar:**

With about 20,000 acres of sugar beets planted in the Stockton, Sacramento and Alvarado sugar factory districts, an average season's production is predicted. Last year's production set a record for several seasons, with 407,720 100-pound sacks being produced at the Alvarado plant of the Holly Sugar Co. More than 200 employees were busy from August to November. About a fourth of the factory's production is still on hand with the rest having been shipped out.

***The Hayward Daily Review, June 11, 1932***

**Salt:**

About an acre of salt piled up at Baumberg, near Mt. Eden, is to be moved to Alvarado by means of a six-inch pipe now being laid. The salt will be washed through, according to officials of the Leslie Salt Co. After this process the salt will go through its usual process of refining for commercial purposes.

***The Hayward Daily Review, June 11, 1932***

**My Sister Lilly:**

(From *The Oakland Tribune's* Aunt Elsie's Children Page)

I have a little sister

Whom I call Lilly;

She has a cart and a goat

Which she calls Billy

Every time she rides in her cart

She thinks she is very smart...

My little sister Lilly

By: Alvina Santos, Alvarado, age 11

***The Oakland Tribune, June 12, 1932***

**Marriage:**

Joe Pfau, Alvarado

Miss Edith Amaral, Alvarado

***The Hayward Daily Review, June 23, 1932***

**Fishing:**

(From *The Oakland Tribune's* Aunt Elsie's Children Page)

There was a boy and a dog. The little boy was fishing in a brook. The boy caught a big fish. The boy told the dog that he had a big fish for supper. The dog got the fish and put it in the water and the boy was very angry.

By: Manuel Pine, Alvarado, age 13  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 26, 1932*

### **My Experience With a Ghost:**

(From *The Oakland Tribune's* Aunt Elsie's Children Page)

One night on the way home from the house of a friend I had a terrible fright. I was thinking of the ghost stories we had told, when suddenly in the path before me appeared something in the dark. It looked as if it carried a great white sheet, which it waved first on one side, then on the other.

I stood as still as a post trying to think of what to do. The ghost stood still also. Finally I got enough courage to throw a stone.

The ghost bounded away, waving its white sheet faster than ever, but a familiar bawl let me know that I had nothing to fear. It was my own calf with a handkerchief tied to its tail.

By: Tony Fields, Alvarado, age 12  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 26, 1932*

### **My Puppy:**

(From *The Oakland Tribune's* Aunt Elsie's Children Page)

I have a little puppy. His name is Skippy. One day Skippy ran away. I looked all over the house and did not find him. I looked in the barn and did not find him there.

About two or three days after I saw something in the cellar. I did not think it was my puppy. The next I woke up and heard a noise in the cellar. I got out of bed and ran down to the cellar. I saw it was my puppy. I got a big bowl and filled it with bread and milk. He liked it.

A week or two later he was fat again. Of course he was very glad to see me. I played ball with him all day long. The day I found my puppy I put a pink ribbon on him. He was very happy and so was I.

By: Raquel Nieto, Alvarado, age 10  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 26, 1932*

### **Sugar:**

A plea for increased home consumption of California beet sugar was made by the secretary of the sugar beet growers association of the Alvarado factory district. It was pointed out that while many Southern Alameda County men are employed at the Holly Sugar mill at Alvarado, their product is crowded out of the local markets by cane sugar to a large extent in Southern Alameda County and throughout California.

When the California consumer buys beet sugar, 97 per cent of the money he expends stays in his home state. But when he buys cane sugar, no more than 17 per cent remains at home.

Despite this fact California, which produced 165,000 tons of beet sugar, consumed only 70,000 tons of it. At the same time she consumed about 230,000 tons of cane sugar. As a result 95,000 tons of California sugar product had to be shipped under heavy freight charges to eastern markets.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 27, 1932*

### **Dance Permit Application:**

On June 30<sup>th</sup>, Joe Guzman applied to County Board of Supervisors for a dance permit at the Guzman Pool Hall in Alvarado to be held on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 7, 1932*

**Love Birds:**

(From *The Oakland Tribune's Aunt Elsie's Children Page*)

One Monday night a friend from Niles came over to our house with a pair of lovebirds. I was happy to see them.

Next morning I asked my mother are we going to name them? She said, "Name one Alfred and the other Caroline."

By: Marjorie Goularte, Alvarado, age 9

*The Oakland Tribune, July 10, 1932*

**Bank of Alameda County:**

According to the Hayward Daily Review the Bank of Alameda County has gross deposits approximating \$3,000,000 in its three branches.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 16, 1932*

**Deer Tags:**

Probably the first man to buy a deer-hunting license in Hayward this year is Don J. Castro of Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 23, 1932*

**A Miracle:**

(From *The Oakland Tribune's Aunt Elsie's Children Page*)

One bright summer day Jim and Jack decided to go fishing. One their way a black cat crossed their path, but the didn't believe in bad luck and kept on going.

When they reached the river (which was a fast flowing one) they fixed their poles and got ready to fish. When they were ready, Jim said he was going to go out on the tree that bent over the river. Jack warned him he wouldn't be safe out there and he couldn't swim, but Jim didn't say anything and climbed out on the tree.

In a little while Jim caught a fish and became a little excited and fell into the river. Jack heard the splash, looked over and saw Jim in the river. In a second he knew what to do. He started to run downstream until he reached a small rowboat. He hopped in and started to row. Soon he reached Jim, who just going under the third time.

As soon as he had Jim in the boat he started to laugh, because when Jim was in the water there was a great big fish on the line and the hook stuck out. When Jim was in the water the hook became caught on his trousers. They had a good supply of fish that night.

By: Richard Munger, Alvarado, age 11

*The Oakland Tribune, July 24, 1932*

**A Wise Dog:**

(From *The Oakland Tribune's Aunt Elsie's Children Page*)

One day, when I used to live up in the hills, I decided to take a walk. I took my dog with me.

We were about two miles from home when all of a sudden it became foggy. The fog was so thick I couldn't find my way home. I whistled for my dog. I whistled for him because I though he would show me the way home I started to walk, but when I stopped walking the dog stopped too. I stopped because I thought the dog would go and I could follow him.

Then I came to a road. I walked up that road. I got excited when I saw my dog was walking down another road, so I followed him. Soon the fog began clearing and I saw the smoke from the chimney of my house. My dog and I reached home safely. From that day on I never went up in the hills unless my dog went with me.

By: Laurence Roderick, Alvarado, age 14 (This entry was a "prize winner")

*The Oakland Tribune, July 24, 1932*

**The Airport:**

(From *The Oakland Tribune's Aunt Elsie's Children Page*)

One day Tom and Jack thought they would go to the airport. The airport was about two miles away from their home. They put up a lunch and were soon on their way.

When they reached the airport, a man said to them, "How would you two boys like to go for a ride?" The two boys said they would like it very much. Then the boys were soon in the air.

Tom said, "This is the best fun I've had for a long time."

When the boys came down they thanked the man. They ate their lunch and went home.

By: Albert Hinkley, Alvarado, age 13

*The Oakland Tribune, July 24, 1932*

**Choosing a Pet:**

(From *The Oakland Tribune's Aunt Elsie's Children Page*)

"Oh John," announced Dorothy happily, "mother says we may have a pet. Isn't that good news? I am going right over to see if I may have one of Marie's kittens," and she clapped her hands gleefully.

"What! A kitten," exclaimed John. "I say not, we are going to have a dog in this house. I think Tom will give me one of his puppies."

"Oh dear!" protested Dorothy, "we could dress it up in my doll's clothes and wheel it around."

"That's just like a girl," declared John. "Now what I want is a dog to go with me when I'm fishing and camping. What good will a silly little mewling kitten be to me?" he inquired.

"Wait a minute," suggested wise Dorothy. "I know what to do. Let's ask mother for two pets."

By: Seraphine Daviner, Alvarado, age 12

*The Oakland Tribune, July 24, 1932*

**Baseball:**

Fred Muller, the Alvarado boy, leads the Pacific Coast League in homers this year with 26 round trippers. The Seattle Indians second sacker is batting .281.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 26, 1932*

**News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Wiegman have been the house guests of Mr. & Mrs. Enos Mento at their home in Hayward.

*The Hayward Daily Review, August 1, 1932*

**Soares Family:**

Joseph and Antone Soares of Alvarado attended the funeral of their father, Manuel C. Soares of Dixon, at All Saints Church in Hayward.

*The Hayward Daily Review, August 3, 1932*

**Depression Wedding:**

Judge Jacob Harder Jr. officiated at a sure enough "depression wedding" at the city hall yesterday. The bridegroom, Foro Olivencia, 40, of Alvarado, rushed to the city hall just from work, without coat or vest, and was married in that unconventional costume. The bride was Lupe Vasquez, 36, also of Alvarado. After the judge had, with his usual pleasant smile, pronounced the couple man and wife, they boarded a coupe with a rumble seat. The newly made husband sat in the rumble seat while his wife occupied the front seat in the company of a canary. The coupe rushed both back to their work at an Alvarado factory.

***The Hayward Daily Review, August 4, 1932***

**New Arrival:**

Born to Mr. & Mrs. Manuel E. Terra, a son, Arthur Anthony.  
***The Oakland Tribune, August 7, 1932***

**Drainage District:**

An attempt to organize a large drainage district, with boundaries extending perhaps as far as San Leandro on the north and Alvarado or even Niles on the south, was launched last night by The Federation of Improvement Clubs of Southern Alameda County.  
***The Hayward Daily Review, August 12, 1932***

**The Water Lilly:**

(From *The Oakland Tribune's* Aunt Elsie's Children Page)

Once upon a time there was a little girl. One day Betty was out playing in the sand pile when her mother called her. "Betty, I want you to wash your hands because we are going to the nursery." They got in the car and went to the nursery.

Betty's mother looked at some flowers. Betty went over to the fishpond to see the fish. Betty saw the prettiest water lily. Betty ran to her mother and told her mother about the water lily.

Her mother said, "We haven't enough money."

The man heard them. He looked at the water lily and said, "The water lily is \$1, but I will give it to your for fifty cents." The man gave it to them for fifty cents. They took it home and put it in the fishpond.

By: Vivian Logan, Alvarado, age 9 (This entry was a "prize winner")  
***The Oakland Tribune, August 14, 1932***

**Dropped Handkerchief:**

Page Sir Walter Raleigh!

Mike Oliveria and Pedro Pineda, both of Alvarado, went to the rescue of a handkerchief dropped by an unidentified woman on the main street of Alvarado. Oliveria beat Pinedo to the handkerchief by a split second, but Pinedo evened the score by kicking Oliveria in the mouth as he was retrieving the hanky. Dr. E. C. Grau of Niles had to take eight stitches in Oliveria's lip. Pineda, who figured as a material witness in an Alvarado murder case two years ago, spent the night in jail. Oliveria refused to press charges and the two were seen leaving the jail arm in arm.  
***The Oakland Tribune, August 28, 1932***

**Marriage:**

Announcement has been made of the wedding of Miss Mabel Fyffe of Alvarado to Adolph Lund of Hayward in Alvarado on Saturday. Mr. Lund is a traveling representative of the Caterpillar Tractor Company and has traveled extensively in Europe for his company.  
***The Hayward Daily Review, August 29, 1932***

**Dance Permit:**

(Granted on August 23<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting)

The Alvarado Sociedad Divino Espirito Santo will hold a dance at the Alvarado I.D.E.S. Hall on August 27<sup>th</sup>.  
***The Oakland Tribune, September 6, 1932***

**Pugilist Marries Fiesta Queen:**

Jose Santa, 7-foot Portuguese pugilist, was married in Oakland to Marie Alvera of Alvarado. Santa weighs in at 202 pounds for the match, Miss Alvera 113. She was queen of the Portuguese fiesta at Alvarado in May and Santa met her at that time. They are honeymooning in Sacramento and Santa will resume his boxing career later.



***The Hayward Daily Review, September 14, 1932***

**Salt:**

The wisdom of the Leslie Salt Company's policy to concentrate its refining operations at Alvarado paid dividends as profit this year doubled to \$197,709 or 1.69 a share.

***The Hayward Daily Review, September 17, 1932***

**Sugar:**

Sugar beet production in the Bay region was set forth as one of the important keys to the solution of the agricultural depression, says Chester Gray, Washington representative of the Alameda County Farm Bureau federation in a speech at Stockton yesterday.

Mr. Gray pointed out that but 2,000 acres of sugar beets are being produced this year in the Alvarado factory district, which includes Alvarado, Mt. Eden and other territory near Hayward, in place of the 3,000 acres produced last year.

If more sugar beets were raised, said Mr. Gray, they would eliminate some of the surplus acreage in tomatoes, potatoes, corn and alfalfa now being produced in this region. Some way of eliminating the competition from sugar imported from Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines would assist the American farmer materially.

***The Hayward Daily Review, September 21, 1932***

**Witchcraft in Alvarado:**

Constable Tom Silva and Patrolman Don Bates today are seeking to adapt modern police methods to primitive voodooism and witchcraft spells. The aid was sought to quell the demonstrations of witchcraft in modern California when Mrs. Selca Agundez collapsed and became violently ill after discovering a substance known "as the powder of death" on her doorstep.

A second victim of the same "charm," Mrs. Elvira Brown, also asked for police protection, in the firm belief that her escape from similar ill effects was solely due to the fact that she saw the powder in time to avoid stepping over it, for this traditions avers, is the means of escaping its potency.

Both women demanded that Silva undertake a full investigation (witch hunt) for only an authentic witch, which they assert can compound the potent powder. Its formula includes earth gathered from a graveyard, crushed pepper seeds and various herbs, prepared with incantations of necromancy.

Mrs. Ramona Romero, friend of Mrs. Brown, and her husband Casimiro Romero, childhood friends of Mrs. Agundez, also sought the aid of the authorities in putting a permanent injunction, or something, against the proactive of witchcraft in Alvarado. They feel some hidden enemy has engaged the services of a witch to bring them bad luck, sickness or even death.

The questioning of a woman suspected by the victims of witchcraft proved to have its own difficulties, as the woman, Ramona, speaks no English. Accompanied by an interpreter, the officers sought her out. With wildly waving Medusa-like black curls and gesticulating hands she poured forth a torrent of rapid and emphatic Spanish that even left the interpreter gasping.

"She says," he tersely translated about 20 minutes worth of speech from the woman, "that people talk too much and you all can go to the devil."

***The Oakland Tribune, September 22, 1932***

**T. P. Harvey:**

A Ted Harvey display of vegetables at the recent California State Fair has drawn a Blue Ribbon.

***The Oakland Tribune, September 25, 1932***

**Alvarado Man Saves Motorist:**

Joe Perez of Alvarado pulled Harry Kono, an Alameda Florist, from a wrecked auto as it burst into flames. Mr. Kono was badly burned and received other injuries. Mr. Perez was not seriously burned in his act of heroism. Mr. Perez then drove Mr. Kono to the hospital  
*The Hayward Daily Review, September 26, 1932*

**Missing Girlfriend:**

The mystery of the disappearance of Miss Jobito Camarillo, 17, of Alvarado, was solved yesterday when Constable Tom Silva was informed that the girl was in hiding in Hayward while she and Mike Martinez, a former resident of Alvarado, were awaiting the issuance of a marriage license.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 7, 1932*

**Duck Club Caretaker Dies:**

Edward O'Neill, aged caretaker of a duck club near Alvarado, died at a local hospital of pneumonia. He lived alone at the duck club and was taken last night after having been ill for several days.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, October 8, 1932*

**Auto Accident:**

Henry Miller, 24, of Alvarado and Russell Wolf, 17, of Hayward High School were involved in a collision on Main St in Hayward. Both autos were damaged, but there were no injuries.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, October 15, 1932*

**Christmas Seals:**

Mrs. August May will again lead the Christmas Seal sale this season for Alvarado.  
*The Oakland Tribune, November 2, 1932*

**Nursery Road:**

A valuation of \$6,202.63 was today fixed by Superior Judge Leon E. Gray on the property sought by Alameda County from the California Nursery Company for opening the new road through the nursery from Niles to Alvarado. The land consisted of a piece of property 50 feet wide and 777 feet long running parallel to the state highway and being an extension of First Street in Niles.

The defendants in the action claimed a value of \$7,500 for the land, \$6,500 for severance damage and \$1,000 as the cost of fencing made necessary if the land if used for road purposes. In fixing the valuation of the land, Judge Gray took into consideration the value of the shrubs and trees on the nursery grounds. The Board of Supervisors had refused to compromise at a \$5,000 valuation.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 3, 1932*

**T. P. Harvey:**

Mrs. A. Galbraith, of Highland Avenue, Piedmont, is being welcomed home from Chicago, where she has been visiting with relatives. She and Dr. Galbraith (her husband) will be Thanksgiving guests of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Perkins Harvey at their country home in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 12, 1932*

**Charles Heyer Dies:**

Supervisor Charles Heyer passed away last night at 8:15 o'clock. He had been ill for about a year, but last spring he rallied and for a time in the summer seemed to be in good health. Early this fall he was stricken again and for last several days had been in critical condition.

Mr. Heyer was born in Alvarado in 1868 and his parents moved to Hayward the following year.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, November 19, 1932*

**News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Hendricks of Hayward were recent guests at a family reunion hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Anderson of Alvarado.

***The Hayward Daily Review, December 1, 1932***

**Relief Fund:**

The Hayward Relief Fund got a boost when officials of the California-Leslie Salt Company and the Holly Sugar Company at Alvarado are cooperating in the solicitation of those firm's employees on behalf of the relief committee. Hayward is halfway to its goal of raising \$11,000 for the relief fund.

***The Hayward Daily Review, December 6, 1932***

**New Arrival:**

Born to Giambattista and Rosie Gualco of Decoto (later of Alvarado), a son, Thomas Giambattista Gualco.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 7, 1932***

**News Note:**

Mrs. Fred Joyce of Alvarado entertained a group of her friends at a Christmas party at her home Friday afternoon. Bridge was played and a luncheon was served.

***The Hayward Daily Review, December 12, 1932***

**Special Bond Election Precincts:**

Alvarado-Precinct No. 1:

Polling Place: IOOF Hall

Inspector: Frances R. Robie

Judges: Helen Anderson, John P. Boyd

Clerk: Nora Vargas

Alvarado-Precinct No. 2:

Polling Place: Riverside Hotel

Inspector: Joseph George

Judges: Marie J. Janeiro, Mayme Roderick

Clerk: Raymond Cushing

***The Oakland Tribune, December 17, 1932***

**News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Hendricks Jr. of Hayward will join a family party at the home of Mrs. Hendricks mother, Mrs. Anna Roderick of Alvarado.

***The Hayward Daily Review, December 21, 1932***

**Sugar:**

Charges of discrimination in freight rates were made today by the Holly Sugar Co., which has refineries in Alvarado and Tracy, in a demand for a probe filed with the State Railroad Commission.

As one basis for a probe, the concern asserts that it is forced to pay 2½ cents more per 100 pounds from its plants to Los Angeles harbor than is paid by the Hawaiian Sugar Refinery from the latter's plant at Crockett.

As a second basis, the corporation charges that the carriers are absorbing the draying and switching charges on shipments originating at the Western sugar Refinery in San Francisco, but refuse to do this for the Holly Sugar refinery.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 23, 1932***

**New Arrival:**

Born to the wife of Mariano Caceres, a daughter, Josephine, during December.

***The Hayward Daily Review, January 7, 1933***

**Children's Hospital Group:**

Election of a chairman to succeed Mrs. James R. Whipple will feature the meeting of the Toyon Branch of the Children's Hospital of the East Bay, which is to be held at the home of Mrs. W.S. Robie Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Whipple has served as chairman of the local branch for a number of years but resigned at the December meeting. At that Mrs. W.H. Ford was re-elected as secretary and Mrs. August May as treasurer. It was decided to postpone the election of a chairman until the January meeting.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 8, 1933*

**Charles Reiser Dies:**

Charles Reiser, 88, passed away yesterday at his daughter's home in Hayward. Mr. Reiser has been a bay area resident since 1872 when he emigrated here from Germany. He formerly operated a blacksmiths shop in Alvarado and at other times worked for Henry Melninger in Mt. Eden and Henry Egger in Hayward at their blacksmith shops.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, January 13, 1933*

**Toyon Children's Hospital:**

Meeting at the home of Mrs. Walter Robie in Alvarado, members of the Toyon Branch of the Children's Hospital re-elected Mrs. J. C. Whipple of Niles as chairman for the coming year. Although Mrs. Whipple resigned the position recently after a long efficient term, she was persuaded by members to accept the office again. Miss Mildred Nauert was chosen to act as vice-secretary to Mrs. William Ford secretary.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, January 14, 1933*

**Alvarado Woman Attacked:**

Mrs. W. E. Wallace, 26, was beaten, robbed and attacked early this morning by two men who left her bound and gagged in her home here. She was found an hour later by her husband who took her to the Hayward Hospital where physicians said she was suffering from a probable fractured jaw, severe bruises and shock. The woman told Constable O. W. Ebright that she was at home in bed at about 1:00 a.m. when she heard a knock on the door. Thinking it was her husband she opened the door and was forced back into the home, beaten and then attacked. She was left bound and gagged. The robbers left with \$3.50.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 16, 1933*

**Rain Storm:**

Elsie Andrade, 6, of Alvarado received a broken collarbone when a rock, loosened by the recent heavy rains, fell through the roof of the car driven by her father, Joseph Andrade, as they were driving through Niles Canyon.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 23, 1933*

**Mosquito Abatement:**

A considerable proportion of work done by the officials and employees of the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District was done on the Bay Shore below Hayward in the vicinity of Russell City, Mt. Eden and Alvarado. Two of the larger projects were west of Alvarado and on the Leslie Salt Company land.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, January 23, 1933*

**Farm Home Meeting:**

Mrs. Maryetta Holman, of the Farm Home Center demonstrator of the Alameda County Farm Bureau, will hold a meeting tomorrow at the home of Mrs. J. Meneze.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, January 25, 1933*

**"Just Us":**

The "Just Us" luncheon-bridge club will meet at the home of Mrs. John Logan in Alvarado on Friday afternoon. Among members of the club are Mesdames Harold E. Heiser, William Hill, Walter Lund, Mark Jenson, William Jeppe, George Harvey, Fred Joyce and John Logan.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, January 25, 1933*

#### **Man Trampled:**

Aaron Kohn, 32, of Oakland was under treatment in Hayward Hospital today for injuries received when he attempted to herd horses on foot yesterday near Alvarado. He said he saw some of the animals start back from the direction he was driving them from his auto. He left the machine, and the horses promptly rushed him, knocking him down and running over him.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, February 2, 1933*

#### **Auto Collision:**

George C. Davis of Alvarado was injured when he collided with a car driven by Arthur Tindell of Palo Alto on Alvarado-Centerville Road near Mowry Road. Mr. Tindell did receive injuries in the accident.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, February 2, 1933*

#### **News Note:**

Mrs. Abbie Smith of Alvarado was a visitor in Hayward Saturday. She had previously lived on Rio Vista Avenue in Hayward.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, February 6, 1933*

#### **Infant Dies:**

The many friends of Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Enos Terra mourn the loss of their 6-month-old son, Arthur Antone Terra, who died last night. Besides his parents the little boy is survived by his brothers, Manuel Jr., Lawrence, Allen, and Earl.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, February 11, 1933*

#### **Man Runs Amuck:**

Befuddled with wine, according to his own admission to police, and piqued by another man's attention to his wife at a party in Niles Canyon, Gene Goss, 30 of Oakland, ran amuck near Holy Sepulcher Cemetery on Niles Road ([Mission Blvd.](#)) yesterday morning, killing one man by throwing a five-pound rock through the windshield of his rapidly driven car.

Angered at the party by his wife and another man's attention to his wife he left the party and said he was going to walk the thirty miles home. Trying to flag passing autos for a ride, he became frustrated and started hurling rocks at cars.

Among the cars hit and persons injured were Gregory Perry and Claire Lopez both of Alvarado.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, February 13, 1933*

#### **Niblic:**

(From *The Oakland Tribune's* Aunt Elsie's Children Page)

I have little dog named Niblic, but I call her Nibs. When I get up in the morning she jumps on me.

One morning when I was asleep my father let her in my room and she licked my face to wake me up. Nibs and I are great pals.

By: Peggy Wasley, Alvarado, age 8  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 16, 1933*

#### **Postmasters Meet:**

Postmasters from 26 district post offices in Alameda, San Mateo and Contra Costa counties are meeting in San Lorenzo Tuesday afternoon for a tri-county session of the National League of District Postmasters and to celebrate President George Washington's Birthday.

Attending from Alvarado will be Mr. Albert Norris, Postmaster of Alvarado and Mrs. Luna, Assistant Postmaster for Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 19, 1933*

**News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hunter of Alvarado were visitors Sunday at the A.E. Martin home on Ruus Road in Tennyson.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 23, 1933*

**Baseball:**

The Hayward Cubs turned back the Alvarado All-Stars 7 to 6 on Sunday.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 28, 1933*

**Eden-Washington Township Farm Center:**

The newly re-organized Eden-Washington Center of the Alameda County Farm Bureau will hold its first regular meeting next Tuesday night at the Alvarado Hotel. New officers will be installed said H. H. Mr. Morrell, head of the organization department of the California Farm Bureau federation. M.F. Silva of Alvarado will be a member of the Planning Committee.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 18, 1933*

**Farm Home Center:**

Several hundred Farm Home department leaders from Alameda, Contra Costa and San Joaquin counties will meet at Livermore some time in May for the annual tri-county convention. Attending from Alvarado will be Mrs. L.S. Bettencourt.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 2, 1933*

**Baseball:**

Jess Reglie, coach of the Washington Union High School baseball team is now coaching the Alvarado team and has them playing good ball.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 7, 1933*

**Baseball:**

The Hayward Athletes baseball team trounced Alvarado 9 to 2 at the Hayward High School diamond.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 11, 1933*

**Labor Unrest in Pea Fields:**

Special squads of deputy sheriffs, constables and state highway officers were ordered to patrol Southern Alameda County from Hayward to Warm Springs at noon today as a result of outbreaks reported between pea pickers and labor agitators.

Driven out of Santa Clara County by armed guards who are patrolling pea fields to prevent sabotage and threatened labor trouble, leaders of striking workers were attempting to invade Southern Alameda County. The situation had become so acute in Santa Clara County that Sheriff William J. Emig declared half of his regular deputies and a number of special officers had been assigned to patrol duty.

One man, Albert Vega, admitted San Jose radical, was arrested on vagrancy charges yesterday as a result of efforts to start a strike among pea pickers. Pickers working in the fields in the Valle Vista district suddenly quit their work this morning after a party of six unidentified men visited the fields. A spokesman for the laborers declared they had been threatened with beatings if they continued to work.

Agitators are reported to be working throughout Santa Clara and Alameda Counties urging pickers, mostly Mexican, to refuse to take part in the harvest unless a rate of 60 to 90 cents per hamper is paid for picking peas. The growers, who are receiving 3 cents per pound for their peas are offering 18 cents per hamper to the workers.

More than a score of indigents, who had been supported by the county during the winter months, were rounded up by sheriff deputies yesterday afternoon and brought before Judge Norris to explain why they had refused to accept work when it was offered them.

Representatives of the Southern Alameda County Welfare Board were present in the courtroom and assured Judge Norris that the county would aid would be denied to any person who refused to work when a job was offered to him.

Deputy sheriffs started through the camps today and demanded that the strikers either go to work in the fields or move out of the county. Hundreds of residents of Decoto, Alvarado, Niles and Centerville who have been provided with food, clothing and medical attention by the county are to be informed today they must either work or arrange for their own support.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 11, 1933*

#### **Labor Unrest in Alvarado Fields:**

Communist sympathizers, it is stated, are behind labor unrest and strikes in the Bay area fields. Threats of violence accompanied their demands upon the spinach field workers to leave the fields, and as a result, seven additional deputy sheriffs were sworn in for 24-hour guard duty.

That the threats against spinach field workers has been partially effective was evidenced through the inability of truckers to load their trucks and trailers with spinach in accordance with a prearranged schedule.

Twelve trucks and trailers that were to have been loaded with spinach remained empty at Alvarado. Many workers were reported in both the pea and spinach fields to have refused to continue their labors in the face of the threats against them.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 16, 1933*

#### **Smallpox:**

Seventy per cent of the school children in the Hayward School District are protected against smallpox. The goal is to reach 100 per cent. In the past month there have been three reported cases of smallpox in Alvarado and in Warm Springs.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 19, 1933*

#### **Alcoholic Beverage Permits Issued:**

Joe Marlot, Alvarado Hotel, Alvarado  
A.S. Mello, Lunch Room, Smith Street, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, April 19, 1933*

#### **License to Marry:**

Lupe Lozano, Alvarado, 22  
Rosie Escandon, Alvarado, 18

*The Oakland Tribune, April 22, 1933*

#### **Knifing:**

Francisco Hispanosa was knifed in a brawl in the rear of a pool hall frequented by Mexicans. County authorities are searching for a Mexican known only as "Juan" who was alleged to have wielded the weapon. Francisco was treated by Dr. Grau in Niles and then transported to Highland Hospital where he is in critical condition.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 24, 1933*

#### **Holly Sugar Company Picnic:**

The Holly Sugar Co. staff at Alvarado is planning its sixth annual picnic to be held June 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Stonybrook Park, Niles Canyon. The picnic has been planned by Roy McKinney and Ed Dana from

Stockton, J. A. Ratekin, "Hap" Pierson and William Rickman of Tracy; and Louis Stricker, J. Hunter and Roy Bauhard from Alvarado. All Holly Sugar employees are invited to attend.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, May 3, 1933*

**Baseball:**

The Southern Alameda County Baseball League will start play next Sunday. The Alvarado Merchants team will be managed by J.E. Lewis.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, May 9, 1933*

**Elizabeth Ralph Dies:**

Elizabeth Ralph, loving wife of John H. Ralph, died on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Ralph was active in the Alvarado Rebekah's and the Circle of Women of Woodcraft.  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 12, 1933*

**Peas:**

Nearly 800 carloads of peas have been shipped east thus far this season from the local shipping plant of the Central California Pea Growers Association, with 81 cars shipped on Tuesday, the peak day of the season. Fifty-four cars went out last night. The peas came from the areas about Hayward, Centerville, Estudillo and Alvarado.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, May 13, 1933*

**Traffic Fine:**

Joseph Tostado of Alvarado was fined \$5 for cutting in.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, May 18, 1933*

**Big League Scouts Want Alvarado Boy:**

Fred Muller, the Alvarado boy playing for the Seattle Indians, is just about as nifty a second sacker as one would wish to watch. Big league scouts have been trailing him and he is almost certain to be in the big show next season. He made some beautiful stops during the Oaks-Indian series and as usual displayed plenty of power at the plate.  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 22, 1933*

**Wedding:**

John Nesbitt of Alvarado has wed Miss Freda Keller of San Francisco. John Nesbitt is the brother of Joseph Nesbitt also of Alvarado.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, May 27, 1933*

**Pool Hall Knifing:**

Knives flashed in an Alvarado pool hall early today, and Lucio Espinonica, 32, fell with a stab wound under the heart. Raymond Luna, 28, was arrested by Constable O. W. Ebright of Niles, in connection with the affray. Espinonica was taken to Highland Emergency Hospital in Oakland, in critical condition, and Luna was booked into the Alameda County jail.  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 29, 1933*

**Baseball:**

The Alvarado Merchants have started the season with two consecutive losses and sit next to last in the Southern Alameda County Baseball league. Decoto sits in last place with a record of no wins and three losses.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, May 30, 1933.*

**Traffic Fine:**

S. Wakabayashi of Alvarado was fined \$2 for a stop sign infraction.  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 1, 1933*

**License to Marry:**

Isaac Vegas, Alvarado, 22  
Sarah Pagan, Berkeley, 22



*The Oakland Tribune, June 4, 1933*

**Cigarette Refusal:**

It cost Jesus Mostachi, 32, of Alvarado part of his nose to refuse a cigarette panhandler. Mastachi was smoking at the time. The panhandler asked for a cigarette and when Mastachi refused, the itinerant leapt on him and bit of part of his nose. Mastachi was taken to Hayward Hospital for treatment.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 5, 1933*

**"Just Us" Club:**

The "Just Us" Club met Friday at the home of Mrs. Ruby Harvey of Alvarado for a surprise baby shower for Mrs. Mavis Lund. Refreshments were served and the table was decorated with pink sweet peas and tiny cradles. Mrs. Lund received many beautiful gifts. Mrs. Helen Hill and Mrs. Lund won high scores honor in cards. Mrs. Henry Jorgensen was the guest of honor.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 5, 1933*

**Graduation Party:**

A surprise graduation party for Matilda Perry of Hayward for her graduation from Hayward High School was given Saturday night. Among those attending from Alvarado were Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Silva, Miss Lillian Silva, John Vierra, John Silva, Louis Silva and Manuel Amaral.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 5, 1933*

**Old Niles Friend Is Doomed:**

One of the oldest landmarks in the motion picture industry is being dismantled and will soon be only a memory. The old Essanay studio at Niles, where Charlie Chaplin, Ben Turpin, Gloria Swanson and a score of other screen celebrities began their careers, was sold recently to Frank Rose, Niles businessman. He has made arrangements with a building contractor to dismantle the large wooden building for the material within it.

The studio was erected in 1911 by George Spore and G. M. Anderson, from which combination came the name Essanay, conspicuous on screens pictures for several years. The studio was abandoned in 1914 and has lain idle ever since. Recent attempts to revive its use by Hollywood firms have failed.

In those early times of the screen business, the hills about Niles and the canyon nearby served as "sets" for train robbery scenes and Wild West pictures.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 5, 1933*

**Baseball:**

The Alvarado Merchants won their first game of the season by dropping the league leading Hayward Athletics 10 to 9. Alvarado scored 5 runs in the bottom of the ninth to defeat them.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 6, 1933*

**Fred Muller:**

Fred Muller, the Alvarado boy, had his contract with the Seattle ball club in the Pacific Coast League bought by the Red Sox. This could be the way for the second sacker's entry to the big leagues.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 3, 1933*

**Dairymen Meet:**

Alameda County dairymen are attending a meeting this afternoon at the Alvarado Hotel. Dr. A. G. Boyd of the Federal Bureau of Animal Industry is discussing methods of distributing the funds with the dairymen, which the state legislature has appropriated for bovine tuberculosis.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 7, 1933*

**Baseball:**

The Alvarado Merchants started the second of the Southern Alameda County Baseball League with a 23 to 3 loss at the hands of the Irvington Reds.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 11, 1933*

**Baseball:**

The Alvarado Merchants evened their record at one win and one loss with a 16 to 5 trouncing of Ramos Real Estate.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 18, 1933*

**Baseball:**

The Hayward Athletics shaded the Alvarado Merchants 5 to 2. That drops the Merchants record to one win and two losses.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 25, 1933*

**Train Wreck:**

Patrocino F. Muro, 28, of Alvarado, is at Fairmont Hospital with severe lacerations of the right hand, suffered when he drove his automobile into the side of a standing freight train at the Smith Street crossing in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 1, 1933*

**Baseball:**

The Decoto Merchants pounded the Alvarado Merchants 15-1. That drops the Alvarado team's mark to one win three defeats so far this season.

*The Hayward Daily Review, August 1, 1933*

**Alvarado Water:**

The city of Hayward pumped 148,000,000 gallons of water from their Alvarado well last year. Hayward has a limit of 182,646,000 gallons of water it can pump annually from Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, August 3, 1933*

**Anopheles Mosquito:**

The larva of the anopheles mosquito, which is the carrier of malaria, was found in the marshes west of Alvarado in July.

*The Hayward Daily Review, August 4, 1933*

**State Fair:**

Southern Alameda County vegetable growers are showing good interest in entering their products in the State Fair at Sacramento. T. P. Harvey and the Varni Brothers from Alvarado are preparing their entries. Also there will be an entry in the State Fair from the Newark-Alvarado Salt Producers.

*The Hayward Daily Review, August 7, 1933*

**Rolled In Alvarado:**

Forrest W. Dennery of Oakland "woke up" in strange surroundings in Alvarado yesterday morning minus most of his belongings with which he had come to town. He notified sheriff's deputies that some of his Mexican playmates of the night before had "rolled him" and that his auto, watch, suitcase, fountain pens and wallet with \$38 were missing. The officers recovered his auto and an empty suitcase, everything else was missing.

*The Hayward Daily Review, August 21, 1933*

**Classified Ad:**

FOR SALE:

Peerless deep well pump.

Sam Vecchio, Alvarado

*The Hayward Daily Review, August 24, 1933*

**News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Simon Lopes and family, Mrs. Marie J. Perry and family, Miss Helen Soares and Mrs. Mary Amaral of Alvarado enjoyed the bullfights in San Pablo Sunday.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, September 12, 1933*

### **Child Killed at Holly Sugar:**

Straying away from his mother and crawling under a freight car, William Long, 3 year-old son of Mr. & Mrs. A. B. Long of Piedmont was instantly killed here.

The accident happened at the Holly Sugar plant in Alvarado where Mrs. Long was making a business call. Mrs. Long and the child were waiting outside in his car. The mother cannot explain how the child got out of the car and entered the unloading shed where a Western Pacific crew was "spotting" cars loaded with beets. The body of the young boy was found after the cars pulled out of the shed.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 13, 1933*

### **State Fair:**

The Varni Brothers of Alvarado took first place in the vegetable display they exhibited at the California State Fair in Sacramento.

*The Hayward Daily Review, September 17, 1933*

### **Farm Center:**

There will be a meeting of the Farm Center at the Alvarado Hotel Wednesday evening. Ben Heggland, diesel engine expert with the Caterpillar Tractor Company will talk to farmers about the succession of power sources on the farm from horses to gasoline to butane.

*The Hayward Daily Review, September 25, 1933*

### **Traffic Arrest:**

Officer Duffy Lewis arrested John Costa, 40, of Alvarado on a driving while drunk charge.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 2, 1933*

### **Card Shark:**

As a result of a suspended jail sentence imposed by Justice of the Peace J. A. Silva, Angel Gonzalez, reputed to be one of the cleverest professional gamblers to work in the poolrooms in this area in many years, has agreed to leave town. When Deputy Sheriff Hugo Radbruch and Constable O. W. Ebright raided a card game here a few days ago they found that Gonzalez was not only using a marked deck of cards but he had a tin box lined with sand paper under the table so that he could keep his fingers so sensitive as to feel the marks on the cards as they were not visible to the naked eye. He was carrying a keen knife, which was eight inches in length.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 3, 1933*

### **Marriage License:**

Seraphine T. Noia, 29, Alvarado

Emily D. Oliveira, 21, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, October 5, 1933*

### **Baseball:**

Class A Winter Baseball is about to start. Jesse Jacinto has taken over the Alvarado club and has built up one of the strongest clubs of the league.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 6 1933*

### **Baseball:**

Not having a World Series games to tune in on Saturday, baseball fans from Burlingame and San Mateo will have the opportunity to see the local Texaco ([San Mateo](#)) boys tangle with the strong Alvarado team from across the bay at the city park. The visitor's play under the name of Alvarado, however, the majority of the team is employed by the Leslie Salt works. They met two weeks ago and San Mateo Texaco took the game by a count of 5-4.

*The San Mateo Times, San Mateo California, October 7 1933*

**Derivation of Term "Alameda:"**

Dr. J. M. Bowman, extension lecturer of the University of California is an authority for the statement that "Alameda" is an old Spanish word describing a willow grove along a creek. In this particular case in Alameda County, the name comes from a willow grove existing along the creek through Niles Canyon to Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 7, 1933*

**Baseball:**

The Alvarado Merchants defeated the Decoto Merchants 5 to 2 behind the pitching of "Spud" Degermark. Alvarado is now 1-0 in the Don Harder Class A Baseball League.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 10, 1933*

**Marriage License:**

Harvey Davis, 21, Alvarado

Kathryn Zappas, 19, Hayward

*The Oakland Tribune, October 11, 1933*

**Mosquito Abatement:**

Construction has begun on a long flume to drain the south marsh near Alvarado of its massive amount of water. The marsh is regarded as one of the largest mosquito breeding grounds in Southern Alameda County.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 16, 1933*

**Marriage:**

Frank J. Nunes, 24, San Jose

Dorothy Mello, 19, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, October 17, 1933*

**Pheasant Season:**

Pheasant season opens November 15<sup>th</sup> and lasts through November 29<sup>th</sup>. Only males may be taken, any hunter found in possession of a female pheasant will be arrested says Game Warden Fred Rogers. The birds look to be plentiful this year and hunters are expecting a good season.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 20, 1933*

**PTA:**

The Alvarado PTA entertained the East Alameda County council at a Halloween luncheon in Alvarado yesterday. The luncheon tables were artistically decorated with autumn leaves and other Halloween decorations.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 20 1933*

**Baseball:**

The Alvarado Merchants downed the team from Mission San Jose 3-1 behind the pitching of "Spud" Degermark. Alvarado shares first place in the winter league with three wins and no losses. The lineup for Alvarado included:

- Correia                      Second Base
- Amaral                      Left Field
- Lebon                        Short Stop
- Dutra                        Third Base
- Escobar                     First Base
- Roderick                    Center Field
- DuValle                     Right Field
- Rivers                        Catcher
- Degermark                 Pitcher
- H. Jacinto                 Second Base
- J. Jacinto

Hendricks                      Left Field  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 24, 1933*

**News Note:**

Mrs. Mary Amaral of Alvarado, Mrs. Mary Bernard of San Leandro and Mrs. Mae Alves of Hayward visited Mrs. Marie J. Perry of Hayward at her home where she convalescing from an automobile accident in which she was recently involved.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 24, 1933*

**Joseph G. Rose Dies:**

Joseph G. Rose died in his home in Hayward on Saturday. He was a native of the Azores, born there 75 years ago. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Mary Rose and was preceded in death by his son Joseph Rose Jr. Mr. Rose formerly was a prominent farmer and merchant in Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 1, 1933*

**Marriage License:**

Laurence Rose, 28, Alvarado  
Delphine C. Dutra, 21, Hayward

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 4, 1933*

**Sugar:**

Tony Quintana, worker at the Holly Sugar Mill at Alvarado, was brought to Hayward Hospital early today suffering with severe burns on the torso sustained when a bucket of scalding syrup was spilled on him about 3 o'clock. Although his back was badly scorched, hospital attaches expressed belief he would recover.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 13, 1933*

**Baseball:**

The Alvarado team defeated the Hayward Native Sons 4 to 1 behind the pitching of "Spud" Degermark. Alvarado improved its record to 5 wins and one defeat. They are one game out of first place, trailing Ogaard Motors.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 14, 1933*

**Pheasants:**

The State Fish and Game Commission reports that good pheasant hunting should be found in the upper Sacramento Valley around Redding, Anderson and Cottonwood, as well as Tulle Lake, the northern part of Modoc County and in Siskiyou County. In the east bay good hunting can be found Mt. Eden, Alvarado/Alviso, Isleton, Walnut Creek and Stockton.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 14, 1933*

**Mysterious Death:**

The mystery of the death of Alvino Hernandez, Alvarado farmer whose dead body, with skull crushed, was found underneath his overturned auto on the Alvarado-Newark highway between Alvarado and his home last week, remained undisputed today.

A coroner's jury, sitting at the Pratt Mortuary, received no evidence that threw any light on the factor, which caused Mr. Hernandez's machine to overturn on the side of the highway. While it was near a telephone pole, it had not struck it. No skid marks or other evidence told what had happened to the car.

Mr. Hernandez's young son told officers that he had believed his father had been driving homeward at the time of the accident, which killed him. The car, however, was found facing the other direction.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death due to skull fracture and hemorrhage.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 16, 1933*

**Baseball:**

The Alvarado Merchants shot out Ogaard Motors 7-0 behind the pitching of "Spud" Degermark who shut out the heaviest hitting team in the league. Alvarado is now tied with Ogaard Motors for the league lead with identical 6-1 records.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 21, 1933*

**Salt:**

Leslie Salt Company has won its lawsuit against the San Francisco Bay Bridge Toll Company, operators of the San Mateo-Hayward Toll Bridge. The district court upheld a verdict giving Leslie Salt \$1,250 for damages when the bridge co. was tardy in raising the bridge and Leslie Salt's boat struck the bridges fender creating damage to the boat.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 24, 1933*

**Baseball:**

A battle for the Southern Alameda County baseball championship will attract a huge crowd to Newark for the game between Ogaard Motors of Newark and the Alvarado Merchants; the winner will be crowned as the first half champion of the league.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 25, 1933*

**A Happy Day:**

(From *The Oakland Tribune's* Aunt Elsie's Children Page)

Last year, before Thanksgiving Day, the teachers of our school planned to let us give some food to the poor people for their Thanksgiving dinner. They told us we could bring anything we want.

When the day came for us to bring the vegetables and any other things to school, we had about two, or maybe three boxes full. Some of us brought money to buy some meat for the poor people.

I am hoping that we will have something like that again this year.

By: Mikeo Terezawa, Alvarado, age 13

*The Oakland Tribune, November 26, 1933*

**Baseball:**

Winter baseball moved in its "last lap" in Southern Alameda County today, as managers in Harder's A League began shaping their teams for the second half of league play. Winners of the first half of the season by reason of their 7-2 victory over Ogaard Motors was the Alvarado Merchants team. They are also favored to take the second half of play.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 5, 1933*

**Clairvoyant Nets \$5,600:**

Two families of "English Gypsies," comprising 16 persons, were arrested today by police in Oakland Calif. as being fake mediums. The raids followed the complaints of several persons that have given large sums of money to clairvoyants who then disappeared without producing any results. One of the principal complainants was S. Daviner, 55, an Alvarado mechanic, who said he had paid a "Mme. Boyd" \$5,600 for "readings" who disappeared as soon as she had received the money.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 14, 1933*

**Intention to Wed:**

Evan W. Cole, 25, Alvarado

Esther Hinkley, 19, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, December 23, 1933*

**Hayward Water Main to Be Replaced:**

In anticipation of the continuance of the Federal Civil Work Act (CWA) program after February 15<sup>th</sup>, the Hayward city council approved a project for replacing nearly two miles of 12-inch water main on the line connecting its pumping plant at Alvarado and its booster plant at Mt. Eden Road.

It is expected this project will provide further work for the CWA men now employed on city projects expected to be completed by mid February.

*The Hayward Semi-Weekly Review, January 5, 1934*

**Mrs. Alice Hughes Dies:**

Mrs. Alice Alena Hughes of Alvarado died at her home in Alvarado December 11<sup>th</sup>. Former resident of Pleasant Valley and Placerville, Mrs. Hughes moved to Alvarado in 1932. Postmaster Albert Norris of Alvarado is her brother. The Norris family left Iowa in a covered wagon in 1852 and arrived in El Dorado County in 1853. Here Alice Alena Norris was born. Her brother Albert and a sister Mrs. Laura Hart of San Antonio Texas survive her.

*The Mountain Democrat, Placerville California, January 12, 1934*

**Baseball:**

Ogaard Motors is poised to essentially insure a league championship tomorrow if they win their game with the Hayward Native Sons at Ashland. Meanwhile, the Hayward Athletics and Alvarado will do battle in Alvarado in hopes that Ogaard will lose their game and better their chances for the pennant.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 13, 1934*

**Farm Home Center:**

Mrs. Holman has announced that this month's Farm Home Center topic for discussion will be "Grooming Oneself from Tip to Toe." Newark members will meet next Monday at the home of Mrs. H.L. Fields of Alvarado. The Alvarado meeting will be held on January 24<sup>th</sup> at the home of Mrs. O. J. Emery.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 21, 1934*

**Marriage License:**

Frank Amaral, 21, Alvarado

Myrtle Duarte, 17, Hayward

*The Hayward Semi-Weekly Review, January 23, 1934*

**Diego Aguilar Dies:**

Diego Aguilar, a native of Spain and aged 73 years, died at his home in Alvarado Sunday. His wife Mrs. Mary Aguilar survives him and his children, Mrs. Isabel Belchez, Mrs. Mary Lopez and Diego, Sebastian, Frank, Alphonso, Antone and Manuel Aguilar.

*The Hayward Semi-Weekly Review, January 23, 1934*

**Cauliflower Marketing Agreement:**

The Eden-Washington center of the Alameda County Farm Bureau called for farmers to enter into a marketing agreement under the California Prorate Act. A committee consisting of M. P. Williams of Centerville, Lloyd Bailey of Alvarado, Alden Oliver of Mt. Eden and Richard C. Kennedy of Hayward were elected to promote the concept.

*The Hayward Semi-Weekly Review, January 26, 1934*

**Baseball:**

Mission San Jose defeated the Alvarado Merchants 7-1 to take the second half league title and force a best of three playoff between Alvarado, winners of the first half and Mission San Jose, winners of the second half.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 1, 1934*

**License to Marry:**

Manuel Martin Jr., Alvarado, 47

Mary Amaral, Hayward, 45

*The Oakland Tribune, February 3, 1934*

**Water:**

The City of Hayward is contemplating the laying of 8,000 feet of 12-inch water main on the city line between the Mt. Eden Road and the Alvarado pumping station. The city is looking towards the federal government to defray 30 per cent of the labor costs.

*The Hayward Semi-Weekly Review, February 16, 1934*

### **Baseball:**

The Alvarado Merchants, in beating the Mission San Jose nine by an 8 to 5 score, opened the best of three championship games with a victory and lead the series 1 to 0.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 6, 1934*

### **Baseball:**

Mission San Jose came to take the second game of a best of three series against Alvarado 7 to 6 in a game played at Newark. The series is now tied 1 -1.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 12, 1934*

### **Old Days Transportation:**

Stagecoaches, high wheeled freighters and boats were still depended upon for transportation by the greater part of Washington Township when the Tribune was established (1874). The eastern part of the township could be served by the Central Pacific Railroad, but the western part was still dependent upon the landings at Jarvis, Mowry's and Union City (Barron's). Small steamboats and schooners operated on a regular schedule between these points and Oakland and San Francisco. These boats handled practically all the freight and produce from this section. Boats regularly came up as far as the sugar mill in Alvarado and some low draft boats in the 1850's were said to have navigated the Alameda Creek as far as the Bell Ranch Bridge ([just east of Paseo Padre Parkway and Decoto Road](#)).

*The Oakland Tribune, February 20, 1934*

### **Odd Fellows:**

Several residents of Hayward made a trip to Alvarado to attend a card party given by the Alvarado Odd Fellows on Tuesday night.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 23, 1934*

### **Chiseling Labor Contractor:**

Labor contractors that chisel on their workers cause labor stoppages that cause harm to the farmers who are not at fault on workers being shortchanged on pay. At an Eden-Washington Township Farm Center meeting here ways were discussed to insure that workers receive their proper pay.

The opinion expressed at the meeting was that most labor contractors are fair to their workers. Nevertheless there are contractors that take more than they should from their workers, and this causes strife amongst the workers and strikes against the farmers.

Several ways were discussed to pay workers directly and take workers money out of the hands of the labor contractor.

*The Hayward Semi-Weekly Review, March 2, 1934*

### **Farmers Debt Relief:**

A movement to seek appointment of a federal "Debtor's Relief Court Conciliation Commissioner" for Alameda County was launched last night during the monthly meeting of the Eden-Washington Township Farm Center meeting held in Alvarado. With such a plan farmers in distress may apply to the federal conciliator, who will survey his resources, pull all his creditors together and suggest agreements for settling debts upon the farmers ability to pay. In several other counties where this program is in place they have been able to save many farm homes and ranches from foreclosure.

*The Hayward Semi-Weekly Review, March 2, 1934*



**Cucumber Prices:**

The Eden-Washington Farm Center met in Alvarado to discuss the latest contract price offerings from the packinghouses of California Pickling Corp., California Conserving Co. and California Supply Co. for delivery of cucumbers for pickling. The farmers deemed the pricing schedule offered by the companies as not acceptable and chose representatives to negotiate with the companies.

*The Hayward Semi-Weekly Review, March 2, 1934*

**PTA:**

Fathers were among special guests at a recent Founder's Day program given by Alvarado PTA. Welcomes were extended by Principal J. C. Wasley. Unit members gave a pantomime; "My Wild Days are Over." The eighth grade students presented a sketch "A Dream of the Past." A candle lighting ceremony was also given by the students. Bruno Orsetti and Walter Gardetto played accordion numbers. A birthday cake was made and sold to raise money for the Founder Day's gift. The Alvarado unit is planning a barn dance for March 17<sup>th</sup> as one of its activities.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 3, 1934*

**Alvarado Roads:**

Fair Ranch Road and "W" Street ([today's Marston Ave.](#)) in Alvarado have been designated as secondary highways by a resolution passed by the County Board of Supervisors.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 10, 1934*

**The Hen in the Doghouse:**

(From *The Oakland Tribune's* Aunt Elsie's Children Page)

Last summer daddy bought four-dozen roosters. At least we all thought they were roosters, but it happened there was one hen.

They were always flying out the pen so we had to cut their wings. Lately the hen has been flying out all the time and we can't find its eggs. My dog has his house near the pen, and, boy does he chase those chickens.

One day we had a man clean our yard. As he was raking around the doghouse there was an egg in the doghouse. He picked it up and gave it to me. Since then we have found two more eggs there.

By: Linda Jane Hellwig, Alvarado, age 10.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 11, 1934*

**Portuguese Entertainment:**

Soares de Azevedo, Portuguese news reporter and director of the daily Portuguese program over station KTAB, and some of his singing artists, Bill Texeira or Oakland, Lester Perry and Misses Irene and Marie Lopes of Hayward and Mrs. John Andrade of Oakland entertained the Echoes of Portugal. More than 100 members were present, including member from Oakland, Alvarado and San Leandro.

*The Hayward Semi-Weekly Review, March 16, 1934*

**Baseball:**

Play in the second annual Harder Southern Alameda County Baseball League will begin April 1<sup>st</sup>. Newark won last year's league and Alvarado won last year's winter ball title by defeating Ogaard Motors in a best of three playoff.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 19, 1934*

**The Unhappy Day for Me:**

(From *The Oakland Tribune's* Aunt Elsie's Children Page)

One day a girl came over to my house. My big doll was on my bed. The girl thought I was not looking so she knocked the doll to the floor and the doll's head broke. I was very sad for my doll.

So I grew angry and sent the girl home and said, "I don't want to see you here again." She never did come again.

By: Delinda Esteves, Alvarado, age 8  
*The Oakland Tribune, March 25, 1934*

### **Gomez is Freed:**

John Gomez, theater operator of Alvarado and Irvington, Alameda County, is free today on a charge of sending obscene letters through the mail. But Manual Vargas, also of Alvarado, the star witness for the government in its prosecution of Gomez, is in jail for contempt of court.

This unusual termination of the case came about yesterday when Gomez declared he couldn't possibly be guilty because he cannot read or write. The government immediately called Vargas to testify that he had written the letters at Gomez' dictation. Under cross-examination discrepancies appeared in Vargas' testimony and he refused to answer.

Federal Judge H. Kerrigan stepped in and threatened Vargas with contempt of court. Vargas still refused.

"Thirty days," said the Judge.

The jury retired and within a minute returned with a verdict acquitting Gomez.  
*The Oakland Tribune, March 28, 1934*

### **Man Killed at Train Crossing:**

Trapped in the drivers seat of his automobile, Refugio Anda, 31, farm laborer was killed today by a speeding Southern Pacific freight train at the crossing about one mile south of Alvarado near the old Hall Station. Frank Garcia, who was riding with Anda jumped from the car before impact and survived the crash. Witnesses to the crash said the wigwag signal was in operation. Mr. Anda was headed north towards Alvarado and a packing shed to his left blocked his view of the train.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 29, 1934*

### **Marijuana:**

Alleged to have been caught with two pounds of marijuana in their possession, Salvadore Ramirez and Elentario Majera were arrested here yesterday afternoon by L. G. Jester, state narcotics officer, and Constable O. W. Ebright. They are being held in Niles jail and will be arraigned before Justice of the Peace J. A. Silva this afternoon.

According to Jester, the defendants admitted that they had been selling "loco weed" to Mexicans in Alvarado for several months. The narcotics agents believe the drug is being grown on a large scale somewhere in southern Alameda County and an effort is being made to locate the source of the supply.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 30, 1934*

### **Baseball:**

Alvarado downed Decoto, 14 - 6, at Alvarado only to see the league officials award the win to Decoto because Alvarado did not have the forfeit money posted and had failed to hand in the player's contracts in time.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 3, 1934*

### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Silveira, Mrs. Mary Costa, Mrs. Zelma Correia, Tony & Joseph Correia and Mr. & Mrs. Daviner and family attended a program given by the Echoes of Portugal Club in Oakland Sunday. After the program the party enjoyed music by the Newark Joy Boys Choir.

Irene Laybourne, James Perry, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Perry, Mrs. Ernest Perry and Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Perry all of Alvarado, were guests at the home of Mr. & Mrs. James Pesateri of San Jose Sunday evening.

Jerry Marting will present his 200 dancing children in tap and toe dancing, skits and plays at the Alvarado School auditorium next Saturday evening. The program is being sponsored by the Alvarado PTA and F. O. E. Lodge at 8:00 p.m.

Postmaster Albert Norris and **Mary Jane Hinkley** were business visitors in San Francisco and Oakland on Friday.

**Irene Freitas** spent an enjoyable Easter vacation with friends in Berkeley.

Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Laplante were visitors at the Boyd home here recently.

**Irene Freitas**, Johnny, Mary and Sara Vierra of Newark and John Mendes of Berkeley attended a dance at El Cerrito Saturday evening.

Wilbert Hendricks suffered the fracture of his thumb while playing ball in the recent Decoto vs. Alvarado game. He will likely be out for the rest of the season.

**Mary Jane Hinkley** spent the early part of the week visiting relatives in Oakland.

Mrs. Henrietta Vargas of San Leandro is spending a few days with Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Vargas and visiting with friends and relatives in Alvarado.

Mr. & Mrs. Gardetto and sons, Walter and Andy, spent an enjoyable weekend visiting relatives in San Mateo.

Bernice Boyd visited San Francisco Saturday.

Mr. & Mrs. L. McClellan and daughter, Barbara Jean of San Francisco visited Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Baird over the weekend.

Mrs. & Mrs. Galbraith of Piedmont spent the weekend visiting Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Harvey.

Mrs. Virginia Machado has been confined to her home by illness.

The UPPEC Lodge celebrated its anniversary with a free public dance at the I.D.E.S. Hall.

***The Hayward Semi-Weekly Review, April 6, 1934***

#### **Governor Appoints Two Alvarado Men:**

Governor James Ralph, Jr., has appointed Fred Harvey and August May to the Alameda County Farm Debt Adjustment Committee.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 6, 1934***

#### **License to Marry:**

Joe S. Dias, Alvarado, 29

Mary Moura, Tassajara (Contra Costa County), 22

***The Oakland Tribune, April 11, 1934***

#### **Baseball:**

Irvington pounded Alvarado 17-6 with 28 hits.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 18, 1934***

#### **License to Marry:**

Paul Murguia, Alvarado, 21

Lola Senato, Alvarado, 18

***The Oakland Tribune, April 19, 1934***

#### **Calaveras Dam Releases Water:**

After one of the most generous releases of water from the Calaveras Dam in recent years completed by the San Francisco Water Department, officials of the Alameda County Water District believe that there will be sufficient water in the wells of this area to meet the requirements on all ranches.

Several huge gravel pits in Alameda Creek, west of Niles, had to be filled by the flow before the water could reach the Alvarado District. These pits, according to W.D. Patterson, veteran member

of the water district, will serve as reservoirs now that the annual release has been terminated, and the water will seep into the gravel strata and keep the wells supplied for several months.  
*The Oakland Tribune, April 22, 1934*

#### **Truck Tax:**

Local farmers are joining together to protest the \$25 state truck tax law. Farmers feel the tax is unfair to farmers who only use their trucks on the roads during the harvest season and not year round.

*The Hayward Semi-Weekly Review, April 27, 1934*

#### **Intentions to Wed:**

Ivan F. Best, Alvarado, 29

Gladys I. Laybourne, Oakland, 22

*The Oakland Tribune, May 3, 1934*

#### **Italian Chamber of Commerce:**

John Binasco of Alvarado has been chosen as one of the directors of the Italian Chamber of Commerce of the Eastbay.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 8, 1934*

#### **Around Town:**

**Frank Silveira**, Manuel Vargas, Manuel Brun, Frank & Joseph Goularte, Manuel Amaral and Mr. & Mrs. Tony Hernandez and family attended the Livermore Pentecostal ([Holy Ghost](#)) festival Sunday. **Lillian Silva**, queen from Alvarado, and her two attendants, Carrie Amaral and Shirley Mast were participants in the parade.

Mr. & Mrs. M. A. Silva Jr., and son Lloyd, Mr. & Mrs. M. Lopes, Mr. & Mrs. S. Daviner and family, Nora Vargas, F. Silva, **Frank Silveira**, Vick DeVincenzi, **M. P. Rose**, Mat Machado, Billy and Beatrice Machado and **Elvin Rose** enjoyed a whist party at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Rose in Hayward Friday evening. There were 25 tables occupied. Mrs. Silva was the first prizewinner with a score of 130 points. Other recipients of prizes were Mr. Silva, **Elvin Rose** and **M. P. Rose**.

Pearl White of Decoto spent the weekend visiting Erma Machado here.

Mr. & Mrs. J. V. **Silva** and daughter **Lillian** visited relatives in Stockton Sunday.

Mrs. Rose Lezand and daughter Bernice, Mrs. Zelma Correia, Mrs. Edith Machado, Joe Martin and Manuel Silva witnessed a program in Oakland Saturday by Soares de Azevedo.

While Mrs. Amelia Silva and family were attending the Holy Ghost in Centerville, their home was robbed of several valuable articles by persons unknown.

*The Hayward Semi-Weekly Review, May 18, 1934*

#### **Barton Brown Dies:**

Barton Alvy Brown, pioneer resident of Newark and vicinity, died at his ranch at Arden Station. He was born 70 years ago at Alvarado.

*The Hayward Semi-Weekly Review, May 18, 1934*

#### **Farm Center Meeting:**

More than 175 men and women of the Eden-Washington Farm Center and the farm home centers of Washington Township attended a joint meeting in Alvarado last night. The session was the first of its kind and much enjoyed.

*The Hayward Semi-Weekly Review, May 25, 1934*

#### **Street Light:**

A petition signed by V. Naharro, et al, requesting that a streetlight be placed at the corner of Maiden Lane and 19<sup>th</sup> Street in the town of Alvarado was referred to committee.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 26, 1934*

#### **Around Town:**

Frank Silveira, Joe Amaral, Joe Goularte, Tony Perry, Mat Machado; Beatrice, Billy and Ernie Machado were among those who attended the Pentecostal (Holy Ghost) festival in East Oakland over the weekend.

The public is invited to attend a two act opera, "The Gypsy Troubadour," at the **Alvarado Grammar School** auditorium given by the school children this evening May 29<sup>th</sup>. The operetta is under the direction of Miss Doris Kinne, music director of the school. The orchestra will play several numbers. In the cast are: Joan Boyd, Bernice Lezand, Marion Ziegler, Isabelle Pinto, Bruno Orsetti, Lillian Silva, Warren Silva, Angel Ledesma, Tony Fields, Isabel Maciel, Alvina Santos, Richard Munger and Bernice Daviner.

Physical examinations of children about to enter school will be given at the **Alvarado Grammar School** on Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. The examination is free of charge and is to see if the child is in good physical condition to enter school.

Mrs. Mary Correia is confined in the St. Anthony's Hospital in Oakland with an abscessed knee. Mr. & Mrs. Joe Silveira and Mrs. Mary Costa were visitors in San Jose Sunday. Fred Hafen visited relatives and friends in San Francisco Sunday. Mrs. Mary Davilla and Morris Davilla were Oakland visitors.  
*The Hayward Semi-Weekly Review, June 1, 1934*

#### **Fire District:**

A move is afoot in the township to expand fire protection township wide. At the present time Irvington, Warm Springs and Alvarado are the only towns in the township without district fire protection.

*The Hayward Semi-Weekly Review, June 1, 1934*

#### **Slip Up Trips Bank Robber:**

A slip up on the part of Eric Pendleton, 30, late yesterday frustrated three planned bank holdups in Southern Alameda County and resulted in his arrest. He planned to holdup banks in Niles, Irvington and Alvarado, Alameda County authorities said, failed because he did not have an identification card to support his contention that he was a telephone company employee. He had planned to gain admittance to the bank offices on the pretense of inspecting the telephones.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 2, 1934*

#### **Around Town:**

A benefit dance for the Alvarado baseball club will be held Saturday evening, June 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Alvarado S.D.E.S. Hall. The music of Roy Field's and orchestra will be featured. Mrs. A. K. Culver returned Wednesday evening from an enjoyable month's visit with relatives in Long Beach.

*The Hayward Semi-Weekly Review, June 5, 1934*

#### **Intentions to Wed:**

George I. Vargas, 25, Alvarado  
Angeline V. Allegre, 21, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, June 7, 1934*

#### **Alvarado Graduation:**

Graduation exercises of the **Alvarado Grammar School** will be held Thursday evening in the school auditorium. The 17 graduates are: Edward B. Avila, Joan Amy Boyd, Bernice Bernadette Daviner, Seraphine Edward Daviner, Anthony Albert Fields, Angel Ledesma Jr., Asuncion Ledesma, Bernice Bernadette Lezand, Johnny Norman Machado, Isabel Elizabeth Maciel, Richard Mateo, Lawrence Roderick, Alvina Elizabeth Santos, Joseph Silva, Lillian May Silva, Lorraine Silveria and Marion Louise Ziegler.

*The Hayward Semi-Weekly Review, June 8, 1934*

**Around Town:**

The Alvarado PTA gave a party for the **graduating class of the school** last evening in the school auditorium. Cards and games were played and delicious refreshments were served. In addition to the graduates and the PTA members, the families of the class were invited, and all enjoyed a delightful evening.

Mrs. Jessica Fournier, now President of the Rebekah Lodge, made her official visit to the Alvarado organization Friday evening. Mrs. La Vonne Sorensen, district deputy recently elected, also attended. Members of other local Rebekah Lodges also gathered at the Odd Fellows Hall to greet Mrs. Fournier.

A free medical examination for children entering **school** next term was given to several youngsters this morning at the schoolhouse.

Mrs. Anne Flores is recovering in her home from a recent operation for appendicitis. She returned home from the hospital last week.

Irma Borges resumed her studies at the grammar school after a bout with the mumps.

Mrs. Anna Schoebe of Arcadia is spending an indefinite time at the home of her sister, Mrs. Claire Lopez, where she is recovering from an illness.

James Perry, employee of J. H. Ralph's Merchandise Store is back at work after a weeks' vacation.

George Ray entertained approximately 30 people at his home at Bethany. Joe Luna and Mat Machado of Alvarado and Frank Luna and John Mello of Decoto also attended.

William Goodman accompanied by Postmaster Albert Norris, Mrs. N. Hinkley and daughter Mary visited relatives in Livermore Sunday.

*The Hayward Semi-Weekly Review, June 8, 1934*

**New Arrival:**

To the wife of Jingo Takeuchi, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, a son, Goro.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 8, 1934*

**Watkins Street:**

Watkins Street in Washington Township, extending from the Alvarado-Centerville Road to Beard Street in Alvarado was voted into the county road system.

[Note: Watkins Street ended at Beard Street \(today's Tay Street\) and did not extend as far north as Vallejo Street did only a block away.](#)

*The Oakland Tribune, June 13, 1934*

**New Arrival:**

To the wife of Ross Decena, Alvarado, June 4<sup>th</sup>, a daughter, Delores.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 19, 1934*

**Marriage License:**

Frank E. Goularte, 25, Alvarado

Helen C. Silva, 21, Niles

*The Oakland Tribune, June 24, 1934*

**New Married Couple:**

Mr. & Mrs. William Looney were recently married in Napa. Upon returning from their honeymoon they will reside in a ranch near Alvarado. Mrs. Looney is the former Miss Billie Langdon, who for a time, taught school at Alvarado Grammar School.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 4, 1934*

**Baseball:**

The Alvarado baseball team sits alone in last place in the Don Harder Class B Baseball League. Alvarado's record so far this year is no wins and five losses.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 10, 1934*

**New Arrival:**

To the wife of Joseph T. Silva, Alvarado, June 30<sup>th</sup>, a son, Joseph Robert.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 14, 1934*

#### **Around Town:**

A second annual dance for the benefit of the Alvarado baseball club will be had Saturday evening, July 28<sup>th</sup>, at the S.D.E.S. Hall. The expected large attendance will enjoy dancing to Roy Field's Syncopators.

Mrs. Earl Hellwig and daughter Linda Jane, returned home Sunday from a two month's visit with her mother, Mrs. Cora E. Kidd of Sedalia MO. They attended the World's Fair, on the return trip they traveled through New Mexico and to Los Angeles, visiting several relatives.

Mr. & Mrs. M. Gardetto and children, Walter and Andy, are visiting relatives in San Mateo. Mr. & Mrs. Russell Robie and baby daughter from Crockett spent the weekend with Mrs. Frances Robie, Mrs. Laura Orelli and Albert Norris.

Miss Eunice Cole, who is vacationing here from Longmont, CO., spent last Thursday in Oakland accompanied by her aunt Mrs. A. K. Culver.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Best arrived Saturday night from an enjoyable trip of about two months, motoring through Montana, Washington and Oregon. Their son, Lloyd Best, who has held a position in Washington for about a year, returned with them.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 18, 1934*

#### **New Arrival:**

To the wife of Francisco R. Telles, Alvarado, July 5<sup>th</sup>, a son, Francisco Jose.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 20, 1934*

#### **Mosquito Abatement:**

Work done last week with a tractor and a grass-cutter is expected to lessen the woes of John A. Clark, Eden Township foreman for the Mosquito Abatement District. Acting temporarily as a "cat skinner" on a borrowed tractor, Clark mowed tall weeds covering approximately 80 acres of marsh west of Alvarado. This area is flooded each fall with the wastewater from the Holly Sugar mill. Until the resulting pond drains it must be sprayed with oil to prevent the emergence of millions of the once familiar salt marsh mosquitoes.

The tall weeds in the past made oiling difficult, expensive and only partially effective. Clark says he expects the mowing to improve the effectiveness and reduce the cost of oiling this year.

*The Hayward Daily Review, August 6, 1934*

#### **News Note:**

To celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> birthday of her mother-in-law, Mrs. William Jung of Alvarado, Mrs. Herbert Young entertained a group of friends at her home in Mt. Eden Saturday afternoon. Among the many guests were Mrs. William Jung and her daughter Charlotte.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 25, 1934*

#### **Around Town:**

The Alvarado Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles met in a regular meeting Monday, presided over by Vice-President, John Silva. Among several distinguished visitors was Gil Seaver, deputy grand president. Five persons were elected to membership into the order, four being initiated Raymond Peterson, Ernest Nagli, Manuel Andrade and Frank Cortez. Mr. Seaver performed the ceremony of initiation.

Wednesday afternoon Jesse Jacinto Jr., was honored on his 8<sup>th</sup> birthday by his parents Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Jacinto. Birthday cake, favors and table decorations were green and yellow. Bidden were Winifred and Alvina Santos, Alice and Alberta Menezes, Betty Ann Jacinto and Janet Silva of Newark. Games were played and refreshments were served.

Misses Mary and Hilda Hughes returned home Friday after spending two weeks in Santa Cruz. Mrs. Anna Hendricks is confined to her home with a severe cold. Friday night a whist party will be held at the S.D.E.S. Hall sponsored by Mr. & Mrs. S. Daviner for the benefit of the S.D.E.S. society. Mr. & Mrs. A. S. Mello and Mat Machado attended the Portuguese Benefit and Protective Association convention at Hanford. They left Sunday and returned Friday. Albert Vasconcellos of San Francisco spent Thursday with Joseph Otto.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, August 10, 1934*

#### **Around Town:**

The regular Ladies Aid Society meeting was held in the IOOF Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Luncheon was served at 12:30 o'clock. Guests were: Misses Hilda and Mary Hughes, Mrs. Ann Forbes, James Hunter, Ed Richmond, Mrs. H. Searles of Decoto and Mrs. Wolfe who substituted for **Mrs. Charles Baird**.

A 7½-pound boy was born to Mrs. Andrew Anderson. Mr. & Mrs. Anderson have been married for eighteen years and this is their first baby. Mother and son are reported to be doing nicely. Mrs. Wade Cochran of Dos Palos spent the weekend with her sister, **Mrs. Charles Baird**. Mrs. C.M. Anderson has resumed her position at the bank after a weeks' vacation. While vacationing with her father in Oakland, Mrs. Dorothy Chrysostomos attended a picnic at Big Trees given by PG&E Company employees. Mrs. Isabel Drack enjoyed the past two weeks at Turlock visiting Mrs. M. Furtado and Mrs. Anna Salgro and family. Mrs. Rose Lezand and daughters, Bernice and Alexia, arrived home Monday from Port Loma where they had spent a month with relatives. A whist party will be held Friday evening at the S.D.E.S. Hall for the benefit of St. Anne's Church. Fred Hafen was taken to Franklin Hospital in San Francisco Sunday. Friends are wishing him a speedy recovery from his illness.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, August 16, 1934*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Celia Otto and son Joseph spent Monday in San Francisco. Mrs. A. Santos and daughters, Alvina and Winifred, enjoyed a shopping trip to Oakland Wednesday.

The whist party held at the S.D.E.S. Hall Thursday night, playing 45 tables, was very successful. Sponsored by the Echoes of Portugal Club its proceeds will be used to purchase uniforms for the young ladies drill team of which Lena Dutra of Decoto is the Captain.

Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Jacinto and sons Hubert and Jesse Jr., and daughter Betty Ann motored to Gustine Sunday to attend a baseball game. Ben Howell left Saturday for Oregon to spend a few weeks with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. G. W. Faust. Mr. & Mrs. Russell Robie and son Walter, and daughter Willa Mae, and little friend Pihrko Shauger of Crockett, spent Monday with Mrs. F. Robie, Mrs. Orelli and family and Albert Norris. Mr. & Mrs. John Menezes and daughters Alice and Alberta spent Sunday in San Francisco visiting friends.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, August 24, 1934*

#### **Alvaradan Jailed for Theft:**

Pedro Cisnero, 30, was sentenced to 90 days in jail, on a charge of petty theft following a trial before Judge Allen G. Norris in the Centerville Justice Court. Cisnero was arrested recently when he was alleged to have threatened several persons with a razor. He was found later, deputies said, to have stolen meat, bread and groceries from the parked auto of Mrs. Virgie Perry of the Creek Road near Alvarado.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, August 25, 1934*



**News Note:**

Lois Hendricks has been named the Alvarado correspondent for the *Hayward Daily Review*.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, August 27, 1934*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. Anne Roderick spent the weekend in San Francisco visiting Mr. & Mrs. Kaertz and son Harry. On Sunday Mrs. Roderick accompanied the party on a picnic given by the Sherman Clay Company for their employees at Paradise Park, Marin County, where an enjoyable day was spent.

School activities were resumed at the **Alvarado Grammar School** Monday morning. The enrolling of students reached approximately 185 students and Principal James C. Wasley expects the count to reach 200 with a few weeks. The present teaching staff has been retained from last year.

Mr. & Mrs. Chris Skow and Mr. & Mrs. Sam Dinsmore enjoyed a fishing trip on the Sacramento River Sunday.

Melvin Skow enjoyed a motor trip to San Jose and Gilroy Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Silveria were visitors in San Leandro Sunday.

Arthur Silveria is the happy owner of a new automobile.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Jacinto are the proud owners of a new sedan.

Mr. & Mrs. Herbert W. Pilkington and daughter Helen, former residents of Hayward are now living here. Miss Pilkington entered Washington Union High School as a freshman Monday morning.

**Mrs. Laura Orelli** and daughter **Hazel** enjoyed last week vacationing in Santa Cruz.

**Mrs. Orelli** returned home Saturday to resume her teaching position Monday at the **Grammar School**.

**Miss Hazel Orelli**, who is art the teacher at the Fair Oaks High School, returned home Saturday to prepare an art exhibit at the Sacramento fair next month.

Carlton Basher arrived Sunday morning from his home in Long Beach for a visit with his grand parents Mr. & Mrs. A. K. Culver.

Dale Laybourne has returned to Alvarado after a year's residence in Oakland. He resumed his studies at Washington Union High School on Monday where he entered as a senior student.

Lois Hendricks is back home after a five weeks visit in Sunnyvale.

*The Hayward Daily Review, August 28, 1934*

**Around Town:**

The Alvarado Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, met at a special meeting on Monday evening to initiate two new candidates, E. E. Dias and E. S. Thomas. The initiation was performed by several members of the "flying squadron."

The Bridge Club was entertained by Mrs. August May at the Adelphian Club in Oakland Wednesday, where a benefit card party was held.

Miss C. Jung, Miss A. Pinkey and Mrs. Herbert Young and family of Mt. Eden enjoyed the Ringling Brothers Circus in Oakland today.

Raymond Hinkley of Yosemite Valley is visiting his mother, Mrs. N. Hinkley and family this week.

Mrs. A. Anderson and her two-week old son, Stanley Robert, returned home from the East Oakland Hospital. Both are doing nicely.

Mrs. Russell Robie and children, Rosalie, Willa Mae and Howard visited several relatives here Wednesday.

*The Hayward Daily Review, August 31, 1934*

**Alvarado Man Robs Bank:**

J.R. Blacow, Manager of the Irvington Branch of the Bank of Alameda County, may be confined to his home for several days as a result of the slugging received from a bandit who robbed the bank of \$9,853 early Saturday. He is reported to be suffering from a slight concussion to the brain in addition to a scalp wound.

John Dias of Alvarado, who is alleged to have slugged Blacow, was captured by Deputy Sheriff L. Van Patten a few hours later and all of the missing money was recovered.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 3, 1934*

#### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Roderick and daughter Eleanor, Mrs. Anne Amaral, Mrs. Anne Flores, and John H. Ralph spent an enjoyable weekend at the summer home of Mr. Ralph at Brookdale. Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Miguel of San Pablo joined the party on Sunday.

The Reverend Father Bray, who underwent an operation at the Providence Hospital in Oakland three months ago, continues to improve. The Rev. Father Langhorn of Berkeley has been substituting in his place at **St. Anne's Catholic Church**.

Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Lewis and children, Stanley and Joseph Jr., accompanied by Mr. & Mrs. A. A. Lee and daughter Aileen, motored around Corte Madera and Tiburon and picnicked at Paradise Cove on Labor Day.

Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Rogers and daughter Winifred of Centerville left Sunday for Richardson Springs where they will enjoy a few weeks' vacation. On the way they stopped at the State Fair.

Mr. & Mrs. A. S. Mello of Alvarado left Tuesday morning to join the Rogers family in their vacation.

Mr. & Mrs. M. Gardetto and family, Walter and Andy, enjoyed the holidays visiting relatives in San Mateo.

The home of Frank Silveira on Granger Avenue is being improved with a new coat of paint.

Mr. & Mrs. Gaspar Pine, John, Eugene and Manuel Pine and Mrs. Sophie Goularte were visitors in Fresno Sunday.

Mrs. Isabel Menezes and daughters Alice and Alberta accompanied by Mr. & Mrs. John Silva and daughter Jeanette of Newark enjoyed a three-day holiday in Monterey.

Mr. & Mrs. S. Noia visited in Manteca over the holiday.

**Joe Dutra** and **Joe Lemos** enjoyed dove hunting in Manteca Saturday.

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Silva and baby son of San Jose visited Mrs. Mary Garcia Sunday.

Mrs. Frances Robie enjoyed a motor trip to Crockett Sunday.

Miss H. Hughes left Saturday to resume her position as teacher in Escondido.

**Mr. & Mrs. Joe Dutra** and **Mr. & Mrs. Joe Lemos** spent a most enjoyable Sunday dove hunting in the Hayward hills.

The Misses Pauline and Mary Hurtado, Sunnyvale, enjoyed the weekend with the Misses Gertie and Janet Hermosa.

Mr. & Mrs. Harvey T. Granger spent the holiday calling on friends and relatives in Fresno.

Mr. & Mrs. A. Rogers and sons enjoyed the holiday in Santa Cruz.

Miss Madeline Avila is continuing her nursing career, beginning the semester last week at the Berkeley Visiting Nurse Association.

Card enthusiasts are anxiously awaiting a whist party Thursday evening at the S.D.E.S. Hall. The party is sponsored by members of the **St. Anne's** Society for the benefit of their church.

R. Machado returned home Sunday from an enjoyable two week's vacation spent touring Southern California.

*The Hayward Daily Review, September 5, 1934*

#### **Around Town:**

The regular meeting of the PTA was held Thursday afternoon at the school auditorium presided over by Mrs. Mayme Santos. A reception was given to mothers of First Grade children, and following that Mrs. Santos presented the teachers and mothers with lovely corsages.

The Whist Party given by the S.D.E.S. Lodge at its hall Thursday evening, proved a successful affair when 33 tables were occupied. Mrs. S. Daviner won the \$5 door prize. Mrs. Rosie Martin of

Newark won first place with 126 points, William Avila took second. Alvina Santos and Joe Silveria were awarded consolation prizes.

The Alvarado Merchants Class B baseball Team has reorganized under new management, has several new players, and has joined the Oakland League. The first game will be played on the home diamond on Sunday afternoon. Members of the team are: Frank Vargas, James Perry, Hubert J. Jacinto, Louis Amaral, John Silva, Tony Rivers, Art Silva, Dale Laybourne, Manuel Amaral and Stanley Roderick.

Mrs. Vargas (formerly Angie Allegre) and Mrs. Frances Allegre enjoyed a shopping trip to Oakland Thursday.

Mr. & Mrs. A.B. Hill and Daughter, Judy, left Friday to spend the holiday at Santa Cruz with relatives.

Mr. & Mrs. M. McClelland Sr., San Francisco, and Mrs. Wade Cochran, Dos Palos, enjoyed a visit recently with Mrs. C.W. Baird.

Erle Hefner, proprietor of the Shell Service Station, and his family of Hayward are enjoying a two-weeks vacation at Oroville, Chico and Lake Tahoe. During Mr. Hefner's absence Alfred Schaub will be in charge of the station.

*The Hayward Daily Review, September 8, 1934*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Louise Wasley, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James C. Wasley, is attending San Jose State Teaching College and is commuting home daily. Miss Wasley was graduated from Fremont High School in Oakland last December.

**Mrs. Frances Luna**, Mrs. Charles Baird and Mrs. Laura Orelli enjoyed Tuesday evening at a whist party given by the Niles Rebekah Lodge at which 17 tables were occupied.

The Ladies Aid Society held its regular Friday afternoon meeting at the IOOF Hall presided over by Mrs. Frances Robie, President.

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Knobles (the former Lulu Luna of Decoto), newlyweds and new residents of Hayward, visited **Mrs. Frances Luna** Friday afternoon.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Silva and baby daughter have moved to a new residence near Mt. Eden.

On Thursday afternoon the Alvarado Grammar School baseball team motored to Newark and defeated them there 12 - 3.

*The Hayward Daily Review, September 17, 1934*

#### **Baseball:**

The Alvarado Merchants baseball team played a spectacular game Sunday afternoon in Berkeley against Al's Cigars, losing a tough game by the score of 2 to 1.

*The Hayward Daily Review, September 19, 1934*

#### **Around Town:**

The Misses Rosie and Mary Valin of Tulare enjoyed Friday and Saturday visiting their cousin, **M.A. Silva Jr., and family.**

**Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Silva Jr., and son Lloyd**, accompanied by Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Vargas of Decoto, spent a pleasant Sunday fishing on Mr. Silva's boat near Pittsburgh.

Whist enthusiasts are reminded of a card party at the S.D.E.S. Hall Friday evening, given for the benefit of St. Anne's Church. There are several prizes for winners and a pleasant time is promised.

Mr. & Mrs. Russel Robie and small daughter, Willa May of Crockett, visited friends and relatives here on Monday.

Mrs. Francis Robie, Mrs. A. May, Mrs. Charles Baird and Miss Mildred Nauert enjoyed a delicious luncheon at the Centerville Country Club Thursday.

Two special events of the near future are being looked forward to when Mrs. Herbert Hoover and Dr. Aurelia Rheinhardt, President of Mills College, will address local club members.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, September 19, 1934*

**Commercial Advertisement:**

66 million miles of road testing and every conceivable laboratory test proves that U.S. Royals are tougher, safer, longer wearing, more economical. Buy a U.S. Tire, size 440-21, for \$4.45 each at these fine locations:

In Alvarado, see Frank George.  
*The Oakland Tribune, September 20, 1934*

**Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. C. Lopez and daughter Patricia, Mr. & Mrs. James Critchfield and Mr. & Mrs. M. D. Lewis will attend a wedding reception at San Leandro tonight in honor of Mr. & Mrs. M Silva (the former Miss Semas, sister of Mrs. Lewis) who were married at Hughson September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Manager Jesse Jacinto and Jimmie Perry attended a baseball meeting at Oakland Wednesday evening, at which several items were discussed. There are 32 teams in four divisions in the Oakland Class A Winter League. League play begins October 7<sup>th</sup> and all games will be played at Oakland. Another meeting Monday evening will decide the remaining questions.

Mrs. Mae Santos, Mrs. Mabel Rogers and Mrs. Isabel Menezes made up Alvarado's representation at the East Alameda PTA council meeting in Castro Valley Thursday. The next council meeting will be held at Alvarado on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

On Tuesday Alvarado Grammar School met Decoto on the local diamond and lost 3-2. In the lineup were:

Clifford Dinsmore	Catcher
Albert Hinkley	Pitcher
Warren Silva	First Base
T. Akinaga	Second Base
Manuel Esteves	Third Base
Paul Rivers	Short Stop
Raymond Blass	Left Field
Eddie Olivencia	Center Field
Wilbert Martin	Right Field

Subs:

Cyril Flores  
Tony Paredes  
Daniel Lezand

Thursday afternoon Alvarado met Niles at Niles and won 10-4.

Mrs. Vivian Logan and children, Vivian May and Sally Ann, accompanied by Barbara and Marilyn Critchfield and Ruth Ziegler, enjoyed Saturday at Alum Rock Park in San Jose.

The Alvarado PTA is making plans for a dance to be held on Saturday evening, October 20<sup>th</sup>, in the school auditorium. The Pinto Brothers Orchestra will offer the dance melodies.

*The Hayward Daily Review, September 22, 1934*

**Betrothal Announced:**

The engagement of Miss Clarabelle Logan of Alvarado and Allen G. Norris, Justice of the Peace at Centerville was announced at a recent affair in Oakland.

*The Hayward Daily Review, September 24, 1934*

**Baseball:**

Jesse Jacinto's Alvarado Merchants ball club defeated the Balley-Underhill team 6 to 5 Sunday in a game played at Oakland.

*The Hayward Daily review, September 26, 1934*

### **New Postmaster:**

([Hayward Daily Review Editorial](#))

In appointing a new Postmaster at Alvarado, President Roosevelt and Postmaster General Farley could not make a mistake if they named Mrs. Frances Luna, who has been assistant Postmaster here for sixteen years. Mrs. Luna knows everyone for miles around and has been an able assistant to the lamented Postmaster Albert Norris. Mrs. Luna has served as librarian of the county library in Alvarado, and is very popular with the people of this south county community. The Review hopes that Mrs. Luna will be appointed Postmaster for Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, September 28, 1934*

### **Around Town:**

The Alvarado PTA is planning an enjoyable affair on Saturday evening October 12<sup>th</sup>, in the form of a "Hard Times" dance. The dance melodies will be played by a popular orchestra and a good time is in store for everyone.

The I.D.E.S. whist party Friday evening at the S.D.E.S. Hall proved to be a successful affair, 28 tables being occupied by players. First prize was received by Mayme Santos who made a 126 score. Other high scores were Vernon Rose, 126; Grace Avila, 121; and George Goularte, 126. Hubert Jacinto and Tony Perry of Newark won the two door prizes.

Mr. & Mrs. John C. Logan and daughter Anne, John Smyrle and daughter Barbara, and Thomas Smyrle of Alvarado, accompanied by Mr. & Mrs. Fyffe and Mr. Tate of Berkley, spent a pleasant Sunday in Watsonville visiting relatives.

The Bible School of the Presbyterian Church began the fall session Monday, the first meeting since vacation. An entertaining party was given to the 15 children attending the class by the teachers, Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton from San Leandro. A regular class will be held every Monday.

The Alvarado Center of the farm home department met at the home of Mrs. Jesse Perry on Monday afternoon. The purpose of the meeting was a discussion of frozen salads and desserts. Mrs. Lawrence Rose and baby son are at home following a five weeks' stay with her mother. The baby was baptized last Sunday at St. John's Church and was named Lawrence LeRoy. Mr. & Mrs. John Machado and children, Erma, John and Vernon, and Mrs. Virginia Machado with Bernice and William Machado, enjoyed a motor trip in Tracy Sunday, where they visited relatives.

*The Hayward Daily Review, September 28, 1934*

### **Sub-Deb Club:**

Miss Leona Solon of Niles is the hostess for the Sub-Deb Club of Washington Township today. The guests invited to take the place of missing members are Miss Joan Boyd of Alvarado and Miss Doris Machado of Centerville.

*The Hayward Daily Review, September 29, 1934*

### **Four Hurt in Alvarado Crash:**

Four persons were injured here last night in a collision between two automobiles. All received cuts and bruises. Injured from Alvarado were Mrs. Laura Orelli and her daughter Miss Hazel Orelli.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 29, 1934*

### **Alvarado Woman Injured:**

Mrs. G. Gonzalez, 41, of Smith Street, Alvarado, was cut by flying glass when a car driven by Louis Amaral, 20, of Niles, struck a parked machine in front of an Alvarado store last night. The parked machine was pushed against the corner post of a wooden awning, which fell, breaking a large plate glass window. Glass from the window injured Mrs. Gonzalez.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 1, 1934*

**Fred Muller:**

Friends, relatives, and fellow townsmen of Fred Muller, batting star of the New Jersey Bears, proudly welcomed home Muller, Mrs. Muller and their young son recently. His fielding, home run hitting and batting records is credited with a decisive part in winning the pennant of the International League for his team. The trip home from New York was made by car in six days.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 2, 1934*

**Around Town:**

Thor J. Nordvik yesterday began his duties as acting Postmaster in the Alvarado Post Office. Word of his appointment was received here Saturday. He succeeds the late Postmaster Albert Norris, who passed away Thursday, after having resigned the office due to ill health.

Mrs. Edith Lemos, **Mrs. A. S. Mello** and Mrs. A. E Vargas visited Father Bray at the Providence Hospital Monday, where he has been confined for several months with a serious illness. The three women report that he is slowly recovering.

Mr. & Mrs. H. D. Heitmuller of Oakland, Miss Mildred Nauert and Oscar Nauert, local residents, enjoyed a tour of the northern part of the state last week. Several pleasant days were spent at Crater Lake in Oregon and the party returned home Monday evening.

Miss Sadie Waters of Sacramento was the guest last week of Mrs. J. H. Langdon.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Cecera and little daughter of Los Banos enjoyed a visit with **Mr. & Mrs. Joe Lemos** Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Lemos and daughter Leodette of Oakland were the guests Sunday of **Mr. & Mrs. Joe Lemos**.

Mr. & Mrs. M. S. Mello of Melrose spent Sunday with Mr. & **Mrs. A. S. Mello**.

Mr. & Mrs. M. A. Silva Jr. and son Lloyd, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Gomes and Mr. Gomes' little brother enjoyed a pleasant day fishing on Mr. Silva's boat at Collins Hill.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 2, 1934*

**Mosquito Abatement:**

The mosquito problem was kept under control this year except for a small outbreak near Alvarado; the migratory salt marsh mosquitoes were kept well subdued.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 5, 1934*

**Five Arrested in Raid at Alvarado:**

Deputy sheriffs raided a resort at Alvarado Saturday night, arresting five Mexicans, whose eligibility to remain in this country is being investigated. They were too drunk to give their names, the arresting officers reported.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 8, 1934*

**Baseball:**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Merchants scored their eighth straight win with a 10 to 6 victory over the Alvarado Merchants.

Alvarado Line up:

Amaral	Right Field
Jacinto	Second Base
Silva	Third Base
Perry	Center Field
Rodericks	First Base
Vargas	Left Field
LaPourne	Short Stop
Rivers	Catcher

Katashima                      Pitcher  
Azevedo                         Pinch Hitter  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 9, 1934*

#### **Around Town:**

The Ladies Aid Society will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Curry in San Jose. Mrs. Curry is the mother of Mrs. F. Harvey, a club member. Approximately 24 members are looking forward to an enjoyable meeting.

Erma Machado, Connie and Alice Gomes, Lillian Silva, Inez Rivers, Antoinette Rose, Beatrice Machado, Alvina Santos and Dorothy Chrysostomos of St. Anne's Children of Mary Society, motored to San Jose Sunday afternoon to attend an Alpha Sigma society meeting.

A 7-pound baby girl brightened the lives of Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Flores October 8<sup>th</sup> when Mrs. Flores became the mother of little Elizabeth Anne, at the Providence Hospital in Oakland. Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Perry are overjoyed parents of an 8-pound baby boy, Vernon Edward, born October 7<sup>th</sup> at a hospital in Oakland.

Raymond Hinkley of Yosemite Valley is visiting his mother, **Mrs. N. Hinkley** and family this week. **Mrs. Hinkley** and children are moving from their home on Union City Road to Russell's.

The Alvarado Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles met Monday evening at the IOOF Hall for its regular business session. Thor Nordvik, President, presided.

Mrs. Frances Robie, accompanied by her son Russell and grandson Howard of Crockett, enjoyed the weekend at Mrs. Robie ranch in Healdsburg.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 10, 1934*

#### **Baseball:**

The Alvarado Merchants baseball team lost to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Merchants 10-6 in Oakland on Sunday.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 10, 1934*

#### **Auto Accident:**

Mrs. M. P. Luiz was slightly injured last night in an auto collision between cars driven by Gregory Perry, 25, and Joseph D. Luiz, 61, both of Alvarado. The accident occurred on the Sugar Mill Road near Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 15, 1934*

#### **Deer Hunt:**

Two Alvarado deer-hunters returned yesterday with the trophies of a successful hunt. George Hellwig and Jack Boyd hunted near Red Bluff, in the Milk Creek district. Mr. Hellwig shot two deer and Mr. Boyd one. All three animals weigh about 150 pounds. The deer are on display at the Hellwig market in Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 16, 1934*

#### **Around Town:**

Antoinette Rose, Eleanor Roderick, Frank Roderick, Sam Dinsmore, Dale Laybourne, Joseph Amaral and **Bernice** and **Joan Boyd** enjoyed the Centerville Lions Club dance Saturday evening. Mr. & Mrs. J. P. **Boyd** and their daughters **Joan** and **Bernice** moved from their residence on V Street to a home near the Arden Salt Company in Newark.

Mr. & Mrs. Chris Perez and family of Hayward are the new tenants of the home on V Street recently occupied by Mrs. Hinkley and family who are now living in Mt. Eden.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Dutra and Mrs. A. S. Mello attended a card party in Hayward Friday evening.

Mr. & Mrs. Russell Robie and children, Rosalie, Willa Mae and Walter of Crockett, visited relatives in Alvarado Sunday.

Sixteen members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles attended an East Bay council meeting in Tracy Wednesday evening.

A PTA council meeting will be held in the Alvarado Grammar School Thursday afternoon.

Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Granger are now residing in a ranch home on the Niles R.F.D. Route having moved last week from a residence on V Street.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 16, 1934*

#### **WUHS News:**

A rally was held in the auditorium during activity period Thursday heralding the approach of Friday's football game between Washington Union High School and Emeryville. Bill Garcia and Harry Cesari led the yells and cheers. Members of the Cornhuskers squad ([WUHS sports teams were known as the "Cornhuskers" before they were known as the "Huskies"](#)) were seated on stage.

The Cornhuskers went on to beat Emeryville 44-6. This was the first league game for Washington. The Cornhuskers seem likely to bring home in the S. A. C. A. L. championship again. Next Friday Washington meets Menlo Junior College on the local football field.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 17, 1934*

#### **License to Marry:**

Sylvan A. Garcia, Alvarado, 39

Mabel M. Aguiar, Oakland, 38

*The Oakland Tribune, October 23, 1934*

#### **Around Town:**

The Alvarado Ladies Aid Society in conjunction with the Centerville Presbyterian Ladies Aid Society will give a dinner in Centerville Wednesday night. There will be several speakers from Oakland who will talk on religious subjects.

Whist enthusiasts are reminded of a card party at the S.D.E.S. Hall Wednesday evening, given for the benefit of the Catholic Church. There will be a door prize and several prizes for high scorers. On Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, another whist party for the benefit of the I.D.E.S. Lodge will be held at the S.D.E.S. Hall.

Three night watchmen have been posted at the entrance of the Creek Road on the lookout for trucks traveling that route Saturday evening. The bridge outside of Alvarado is in poor condition and loaded trucks may fall through. Automobiles will have no problems crossing.

Louise Rodrigues of San Lorenzo and Tony Baptista of Warm Springs visited Miss Lillian Silva here Sunday afternoon.

Friday afternoon the Newark Grammar School baseball team motored to Alvarado and suffered a 13 - 0 defeat. It was the first time in sixteen years that Newark has been shut out.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 23, 1934*

#### **Alvarado Man Robbed:**

M. Sanchez, an Alvarado laborer, reported today to Deputy Sheriff J.M. Ritchie that he had been robbed of \$136 while he was in bed sick last night. He accused his partner, Eduardo Quesada; of having taken \$100 in money and a \$36 check from his clothing while he was asleep.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 30, 1934*

#### **Around Town:**

A large group of whist enthusiasts occupying 23 tables attended a card party at the S.D.E.S. Hall on Watkins Street in Alvarado for the benefit of St. Anne's Church. Mrs. A. S. Mello took the top prize.

Charlie Baird and George Kubler spent Sunday fishing at MacAvoy.

Mrs. M. McClellan and daughter Barbara Jean enjoyed a weekend visit with Mrs. Charles Baird.

The Alvarado Grammar School played Niles to a 6-6 tie; the game was called after nine innings.



Mr. & Mrs. M. Gardetto and sons Walter and Andy were among the crowd that enjoyed Roy Secada's recital at the Niles Memorial Hall Friday evening.

Mr. & Mrs. T. P. Harvey are the proud owners of a new streamlined automobile.

Mr. & Mrs. Russell Robie and daughter, Willa May of Crockett, enjoyed Monday visiting relatives.

Mrs. Lena Dutra, who was quite ill last week, resumed her position at the Leslie Salt plant Monday morning.

Mrs. Emily Hendricks has been confined to her home by illness.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 1, 1934*

### **Christmas Seals:**

Miss Mildred Nauert has been chosen to lead the Christmas Seal drive in Alvarado in the fight against Tuberculosis.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 2, 1934*

### **Alvarado Votes:**

The Republican ticket was favored in Alvarado voting yesterday. Here are results of Alvarado voting:

Governor: Mirriam 172, Sinclair 151, Haight 19 and Darcy 1.

State Senator: Knowland 164, Morle 126.

Assemblyman: Leidig 177, Cassidy 119.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 7, 1934*

### **Around Town:**

Mrs. J. H. Langdon pleasantly spent the last three weeks visiting relatives in Sacramento.

Mrs. Laura Orelli and Miss Mary Hughes enjoyed a visit in San Francisco Sunday.

PTA members and their friends are invited to a card party benefiting the organization at the

**Alvarado Grammar School** auditorium next Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Gaspar are the proud parents a nine-pound baby boy, Gilbert Gaspar.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Silva Jr., Charles Baird, Sam Dinsmore and son Sam enjoyed a day of fishing on the MacAvoy branch of the Sacramento River.

Mrs. Nora Vargas who was quite ill last week is recovering rapidly.

Mrs. Henrietta Vargas of San Leandro is visiting at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Tony Vargas.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 8, 1934*

### **Alvarado Grammar School Baseball:**

The **Alvarado Grammar School** baseball team lost to Alviso School 4-2 on Monday. On Tuesday the Alvarado team lost to Decoto 4-2.

The boys who saw action were: Clifford Dinsmore, Tero Akinaga, Manuel Steves, Raymond Dias, Hiroshi Shimada, Manuel Pine, Warren Silva, Eddy Olivencia, Paul Rivers, Marion Cordoba and Tony Paredes.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 8, 1934*

### **The Bat:**

(From *The Oakland Tribune's* Aunt Elsie's Children Page)

A bat is a very strange animal. He has fur like an animal and a face like a mouse. He sleeps in the daytime and hunts for food at nighttime. He sleeps upside down. I would drop if I tried that.

By: Manuel Terra, Alvarado, age 13

*The Oakland Tribune, November 11, 1934*

### **Local Girl is Missing:**

Local police and deputy sheriffs have been asked to search for a young girl reported missing. She is Miss Emily Olivencia 16, of Maiden Lane, Alvarado. The Olivencia girl is believed to have left home in the company of M. Battista. She is 5 feet 2 inches tall, weighs 127 pounds and has brown hair and brown eyes.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 14, 1934*

**Country Club Cake Contest:**

The Country Club women of Washington Township held a successful cake contest and food sale. One hundred cakes were catered by the Township women. Mrs. R. Bendel of Niles acted as chairman. Mrs. Milton Munger of Alvarado won first prize with her cake, and Mrs. J.C. Wasley, also of Alvarado took second place.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 14, 1934*

**License to Marry:**

John Andrews, Alvarado, 53

Rose Allen, Alvarado, 52

*The Oakland Tribune, November 14, 1934*

**Alvaradan Jailed:**

Peter Martinez, 28, Alvarado Mexican, was remanded to the county jail when his arraignment and preliminary hearing on a charge of burglary preferred by F.H. Bockman of San Lorenzo was continued.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 15, 1934*

**Truck Driver Arrested:**

Leonard L. O'Brien, 37-year-old truck driver from San Jose, was arrested and jailed on a drunken driving charge yesterday following an accident in which his truck was involved.

O'Brien was parked at a curb in Alvarado, and backed up his truck, crashing into an automobile owned by Manuel R. Rose, of Alvarado, badly damaging the car. Rose's car received a battered radiator and crushed front fenders. O'Brien had been drinking and was confused, according to investigating officers.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 15, 1934*

**New Arrival:**

To the wife of George H. Hocking, Alvarado, November 13<sup>th</sup>, a daughter, Carol Joanne.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 16, 1934*

**Intentions to Wed:**

Juan Galindez, Alvarado, 30

Ramona Cruz, Alvarado, 29

*The Oakland Tribune, November 16, 1934*

**Around Town:**

A fine display of drilling was witnessed in the Armistice Day parade in Hayward Monday morning when the Alvarado drill team exhibited its technique under the direction of Captain Lena Dutra, and **Beatrice Machado**, Lieutenant. The girls in the team are: Lillian Silva, Bernice Lezand, Delinda Pimentel, Elveira Perry, Antoinette Rose, Isabel Muriel, Mary Pimentel, Constance Gomes, Dolores Mello, Carrie Amaral, Pearl White, Lorraine Andrade, Evelyn Correia, Erma Machado, Dale Carey and Thelma Silva.

Mrs. Edith Machado and Mrs. Virginia Machado, accompanied by Billy and Johnnie Machado, visited Oakland Saturday.

Arthur Silveria, Shorty Souza, Frank Sargenti and Lester Silvey enjoyed a dancing party in Oakland Wednesday evening.

**Miss Beatrice Machado** and Mr. & Mrs. M. A. Silva Jr. and son Lloyd enjoyed a card party in Centerville Friday evening.

Tony Silva and Cipriano Dias attended a soccer game in Alameda Sunday.

Mrs. M. Leboe and **Mrs. Chris Skow** enjoyed a shopping tour in Oakland on Tuesday.

**Mrs. Chris Skow** had as guests Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Christensen of Burlingame, Mrs. Jorgensen, Mrs. Quinn and children, and Mrs. E. P. Herrier and son all of Hayward.

Mr. & Mrs. M. S. Mello and daughter of Oakland visited Mr. & **Mrs. A. S. Mello** Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Zora of Oakland were visitors of Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Vargas Sunday.  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lemos and Mr. & Mrs. Ted Lemos enjoyed a visit in Tracy on Sunday.  
Mrs. Secada of Fairfax was the Sunday guest of **Mrs. A. S. Mello**.  
Miss Evelyn Milne of San Jose visited the **Skow family** Saturday evening.  
**Miss Ann Logan** and her fiancé, Joseph A. Silva of Centerville, attended a theater party in Hayward Sunday evening.  
Mrs. John G. **Logan** and daughter **Ann** visited in Palo Alto Saturday.  
Mr. & Mrs. A. K. Logan and daughters, Sally Anne and Vivian May, enjoyed a theater party in Oakland Sunday evening.  
The many friends of Frank Janeiro of Decoto were saddened to hear he suffered a stroke.  
Mrs. Joe Pfau, Mrs. Jessie Perry, and Mrs. Nora Vargas attended an Alameda County Farm Bureau meeting held in Hayward Friday.  
Whist enthusiasts are invited to attend a card party at the home of Mrs. George Enos next Monday afternoon, benefiting the Alvarado Branch of the Alameda County Farm Bureau.  
A delicious turkey dinner, followed by whist, is being arranged by the Ladies aid Society for the public Thursday evening.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, November 16, 1934*

### **Sugar:**

Explanation of the beet sugar crop control plan of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, and signing of contracts for acreage for beet growing by sugar beet growers of the Southern Alameda County, will take place at 10:00 a.m. Monday. The delay in signing of the contracts was necessitated by a change in the contract form.

Basis of the acreage allowance will be the grower and acreage lists for this territory of the Holly Sugar Company of Alvarado. According to the lists, there are 143 sugar beet farmers in Southern Alameda County. The northern end of Santa Clara County is included with Alameda County and the southern end of Santa Clara County is included with San Benito County.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 18, 1934*

### **Mosquito Abatement:**

John A. Clark, Mosquito Abatement District foreman, was host to 17 trustees and fellow employees of the Abatement District at a wild duck dinner last night at the Green Shutters Hotel in Hayward. Ducks for the dinner, which has developed into an annual affair, were supplied through the courtesy of the Alvarado Gun Club.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 20, 1934*

### **Classified Ad:**

#### **BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES:**

Hotel, dining room, bar, confectionary, steady trade; established 14 years, main highway, owner retiring, opportunity for man and wife.

Call Alvarado Hotel, Alvarado, California

*The Oakland Tribune, November 20, 1934*

### **Around Town:**

A surprise party in the form of a house warming was tendered to Mrs. Celia Otto and sons, Albert, Karl and Joseph, Thursday evening. The family recently moved into the home vacated by J. P. Boyd on Union City Road.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Hermosa and children, Gertrude, Janet and Ernest Hermosa have moved from their residence on Sugar Mill Road to a home on Union City Road formerly occupied by Ralph Enos, who has taken up a new residence on Creek Road.

The Alvarado Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles met in regular session Monday evening, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. Walter Merz was received as a transfer from Wisconsin.

The Alvarado farm home center of the Alameda County Farm Bureau held its regular monthly meeting at the home of **Mrs. George Enos** Monday afternoon. Mrs. Maryetta Holman, county demonstration agent, spoke on Christmas suggestions.

Mr. & **Mrs. George Enos** attended the state Farm Bureau meeting last week in Bakersfield.

Thomas Hermosa, who is employed in Locke, visited his family here Monday afternoon.

Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Wasley recently took fifth place among 300 contestants in a cake-baking contest in San Jose. They took second place in a recent contest held in Washington Township.

Heralding the approach of Thanksgiving, plans for a dance are being completed by Walter Silva.

The dance will be held at the S.D.E.S. Hall Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>.

A variety of new books have been received at the Alvarado Library from the Alameda County Library, according to Mrs. Bessie Corwin.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 21, 1934*

#### **I. O. O. F.:**

Alvarado's Crusade Lodge will celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary Monday night. The Alvarado Lodge is the oldest in Alameda County.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 22, 1934*

#### **Marriage License:**

San Jose, California

Mr. Maria Bautista, 20, Alvarado

Emily Olivencia, 18, Alvarado

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 26, 1934*

#### **Alvarado Men Arrested:**

Mike Montez of Alvarado is in jail charged with driving an automobile while drunk, and his friend Amador Guerra, also of Alvarado, was charged with being drunk, according to police records. The two men were arrested early yesterday after careening from side to side down East 14<sup>th</sup> Street according to the arresting officers.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 28, 1934*

#### **Around Town:**

Among the spectators who enjoyed the Stanford-California "Big Game" were **Mrs. Frances Luna**, **Mrs. Laura Orelli**, Karl Otto, Mrs. August May, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Ziegler, and Morton and Robert Ziegler.

Birdhouses of every structure, design and color, many of them examples of fine workmanship have been built by various students throughout the various grammar schools of Southern Alameda County in a birdhouse competition sponsored by the Latham Foundation. All school entries will be judged and the best will be taken to the next level of competition to be held in Oakland. **Alvarado Grammar School** alone contributed 70 entries.

County board examinations have been satisfactorily completed last week with sighs of relief from the eighth graders of the **grammar school**.

A large contingent of Alvarado people showed up for the St. Edward's turkey dinner and whist party held in Newark Sunday. Showing from Alvarado were: Mrs. A. S. Mello, Mrs. Joe Lemos, Mrs. Alfred Perry, Mrs. Mae Santos and daughter Alvina, Joseph Otto, Mrs. Genevieve Dutra, Mr. & Mrs. Seraphine Daviner and children, Bernice, Rosalie and Sonny, Frank Roderick, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Perry, and Mrs. Frank Silva.

The bazaar benefiting St. Anne's Catholic Church, held Thursday, Friday, Saturday evenings of last week at the S.D.E.S. Hall was a successful event with large attendance all three nights. Winners for the largest prizes were: Joseph Gomes, Shirley Mast, Harold Faria, Mary Coit of Milpitas, and Paul Rivers. A. E. Vargas was charge of the committee for the event.

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Neves of Stockton celebrated their first wedding anniversary Sunday with Mrs. Neves' parents, Mr. & Mrs. J. V. Silva and daughter Lillian. Miss Vanessa Silva, who is employed in Stockton, was also a guest honor.

Mrs. Esther Peters of Waterford is enjoying a visit with Mrs. Celia Otto and family. Mary Souza, **Lorraine Andrade**, Leonard George, and Manuel Andrade enjoyed Thursday evening at a popular ballroom in Oakland.

Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Silva are the pleased owners of a new automobile.

M. A. Silva Jr., Andrew Anderson and Victor Allegre enjoyed Sunday fishing at MacAvoy.

Mrs. Virginia Machado, Beatrice and Erma Machado enjoyed a shopping tour in Oakland Saturday.

**Mrs. Frances Luna** and **Mrs. Laura Orelli** were visitors in Oakland Saturday.

**Lorraine Andrade**, Lena and Marie Dutra, and Dale Carey attended the Decoto Fireman's Ball. Donald Flores, senior student at Washington Union High School was confined to his bed because of an illness last week, is now able to resume his studies.

Mrs. James Hunter is recovering rapidly from a serious illness of the last two weeks.

The residence of Manuel August is undergoing several improvements.

Russell Robie of Crockett spent two days last week visiting his mother, Mrs. Frances Robie.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 28, 1934*

#### **Ducks:**

Down around Newark, Alvarado, Warm Springs and Alviso, where those who are not connected with private clubs do most of their shooting, nimrods put in a lot of idle hours, but like most others they are looking forward to better days next Saturday and Sunday.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 29, 1934*

#### **Mrs. Frances Luna:**

[\(A Hayward Daily Review Editorial\)](#)

We hasten to congratulate Mrs. Frances Luna on her appointment as acting Postmaster at Alvarado, the appointment having been in made Washington D.C. yesterday. Mrs. Luna, a loyal Democrat, and an experienced assistant in the post office and the branch library at Alvarado, richly deserves this appointment. The *Hayward Daily Review* feels that her many friends in southern Alameda County will rejoice with her in her new position. Undoubtedly her appointment will be made permanent when the Senate convenes next month, as well as all the appointments of the President for such positions must be approved by the Senate.

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 4, 1934*

#### **Alvarado Man Gets Jail Sentence:**

Mike Montez of Alvarado will take 21 days in jail in preference to paying a \$75 fine, he informed Judge A. W. Bruner in court yesterday when he appeared to answer a charge of driving while drunk on Thanksgiving Day. Montez told the Judge that he and Amador Guerra, a friend also from Alvarado, had been celebrating Thanksgiving Day. Amador Guerra was also arrested and charged with being drunk. Guerra escaped jail time when he had the \$6 necessary to pay the fine.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 4, 1934*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. George Wolfe spent a pleasant Thanksgiving Day with Mrs. Addie Baret of San Francisco.

Mrs. Chris Skow spent Thanksgiving visiting Mrs. Joel Christensen of Russell's.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Baird entertained Mr. & Mrs. McClellan and daughter Barbara Jean of San Francisco Thanksgiving Day.

Sam Dinsmore and Chris Skow motored to MacAvoy Sunday.

Mrs. Anne Roderick was the guest of Mrs. Kaeintz of San Francisco this week.

Miss Mildred Nauert and Oscar Nauert, and Mr. & Mrs. H Heitmuller enjoyed Thanksgiving Day with Mr. & Mrs. Jack Boyd of San Francisco.

Mr. & Mrs. M. A. Silva Jr. and son Lloyd spent the holiday with Mr. & Mrs. Walter Martin & family.

Mrs. Mamie Alexander has been confined to her home with influenza.

Miss Rosalia Silva of San Francisco was a weekend visitor of Mr. & Mrs. M. A. Silva.

Mr. & Mrs. A. Rogers and family attended a surprise party in Danville Thanksgiving Day. Mrs. Joseph Lemos and Mrs. Tony Mello enjoyed a shopping tour of Oakland. Elveira Perry of Decoto was the weekend guest of Beatrice Machado. Mrs. Edith Lemos and Mrs. Katherine Silva visited Father Bray at Providence Hospital last week. Mr. & Mrs. George Harvey were dinner guests of the McKeown family in Newark on Thursday. Lillian Rose Silva spent her four-day vacation visiting Louise Rodrigues of San Leandro. Mr. & Mrs. M. Gardetto and sons Walter and Andy celebrated Thanksgiving Day with Mrs. Antonizzi of San Mateo. Mr. & Mrs. James Critchfield and children, Shirley, Barbara, Marilyn and Jimmie enjoyed the holiday as guests of Mrs. Charles Morgan of Redwood City.

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 6, 1934*

### **Alvarado Knife Fight:**

Carmen Sandoval and H. Sandoval, brothers, were in the County Jail today, while A. Gonzalez was recovering from knife wounds in the face, as a result of a knife battle in the streets of Alvarado shortly before midnight. The trio did not divulge the cause of the fight.

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 6, 1934*

### **News Note:**

Mrs. James Hunter of Alvarado was rushed to the San Jose Hospital by F.F. Bontelho, for an immediate appendicitis operation.

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 11, 1934*

### **License to Marry:**

Jess Cervantes, Alvarado, 21

Jennie Marquez, Niles, 21

*The Oakland Tribune, December 12, 1934*

### **Around Town:**

The many friends of Mrs. James Hunter have been saddened to learn that she is in a critical condition from an apparent appendix operation at the San Jose Hospital. Early Sunday morning Mrs. Hunter was rushed to San Jose, but the appendix broke just before the destination was reached.

The Alvarado Farm Home Center met at the home of Mrs. A.E. Vargas Wednesday. The afternoon was devoted to a study of fish cookery, supervised by Mrs. Maryetta Holman of Hayward. Following the entertaining meeting, appetizing refreshments were served.

Alvarado Aerie, No. 1695, Fraternal Order of Eagles, met in Alvarado Monday evening. Dr. H.C. Crockett and Manuel Lemos were initiated. Dr. Crockett of Hayward was voted to succeed Dr. E.C. Grau who recently resigned, as aerie physician.

Mrs. Charles Baird has been chosen clerk in the Alvarado Post office by Mrs. Frances Luna, who recently received an appointment as acting Postmaster of the office, succeeding the late Albert Norris and Thor Nordvik, who was appointed shortly after Albert Norris' death.

Whist enthusiasts are invited to attend a card party at the I.D.E.S. Hall Thursday evening, December 18<sup>th</sup>, benefiting St. Anne's Church. The main attractions will be several turkeys offered as prizes and door prizes.

Cipry Dias, Tony Brun Silva, Lloyd Silva and M.A. Silva Jr. spent a pleasant Sunday on a fishing trip to MacAvoy.

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 15, 1934*

### **Alvarado Player May Become N.Y. Yankee:**

An outstanding hometown baseball star, Fred Muller, has received promising prospects of breaking into the New York Yankees ball club of the National (**American?**) League next season. Oscar Levine, chief scout for the Yankee ball club, drafted Fred. Muller played with a New Jersey team last season, and was an outstanding both in fielding and at bat. At the close of the season he possessed the highest batting average. He was played up by the New Jersey team as partly responsible for it's winning the pennant.

***The Hayward Daily Review, December 15, 1934***

### **Drunk Driving Arrest:**

Joseph Henningsen, 25, of Alvarado was arrested near Hayward by a Highway Patrol Officer for driving while drunk.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 17, 1934***

### **Around Town:**

The Bible classes of the Sisters of Holy Names Society of St. Anne's Church were tendered a delightful Christmas party Saturday afternoon. A prettily decorated Christmas tree drew much admiration from the children, who were presented with little gifts and cartons of candy.

Teachers of the **Alvarado Grammar School** are attending the Teachers Institute in Oakland. Those attending are **J. C. Wasley, Mrs. Laura Orelli**, Miss Christina Jung, Miss Ruth Koehle and Miss Doris Kinne.

Several young boys of the town enjoyed an old-fashioned wiener roast. Boys who were on the verge of slight sicknesses the next day were: James Perry, Cipry Dias, Stanley Roderick, Ed Mateo, Manuel Andrade, Lester Silvey, Manuel Esteves, Manuel Vargas, Ernest Hermosa, Joaquin Cordoba, Tony Brun Silva, Tony Correia and Raymond Dias.

Mrs. James Hunter is reported as improving from a critical appendix operation performed at San Jose Hospital December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. M. Leboe and Mrs. Chris Skow enjoyed a shopping tour in Oakland Monday.

Miss Louise Muhlemann of San Francisco was the Sunday evening guest of Mr. & Mrs. Gardetto. Mr. & Mrs. Fred Morrison and son of Oakland visited **Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Wasley** and children Sunday.

**Mrs. Laura Orelli** accompanied by Mrs. Frances Luna and Lois Hendricks, enjoyed a visit to Oakland Saturday evening.

M. A. Silva Jr., Victor and Charlie Allegre along with Manuel Vargas of Decoto fished at MacAvoy on Sunday.

The **Alvarado Grammar School** pupils presented a Christmas program with several skits and music by the Alvarado School Band. The pupils are now enjoying a three-week vacation until Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>.

***The Hayward Daily Review, December 18, 1934***

### **Sugar:**

It is reported that the Holly Sugar mill made its final run of this season last Monday.

***The Hayward Daily Review, December 19, 1934***

### **Eagles:**

The Alvarado Order Eagles held their regular meeting Monday evening which was followed by a clever program of skits and music that was supposedly broadcast from New York City, but was actually Ray Secada announcing and the Pinto Bros. Orchestra broadcasting from the lodge room.

The broadcast started with several musical pieces by the Pinto Brothers Orchestra. This was followed by several speeches from the lodge officers. Accordion solos by Peter Pinto and saxophone solos by Manuel Pinto were next presented with Ray Secada accompanying them on the piano. Mildred Martin was introduced as Baby Rose Marie who gave a vocal solo, "Serg Rachmaninoff." Another popular presentation was several accordion solos by little Walter Fasolis

and vocal solos by John Paniagua. The final number, which caused great merriment, was A. A. Lee, introduced as Baron Von Munchausen, who entertained with several short stories.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, December 20, 1934*

**News Note:**

Willa Jane Hellwig of Alvarado, past Grand Matron of the Orient Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star was the installing officer at the Masonic Temple in Centerville. Ed Richmond of Alvarado was installed as Chaplain.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, December 21, 1934*

**New Arrival:**

To the wife of Gallo Martinez, Alvarado, December 13<sup>th</sup>, a son, Harold.  
*The Oakland Tribune, December 21, 1934*

**Auto Crash:**

Charles De Soto, 29, of San Francisco was hurt in a three way crash on Hesperian Boulevard yesterday. A truck passing his machine cut in suddenly, causing him to attempt to stop. His car skidded broadside, being struck by cars driven by Bernardo Perez, 45, of Alvarado and R.J. Condrott, 36, of Oakland.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, December 26, 1934*

**Soccer Game:**

The Hayward U.R.E. soccer team will play the Alvarado soccer team at Alvarado; the game is to start at 10:00 a.m. Sunday. The Hayward boys won their first game with Alvarado in the first half of the season 3 to 1.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, December 27, 1934*

**Richmond O.E.S. Installation:**

Mrs. Willa Jane Hellwig, Past Grand Matron of California, presided over the installation of officers at Richmond's Order of Eastern Star.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 2, 1935*

**Around Town:**

Residents of this community excitedly experienced an earth shock of considerable intensity at about 5:30 a.m. Sunday morning.  
Mrs. Bessie Corwin of Hayward, recently named librarian of the county library in Alvarado, succeeding the late Albert Norris, resumed her duties Friday afternoon after a two-week illness.  
Mrs. Frances Luna is another victim of a severe cold.  
Miss Charlotte Jung, teacher at the grammar school, is rapidly improving from a severe cold that has had her confined at home for three weeks.  
William Goodman was saddened to learn of his brother's Fred death in Seattle recently.  
**Miss Mildred Nauert** was confined home with a severe cold last week.  
Misses Gloria and Carnation Gonsalves of Hayward enjoyed Friday visiting Gertie Hermosa.  
Mrs. James Hunter returned home Saturday with her husband to convalesce from an appendicitis operation performed at San Jose Hospital recently.  
Mrs. Aldena Andrade has been confined to her bed with a severe case of influenza.  
Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Brown of San Juan were houseguests of Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Vargas Wednesday and Thursday.  
Mrs. Emily Hendricks is gradually improving from a severe illness of three months.  
Louie Amaral is recovering from a severe cold and a wrist sprain suffered at work.  
Mr. & Mrs. A. K. Logan and daughters, Vivian Mae and Sally Anne, enjoyed the holidays with relatives in Petaluma.  
Mr. & Mrs. John Dutra spent the weekend and holiday visiting Mrs. Dutra's parents, Mr. & Mrs. C. Cardoza of Oakland.  
Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Costa, proprietors of the local inn, had a delightful time over the holidays when they returned to their home in Oakland and renewed old friendships.



Mr. & Mrs. James Critchfield and children, Shirley, Marilyn, Barbara and Jimmy spent a pleasant holiday as guests of relatives in San Mateo.

**Miss Mildred Nauert**, Oscar Nauert and Mrs. H. D. Heitmuller of Oakland spent the Christmas Holiday's at the Nauert home; returned to the Heitmuller residence to spend New Year's Day. Mr. & Mrs. Fernando Paredes and children had a pleasant time over the holidays visiting relatives in Yolo County. Mr. & Mrs. Paredes, owners of a local restaurant, are preparing plans for a visit to Spain the later part of this month.

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Silveria of Vallejo were holiday visitors of Mr. M. Perry.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 4, 1935*

#### **License to Marry:**

Carl F. Von Euw, Newark, 21

Mary A. Dossetti, Alvarado, 20

*The Oakland Tribune, January 7, 1935*

#### **Flood:**

The heavy downpour late yesterday flooded the Southern Pacific underpass north of Niles and caused many automobiles to be stalled when they attempted to push through the water. Ranchers in the area between Alvarado and Newark moved their livestock to higher ground in the fear that the rains would bring the Alameda Creek to the flood stage.

Many of the ranchers have provided themselves with boats to be used in case of necessity to bring in supplies or take children to school. Farmers say the floods, if they occur, will be of more benefit than damage, for the silt and leaf mold brought down by the water enriches the land.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 8, 1935*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. James Hunter is convalescing rapidly from a critical appendicitis operation performed recently at the San Jose Hospital. She is attended by a nurse from Oakland, and is able to welcome visitors.

Raymond Cushing, who with his mother, Mrs. Bertha Cushing operate a local hotel, is enjoying an indefinite visit with his uncle E. MacCarthy in Butte County. The men are engaged in prospecting. Alvarado Grammar School teachers welcomed back their pupils after three-weeks' of vacation. Members of the Alvarado Rebekah Lodge motored to the Niles Odd Fellows Hall Friday evening to participate in a joint installation of the Niles and Alvarado officers.

Whist enthusiasts are invited to set aside Friday evening, January 18<sup>th</sup> on their social calendar, to attend a card party at the S.D.E.S. Hall, benefiting St. Anne's Church.

Mrs. M. Lebon is ill with influenza.

Mrs. Aldena Andrade is recovering from a sever case of influenza.

Mrs. Rose Garcia enjoyed the last three weeks as the guest of her niece in San Jose.

Alfred Mazza of Alviso is in his second year of study at the Conservatory of Music in San Francisco.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 8, 1935*

#### **Flood:**

More than an inch of rain fell in the vicinity of Niles, and sent Alameda Creek roaring through Niles Canyon. One bridge, leading from the highway into a private parking ground was swept away and the lowlands between Alvarado and Newark were flooded.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 10, 1935*

#### **Bio: Fred Muller, Alvarado Ballplayer:**

In about another month Major League ballplayers will be headed to spring training camps and by that time it is expected that the New York Yankees will have a pretty fair idea of what players they will send to the Oakland Oaks. On the reserve list of the Yanks are 36 experienced players besides a lot of youngsters who are too green to make the camp.

A tip from an easterner yesterday was that Fred Muller, who starred for the Seattle Indians in 1932, when he set a double-play fielding record along with "Chick" Ellsworth, will come to the Oaks.

Muller was purchased by the Boston Red Sox during the 1933 season and later became the property of the New York Yankees. He was in the International League last season and it is reported that Manager Joe McCarthy may not be able to make a spot for him in the 1933 Yank infield because he specializes at second base, where he would have to beat out Tony Lazzeri. Tony hit .294 and fielded in the same stellar way.

It is a known fact that the Oaks are in the market for a second sacker and it is possible, now that the local club has been made a Yankee farm that McCarthy would willingly let Muller come to the Oaks rather than keep him on the bench. The more experience he gets the sooner he will be ready to step in at second when Lazzeri's legs or batting eye go back on him.

Muller would make an ideal batsman for the Oaks as he is of the long distance variety. He hit .327 in 1933 and drove in 66 runs in 83 games before he reported to the Red Sox. He hit 20 home runs and led second sackers in fielding. In 1932 he hit .282, but batted in 121 runs and among his hits were 49 doubles and 38 home runs.

Muller seems like too good a player to be shunted back to the minors without a fair trial, but our informant says he know that Muller would prefer to return to the Coast, rather than spend his time on the bench. And no doubt nothing would suit him better than to come to the Oaks, for his hometown is Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, January 13, 1935***

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Gertie Hermosa was hostess to a large group of friends at her birthday party Sunday afternoon. The guests enjoyed games and dancing, followed by delicious refreshments. In attendance from Alvarado were: Mrs. J. Alameda and daughter Lorraine, Mary and Joseph Perez, Mrs. Louis Silva, Lillian Silva, Mary and Evelyn Naharro, Al Aguilar, Morris Davilla, Lonnie Amaral, Richard Mateo, Mr. & Mrs. S. Hermosa; Janet, Gertie and Ernest Hermosa; and Joaquin, Clara, Mary, Phyllis, Josephine and Sally Cordoba.

Several ladies of the local SPRSI visited the Warm Springs organization last week, where the SPRSI grand president paid her first official visit. The members present at the meeting were: Mrs. Mabel Rogers, Mrs. Nora Vargas, Mrs. A. Mello, Mrs. Clara Flores, and Mrs. Anna Perry.

A group of young fellows enjoyed a frolic in the snow as a Sunday diversion near Sonora. The boys who made the trip were: Louie Amaral, Eddie Mateo, Lolly Amaral, Lester Silvey, Art Silveria, Cipry Dias, Frank Sargenti, Stanley Roderick and Joe Allegre.

Whist enthusiasts who set aside Friday evening, January 18<sup>th</sup>, from their social calendar will enjoy a card party at the S.D.E.S. Hall, benefiting St. Anne's Catholic Church.

Member of the PTA are looking forward to their first meeting since three weeks' school vacation, which will be held Wednesday afternoon, January 16<sup>th</sup>, in the school auditorium

A pleasing list of library books was received at the Alvarado County Branch Library January 11<sup>th</sup>, from the Oakland Branch by Mrs. Bessie E. Corwin, Librarian.

Mrs. Anna Roderick entertained Mr. & Mrs. Barnhart of Santa Rosa, and Mr. & Mrs. Withrow and daughter of Montana Friday.

Mrs. M. Lebao ([Leboe](#)), who has been a victim of influenza, is reported improving gradually.

Little Ernie Machado, son of Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Machado, is well again following a slight illness Saturday night.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Martin were guests of relatives in Los Banos over the weekend.

***The Hayward Daily Review, January 15, 1935***

**Around Town:**

A jolly evening of entertainment is in store for the members of Alvarado's Aerie No. 1695 of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, their friends, their families, on Monday evening, January 21<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 8 o'clock. An enjoyable program has been arranged for the evening, to be followed by dancing. John Menezes, Aerie secretary, has invited all members.

Frederick Muller Jr., has been very ill with a severe attack of influenza.

Little Rosalind Daviner is recovering rapidly from a broken arm, injured while at play at the grammar school.

Mrs. Frances Luna and Miss Lois Hendricks visited Mrs. Frances Larson and son Bobby in San Leandro Monday evening.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 18, 1935*

**Victor Martinez Dies:**

Funeral services for the late Victor Martinez of Alvarado, who died yesterday at San Jose, will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. Saturday at St. Anne's Catholic Church. Mr. Martinez is survived by several nephews and nieces.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 18, 1935*

**Around Town:**

Bad weather did not daunt the spirits of the crowd that filled 17 tables at the S.D.E.S. Hall Friday evening, where the St. Anne's Catholic Church society held a whist party. Ramiro Machado was the first prizewinner with 121 points, and Mrs. Alameda of Centerville, took second. Hubert Jacinto won the door prize.

Several local residents joined a crowd of merrymakers at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Leonard in Hayward Saturday evening, where a "house warming party" was held. Mrs. Leonard is the former Miss Irene Goularte of Decoto.

Mrs. A. E. Vargas and Mrs. Pfau were recently honored by the local farm home center on being appointed project leaders to represent the department at a clothing meeting in Concord Friday. Little Rosalind Daviner, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Seraphine Daviner, broke her arm at school. She will miss about one month of school.

Mrs. M. Leboe, who has been a victim of a severe case of influenza, is now fully recovered.

Mr. & Mrs. Chris Skow, with Mrs. Christensen and Mr. Thompson of Burlingame, spent an enjoyable Sunday as visitors of Mr. & Mrs. Innes of Walnut Creek.

Manuel Santos of Benicia has been the houseguest of Mr. & Mrs. A. S. Mello for three weeks.

Miss Barbara Silva and her brother Johnny, of Oakland, paid a visit with Miss Janet Hermosa Sunday afternoon. In the evening the three attended a dancing party in Oakland.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 23, 1935*

**Alvarado Eagles:**

The Alvarado Aerie of Eagles put on an extravaganza at the Alvarado Grammar School auditorium, which was filled to capacity. Officers in attendance were: Thor Nordvik, **A. E. Vargas**, John Menezes, C. W. Baird, J. S. Martin and John Silva. There was much entertainment including: Roy Secada's Orchestra, accordion solos by Peter Pinto, vocal solos by Adeline Silva accompanied by Roy Secada, a trumpet solo by Leonard Raposa and a vocal solo by Jewell King. The committee in charge of the entertainment consisted of **A. E. Vargas**, M. Abreu, J. E. Silva and J. E. Lewis.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 24, 1935*

**Around Town:**

Tickets in the southern end of the county for the President's Birthday Ball, to be held at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Hayward Wednesday evening, are going fast. Mrs. Frances Luna of Alvarado, who with George Oakes of Hayward, have aroused much enthusiasm over the affair resulting in the large sale of tickets.

Mrs. Emma Boyd, who recently moved from her home on Union City Road to Newark, enjoyed visiting in the community Thursday afternoon, renewing many friendships. Mrs. Boyd also visited the **Ladies Aid Society**, of which she is still secretary.

The **Ladies Aid Society** held its regular semi-monthly meeting Thursday afternoon at the IOOF Hall. Mrs. Frances Robie presided over the large gathering.

Fred Muller Jr. is recovering from a bad case of the flu.

The I.D.E.S. Lodge held a whist party at the S.D.E.S. Hall Friday evening.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 28, 1935*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. A. E. Vargas and Mrs. Geraldine Rogers spent a delightful Friday in Martinez as delegates from the local farm home center to central California Farm Bureau meeting, which was devoted to the project of clothing.

Mrs. A. K. Logan, Mrs. Isabelle Menezes, Miss Mary Hughes and Mrs. Mae Santos were delegates from the local PTA to the East Alameda County council meeting in Hayward Monday afternoon. Mrs. Delinda Rose is recovering rapidly at her home following surgery performed at Hayward Tuesday.

Mr. & Mrs. A. K. Barton saw the auto show in San Francisco Friday evening.

Dale Laybourne was unable to participate in the Washington High versus Livermore basketball game due to an infected hand. Dale is the center for the team and leading scorer.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 30, 1935*

#### **Around Town:**

Irene Freitas resumed her work as a senior student at Washington Union High School Monday morning following a week's absence because of a severe illness.

Mrs. James Hunter is rapidly improving following surgery for acute appendicitis operation three weeks ago. She has dispensed with the need for a full time nurse.

Elvin Rose, senior student at Washington Union High School, is absent from his studies this week because of illness.

Louis Amaral, Eddie Mateo and Arthur Silveria enjoyed the graduation exercises at Castlemont High School Friday evening.

Lloyd Silva, sophomore at Washington High in Centerville is absent from his classes this week because of influenza.

Miss Rose Rodrigues of Rodeo is being entertained this week at the home of Mr. & Mrs. M. A. Silva Jr., and family.

Principal James C. Wasley, Principal of Alvarado School resumed his duties this week after missing a week because of illness.

Lillian Silva is another victim of a severe cold. Miss Silva is in her third year at Washington High. A jovial surprise party was tendered to Mrs. Helen Alameda Saturday evening by a party of friends from Niles.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 1, 1935*

#### **Around Town:**

Lloyd Silva and Elvin Rose, students at Washington Union High School, resumed their studies Monday morning following a weeks' siege with influenza. Lloyd is a sophomore and Elvin is in his senior year.

An official visit from the district deputy president, Mrs. La Von Sorenson, featured the Alvarado Rebekah Lodge meeting Friday night. Miss Mildred Sayles, Noble Grand presided. Following the business session the Rebekah's were served refreshments in the adjoining banquet room. The table decorations were cleverly carried out with Valentine designs.

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Lemos and small child of Oakland were houseguests of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lemos.

Miss Rose Rodrigues of Rodeo, who for the past week have been the guest of **Mr. & Mrs. M.A. Silva Jr.**, and son Lloyd, have extended their stay another week.

Mrs. Nora Vargas is a victim of a severe cold.

**M.A. Silva Jr.**, who was very ill last week with influenza, is up and around, recovering rapidly from his illness.

Miss Charlotte Jung, a teacher at the **grammar school**, resumed her duties Monday morning following a two-weeks' illness with a severe cold. Mrs. James Wasley substituted for her.

New curtains have been purchased for the **grammar school** auditorium, according to J.C. Wasley, Principal.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 6, 1935*

#### **SPRSI Dance:**

Saturday night February 9<sup>th</sup>, a Valentine dance is being held by the SPRSI Lodge of Alvarado at the S.D.E.S. Hall on Watkins Street. Good music by the Pinto Brothers Orchestra. Admission:

Gents: 35¢, Ladies: 15¢

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 8, 1935*

#### **Benefit Whist Party:**

There will be a benefit whist party given at the Alvarado Grammar School auditorium under the auspices of the St. Anne's Church, Wednesday evening, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Score cards 25¢.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 8, 1935*

#### **Around Town:**

In honor of their 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Alvarado Aerie of Eagles motored to the Elk's Building in Oakland Wednesday evening, where the Grand President George F. Douglass addressed them.

In honor of Founder's Day, the PTA is preparing for a social gathering late this month at the grammar school.

Miss Mary Dias was delighted with a birthday party Wednesday evening, tendered by her parents, Mr. & Mrs. D. S. Dias.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 11, 1935*

#### **Marriage:**

Miss Elizabeth Macedo, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. V. Macedo of Niles, was united with in marriage to Edward Vargas, son of Mr. & Mrs. M. Vargas of Alvarado in a ceremony at All Saints Catholic Church in Hayward yesterday afternoon.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 11, 1935*

#### **Around Town:**

Several Alvarado youths made a trip to Sonora to enjoy some snow fun and spills. Those attending were Louis Amaral, Eddie Mateo, Arthur Silveria, Lester Silvey, Tony Correia, Frank Sargenti, Joe Allegre and Stanley Roderick.

A party was given by Mrs. Louis Costa Silva Monday evening at the S.D.E.S. Hall in honor of the birthday of Mr. Silva.

Mrs. A. S. Mello entertained Mr. & Mrs. George Crawford and Mr. & Mrs. M. L. Glen of Oakland Thursday afternoon.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Kaeintz and Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Cook of San Francisco joined Mrs. Anne Roderick in a family reunion at her home.

Morris Davilla and Karl Otto motored to Oakland Thursday evening to watch the wrestling matches.

Several Alvaradan's journeyed to Emeryville Friday evening to witness the last stages of the walkathon. Among those who enjoyed the evening were: Mrs. Edith Machado, Mrs. Virginia Machado, Mrs. Mary Costa, Erma, Beatrice, Billy and Ernie Machado, Mr. & Mrs. John Dutra, Mr. & Mrs. S. E. Olivencia, Mr. & Mrs. George Vargas, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Martin, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Goularte, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Maciel, Mrs. Melvin Silva, Mr. & Mrs. M. A. Silva Jr. and son Lloyd,

Rose Rodrigues, Pauline Allegre, Clarence Dutra, Antoinette and Elvin Rose, Lillian Silva, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Perez, Richard and Remedía Mateo and Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Murgla.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, February 13, 1935*

#### **Hatchet Correspondent:**

Miss Lois Hendricks, of Alvarado, has been chosen as one of four Washington Union High School students who work on the school newspaper, "The Hatchet" and to attend the press convention being held at the University of California at Berkeley March 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>. Miss Hendricks is also the Alvarado Correspondent for the Oakland Tribune.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 13, 1935*

#### **New Arrival:**

To the wife of Joe Preciado, Alvarado, January 29<sup>th</sup>, a daughter, Angelita.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 15, 1935*

#### **Hayward Birthday Party:**

In honor of his second birthday, little Robert Emmanuel Hendricks was tendered a delightful party Saturday afternoon by his mother Mrs. Hazel Hendricks. Eight little guests shared in games and refreshments.

Mrs. Hendricks is the former Miss Hazel Roderick, daughter of Mrs. Anne Roderick of Alvarado. Mr. Hendricks is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Hendricks of Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 19, 1935*

#### **Alvarado Junior Traffic Patrol:**

One more new troop of Junior Traffic Patrol will be added tonight when Alvarado Grammar School's new patrol will be sworn in by Captain L. A. Elke of the California Highway Patrol.

Member of the troop are, Sergeants: Raymond Dias, Edward Olivencia, Albert Hinkley, Bruno Orsetti and Warren Silva. Privates: Everett Alameda, Tony Paredes, Charles Merino, Joe Lewis, Cyril Flores, Bert Johnson, Edward Martinez, Benny Joyce, James Wasley and John Ziegler.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 20, 1935*

#### **Around Town:**

Evan Orelli left last week for an indefinite visit with an uncle in Placerville. Evan resumed his studies at the San Jose Junior College following the holidays but was forced to withdraw due to ill health.

Several Alvaradan's were among the crowds who enjoyed the Emeryville walkathon. Among them was: Mrs. Virginia Machado, Beatrice, Bill and Ernie Machado, Mr. & Mrs. M. A. Silva Jr. and son Lloyd, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Silveira, Mrs. Helen Martin and daughter Carrie, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Martin, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Perry, Arthur Silveria and Eddie Mateo.

Mrs. Mabel Donnadien of San Francisco is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Charles Baird, and family.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 21, 1935*

#### **St. Anne's Church:**

In preparation for confirmation at St. Anne's Church on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at which Archbishop Hanna of San Francisco will participate, a mission is being held this week by the Rev. Albert A. Murray, noted Paulist father of New York. A morning mass is being held every morning at 7 o'clock, and a sermon given every evening at 8 o'clock.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 21, 1935*

#### **Classified Ad:**

Lost & Found:

Reward offered for return of Danish Brotherhood Books. Lost near Dania Hall, Hayward, Saturday night. No questions asked.

Phone: Alvarado 6-F-2.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 22, 1935*

### **Alvarado School Trustees:**

Notice has been given to the electors of the Alvarado Elementary School District that the annual election of the school trustees will be held at the Alvarado schoolhouse, Friday afternoon, March 29<sup>th</sup>. As the term of A. E. Vargas has expired, the purpose is to elect one trustee for a three-year term. At present there is no opponent running against Mr. Vargas. Present school trustees are A. E. Vargas, C. J. Skow and Mrs. Frances Robie. Officers appointed to conduct the election are: Charles Baird, Inspector, Nora Vargas and Mary Hughes, Judges.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 25, 1935*

### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. George Harvey are the proud parents of an eight pound 12-ounce baby boy born Thursday evening. Mrs. Harvey is the former Miss Ruby Joyce, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. F. W. Joyce, local residents.

The Ladies Aid Society held its monthly meeting at the IOOF Hall this afternoon. Mrs. Frances Robie presiding.

Mr. A. E. Vargas will resume his position as buyer for the Farm Products Sales Co. of Hayward March 1<sup>st</sup>. He has held the position for ten years.

Mrs. A. S. Mello, Mrs. A. E. Vargas, Mrs. Clara Flores, Mrs. Mabel Rogers and Mrs. Annie Perry attended the SPRSI anniversary celebration at Memorial Hall in Hayward.

George Enos is suffered a badly crushed finger he hurt while working on his farm on Creek Road. Stanley Roderick is recovering rapidly from influenza.

Miss Ann Logan spent a pleasant weekend visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. A. Wilson, in Palo Alto.

Mrs. Charles Baird entertained Mrs. L. L. McClellan and daughter, Barbara Jean, from San Francisco, over the weekend.

Miss Juanita Dixon of Reno was a weekend visitor of Tony Freitas and family.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 28, 1935*

### **Woman Gives Birth in a Car:**

Little Junior Villegas, weight seven pounds, started the "adventure of life" in the driveway of Alameda County Hospital during the storm before dawn this morning, as his mother lay in her wrecked auto.

Junior, son of Mrs. Isabel Villegas of Alvarado, 18-year-old wife of Thomas Villegas, had hoped to have her son born in the hospital. She, her husband and Mrs. Rosie Camacho, 27, had started from Alvarado in Villegas' old roadster at 2:30 o'clock this morning. A few blocks from the hospital, their car collided with another car. Villegas' machine was almost demolished by the impact.

Although he begged the motorist, whose license number he failed to obtain, Villegas could not persuade him to take his wife to the hospital before the child is born.

Frantically he tried to re-start his own car, and managed to jockey it a few feet along the driveway to the Emergency Ward of the hospital. Again the car stopped. Mrs. Camacho ran to the ward crying for a doctor.

Dr. George Mainwaring, on duty, heard her story, grabbed up a few instruments, and dashed with her back to the stalled auto. There, with the rain whipping through the uncurtained roadster, Dr. Mainwaring successfully conducted Junior into this world.

A few minutes later Junior was in a crib in the nursery, and his mother is doing nicely in a bed in the hospital.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 28, 1935*

**Baseball:**

The Alvarado Merchants kept their winning streak alive by defeating Fruitvale 17-5.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, February 28, 1935*

**News Note:**

Mrs. John D. Smith and Mrs. Joe Munter of Mt. Eden attended a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Bailey of Alvarado.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, March 2, 1935*

**News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. T. Rogers and son Bobby of Alvarado attended a birthday party in Hayward to honor Mrs. J. Gomes' husband.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, March 4, 1935*

**Around Town:**

In an impressive ceremony, approximately 150 boys, girls, and adults of the Newark and Alvarado Catholic Church parishes received confirmation at Alvarado's St. Anne's Church Sunday afternoon. Archbishop Mitty of San Francisco officiated.

The Alvarado Merchants baseball team will now be sponsored by the Alvarado Eagles Aerie, according to decisions made Monday night. The club had been previously sponsored by Jesse Jacinto, manager, who will continue as manager.

Mrs. J. A. Miller of Sacramento, who has been spending a pleasant three months visit with her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Langdon, bid adieu last week.

Mrs. Henrietta Vargas of San Leandro is visiting at the home of Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Vargas. The Alvarado farm home center met at the home of Mrs. Joseph Pfau on Creek Road last Wednesday.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 6, 1935*

**Baseball:**

Infielder Fred Muller, turned over to the Oakland Oaks from the New York Yankees, was expected yesterday, but was detained at his Alvarado asparagus fields and is due to appear today. He is a second sacker and since he looms as a cinch for the position, Len Kintara probably will compete for the shortstop job.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 7, 1935*

**Commercial Advertisement:**

MATT MACHADO

LIQUOR STORE

Fine Beer and Wine

MAIN STREET, ALVARADO

Opposite School

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 8, 1935*

**Mrs. Morrison Dies Here:**

Mrs. Elizabeth Morrison, 56, died today at a San Mateo Hospital after a long illness. She had resided here for the past three years. She is survived by her husband, J. Morrison of Alvarado, where the funeral will be held.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 11, 1935*

**Birthday Party:**

Friends gathered at the home of Miss Angie Alves on the Niles Road last night to surprise her for her birthday. There was a large crowd of well-wishers including from Alvarado: Mrs. Mamie Mohr, Misses Carnation and Alice Alves, Miss Elizabeth Martin and Bob Hennessey.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 12, 1935*



### **Alvarado School:**

Mr. Lemos, art advisor of the county schools, entertained the assembled students at the grammar school on Friday morning. He showed an art exhibit of work done by pupils of various county schools. He also brought in several articles made in foreign countries. The exhibit will be on display in the Alvarado Grammar School auditorium until Friday, everyone is welcome to inspect it.

Five reels of the historical film 'Betsy Ross,' which deal with the making of the first American Flag, was shown to pupils of the grammar school Tuesday. The PTA furnished the presentation.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, March 13, 1935*

### **Around Town:**

Del Monte was the scene recently where Mr. & Mrs. H. D. Heitmuller of Oakland, Miss Mildred Nauert and Mr. Oscar P. Nauert of Alvarado spent the weekend. Mr. Heitmuller attended the Iron & Steel Convention there.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Hendricks Jr. of Hayward, and Mr. Andrew Anderson and son Stanley, motored to Avon Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. John Dutra who have been residents here for the past year have moved to Oakland. Mr. & Mrs. William Teague and Mr. & Mrs. Albert Silva of Benicia were houseguests of Mr. & Mrs. A. S. Mello over the weekend.

Mrs. Mary Silva and Mrs. Mary Smith of Milpitas spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. May Peixotto. The Misses Muriel and Eva Martin, Emma Dias, Lorraine Andrade of Alvarado and Lena Dutra of Decoto attended a dancing party at an Oakland ballroom Sunday evening.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 13, 1935*

### **Around Town:**

The PTA is busily engaged in making band uniforms for the **grammar school** orchestra. The outfits will consist of red and gold capes with monograms, and gold caps with lyres. Red and gold are the school colors.

The recently organized Township **Grammar School** Baseball League will be brought into action next Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. The eight teams entered into the schedule are: Alvarado, Alviso, Centerville, Decoto, Irvington, Mission San Jose, Newark and Niles.

The recently organized Junior Traffic Reserve has made a reasonable amount of progress. There is a marked slowing of speed by motorists when passing through town.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 14, 1935*

### **News Notes:**

Thirty-four library books have been received at the Alvarado library from the Alameda County branch by Mrs. Bessie Corwin, librarian. Bookworms may inspect the new arrivals Thursday and Friday afternoon between the hours of 1:30 to 4:30.

The German Cruiser Karlsruhe anchored in San Francisco Bay last week attracted many visitors. Among them were four local residents, Mrs. Celia Otto and sons, Karl, Albert and Joseph. The Ladies Aid Society held its monthly meeting at the IOOF Hall Thursday afternoon, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Frances Robie presided.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 19, 1935*

### **Alvarado School Defeats Niles:**

Baseball reigns supreme at Alvarado Grammar School. Since a league has been formed comprising grammar schools, the Alvarado players have been enthusiastically convincing the residents that they're a "cinch" for winning the silver cup offered by Don Harder's Sport Shop in Hayward for the championship nine. Proving their ability the Alvarado team journeyed to Niles last Thursday for a practice game and came away with a 7 to 0 win.

Members of the team are: Paul Rivers, Al Hinkley, Warren Silva, Manuel Esteves, T. Akinaga, Cliff Dinsmore, Ray Dias, Marion Cordoba and Ed Olivencia. Louis Amaral and Tony Correia from the Eagles baseball team are the coaches.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 19, 1935*

#### **Around Town:**

State President E.L. Jewett paid an official visit to the Alvarado Aerie of Eagles at the IOOF Hall Monday evening. Another feature of the meeting was the conducting of initiation ceremonies. The new members are: James Perry, H. B. Crawl, Stanley Roderick, Louis J. Amaral, Henry Marshall, Manuel Azevedo and Joseph Allegre. Gregory Perry was admitted into the Aerie by reinvestment and Joseph Jacinto was reinstated. Refreshments were served and Sidney Snow showed motion pictures of his wild animal expeditions.

Rewarding her eight years of faithful secretarial work, the Alvarado farm home center tendered **Mrs. Nora Vargas** a surprise party at her home recently. The afternoon was devoted to card playing. Mrs. Ida Rogers won the first prize in Whist, while Mrs. Ed Harvey won the consolation prize. During the game Mrs. Joseph Williams presented Mrs. Vargas with a pair of hand embroidered pillowcases.

Whist enthusiasts occupied 20 tables at the Parent-Teacher Association card party held in the school auditorium Friday evening. The first prize was awarded to Mrs. Manuel A. Silva Jr., while the door prize went to Tony Correia. Mrs. Esther Gardetto was chairman of the committee, which included **Mrs. Nora Vargas**, Mrs. F. A. Silva Jr., and Mrs. Anna Perry. To arouse enthusiasm a pen and pencil set was offered by the organization as a prize to the school child that sold the most tickets. Walter Fasolis disposed of 40 tickets so he will be presented the prize.

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rogers entertained Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Gomes of Hayward Saturday evening. Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Brown of San Juan were houseguests of Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Vargas late last week. Wilbert Hendricks, employee of the local Leslie-California Salt Co. has been absent from his duties with a severe case of influenza.

Mr. & Mrs. Aloyus Beinick of Elmhurst renewed several old friendships in the community last Sunday. Mr. & Mrs. Beinick were residents of Alvarado for several years before they moved to Elmhurst three years ago.

Mrs. Frances Robie received a visit Sunday from the Russell Robie family of Crockett.

Mrs. Anne Roderick spent the weekend as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Manuel Hendrick's Jr. and family from Hayward.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 20, 1935*

#### **Baseball:**

The Alvarado Eagles defeated the team from Pleasanton 7-6 in a ten-inning game.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 20, 1935*

#### **Around Town:**

Prizewinners at the last meeting of the Alvarado Farm Home Center were Mrs. Ida Rogers, Mrs. Aldine Goularte and Mrs. Ed Harvey.

The infant son of **Mr. & Mrs. Victor Allegre** was christened at **St. Anne's Church** March 10<sup>th</sup>, in services conducted by Father Falvey.

A St. Patrick's Whist Party, benefiting the **St. Anne's Church**, will be held at the S.D.E.S. Hall Saturday evening.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 22, 1935*

#### **Allegre Surprise Party:**

A surprise party was tendered to Joseph Allegre in honor of his birthday at the home of his mother Mrs. D. V. Allegre Saturday evening. The 23 guests had a great time playing cards and several games. In whist, Mrs. Mary Silva and Mrs. Mary Duarte won the first prizes for the

women. The men's first prizes were awarded to Manuel A. Silva and George Vargas. The consolation prize went to Mrs. Joseph Silva. At midnight refreshments were served. Among the guests were Beatrice Machado, Lillian May Silva, Eva Soares, Irma Borges, Mary Duarte of Newark, Stanley Roderick, Louis and Johnny Silva, John Soares, Lloyd Silva, Mr. & Mrs. George Vargas, Mr. & Mrs. M. A. Silva Jr., **Mr. & Mrs. Victor Allegre** and baby son, Gary Allen, Mr. & Mrs. John Soares, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Silva and Mr. & Mrs. Orland Menezes of Newark.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, March 22, 1935*

#### **Alvarado School:**

The "Magic Piper," resembling in idea the "Pied Piper," will be produced as an operetta by the Alvarado Grammar School during Public Schools Week, on the evening of April 11, at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium under the direction of the music supervisor, **Miss Doris Kinne**, with Miss Ruth Koehle as pianist. Approximately 100 children will take part.

Those taking the leads will be John Ziegler, Marjorie Maciel, Mieko Terezawa, Warren Silva, Anthony Paredes, Junior Lewis, Remedía Mateo, Richard Avila, Isabel Pinto, Bruno Orsetti, James Wasley, Benny Joyce, Everett Alameda, Richard Munger and Peggy Wasley. There will be a chorus of 20 "rats," and other choruses of the children who followed the piper and the fathers and mothers who followed the children. The operetta is in three acts, one scene being in the mountains and the other two in the streets of town.

Music for the intermission will be provided by the school's 30-piece orchestra under the direction of **Miss Kinne**.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, March 24, 1935*

#### **Classified Ad:**

PETS FOR SALE:

CHIHUAHUA puppies, 1 chocolate, 1 white, with cream markings. Registered and pedigreed. Halfway Tavern, Alvarado  
*The Oakland Tribune, March 24, 1935*

#### **Sugar:**

The Holly Sugar mill is slated to install new equipment at its Alvarado plant, including a new \$150,000 boiler.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, March 25, 1935*

#### **Baseball:**

The Alvarado Eagles bested the Decoto Merchants 18-4 on the Decoto diamond.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, March 26, 1935*

#### **Chamber of Commerce:**

Interest in the new Chamber of Commerce, recently organized, is increasing rapidly. At a gathering Monday 97 persons became charter members and permanent officers were elected. The new heads are: Thor Nordvik, President; Charles Baird, Vice-President; D. R. Howell, Secretary; John Menezes, Treasurer. The Board of Directors are: J. C. Wasley, Tony Santos and Frank George.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, March 27, 1935*

#### **Around Town:**

Whist enthusiasts filled 30 tables at the S.D.E.S. Hall Saturday evening for a St. Anne's Church benefit. The games netted over \$60.  
Evan Orelli returned home Sunday following a two-week's visit with his uncle in Placerville. Mr. & Mrs. Evan Cole and Mrs. Laura Orelli received a visit from Raymond Hinkley of Yosemite.

New streamline models made a favorable impression on several Alvaradans. Within the last two weeks Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Dutra, Mr. & Mrs. George Hellwig, Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Jacinto and family and Manuel Amaral have become owners of new autos.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 27, 1935*

#### **Gardetto's on Radio:**

Radio enthusiasts enjoyed hearing local talent in the persons of Walter and Andy Gardetto and Walter Fasolis over Brother Bob's program Saturday on KLX. Little Andy sang two solos, "The Isle of Capri," and "I'll String Along With You" accompanied by brother Walter on the accordion. Walter entertained with an accordion solo of "Venetian Nights." Andy and Walter are the sons of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gardetto. Andy is 5 years old and Walter is 9.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 28, 1935*

#### **SPRSI:**

Mrs. Aurora Lewis, Mrs. Evelyn C. Silva, and Mrs. Mamie Rose will be initiated into the SPRSI this evening at the IOOF Hall. Mrs. Mayme Roderick will preside over the assembly.

*The Hayward Daily review, March 28, 1935*

#### **Marriage License:**

(Santa Clara County)

Allen Roberts, 21, Hayward

Edna Avilla, 21, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, March 28, 1935*

#### **School Trustees:**

Frank Machado received 85 votes to defeat Mrs. Mamie Santos who received 65 votes in their contest to fill the vacant on the school board for Alvarado Grammar School. The other school board members are C. J. Skow and Mrs. Frances Robie.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 30, 1935*

#### **Sugar:**

With reported plans to buy the E. H. Dyer estate here, the Holly Sugar Company is understood to contemplate erecting a new mill next year. The Dyer estate, now tenanted by Mr. & Mrs. C. H. Langdon, contains about eight acres and lies next to the other company property.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 1, 1935*

#### **Workers Electrocuted:**

Two workers at the Leslie Salt plant in Alvarado were electrocuted and died where they fell. Kichizayemon Yamagami and Gonshiro Fujita died about noon after the trolley line load they were working touched a live wire. Attempts at resuscitation on the job failed. The Japanese Mission in Alvarado conducted funeral services this afternoon with Buddhist services.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 1, 1935*

#### **Around Town:**

Nominations for offices of the PTA will be held on Thursday. The nominations committee consists of Mrs. A. E. Vargas, Mrs. Anna Perry, Mrs. Mabel Rogers, Mrs. Esther Gardetto and Mrs. George Enos.

**Alvarado Grammar School** defeated Centerville Grammar School 13-4 in a baseball game played at the Centerville field. Albert Hinkley, Manuel Esteves and Warren Silva pitched while the other players for Alvarado were: Paul Rivers, Jesse Hernandez, Clifford Dinsmore, Marion Cordoba, Raymond Dias, Eddie Olivencia, T. Akinaga, Eddie Martinez and John Soares.

Frank Silveria has resumed his duties at Leslie Salt after a week's bout with influenza.

Mrs. Joseph Lewis has been suffering with the flu.

Lorraine and Manuel Andrade along with Lester Silvey visited Oakland Saturday afternoon.

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Souza and young son Stanley, of Santa Clara, visited Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Andrade and family Thursday and Friday.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, April 2, 1935*

**Old Catholic Church Demolished:**

Day by day the old Catholic Church in Alvarado is being demolished. Erected in 1863, it was dedicated by Archbishop Alemany and Father Fredi was the first priest in charge.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, April 2, 1935*

**Baseball:**

The Oakland Oaks will be starting Fred Muller, the Alvarado boy, at second base when the season starts. Muller was the home run king of the Coast League when wore a Seattle uniform before going into the big league.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, April 5, 1935*

**Sugar:**

The Tracy-Alvarado district has been allotted an additional 3,013 acres of land for the raising of sugar beets this year under a reallocation announced Saturday by the AAA. Most of this acreage has already been allotted among growers in the Sacramento River Island territory of Holly Sugar Co. The re-allotment affected a transfer from drought stricken territory to areas where planting conditions are more favorable.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, April 8, 1935*

**Heavy Rainfall:**

Heavy rains over the weekend brought the annual total of rainfall for southern Alameda County to one of highest totals in recent memory.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, April 8, 1935*

**Intentions to Wed:**

Manuel Aguilar, Alvarado, 21  
Sarah Ybarra, Russell City, 17  
*The Oakland Tribune, April 9, 1935*

**News Note:**

A special party featured Thursday evening's Crusade Lodge meeting. The members selected cards as their diversion. Following the game they were served a cold supper, at which Fred Hafen acted as host.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, April 10, 1935*

**Around Town:**

Forty-one members of the SPRSI Lodge received communion at St. Anne's Church Sunday morning. Following the ceremony the ladies breakfasted at the Alvarado Hotel.  
Mr. & Mrs. G. Russolo of Union City Road reported a burglary to their residence while they were away visiting in San Mateo. \$100 worth of valuables were reported missing.  
Mrs. Edith Machado, Mrs. Virginia Machado, Beatrice, Erma and Ernie Machado, enjoyed a shopping tour of Oakland.  
Mr. & Mrs. Tony Alberto accompanied by Barbara and Isabelle Silva of Oakland, spent a pleasant Sunday visiting Mrs. Janet Hermosa.  
Mrs. Helen Martin of Alviso is reported in serious condition at the Hayward Hospital, following an emergency trip to the hospital last week.  
Martha Enos, a resident of Creek Road, is gradually recovering from a complicated illness of the past two weeks.  
Mr. & Mrs. J. V. Silva and daughter Lillian entertained Mr. & Mrs. Peter Neves and Vanessa Silva of Stockton late last week. Mr. Neves and Mr. Silva motored to Monterey over the weekend.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, April 11, 1935*

**Around Town:**

Attempting to reorganize an active Circle, the Neighbors of Woodcraft met at the home of Mrs. Frances Robie and installed the following officers: **Mrs. Frances Robie**, Mrs. Frances Luna, Mrs. Margaret Emery, John Scribner, Lois Hendricks. A drive is being held to sign up new members before the next regular meeting.

Elmer Rose of San Francisco visited his sister, Mrs. Charles Baird and family Wednesday. League play for the Washington Township Summer League will begin April 21<sup>st</sup>. The Alvarado Eagles will meet Niles on the Alvarado diamond.

The Alvarado PTA will undertake a dance Saturday evening, May 4<sup>th</sup>, to raise funds for grammar school band uniforms. Five dollars will be given to the couple winning the prize waltz. The Pinto Brothers 5 piece orchestra will play.

An old-fashioned "Chamarita" dance will be given by the Echoes of Portugal Club at the IOOF Hall on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Appropriate music will be played on old-fashioned Portuguese instruments. The club was organized in August and now consists of approximately 25 members. The group is officered by: **Manuel Gaspar**, Pres.; Frank Pimentel, VP; Rose Lezand, Sec.; Connie Gomes, Treas.; Mrs. Mary Amaral, Delinda Pimentel and M. E. Rose (Centerville), Directors; Joseph E. Gomes, Master of Ceremonies; Mr. F. Andrade, Outside Guard; and A. P. Silva, Delegate.

**Mrs. Frances Robie** held a meeting at her home Tuesday attempting to reorganize an active Alvarado Circle of the Neighbors of Woodcraft.

**M. Gaspar** and Walter Silva visited Joseph Cardoza of Mt. Eden, who has been seriously ill with influenza last week.

Mrs. Mayme Santos, Mrs. Isabel Menezes, Mrs. Ethel Borges, Mrs. Mabel Rogers, Mrs. Eldora Pinto and Miss Mary Hughes enjoyed a PTA Association council meeting in Centerville Thursday.

Bill Goodman welcomed his brother Frank from Los Angeles for a month's visit.

Little Shirley Mast, of the Creek Road, is ill this week.

Evan Orelli resumed his studies at the San Jose Junior College April 4<sup>th</sup>, after an absence of several months due to illness. Evan journeyed to Alvarado Wednesday, accompanied by three college acquaintances, to visit his mother, Mrs. Laura Orelli.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 12, 1935*

#### **Alvarado School Play:**

"The Magic Piper" was the operetta presented by more than 100 pupils of the Alvarado Grammar School, to an audience that filled the school auditorium to capacity Thursday evening.

The production was taken from Robert Browning's famous old story. The clever piper was performed by Richard Munger, while Bruno Orsetti acted as the mayor. Merriment was provided with portrayals of the dreaded rats, and little Ernie Machado was amusing as the faithful watchdog.

Other leading roles were taken by Richard Avila, Marjorie Maciel, Remedea Mateo, Warren Silva, Tony Paredes, Peggy Wasley, John Ziegler, Jimmie Wasley, Benny Joyce, Everett Alameda and Isabel Pinto.

The production was directed by Miss Doris Kinne and Miss Ruth Koehle. Costumes were made by Mrs. Laura Orelli, while the stage scenery was constructed and designed under the supervision of Miss Isabel Pinto.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 15, 1935*

#### **Alvarado Fight:**

One man went to a county hospital and seven men went to the county jail as a result of a fight in "Little Mexico" in Alvarado Saturday night. Frank Guerra was treated for knife cuts on the face and neck and released. Augustino Baregano and Mariano Escanda are in county jail and face battery charges. Five other men were jailed for drunkenness, being released after recovery.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 15, 1935*

### **Southern Alameda Drainage Project:**

The Public Works Administration has given preliminary approval to a huge drainage project in Southern Alameda County. Allotment of funds under the five billion dollar Work Relief Act recently signed by President Roosevelt is now awaited.

The project is expected to achieve the following objectives:

1. Open the outlet and lower the depth of the channel of Alameda Creek between Alvarado and the well of the Hayward Municipal Water wells, and eliminate winter flooding of a large flatland area in the Alvarado-Tennyson section.
2. Forward the possibility of re-establishing a boat channel in Alameda Creek, which in the early days was navigable. The Alvarado Sugar mill, founded in 1870, shipped out sugar on barges by way of the creek, according to Mr. Erle Ruus.
3. Provide an improved outlet into San Francisco Bay for surplus rainwater for the city of Hayward, South Hayward, Tennyson, Valle Vista and the territory drained by the Alameda Creek, which runs through Niles Canyon.

Through the years, it is explained, the mouth of the Alameda Creek, which runs through the salt company property, has become heavily silted, as has the lower part of the channel. Winters of exceptionally heavy rainfall, it is felt, would witness the flooding of a large area of lowland because of the stoppage at the bay outlet.

The drainage project calls for the dredging of the old Alameda Creek channel as far as North Slough west of Alvarado, or the dredging of one or both of two channels between Alvarado and the Hayward wells, with provision made for drainage into these channels of adjacent low territory.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, April 16, 1935*

### **Chickens Net Buckshot:**

Joe Garcia, an Alvarado Mexican, arrested recently after being shot during a raid on a chicken pen at Mt. Eden, was sentenced to spend 30 days in the county jail. He was convicted of attempted petty theft. He has recovered from buckshot wounds to the face, suffered when shot by Joseph Birmacher of Mt. Eden.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 17, 1935*

### **Eagles:**

Johnny Silva was nominated for president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles at an aerie meeting Monday. Mr. Silva has no opposition. Other nominees are: Paul Dias and M.S. Abreu, Vice President; M. E. Gomes, Chaplain; Hubert Jacinto and T.R. Costa, Conductor; Antone Rogers, Inside Guard; Jimmie Perry, Outside Guard; John Menezes, Secretary; A.E. Vargas, Trustee; Dr. H.E. Crockett, Physician; and Roy Secada, Piano Player.

Election of officers will be held May 6<sup>th</sup>; installation of officers will be held June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Antone Santos and Edward J. Lebon were initiated as new members, bringing to the total to 256. Delegates to the convention in Fresno June 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> are: Thor Nordvik, Mr. Amaral, M.S. Rose and J.E. Lewis; with alternates J.S. Martin and Mr. Silva.

The present conductors include: T.J. Nordvik, President; T.E. Amaral Jr., Past President; Mr. Silva, Vice President; J.S. Martin, Chaplain; M.E. Gomes, Conductor; T.R. Costa, Inside Guard; M. Abreu, Outside Guard; John Menezes, Secretary; **C.W. Baird**, Treasurer; A.E. Vargas, A.S. Mello and Andrew D. Moffitt, Trustees; Dr. Crockett, Physician and Roy Secada Piano Player.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 19, 1935*

### **Around Town:**

Whist enthusiasts filled 31 tables at the **St. Anne's Catholic Church** card party Saturday evening. First prize was won by Mrs. Jessie Perry with a 118 score. Mrs. Anne Roderick and Paul

Rivers were second and third prizewinners. Beatrice Machado was awarded the door prize. Mrs. Nora Vargas was in charge of arrangements, assisted by Mr. & Mrs. Seraphine Daviner.

The Alvarado Grammar School will sponsor a dance to raise funds for the new grammar school orchestral uniforms, Saturday evening, May 4<sup>th</sup>, instead of the PTA as previously reported. The Pinto Bros. five-piece orchestra will play. There will be door prizes.

Evan Orelli resumed his studies at San Jose Junior College April 4<sup>th</sup>, after an absence of several months due to illness. Evan journeyed to Alvarado Wednesday accompanied by three college acquaintances to visit with his mother, Mrs. Laura Orelli.

Holy week services at **St. Anne's Church** commenced last evening and will continue through Easter Sunday. The Reverend Father Falvey will preach.

Industrious members of the Children of Mary Sodality are rapidly disposing of tickets to their whist party at the S.D.E.S. Hall Thursday evening, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Alvarado Farm Home Center will meet with Mrs. George Enos of the Creek Road, Wednesday afternoon, April 24<sup>th</sup>. The project of the day will be "Spring Clothing."

**Mr. & Mrs. Charles Baird** and daughter, Helen, accompanied by George Kubler, journeyed to Dos Palos Sunday to visit Mrs. C.W. Cochran, injured in a recent auto accident.

Bill Goodman welcomed his brother Frank from Los Angeles last Monday for a visit of a month.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, April 19, 1935*

#### **PTA Officers:**

Officers of the Alvarado PTA will be installed on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, after which members will play cards. The new officers are: Mrs. Eldora Pinto, Mrs. Esther Gardetto, Mrs. Mabel Rogers, Miss Mary Hughes, Mrs. Anna Perry and Mrs. Mae Santos.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 21, 1935*

#### **Holy Ghost:**

Forty-five years ago the first and only Holy Ghost fiesta in Alameda County was held at Mission San Jose. Since that time various other communities have held similar celebrations, dates having already been announced for Warm Springs, Centerville, Alvarado and other towns. The fiesta will be held in Niles for the first time this year.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 21, 1935*

#### **Water District:**

The first installment of \$10,000 on its 1930 bond issue was paid by the Alameda County Water District, which embraces the farming section of Washington Township, without having to levy a special tax. The payment represented accumulated earnings from the sale of machinery and pipe from the dismantled pumping plant of the old East Bay Water Company at Alvarado. Cutting out of unnecessary high-salaried officials also helped to meet the payment.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 22, 1935*

#### **Fire District:**

Plans for enlarging the Alvarado fire district were discussed by the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce, recently reorganized under the presidency of Thor Nordvik. The group decided to ask the fire commission, the governing body of the Alvarado Fire Protection District, to take steps to enlarge the boundaries of the district, now limited to the town proper. Need for protection in a wider area was stressed.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 23, 1935*

#### **Around Town:**

"The Resurrection of Our Saviour" was the sermon Father Falvey delivered to a large congregation Easter Sunday at St. Anne's Catholic Church. One of the largest assemblages in the history of the institution gathered for worship. The church was attractively decorated with Easter flowers under the supervision of Mrs. Louise Machado.



Whist enthusiasts are eagerly awaiting the Children's of Mary Sodality card party at the S.D.E.S. Hall Thursday evening. A handsome door prize is an added attraction. Miss Eleanor Roderick, president of the society, is in charge of arrangements.

A potluck luncheon, featuring a Boston baked dish will be served by the Ladies Aid Society in the Odd Fellows Hall Thursday noon. Mrs. A. K. Culver, President heads the venture, while Mrs. Frances Robie is in charge of arrangements.

The Misses Erma and Beatrice Machado enjoyed a shopping tour in Oakland Saturday. Mrs. James C. Wasley has been substituting in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade for Miss Charlotte Jung who has been seriously ill.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Baird entertained Mr. & Mrs. L. McClellan and daughter, Barbara Jean, Elmer Roe and Miss Helen Baird of San Francisco over the holiday season.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 24, 1935*

#### **Around Town:**

Officers of the SPRSI were elected Thursday evening at the Odd Fellows Hall. They are: Mrs. Anna Amaral, **Mrs. Edith Mello**, Mrs. Clara Flores, Mrs. Mabel Rogers, Mrs. Angie Vargas, Mrs. Anna Perry, Mrs. Evelyn Silva, **Mrs. A. E. Vargas**, Mrs. Frances Allegre, Mrs. Rose Silva and Mrs. Edith Lemos.

The dreaded black widow spider struck its victim in this district when little Laura Emery, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Weston Emery, received a poisonous bite on Friday. The little girl, four-years-old was at play when the injury occurred. She was immediately doctored and is resting comfortably.

Washington Union High School second team played the Alvarado Grammar School and came away victorious 3-1. The Washington High team is ineligible for the silver cup awarded to the grammar school by Don Harder Sports representing the best team in Washington Township because of their high school rating. Presently Alvarado leads the eight-team league with a record of three wins and no defeats.

Mr. & **Mrs. A. E. Vargas**, accompanied by **Mrs. Edith Mello** attended a whist party in San Leandro last Tuesday. Ramiro Machado from Alvarado was also in attendance.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 29, 1935*

#### **Baseball:**

The Alvarado Eagles broke a 2-2 tie in the eighth with two runs followed by another run in the ninth to stop Pleasanton 5-3.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 30, 1935*

#### **Around Town:**

Whist enthusiasts are urged to set aside Thursday evening, May 9<sup>th</sup> on their social calendar to attend the Fraternal Order of Eagles ball club card party at the grammar school auditorium. The committee in charge of arrangements is composed of Joseph E. Lewis, Joseph Martin, Jimmy Perry and Jesse Jacinto.

Walter E. Silva received a pleasant visit from a group of relatives Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Goularte, accompanied by Marjorie Goularte, attended an entertaining session of the San Jose walkathon Sunday evening.

Karl Otto is the pleased owner of a new automobile.

Mrs. Rose Lezand and Bernice, Daniel and Alexis Lezand, accompanied by Connie Gomes, attended a dance in Irvington Saturday evening.

Alvarado ladies who attended the Farm Bureau's Women's Day at UC Berkeley last Saturday included: Mrs. Edith Lemos, Mrs. Katherine Silva, Mrs. Nora Vargas and Mrs. Edith Pfau.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 2, 1935*

**Alvarado Grammar School Wins:**

The Alvarado Grammar School bested Irvington 21-1 on Tuesday. They hold the league lead in the race for the Don Harder Silver Cup with a record of four wins and no defeats.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 3, 1935*

**Tether Cat:**

Sally Anne Logan of Alvarado has a dog named "Timmy" that likes to pull stray cats around by the tail.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 5, 1935*

**PTA:**

Impressive ceremonies concluded Mrs. Mayme Santos' reign of a year over the Alvarado PTA at the school auditorium. Mrs. Santos opened the short business session, and a decision was reached to have a graduation party for the class of 1935.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 6, 1935*

**Around Town:**

Dance enthusiasts are invited to attend the **Alvarado Grammar School** dance at the school auditorium Saturday evening with the offering of a handsome prize to the couple exhibiting the best waltz steps in the eyes of judges. The Pinto Brothers five-piece orchestra will play. The purpose of the fete is to raise funds for the new grammar school orchestra uniforms. The orchestra, under the direction of Miss Doris Kinne, has added attractive red and gold capes and hats.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 7, 1935*

**Around Town:**

Surprising his relatives, Norman Wilson of the U. S. Navy, delighted his aunt and uncle, Mr. & Mrs. John G. Logan and his cousin, Miss Anne Logan, with a pleasant visit Wednesday evening. Young Wilson, who is in his second year of enlistment with the Navy, is stationed on the USS Idaho. Wilson, whose home is in the east, had never met his relatives and the reunion was a happy one.

**Alvarado Grammar School** clubbed Mission San Jose 15-4. Alvarado faces Newark next.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 7, 1935*

**Alvarado Eagles:**

New heads for the Fraternal Order of Eagles were elected Monday evening at the Odd Fellows Hall. The 1935-1936 officers are: John Silva, Paul Dias, M. S. Abreu, Hubert Jacinto, A. J. Rogers, John Menezes, C. W. Baird, A. E. Vargas, Dr. H. C. Crockett (Hayward), Roy Secada and T. J. Nordvik.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 8, 1935*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. Anne Roderick entertained Mrs. J. G. Kaeintz and Mrs. Teresa Lamperti of San Francisco on Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Baird entertained Mr. & Mrs. Ed Staub of Richmond Monday.

Miss Mildred Nauert and Mr. Oscar P. Nauert were hosts to Mr. A. B. Nauert of Los Angeles and Mr. & Mrs. Heitmuller of Oakland over the weekend.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 10, 1935*

**Baseball:**

There was joy in the little city of Alvarado last night for Fred Muller returned there to tell his home town friends that the Oakland Oaks defeated the Sacramento Senators at the Oakland ball park yesterday afternoon and that his home run clout proved to be the telling blow. The Oaks won 4-2, and credit for driving in all runs for the locals belongs to the Alvarado spinach and asparagus grower.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 12, 1935*

**Baseball:**

The **Alvarado Eagles** demolished the Irvington nine by a 23-0 score.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 15, 1935*

**Around Town:**

Whist enthusiasts filled 25 tables at the **Alvarado Eagle's ball club** card party at the grammar school. The first prizewinner was Martin Rose of Alvarado with Tom Carver of Newark taking second prize. John Brown and Olive Perry were third and fourth respectively. The consolation prizes were awarded to Mary Azevedo and Minnie Akers. A portion of the party proceeds will be spent to construct a wire fence around the club's ballpark on Leslie-California Salt Works Road. The industrious committeemen for the successful venture included James Perry, Jesse Jacinto, Joe Lewis, Joe Martin, Hiney Marshall and Hubert Jacinto.

With Helena Montana as their final destination, Mr. & Mrs. F. M. Best and son Lloyd left early this morning for a two-month extended tour through Oregon, Washington, Idaho and other northern states. A high point of interest will be Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where the party expects to enjoy a Fourth of July celebration.

Mrs. Frank Luna and daughters, Vivian and Jeanette, of Decoto, were visitors of Mrs. Frances Luna on Tuesday.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 15, 1935*

**Bridge Club:**

Mrs. Walter Robie was hostess to the Alvarado Bridge Club at a luncheon in her home yesterday. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Emma Hellwig on Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 16, 1935*

**News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Johnson of Alvarado called on E. B. Hodges of Centerville on Tuesday evening.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 18, 1935*

**William Logan Betrothed:**

Miss Evelyn Mae Holbrook, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. Wesley Holbrook, of Stockton, announced her engagement to Mr. William Logan, son of Mrs. R. J. Logan and the late James Logan.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 19, 1935*

**License to Marry:**

Manuel F. Soares, Alvarado, 23

Madelyn Dutra, Alvarado, 19

*The Oakland Tribune, May 19, 1935*

**Baseball:**

The Alvarado Eagles shaved Decoto Sunday 1-0 at a game played in Decoto.

Alvarado Grammar School's hopes for winning the Don Harder silver cup, emblematic of the Washington Township Grammar School Baseball Championship, soared when Alvarado defeated Niles 4-1 at Niles.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 21, 1935*

**Drainage District:**

A crew of half-a-dozen employees of the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District is now engaged in surveying drainage routes for the Tennyson-Alvarado drainage area project, which has been given preliminary approval by the Public Works Administration (PWA).

Data resulting from the survey are expected to be used in determining the allotment of PWA funds for the drainage work, according to Granville Browning, secretary of the Hayward Chamber of Commerce who with Erle Ruus, committee chairman and others have been instrumental in promoting the project.

It is expected to clear an outlet for Alameda and Eden Creeks, thus draining the Tennyson and Alvarado districts and it has been suggested that Alameda Creek might be made navigable to a point beyond the Holly Sugar factory at Alvarado for small boats and barges.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 22, 1935*

#### **Around Town:**

The Alvarado Aerie of Eagles held its business session Monday evening at the IOOF Hall. President T. J. Nordvik presiding. The organization is awaiting the installation of new officers on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Johnny Silva has been elected president.

Mrs. Manuel Hendricks Jr., of Hayward, who recently became the mother of a baby girl, is recuperating at the home of her mother, Mrs. Anna Roderick. Mrs. Hendricks, who has been confined to an Oakland hospital for over a week, arrived at her mother's home on Monday.

Miss Janet Hermosa and Johnny Silva of Oakland attended the Holy Ghost celebration Sunday. The young couple will marry June 1<sup>st</sup>. Miss Hermosa is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. S Hermosa of Alvarado.

Miss Grace Avila enjoyed a shopping tour in Oakland on Monday.

Miss Madelyn Dutra, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tony Dutra of Alvarado, will wed Manuel Soares, son of Mr. & Mrs. John Soares, also of Alvarado, on Sunday afternoon at St. Anne's Church.

Mrs. May Gibbons, an employee at the Alvarado Hotel, who suffered a serious attack of illness Saturday night, is gradually recovering and able to be about again.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 23, 1935*

#### **SPRSI Officer Installation:**

The SPRSI of Alvarado installed new officers Thursday evening in ceremonies at the Odd Fellows Hall. The new officers are: Mrs. Aurora Lewis, Mrs. Emily Noia, Mrs. Sophie Mello, Mrs. Eldora Pinto, Mrs. Mary Silva and Miss Pauline Allegre.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 23, 1935*

#### **Graduation Party:**

Honoring the eighth graders of Alvarado Grammar School, the PTA will tender a graduation party to the 26 members this evening. The 1935 students compose the largest graduating class ever at Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 28, 1935*

#### **Dyer Home Destroyed by Fire:**

Fire last night destroyed one of southern Alameda County's oldest structures, the two story, 14-room home on the Dyer estate on the Sugar Mill Road near here. The house was built in 1864 by the late Ephraim Herrick Dyer, who in 1867 organized the California Beet Manufacturing Co., the oldest beet-sugar manufacturer in the United States.

The blaze, first noted about 7:30 o'clock, apparently started in the attic of the old house, presumably from an electrical short circuit. Inasmuch as the place is outside the Alvarado Fire Districts limits, and far from a fire hydrant, the Alvarado Fire Department could do nothing but bucket brigade work and assist neighbors and volunteers in removing furnishings from the house. Virtually everything of value was removed from the house, which burned to the ground. Mr. & Mrs. C. H. Langdon had occupied the place.

The Holly Sugar Co recently purchased the surrounding farm, which is planning to erect a large addition to the sugar mill next year. The old house was to be wrecked over the summer.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 1, 1935*

#### **Alvarado Graduation:**

David E. Martin, County Superintendent of Schools, will deliver the commencement address at the Alvarado Grammar School Friday evening when 26 students will graduate. The following will receive diplomas: Marjorie Maciel, Fasaye Tanaka, Mieko Terezawa, Lucy Merino, Misaya Matsumoto, Isabel Pinto, T. Akinaga, Remedía Mateo, Osamo Akinaga, Marion Cordoba, Raymond Dias, Manuel Esteves, Edward Martinez, Wilbert Martin, Paul Rivers, Richard Munger, Bruno Orsetti, Warren Silva, Albert Hinkley, Hiroshi Shimada, Cyril Flores, Edward Olivencia, Anthony Roderick, Clifford Dinsmore, Manuel Pine and Abel Valle.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 6, 1935*

#### **Odd Fellows Hall:**

Construction began this week at the Odd Fellows Hall under the supervision of V. Naharro and son Elecio, who are moving the Alvarado Theater from its present location on the Salt Works Road to the new place on Smith Street. The theater will occupy the lower floor of the two-story building, and it being completely painted and repaired. The Naharro's expect to have a seating capacity of 327. The first picture at the new location will be shown on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The same building was used as a theater until about three years ago by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Browning, now of San Francisco. Mr. & Mrs. Browning operated the movie theater for about 10 years.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 8, 1935*

#### **Around Town:**

Joseph Otto was honored with a graduation party Thursday evening after the commencement exercises at Washington Union High School. Attending the social gathering, which was given by Mrs. Celia Otto, were Mrs. Zorn and Mrs. H. Newman of Newark, Mr. & Mrs. Antone Santos and daughters Alvina and Winifred, Miss Mildred Nauert, Mrs. Manuel Perry, Mrs. Charles Baird and daughter Helen, Albert and Karl Otto and several guests from Oakland and Hayward.

John Silva, Ramiro Machado, Manuel Perry, Manuel Fields, Walter Silva, Martin Rose, Jimmie Perry, Peter Rivers, Mrs. Zelma Correia, Mrs. Helen Amaral and family, and Joseph Amaral motored to San Leandro recently to attend a whist party. Mr. Rose and Mr. Rivers were victorious in scoring for prizes.

Breaking his wrist when he fell off the slide last week, Clifford Rogers, a pupil at Alvarado Grammar School and son of Mr. & Mrs. Rogers, resident of Creek Road, is improving rapidly. Miss Gertie Hermosa, employed at a cannery in Locke for two months visited her parents, Mr. & Mrs. S. Hermosa, and family last weekend.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 8, 1935*

#### **Around Town:**

Road crews are repairing several Alvarado Streets that are in dire need of fixing. The crews are presently grading and filling in Granger Avenue, Watkins Street and the street that connects Vallejo and Watkins Streets.

Displaying their talent at the Hayward Area Improvement Club banquet at Hayward Saturday evening were Andy Gardetto and Walter Fasolis. Five-year-old Andy sang while Walter rendered "La Espagnola" on his accordion. Radio enthusiasts may hear these two children perform over radio station KLX on Saturday afternoon on the Brother Bob Show.

Vacationing at the summer home of Mr. J. H. Ralph in Brookdale for two weeks are Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Wasley and children, Peggy, Bobby, Jimmie and Louise. Mr. Ralph accompanied the family on their visit for a few days.

Among those who enjoyed the Senior Ball at the Washington Union High School gymnasium Saturday evening were: Erma Machado, Mrs. Edith Machado, Beatrice and Billy Machado, Antoinette and Elvin Rose, Martin Rose, Eleanor Roderick, Lois Hendricks, Mrs. Frances Luna, Lolly Amaral, Arthur Silveria, Ed Mateo, Ed Lebon, Manuel Azevedo, Donald Flores, Mrs. J. L. Flores and Lloyd Silva.

Mr. & Mrs. Earle Hafner of Russell City are the proud owners of a new automobile. Mr. Hafner runs the local service station in Alvarado.

Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Hendricks became the elated parents of a seven pound twelve ounce baby boy Sunday morning. Mrs. Hendricks is the former Miss Anna Freitas.

A seven-pound baby girl was born to Mrs. Raphael Gallardo of the Hop Ranch Road on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Miss Bernice Lezand is enjoying a month's vacation with relatives in San Diego.

Frank Silva accompanied Mr. & Mrs. M. A. Silva Jr. for a fishing trip in Hastings Slough on the Avon last Sunday.

Irene Freitas, Lorraine Andrade, Elveira Perry, Mr. M. F. Andrade and Mrs. Rose Lezand visited the Mission San Jose Holy Ghost festival Monday.

Carolyn Amaral, Queen of the Alvarado Holy Ghost festival, her two attendants, Shirley Perry and Irene Mello, Bertil Amaral and Betty Silva participated in the Hayward Holy Ghost parade.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 12, 1935*

#### **Around Town:**

Marching in next Sunday's Holy Ghost Parade in Santa Clara will be our local Echoes of Portugal Drill Team lead by Captain Lena Dutra of Decoto. Marching with Lena will be Elveira Perry, Irene Freitas, Lorraine Andrade, Connie Gomes, Ramona Monte, Antoinette Rose, Dolores Mello, Pearl White, Lucy Merino, Lillian May Silva, Mary Pimentel, Laura King, Evelyn Correia, Victoria Marshall and Thelma Silva.

Mrs. Eldora Pinto, president of the local PTA, Miss Mary Hughes, secretary, and Mrs. Mayme Santos, past president, attended the final meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> district of Parent Teachers Associations meeting in Albany Thursday.

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Soares of Union City Road are expecting the arrival of Mrs. Soares' sister, Miss Dorothy Beagle, who is coming from Nevada this week. Miss Beagle intends to make her home with her sister here, plans to enter Washington Union High School as a senior this year.

Miss Bernice Matzke, who has been suffering from a severe case of sunburn, is reported to be resting comfortably. Miss Matzke, formerly of Oakland, has been residing with her cousin, Miss Peggy Munger and family for four months. She intends on entering Washington Union High School as a senior.

Mr. & Mrs. H. D. Heitmuller of Oakland visited Mrs. Heitmuller's sister and brother, Miss Mildred Nauert and Mr. Oscar Nauert of Alvarado. The Heitmuller's surprised the Nauert's with their new car.

The Ladies Aid Society of Alvarado met an all day session held at the Odd Fellows Hall on Thursday, with Mrs. A. K. Culver presiding.

Mr. & Mrs. A. K. Barton and son Billy entertained Mr. Barton's mother, Mrs. Mary F. Barton from San Francisco on Tuesday night and Wednesday.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 14, 1935*

#### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Wasley and children, Peggy, Jimmy, Bobby and Louise, write that they are having a delightful vacation at the summer home of J. H. Ralph in Brookdale. They are expected home next week.

Resembling Shirley Temple herself, little Betty Anne Jacinto, completely outfitted in pink and looking the picture of loveliness, celebrated her third birthday with a delightful party Tuesday afternoon. Following refreshments the guests played games, in which Alvina and Winifred Santos and Alice Menezes won prizes. Miss Jacinto's guests included: Alvina and Winifred Santos, Alice and Alberta Menezes, Junior Jacinto, Eugene Rose of Sacramento, Morris Davilla, Hubert Jacinto, Mr. & Mrs. John Menezes, Mrs. May Santos, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Dutra, Mrs. M. Davilla, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Jacinto and Mr. & Mrs. J. Jacinto of Niles.

Mrs. Wilbert Hendricks, who became the mother of a seven-pound baby boy June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Silva Maternity Home in Niles, returned home Tuesday. The boy will be named Rodney. Mrs. Ed Harvey will entertain the members of the farm home center Friday afternoon. The project will be "children's garments."

Joe D. Luiz, a Creek Road resident, has been confined at Merritt Hospital in Oakland. He plans to undergo an operation.

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Mattos are vacationing with relatives in Newman.

Mr. A. K. Logan has been confined to his home on the Alvarado-Centerville Hiway the last week by illness.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Baird and daughter Helen, accompanied by George Kubler, visited relatives in San Gregorio Sunday.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 19, 1935*

#### **Fishing Trip:**

Arlo K. Barton, Alvarado Ford dealer, and Lloyd E. Bailey, a member of the Alvarado Vegetable Growers Association, accompanied by Al Castro of Mountain View, enjoyed the weekend trout fishing at Bridgeport near Twin Lakes. The water was high this season due to the recent heavy floods and the men returned home with 10 trout. They are contemplating repeating the same trip in the first week of July when the water level should be lower.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 20, 1935*

#### **Bridge Club:**

The Centerville "Out-of-Town" Bridge Club met Tuesday at Brookdale at the John Ralph summer home in the Santa Cruz Mountains with Mrs. James. C. Wasley of Alvarado as hostess. A picnic lunch was served. Mrs. Walter Robie of Alvarado won the first prize, Mrs. Gillespie of Newark took second and Evangeline Muller of Newark was awarded the consolation prize.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 21, 1935*

#### **Baseball:**

Irvington trounced the Alvarado Eagles on the Irvington field 7-3 on Sunday afternoon. This leaves the Alvarado Eagles in the middle of the pack in league standings with a 2-win and 2-loss record.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 25, 1935*

#### **Library Books:**

Alvaradan's who have "borrowed" books long ago from the Alvarado Branch of the county library here and forgotten to return them are being requested by Mrs. Bessie Corwin, librarian, to return the volumes. Some of the books were taken out with long loan privileges but the library now needs them back. There will be a collection box for these books in front of the library.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 26, 1935*

#### **Sewage District:**

Proposals to extend to the Alvarado district the sewage plans now under discussion for Decoto were approved Monday night by the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce. C. W. Baird was appointed by T. J. Nordvik to ask Harold Gray, engineer for the mosquito abatement district, to make a survey of this territory with a view to installing such a system. If Alvarado and Decoto combine in their plans, the sum of \$40,000 will be required as Alvarado's share.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 26, 1935*

**Around Town:**

Miss Aileen Arabella Lee, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Anthony A. Lee, became the bride of Anthony Vargas of San Jose, Sunday afternoon at a ceremony held at St. Anne's Church. Miss Irene Freitas was the maid of honor and the groom's brother, Manuel Vargas, was best man.

Mr. & Mrs. M. A. Silva Jr. and son Lloyd, accompanied by Mr. & Mrs. Roy Gomes enjoyed a fishing trip near Martinez Sunday aboard the Silva's fishing schooner "The Georgina." The fisherman caught three limits.

Mrs. A. E. Vargas, Mrs. Edith Lemos, Mrs. Anne Amaral, Mrs. Joe Freitas and Miss Beatrice Machado attended the SPRSI public installation at the I.D.E.S. home in Warm Springs. Miss Carolyn Amaral, queen of the Alvarado Holy Ghost, accompanied by her two attendants, the Misses Shirley Perry and Irene Mello, participated in the San Leandro Holy Ghost Parade. Joe D. Luiz, a resident of the Creek Road, is reported to be resting comfortably following a serious operation at the Peralta Hospital in Oakland Monday.

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Dinsmore and two sons, Sam and Clifford, are the elated owners of a new car. Mr. & Mrs. Arlo K. Barton and son Billy are visiting relatives in Placerville today. The family left Tuesday evening and will arrive home tomorrow.

Mr. & Mrs. James C. Wasley returned home today after a two-week stay in Brookdale.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 26, 1935*

**Around Town:**

Miss Gertie Hermosa, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. S. Hermosa, returned to her home late last week after being employed at a Locke cannery for four months. Miss Hermosa plans to leave for Sunnyvale next week where she has obtained employment.

Spending Sunday at Alum Rock Park were: Mrs. Mamie Martin and children Wilma and Mildred, Lillian May Silva, Peggy Amaral, Mr. & Mrs. Louis **King** and daughters Nadine, Doris, and **Jewell**; and Mrs. Mary Janeiro of Decoto.

Johnny & Clarabelle Silva, children of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph E. Silva of Haines Road, have been confined to their home this week by illness.

Miss Pauline Allegre, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. G. Allegre will become the bride of Clarence Dutra, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Dutra Sunday morning during mass at St. Anne's Church.

The home of Mr. & Mrs. A. Anderson and son Stanley is being improved with a new coat of paint. Mr. & Mrs. Pete Cordoba and family are having their home on Union City Road improved by building another addition.

Lorraine Alameda, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Alameda, is vacationing with her cousins in Centerville.

Little Ernie Correia is spending his vacation with his parents in San Francisco.

**Jewell King** is visiting her aunt in Livermore.

Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Silva Jr., traveled to San Ramon yesterday on business.

Vernon Amaral, son of Mr. & Mrs. Louis Amaral, is visiting Mr. & Mrs. Mae Rogers and son Clifford in Oakland this week.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 28, 1935*

**Portuguese Discover California:**

[\(Editorial Page of the Modesto Bee\)](#)

Editor of the Modesto Bee, Sir:

To the average Californian every phase of California's earliest history is associated with the deeds and exploits of the Spaniards.

Few people know that the man who discovered California, Juan Fernandes Cabrillo, was a Portuguese navigator in the employ of Spain, that Don Gaspar de Portola, who discovered San



Francisco Bay, also was a Portuguese navigator in the employ of Spain. Also that one Alvarado, not the Don Alvarado ([California Governor](#)) after whom the town ([Alvarado](#)) is named, but the man who had charge of much of the first surveying in California, canal engineering and in mining, was a Portuguese army engineer also in the employ of Spain.

As an English historian put it, "In the great age of discovery no ship's crew was complete without a sprinkling of Portuguese sailors."

A. E. SILVA,  
Sacramento, California  
June 30, 1935  
*The Modesto Bee and News Herald, Modesto California, July 2, 1935*

**Drunk Driver:**

Bernardo Perez of Alvarado was arrested and charged with driving while drunk after his car collided with another on the main street in Alvarado. His bail was set at \$1,000. Upon being unable to furnish same he was returned to county jail.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 2, 1935*

**Intentions to Wed:**

George R. Goularte, Alvarado, 24  
Emily M. Souza, Hayward, 22  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 2, 1935*

**Odd Fellows:**

Harold Munton of Livermore, District Deputy Grand Master of the IOOF, installed officers of Alvarado and Niles Lodges here this week. Farley Granger, Jr., of Hayward, formerly of Alvarado, was made honorary past noble grand of the lodge with which he has been connected for 58 years.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 7, 1935*

**Baseball:**

Fred Muller, the Alvarado spinach grower who plays second base for the Oakland Oaks, is being given a bit of a rest by his manager, who feels it is only a matter of time before Muller is called back up to the big leagues. Muller has driven in more runs than other batter in the PCL with 78, even more than Joe DiMaggio who is currently at 71.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 9, 1935*

**St. Anne's Festival:**

Matt Machado has been made chairman for the arrangements for St. Anne's Festival to be given here July 27<sup>th</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup> for the benefit of St. Anne's Church. The affair will include a dance on Saturday evening and a barbeque on Sunday.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 14, 1935*

**Marriage:**

Mr. & Mrs. George Goularte of Hayward, recently married in All Saints Catholic Church in Hayward, will make their home in Alvarado. Mr. Goularte works in the Alvarado Salt Works.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 18, 1935*

**Thefts:**

August May and James Hunter have both reported thefts from their homes in Alvarado. Constable Tom Silva says he has received complaints of thefts from homes in both Alvarado and Decoto in the past week.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 22, 1935*

**Rebekah's:**

Mrs. Laura Orelli, district deputy, of Alvarado paid an official visit to the Niles Rebekah's this weekend.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 22, 1935*

**Mrs. T. P. Harvey:**

Mrs. T. P. Harvey, of Alvarado, will honor the arrival of her sister, Mrs. Campbell Arnott and children, Scobie and Nancy, with a garden tea party in her home in Alvarado. Mrs. Arnott is visiting from Sydney, Australia.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 23, 1935*

**East Bay Associate Matrons:**

On Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, a luncheon will be held at the home of Past Grand Matron, Sister Willa Jane Hellwig at Alvarado at 12:30 p.m. The afternoon will be devoted to the study of Parliamentary Law.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 28, 1935*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

Fire and sewer district projects and a proposal that a night watchman service be instituted will be considered at an open meeting of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce Monday night to be held at the Alvarado Grammar School.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 11, 1935*

**Alvarado School:**

Recommendations of the state school authorities in connection with the earthquake safety problem at the Alvarado Grammar School were awaited today as local school officials proceed with plans to open school on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

There has been some discussion of not reopening the school until the necessity of a bond issue to deal with the seriousness of the earthquake hazard and possible liability of the school board district are determined.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 18, 1935*

**Fire District:**

Abolition of the present fire district, and creation of a new unit serving additional territory was being advocated today by members of the Chamber of Commerce. Given approval at an open meeting Monday night, a campaign to enlarge the area covered by the district, in order to secure additional funds through assessment and provide more satisfactory protection, will be conducted under the supervision of the Board of Directors of the booster group.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 18, 1935*

**Alvaradan's Going on to College:**

Bob Ziegler and Donald Flores of Alvarado will attend the University of California next semester. Samuel Dinsmore, Arthur Duarte and Dale Laybourne will attend San Jose State Teacher's College next semester.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 18, 1935*

**Alvarado Rodeo:**

John Jess of Alvarado won the first single roping contest at the first rodeo to be staged by the Amateur Cowboy Club of Alvarado. A crowd of 2,000 spectators was attracted to the affair, which was in charge of L. E. Silva and Clarence King.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 19, 1935*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

Dick Howell, secretary of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce has come up with a plan to buy four acres of land in downtown Alvarado and start a subdivision. He believes that the four acres directly behind St. Anne's Church up to the Alvarado-Centerville Road will support 18 new homes. He believes that by starting this sub-division Alvarado's progress will be jump-started. There was no word that the church was willing to part with its land.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 25, 1935*

**PTA:**

Mrs. Eldora Pinto, new president of the Alvarado PTA of the local grammar school, has called for a meeting Thursday afternoon at the school auditorium.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 3, 1935*

**Baseball:**

Fred Muller of Alvarado, Oakland Oaks second baseman, who has been one the mainstays of the team throughout the season, has been recalled by the New York Yankees, according to press dispatches from New York today. He will finish the season with the Oaks, however.

Muller is the only player of the Oaks on option directly from the Yankees, other players owned by the Yankees having come through the Newark team of the International League. Muller, who batted at a fast clip at the beginning of the season, has been in a slump recently, sending his average down to .271. Muller will probably taken to spring camp with the Yankees.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 6, 1935*

**Sanitary District:**

Secretary D. R. Howell of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce received a letter from Harold F. Gray of the Mosquito Abatement District yesterday stating that the survey for the proposed sanitary district here would begin Friday September 13<sup>th</sup> or Monday September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Petitions are being circulated this week to abolish the present fire district in order that a special election may be called for the creation of a larger one.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 8, 1935*

**Church Women Bid to Tea:**

The women's organization of Washington Township churches have been invited to a tea and card party to be given by the Ladies Aid Society of the Alvarado Presbyterian Church on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. F. C. Harvey is chairman of the arrangements.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 8, 1935*

**Best Birds:**

Poultry men from Washington Township returned this week from the State Fair at Sacramento with their share of prize and awards. J.C. Wasley of Alvarado returned with four prizes on the five birds that he showed. He also received a special award for the best Buff Cochon bantam in the fair.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 13, 1935*

**Jail:**

The Chamber of Commerce is agitating for a jail for Alvarado. Their motto is "A jail for the bad boys and the Boy Scouts for the good boys." At the present Alvarado has neither. This is part of the Chamber's project to push growth for Alvarado. Among other things Alvarado needs a larger fire department and a sanitation district. Presently all of Alvarado is served by cesspools.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 22, 1935*

**Intentions to Wed:**

Francisco Neves, Alvarado, 36

Ruth Miranda, Alvarado, 30

*The Oakland Tribune, October 8, 1935*

**Sack of Sugar:**

Judge J. A. Silva sentenced Salvarado Garcia to six months in the county jail for stealing a sack of sugar from the Holly Sugar Company last week. Garcia was shot in the arm by the night watchman as he attempted to escape with the sugar.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 10, 1935*

**New Oakland Courthouse:**

Relics from the four courthouses that have preceded it, historic documents, souvenir programs, photographs and other records will be placed in the cornerstone to be laid at the new Alameda County Courthouse Saturday afternoon. Included in the cornerstone will be a bottle of earth from the site of the first courthouse at Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 10, 1935*

**Country Club of Washington Township:**

The Country Club of Washington Township, who in 1904 published the History of Washington Township in California, will now bring the volume up to date with the history of the township after 1904. The 1904 version of this book is cited as reference material and is on the shelves of the University of California.

The book gives this interesting account of the meeting of the first court session with interesting insight into the beginning of Alvarado:

"Washington Township will celebrate its 82<sup>nd</sup> anniversary on May 18, 1936. Alameda County's first court session convened at Alvarado on June 6, 1853, in a room above the store of A. M. Church and Company. The settlement formerly known as New Haven and established, it is recorded, because of "political spite" against its rival, Union City, a half mile away (to the west), was named Alvarado in honor of Don Juan B. Alvarado, Governor of California in 1836 (then under Mexican rule).

*The Oakland Tribune, October 13, 1935*

**John Cosso Dies:**

John Cosso of Alvarado died on October 13<sup>th</sup> at age 52. His wife Lena Cosso, a daughter Mrs. Raymond Cerruti and a brother Carmello Cosso survive him. He was a member of the Alvarado Eagles Lodge.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 21, 1935*

**Establishments Raided:**

The county vice squad raided several Alvarado establishments confiscating illegal gambling devices, among them:

Half Way Tavern:	Two slot machines
Alvarado Hotel:	Two punchboards and prizes
Highway Lunch:	Punchboard and radio

*The Oakland Tribune, October 21, 1935*

**Four New Eagles:**

Four new members were initiated into the Alvarado Aerie. They are: Fred King, Henry Enos, Frank Silva and Paul Bruhn.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 3, 1935*

**Continental Salt Works Destroyed:**

Fire of an undetermined origin completely destroyed the plant of the Continental Salt Company on San Francisco Bay a mile west of Alvarado yesterday, with damage approximating \$100,000. The "Haze M," a \$14,000 tugboat and a \$7,000 barge belonging to the Miller Launch Company of San Francisco, beached by low tide, were also destroyed, as were the transformer poles and equipment of the Pacific Gas & Electric Company.

The plant, which handled about 30,000 tons of salt a year is one of two operated by the Leslie California Salt Company. A third plant is located at Mt. Eden. The 25 men employed at the Continental plant will be put to work at other branches.

Rolly Montalbo, captain of the "Hazel M" stated that it was impossible to save the boat and barge as low tide had left them stuck in the mud. Crude salt transported in 150-ton loads from the plant to the San Francisco waterfront is used for salting fish, curing hides, etc.

Some of the employees have been connected with the salts works for more than thirty years, among them William Johnson who in the early days operated freight boat between Alvarado and San Francisco.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 7, 1935*

**Bond Issue:**

Property owners of the Alvarado Grammar School District will go to the polls Monday to decide upon the issuance of \$25,000 in bonds to provide funds for making the school safe from earthquakes.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 17, 1935*

**Alvarado Pair Mourn Loss:**

Frank and Manuel Andrade of Alvarado are mourning the loss of their sister, Mrs. Maria da Gloria White of Oakland who passed away November 20, 1935.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 21, 1935*

**Sugar:**

For the first time since 1916 sugar beets will be grown in Pleasanton and delivered to Alvarado, says Mr. A. K. Logan of the Holly Sugar Company.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 24, 1935*

**Farm Home Center:**

Preparations are being made for the annual luncheon meeting of the Alameda County Farm Home Department next Wednesday in Hayward. Mrs. A.E. Vargas and Mrs. Jesse Perry of Alvarado are on the luncheon preparation committee.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 1, 1935*

**O.E.S.:**

Mrs. Willa Jane Hellwig, Past Grand Matron of California, Order of the Eastern Star, will install officers at the Centerville Masonic Temple Thursday night.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 8, 1935*

**Around Town:**

A family gathering was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. A. Santos and family on Christmas Day, when all local members joined in the celebration. Among them were: Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Jacinto and children, Betty Anne and J. Jr., Mrs. & Mrs. John Menezes and daughters, Alice and Alberta, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Dutra, Mrs. Mary Davilla, Morris Davilla, Hubert Jacinto, Mr. & Mrs. A. Santos and daughters, Alvina and Winifred. Christmas eve the same group met at the Menezes home. Cards were played, in which Jesse Jacinto and Alvina Santos carried away first honors, and Clara Jacinto and Tony Davilla the consolation prizes. An appetizing midnight supper brought the reunion to a close.

January 13<sup>th</sup> is the date for the next meeting of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce at the school according to Thor Nordvik President.

The service station across the street from the Alvarado Hotel, operated by A. K. Barton and Michael Hye, is being remodeled.

Miss Dorothy Chrysostomos was employed by the Montgomery Ward & Co. store in Hayward the week before Christmas.

Mrs. Leslie Hiller, a resident of Watkins Street, was employed at the J. C. Penney's store in Hayward during the Christmas rush.

Miss Lillian Rose Silva enjoyed Saturday with friends in San Leandro.

Mrs. Frances Robie had a large gathering of guests at her home on Christmas Day.

Mrs. Mary Rivers on the Union City Road had a large group of guests for the holidays. Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Peterson enjoyed Christmas with Mr. & Mrs. Romer from Salt Lake City. Mrs. Romer is Mr. Peterson's sister.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 2, 1936*

#### **Around Town:**

With Fresno as their destination, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Priego and sons, David and Manuel, proprietors of a local merchandise store, and Leonard Hinkley, operator of a local service station, enjoyed New Year's Day with Mr. and Mrs. J. Pinto.

Fernando Paredes, proprietor of the local lunch room, motored to Winters Sunday to bring home his three sons, Mencho, Tony and Placido, who stayed over for a visit with their grandparents after the Christmas holidays.

Ted Logan, son of the late James Logan, will leave for a Portland Oregon college Wednesday. Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Rose and daughter Eleanor Marie were New Year's Day guests of Mr. & Mrs. Chris Perez in Russell.

Miss Bessie Smith, daughter of Steve Smith, proprietor of a local garage, is at home following a visit with friends in Modesto.

Al Schwab, who has operated a service station adjoining the A. Santos residence for two years, has been transferred to Ashland to take over another station.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 6, 1936*

#### **Liquor License:**

Francisco Gama of Alvarado has been denied a liquor permit.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 8, 1936*

#### **Around Town:**

"Weavings and Crocheting Bags" was the topic for discussion at a Farm Center meeting Hayward Friday. Mrs. Jessie Perry and Mrs. Nora Vargas represented the Alvarado branch. The lesson was led by Mrs. Maryetta Holman of Hayward, farm home agent.

**Mr. & Mrs. A.E. Vargas** enjoyed a Christmas Eve party at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Macedo in Hayward.

Mrs. Rose Garcia has been confined to her home on Granger Avenue the past week by a severe illness. Her condition is reported to have improved.

**Mr. & Mrs. A.E. Vargas** enjoyed their Christmas dinner with Mr. & Mrs. Duke Freitas of Hayward. Lavern King and Mrs. Stella Combs of Hayward were also guests.

Dale Laybourne, who was a graduate of the 1935 Washington Union High School class, will enter San Jose State Teacher's College next week.

*The Southern Alameda County Review and Latest Shopper News, January 9, 1936*

#### **Around Town:**

Taking advantage of heavy snows in Strawberry the last few weeks several Alvarado lads spent a pleasant Sunday frolicking in the snow. In the group was: Hubert Jacinto, Eddie Mateo, Lester Silvey, Tony Correia, Cipry Dias, Art Silveria, Johnny Jess, Leonard Santos, Joe Allegre, Melvin Allegre, Johnny Silva, Joe Montalbo, Frank Perez and Clifford Soares.

"Missionary in Zululand" is the title of the play to be presented by the pupils of Alvarado Grammar School for the Founder's Day program of the PTA in February. Miss Isabel Ferry is directing Wilma Martin, Winifred Santos, Shirley Mast, Vivian Logan and Victoria Marshall in rehearsals.

Miss Eleanor Roderick, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Roderick of Alviso, who is in her senior year at Washington High, was employed at a local merchandise store operated by John Ralph during her vacation.

Little Patricia Lopez, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Claire Lopez, entered the Alvarado Grammar School Monday after an absence of nine months. While her mother was taking a beauty culture course in Oakland, Patricia resided with her grandmother in Modesto. Mrs. Lopez has completed her course and plans to operate a beauty shop here. Mr. Lopez is Assistant Superintendent at the Leslie California Salt Co.

Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Vargas and Mr. & Mrs. A. A. Lee visited friends in San Jose Sunday. Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Alexander entertained Miss Lois Flores of Richmond over the weekend. With Mexico as their destination Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Lambaren and daughter Lupe left last week from San Jose for a two months' visit with relatives and old friends. Jimmie Perry, who holds a position with Naglia's Milk Company in Niles, enjoyed a two days' vacation Sunday and Monday. Mrs. Celia Otto and sons Karl and Joseph accompanied by Mr. & Mrs. Albert Otto of Hayward enjoyed a dinner party with friends in Piedmont Sunday.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 11, 1936*

### **Selling Papers:**

(From *The Oakland Tribune's* Aunt Elsie's Children Page)

Once upon a time there was a boy and a girl. They lived Antioch. They were about five-years old. They never had gone to school. One day a man gave them papers to sell. He told them to sell them for five-cents. After awhile he came back.

He said, "Have you sold any?"

They said, "Yes, we sold them all."

"How much did you make?"

They said, "We can't count money yet."

He said, "I will count the money." He told them that they had made two dollars. So he gave the girl a dollar and the boy a dollar.

Then they went home and told their mother. She was so proud of them that she let them stay up until 12 o'clock. Boy, weren't they lucky?

By: Ernie Machado, Alvarado, age 10

*The Oakland Tribune, January 12, 1936*

### **News Note:**

Mrs. Walter Robie entertained the Alvarado Bridge Club at her home at luncheon yesterday.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 16, 1936*

### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Isabelle Drack visited relatives in Turlock recently.

Mrs. Frances Mateo was confined to her home on the Union City Road all last week by the flu.

Miss Helen Adams, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. H. Pilkington spent the New Year's holiday with relatives in Santa Cruz.

Mrs. Orma Decker of Martinez is spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. O. J. Emery.

Mrs. Decker is recuperating from a recent illness.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 18, 1936*

### **Cauliflower:**

Shipping approximately three boxcar loads of cauliflower a day to the eastern states from the local Southern Pacific train depot, Edward Barbera, vegetable producer from San Francisco, is well on the road to success in his first season in this community. Mr. Barbera's headquarters' are at one of the Varni Bros. warehouses.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 18, 1936*

### **Eagles:**

The Alvarado Aerie of Eagles initiated new members in to the local lodge. Those initiated were Joseph Luiz, Walter E. Silva, Clarence R. Rose, Jerry Margarido, Joseph Lawrence, M.A. Silva Jr., Vernon Rose and Frank Edward Rose.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 19, 1936*

#### **Presbyterian Church:**

Mrs. Dora Richmond has been made president of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church, replacing Mrs. Mae Culver. Other officers elected were Miss Mildred Nauert, Mrs. Jack Boyd and Mrs. Forest Langdon.

The organization has spent about \$200 in renovations on the church. Improvements include painting, roof repair, the laying of concrete walk, construction of a fence and new carpeting. Contributions from townspeople supplemented the funds of the organization.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 20, 1936*

#### **Around Town:**

New officers for the Alvarado Rebekah's have been sworn in. They are: Mrs. Henrietta Graff of Tennyson is Noble Grand. Others include: Mrs. McKeown, Vice Noble Grand; Mrs. Elsa Mikkelson, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Chris Skow, Financial Secretary; and Mrs. O. J. Emery, Treasurer.

Postmaster Frances Luna has received a supply of Marine Corps pamphlets for distribution to those desiring information about this branch of the military service.

Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Belshaw of Stockton are the new proprietors of a local lunchroom and service station formerly operated by Mr. & Mrs. Arlo K. Barton.

On St. Valentine's evening the Alvarado PTA will hold a dance at the **grammar school** auditorium.

Alvarado rated eight births and four deaths for the year 1935. For Washington Township the score was 121 births and 80 deaths.

Spinning and weaving demonstrations will be given to a small group of students from the **grammar school** Friday afternoon by Miss Smoker of San Jose.

Mr. Fred Joyce has just completed a new backstop on the girl's baseball diamond.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 20, 1936*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Aldina Goularte and Mrs. Anna Perry spent Friday in Oakland.

Mrs. Elizabeth Vargas of Hayward spent Thursday with her mother-in-law, Mrs. A.E. Vargas.

Twenty-five tables were occupied at the Pedro whist party Friday evening sponsored by the S.D.E.S. Lodge at their hall. Mrs. John Menezes took home the door prize.

Several Alvaradans are planning to attend a benefit card party at the parish hall in Centerville January 24<sup>th</sup>. A turkey and other prizes are the attractions.

*The Southern Alameda County Review and Latest Shoppers News, January 23, 1936*

#### **Washington Township Civic Meet:**

Washington Township civic representatives will hold their first quarterly meeting at the Alvarado Hotel Monday night, to be addressed by George J. Hatfield. Civic groups from Alvarado, Niles, Decoto, Newark, Irvington and Centerville will be represented at the gathering with the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce as the host.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 25, 1936*

#### **Child Laid to Rest:**

Funeral services were scheduled for this afternoon for Joseph Gevara, eight-year old son of Mr. & Mrs. E. Gevara of Mattos Ranch, Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 27, 1936*

#### **Washington Township Civic Meet:**



Warning that the tax situation in California holds ominous portents for the owners of real estate, Lt. Gov. George J. Hatfield addressed a meeting of civic groups from Washington Township at the Alvarado Hotel last night.

A dinner for 75 at the Alvarado Hotel was followed by a mass meeting at the grammar school with about 200 persons present. The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce sponsored the meetings.

He cited current tax proposals in the state as promising additional burdens for real property owners. Proposals to tax chain stores, repeal of the income tax and substitution of a real property tax to replace the sales tax are being advocated by many. If the sales tax is repealed and the "single tax" is substituted, an overwhelming burden will be placed on real property owners.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 28, 1936*

#### **Around Town:**

Relapsing into a severe summer illness, Miss Charlotte Jung has been confined to her home for the past two weeks. Mrs. J. C. Wasley is substituting for Miss Jung as teacher of the third grade. Mrs. C. H. Langdon of the Creek Road has rapidly regained her strength after two week's illness. Mrs. Mary Garcia is still quite ill at her home on Granger Avenue but is somewhat improved. Mrs. Harvey Granger is reported ill at her home on the Creek Road with a light case of measles. Benny Joyce, son of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Joyce has been ill with measles. Visiting Mrs. Zelma Correia and family Sunday was Martin Campos of San Francisco. Mrs. F. Marshall has been seriously ill at the Hayward Hospital with a pneumonia attack. She was brought home Thursday. Earle Culver is nursing a broken finger. He injured it while working at the Holly Sugar Mill Monday.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 31, 1936*

#### **Odd Fellows:**

The Crusade Lodge of the IOOF installed new officers for the coming year. They are: E. G. Lang, Noble Grand; K. Reinking, Vice Grand; James Hunter, Fin. Secretary; Ed Richmond, Treasurer; and Ed Hiser, Rec. Secretary.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 31, 1936*

#### **Voter Registration:**

Mrs. Mayme Roderick, an employee of the J. H. Ralph Merchandise Store, reports much progress in the registering of voters for the year's elections. Mrs. Roderick was officially appointed registrar in Alvarado by Supervisor Ralph V. Richmond.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 31, 1936*

#### **Alvarado Rebekah's Install Officers:**

Alvarado Rebekah's Lodge No. 142, IOOF installed officers here recently. Mrs. Henrietta Graff was installed as Noble Grand. Other officers installed were Mrs. J. McKeown, Elsa Mikkelson, Anna Skow, Margaret Emery, Minnie Hunter, Annie Baird and Laura Orelli.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 2, 1936*

#### **Substitute Teacher:**

Mrs. J.C. Wasley of Alvarado has been substituting at the Russell City School due to the illness of faculty members there.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 2, 1936*

#### **Morning Train:**

The Southern Pacific Railroad is contemplating removing train 250 from its morning run through Hayward (arrives Hayward @ 8:04 a.m.) and rerouting it through San Leandro, Mt. Eden, Alvarado and San Jose, where it will connect with its train to Los Angeles. The change is being opposed by the Hayward and Castro Valley Chambers of Commerce, which state it will cause commuter and U. S. Postal Mail delivery concerns in Hayward.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 3, 1936*

**Bridge Club:**

Mrs. Emma Koehvary of Alvarado entertained the members of the Alvarado Bridge Club at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Brown, of Broadmoor yesterday afternoon.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 7, 1936*

**Around Town:**

Alvarado School has been in recess three days because of rampant illness. School was recessed again today until Monday because of poor pupil attendance due to illness.

Miss Gertie Hermosa became the bride of Faust Rodriguez in a charming St. Anne's ceremony.

Mrs. James Hunter is suffering from a broken leg suffered when she slipped and fell in her home on Smith Street and Granger Avenue.

Miss Charlotte Jung, who has been seriously ill, has resumed her teaching duties at the school.

Mrs. Victoria Marshall who has been seriously ill at the Hayward Hospital with pneumonia is recovering at her home on the Leslie-California Salt works road.

Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Vegas and small son recently moved to Alvarado from Hayward and are residing with Mr. Vegas' mother, Mrs. Y. Olivencia. Mrs. Vegas is enjoying a week's visit in Los Angeles.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 10, 1936*

**Auto Accident:**

John Taylor of Oakland suffered a fractured leg, a possible fractured pelvis, deep lacerations of the scalp and possible head and internal injuries when he was struck by an automobile while walking along San Leandro Blvd. Near 85<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The machine was driven by John W. Munger of Alvarado who took the injured man to Fairmont Hospital.

*The Oakland Tribune, Feb 11, 1936*

**Around Town:**

A third attempt to resume classes at the Alvarado Grammar School was dispelled Monday morning when approximately 35 absentees still on the absentee rolls. Pupils were dismissed until next Monday morning.

Mrs. Eldora Pinto called a special meeting of the PTA for next Thursday.

Andy Gardetto and Anthony Roderick are among the children stricken with pneumonia.

Among the latest influenza victims are Mrs. Sam Dinsmore, Charles Baird, A. Santos and Joe Dutra.

Alois Diethelm is the new proprietor of a local lunchroom on the main highway, formerly occupied by Mr. & Mrs. Albert Baumann, now living in Irvington.

Mr. & Mrs. Evan Cole are now residing on Watkins Street in the home formerly occupied by Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Hiller, while Mr. & Mrs. Hiller have moved into the former Cole residence.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 13, 1936*

**Flood:**

Alameda Creek in Niles Canyon reached its highest point in five years today and the Marsh Road between Alvarado and Newark was closed by the overflow there. Crandall Slough, between Centerville and Alvarado was flowing for the first time in five years but roads in that area were not blocked.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 13, 1936*

**Flood:**

With this season's rainfall 14.00 inches above normal, the scene north and east of Alvarado is one huge lake. The Alvarado flood, nearly a dozen feet deep near the bridge over the Alameda Creek, sent that stream out of its banks yesterday afternoon. A lake nearly a mile long stretched eastward toward the Tennyson neighborhood.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 14, 1936*

**Tomato Growers:**

At a meeting of southern Alameda County tomato grower's fears were voiced over the contracts presented to the growers by the farmers. The canneries contract was denounced as discriminatory against growers because it gave the canneries free reign over scores of tolerances, credits, cull allowances, dockage, box rents, seed costs and other charges. All of these charges are designed to reduce the net paid to growers under complete control of the cannery.

At the suggestion of M. F. Silva, of Alvarado, the group decided that a special meeting of the tomato growers should be called soon to hear reports of tonight's meeting of growers and canners representatives.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 19, 1936*

### **Floods Continue:**

A continuous succession of storms has filled Alameda Creek from Niles to Alvarado causing it to overflow and isolating nearby farmhouses. The Alvarado-Newark Salt Works Road has been closed by high water. Leslie-California Salt workers have been traveling daily through water.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 24, 1936*

### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Celia Otto began her duties operating the Holly Sugar Corp. cafeteria yesterday. Previously Mrs. Otto had charge of the Alvarado Hotel with her brother, Joe Marlot. Paul Bruhn is present owner of the hotel.

Andrew Barbera, vegetable grower from San Francisco, supervised his last cauliflower shipment in Alvarado yesterday to complete his first successful season here. Mr. Barbera made his headquarters at warehouses opposite the Southern Pacific station and is contemplating a second try here next year. A.E. Vargas, a veteran in the market assisted him.

Mrs. James Hunter returned to her home on Granger Avenue and Smith Street Thursday from the San Jose Hospital, where she has been undergoing treatment for a broken leg suffered in a fall at home.

**Mrs. Mabel Rogers**, Mrs. Ethel Borges, Mrs. Minnie Perry, Mrs. Eldora Pinto and Miss Mary Hughes attended a district PTA meeting in Pleasanton Thursday.

Ralph Enos, who left Alvarado about a month ago, wrote several friends from his new home in Los Angeles.

The Alvarado PTA will celebrate Founder's Day with a card party and candle lighting ceremony.

Mrs. Clarence Dutra of San Leandro visited her mother, Mrs. G. Allegre, Friday. Mrs. Dutra is the former Miss Pauline Allegre.

Stanley Roderick is driving a new coupe.

Mrs. Lena Lemos of Irvington visited her niece, Mrs. Wilbert Hendricks and family.

The latest victims of the influenza outbreak are **Mrs. Mabel Rogers** and Mrs. May Leboe (Labao). Several Alvaradan's enjoyed a pre-Lenten dance at Niles' Garden of Allah, sponsored by the Niles J.C.'s.

Pedro Players are looking forward to a card party to be given by the Odd Fellows of Niles.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 26, 1936*

### **Letter from the Lt. Governor:**

A letter of thanks was received by George Oakes, Editor of the Alvarado Pioneer, from Lt. Governor, George J. Hatfield, who thanked the Chamber for a pleasant evening at the first meeting of the township civic groups. As Mrs. Mae Gibbons, dining room manager of the Alvarado Hotel arranged the dinner; a letter of thanks was also sent to her.

*The Hayward Daily review, February 26, 1936*

### **Chamber of Commerce:**

Funds of the old Alvarado Chamber of Commerce, amounting to about \$60, were transferred to the reorganized group Tuesday night at a special meeting of the Board of Directors meeting, as

sought in a monthly Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday night. T. J. Nordvik presided and Mrs. Frances Luna acted as secretary. The Board of Directors, including Mssrs. **J. H. Ralph**, J.P. Boyd, **George Hellwig**, Charles Baird, and John Menezes, formed a quorum to transact business.

It is expected that the money will be used purchase insurance securing full protection for Night Watchman Russell Larson. J. E. Lewis, Mrs. Baird, and Mr. Larson were appointed to make investigations.

Letters have been sent to the Board of the Fire Commissioners, O.J. Emery, H. M. Springer, **J. H. Ralph**, Fred Harvey and **George Hellwig**, requesting that they either provide adequate protection under the present fire system, or reorganize the Fire Department.

As intersections along Smith Street provide a dangerous hazard to school children going to and coming from school, a letter was sent to Supervisor Ralph Richmond asking to have stop signs installed. A similar request was also sent to Burnett Hamilton, County Engineer.

*The Southern Alameda County Review, February 27, 1936*

#### **Mr. Augustus Simpson Dies:**

Mr. Augustus I. Simpson died in Hayward last night, at the age of 72. Mr. Simpson was born in 1864 to Mr. O. B. and Mrs. Carolyn Y. Simpson in Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 27, 1936*

#### **Child Beaten:**

Charged with beating her 6-year old niece so severely that the girl's left arm was broken and her face and body badly bruised. Mrs. Celia Morano, mother of a 3-week old baby, faces a battery complaint in Justice Court at Niles.

Mrs. Morano was arrested yesterday following an investigation of the case by Alvarado Grammar School Principal J.C. Wasley. The little girl was taken to Alameda County Emergency Hospital for treatment.

Officers declared the woman, said to be a mental incompetent, scrubbed the girl's bruised face with warm salt water to remove the black and blue coloring. The result, they said, was the creation of a large spot of raw flesh on the left side of the face. Two open wounds were found on the girl's head.

The woman, wife of an Alvarado section hand ([railroad laborer](#)), was said to be of Shoshone Indian and Mexican ancestry. She was caring for the child during the absence of its mother, Mrs. Mabel Bell, in Mina, Nevada. She was said to have told the officers that Rosie ([the child](#)) had refused to obey her and that she had beaten her with a stick. Mrs. Morano posted bail and is back at home.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 4, 1936*

#### **Judgment Day for Alvaradans:**

Mrs. Celia Morano, 20, Alvarado, was sentenced to spend six months in the county jail on a charge of battery. She was charged with having beaten her 6-year old niece so severely that she broke her arm. Meanwhile Mrs. Morano's 3-week-old baby has been placed in a nursing home and her 6-year old niece has been placed in a foster home.

Domingo Silva, of Alvarado, was sentenced to jail for 30-days for disturbing the peace.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 7, 1936*

#### **Insurance for Night Watchman:**

The Chamber of Commerce will provide full insurance for Alvarado night patrolman Russell Larson as required by a new policy of the state compensation board effective March 10<sup>th</sup>.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 10, 1936*

**New Bank Employee:**

Joseph Otto began his new duties as Assistant Cashier at Bank of Alameda County in Alvarado on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. This position is a new addition to the staff of the bank. Mr. Otto, the son of Mrs. Celia Otto, is a graduate of the Alvarado Grammar School and the Washington Union High School. Other bank executives include: Mrs. Christina Anderson, Erle Hellwig and August May, President of the bank.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 14, 1936*

**New Arrival:**

To the wife of Leo Serrato, Alvarado, March 5<sup>th</sup>, a son, Robert Lee.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 25, 1936*

**Alvarado Postmaster:**

Entertaining Alameda County Postmasters for the first time in Alvarado, Mrs. Frances Luna, Postmaster, pleasingly entertained her co-workers and their guests, totaling 30 persons, Wednesday evening at the Alvarado Hotel, which is operated by Paul Bruhn.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 25, 1936*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

Officers of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce were elected at a regular meeting Monday night at the grammar school. The following positions are held by: T.J. Nordvik, President; **C.W. Baird**, Vice-President; Mrs. Frances Luna, Secretary; John Menezes, Treasurer; J.C. Wasley, Ed Richmond and George Oakes, Directors. Mrs. Luna replaced D.R. Howell, Mr. Richmond and Mr. Oakes replaced A.K. Barton and Frank George.

As George Hellwig has agreed to contact Supervisor Richmond in regard to enlarging the fire district, the secretary was requested to inform Mr. Hellwig to set a convenient time to meet G. McCreery of the district attorney's office. A letter from Mr. McCreery answered that Mr. Richmond has been ill and that he would be glad to represent him.

The policy securing full protection for night patrolman Russell Larson has been received from the State Compensation Insurance Fund. **C.W. Baird**, J.E. Lewis and Mr. Larson are trying to obtain a clock system. Mr. Larson's route from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. extends from Union City ([Veasy Street](#)) to the railroad tracks, and from the Mattos Dairy to Baird's Garage.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 26, 1936*

**No, I Won't Share:**

(From *The Oakland Tribune's* Aunt Elsie's Children Page)

I had three pennies in my pocket  
While down the street.  
Along came a boy and said,  
Look! I've got a penny,  
Have you any money?  
Sure. I have three pennies in my pocket.  
Good! Let us share,  
You give me one and then we will be even.  
No, sir. I won't share,  
I saved these three pennies  
To buy a stamp to join the Aunt Elsie Club.

By: Lucy Esteves, Alvarado, age 12

*The Oakland Tribune, March 29, 1936*

**New Arrival:**

To the wife of Jingo Takeuchi, Alvarado, March 17<sup>th</sup>, a son, Mamoru.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 1, 1936*

**Tomatoes:**

Many Southern Alameda County farmers are restraining from signing contracts with canneries for their tomatoes this season. It is estimated that the holdout impacts about 2,000 acres of tomatoes. Farmers are holding out for \$15 a ton and canneries are offering \$12.50 a ton. Some farmers are looking at co-op canneries; some are looking at self-pack while others may forgo tomatoes altogether this season.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 1, 1936*

**Hit & Run:**

Frank Escandon, 25, of Alvarado pleaded guilty to hit and run charges before Judge Allen G. Norris yesterday and was fined \$50. Emil Bigler of Alameda was slightly injured when his car turned over after allegedly being struck by Escandon's car near Decoto Sunday. Escandon said he did not know the car had turned over until passengers in his car informed him of trouble and that he stopped about 400 yards from the scene of the accident.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 8, 1936*

**Airplane Down:**

An airplane, which had taken off from Oakland Airport a few moments before, with three men from Oakland aboard crashed in a field a mile south Alvarado. The three men were badly shaken and bruised but walked away from the crash. The bi-plane was righted and hauled back to Oakland by the Monarch Flight Service, who owned the plane. The plane came down when a cylinder head blew off.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 14, 1936*

**Classified Ad:**

Help Wanted:

Girl to work in lunchroom.

Half-Way House, Alvarado

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 15, 1936*

**Smith Street Stop Signs:**

Stop signs will be installed at intersections along Smith Street to protect school children by the California Automobile Club after 30 days. The district attorney has prepared the necessary ordinance making Smith Street a stop street.

*The Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, April 16, 1936*

**Auto Mishap:**

M. Gutierrez of Alvarado is in critical condition with a skull fracture as the result from being thrown from an automobile driven by Alfonso Aguilar. The accident occurred on First Avenue in San Leandro when Aguilar swerved to avoid being hit by a train. Aguilar claims the train signal was not operational.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 17, 1936*

**Traffic Death:**

Monico Gutierrez, who was involved in an auto crash three days ago, died Thursday afternoon from head injuries sustained in an auto crash in San Leandro.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 20, 1936*

**Alvarado Traffic Patrol:**

Members of the Alvarado PTA entertained the boys of the Junior Traffic Patrol Reserve troop of the Alvarado School at a chicken dinner at the IOOF Hall here Thursday night. Principal James C. Wasley was the toastmaster.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 28, 1936*

**News Note:**

Mrs. Laura Orelli of Alvarado, district deputy, will pay an official visit to Livermore Rebekah Lodge Wednesday night.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 5, 1936*

**Joseph E. Avila Dies:**

Died in Byron, May 6, 1935, Joseph E. Avila, beloved husband of Adella Avila of Alvarado. A native of Hayward, 48 years old.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 7, 1936*

**Alvarado Annual Holy Ghost Festival:**

One of the largest crowds in several years gathered at Alvarado over the weekend to take in the annual Pentecostal celebration held under the auspices of the S.D.E.S. Hall.

Several hundred people witnessed the opening ceremonies Saturday evening, including a procession to receive formally Miss Shirley Perry, the queen, and her attendants, Lucille Vierra and Irene Mello, and the crown at the home of Mrs. A. Santos, custodian. A huge display of fireworks followed the procession and a dance wound up the evening.

Sunday morning at 10 o'clock the queen, her attendants, and several queens from neighboring towns, drill teams from Alvarado, Niles, and Mission San Jose, several bands, including St. John's from El Cerrito, and numerous lodge members made a colorful parade around the community. High mass followed at St. Anne's Church, led by father Valin of San Rafael. A barbeque, an auction, and another dance concluded the festivities. Throughout the fiesta a carnival midway reigned.

President Ernest Perry and his committeemen: M. P. Goularte, Manuel Martin, Seraphine Daviner, John Menezes, J. E. Lewis, Manuel White and Frank Goularte are responsible for the success of the affair.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 11, 1936*

**Boy Scout Troop:**

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce last night voted to sponsor a Boy Scout troop here. The decision followed an account by James C. Wasley, Alvarado School Principal, of the activity of a group of local boys whom he has been transporting to Hayward to attend meetings of Hayward Troop #4.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 12, 1936*

**Bayshore Highway:**

Indications of progress in state plans for constructing the Bayshore highway, from Richmond to San Jose, were seen in reports here this week of highway surveys being made near Alvarado and west of Mt. Eden. It is expected the big highway will, when built, will pass west of Mt. Eden near the end of the fenced approach to the Hayward-San Mateo Bridge.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 15, 1936*

**Sugar:**

A.W. Von Nickel, of Hayward, was hurt Thursday morning at the Holly sugar Mill in Alvarado, suffered injury to two fingers of his left hand. One finger was cut off and the other badly injured.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 15, 1936*

**News Note:**

When the Alvarado Birthday Club met in Livermore recently in honor of the natal day of one of its members, Mrs. Mary Scribner, it paid tribute to the last of the charter members and organizers of the club, which came into being 35 years ago.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 17, 1936*

**Reckless Driving Charge:**

Bert Freitas, 36, of Alvarado, was injured slightly and arrested on a reckless driving charge as the result of his car striking a parked machine in Hayward near the Ashland School.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 18, 1936*

**Mrs. Eva S. Walsh Dies:**

Mrs. Eva S. Walsh of Oakland died last night. A native of Alvarado, Mrs. Walsh had lived her whole life in the Bay Area. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Emma Sumner, and two brothers Edward T. and Fred W. Sumner.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 18, 1936*

**Bridal Shower:**

Miss Filomena Rivers will wed Robert Jackson Jr. of Berkeley. Miss Rivers is a resident of Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 18, 1936*

**Innkeepers Defrauded:**

Five residents of Fifth Street, Oakland, were put on six months probation after being found guilty of defrauding Alvarado innkeepers following a hearing before Judge J. A. Silva. Charges were filed by Helen Marquez and Guadalupe Lambaren against the five who were alleged to have purchased food and drinks at Alvarado establishments and left without making any payment. The five have been in county jail for two weeks in lieu of \$25 fine.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 19, 1936*

**Alvarado Eagles:**

State President Fred Watson of the Fraternal Order of Eagles visited the Alvarado Aerie Monday evening at the Odd Fellows Hall and delivered an address on lodge activities. Joseph Soares of Alvarado, Aza Keitner of Hayward and Walter Muniz of Decoto were initiated.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 20, 1936*

**Amateur Show Planned at Alvarado:**

"Can you entertain? Doesn't a \$10 first prize tempt you to compete in an amateur show at the **Alvarado Grammar School** May 27<sup>th</sup> at 8 o'clock? Second and third awards are also cash prizes."

These phrases are being used to induce contestants by Principal J.C. Wasley and Miss Doris Kinne, music instructor, for an amateur show to benefit the school orchestra fund. **Miss Isabel Ferry** of the faculty is in charge of poster exhibitions. Many entries are pouring in.

Persons of any age are eligible to apply; entry blanks are available at the school. A new system will replace the usual judging by applause. Three unknown outside judges, seated in the audience, will judge on a 100 perfect card score. The winners will be determined by adding and dividing the scores.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 20, 1936*

**Around Town:**

Night baseball is contemplated by the local ball club with the lighting of the **Alvarado Grammar School** ball grounds. Material is on hand to erect a new backstop, the latest improvement, and when completed Alvarado will offer the best-equipped diamond in the township.

With the expiration of C.J. Skow's term as **Alvarado Grammar School** trustee, notices have been posted to elect one trustee for three years on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Officers to conduct the election, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. are: Charles Baird, Inspector; **Mrs. Anne Roderick** and **Miss Mary Hughes**, Judges. The other trustees are Mrs. F.R. Robie, Clerk, and F.E. Machado.



Citizenship papers have been awarded five Alvaradans out of a class of 10 Washington Union High School. The new American citizens are: V. Naharro, D. Diaz, Anthony J. Vargas, Delmar Martinez and Ivor Paulsen. Mrs. Florence Shinn of Niles is the instructor.

El Club Mexico Alegre held its third dance at the S.D.E.S. Hall in Alvarado Saturday evening. Serpentine confetti and refreshments, added to the melodies of the Pinto Brothers, drew young people from all points. Organizing early in April for social functions, the 20 young people from Alvarado and Decoto elected Miss Trinidad Garcia of Decoto as President, Mike Montellano of Decoto as Vice-President, Manuel Garcia of Decoto as Secretary and Miss Carmen Lambaren as Treasurer. Meetings are held on Wednesday preceding a social event at the home of Miss Garcia. One guest and each member of the club picnicked at Half Moon Bay Sunday.

The Ladies' Aid Society was entertained pleasantly by Mrs. James Hunter Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Hunter who is recuperating from a leg injury incurred in a fall at her home three months ago, greatly enjoyed presiding as hostess, assisted by her nurse, Miss Tweed of Oakland.

The Misses Marion Ziegler, Beatrice Matzke and Peggy Munger have received messages from Mrs. Roland Bendel of Niles on behalf of the Toyon branch of the Children's Hospital, and the Country Club of Washington Township, thanking them for serving at their recent California Nursery Garden Show. In appreciation they were invited to a swimming party and picnic lunch at the Castlewood Country Club June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. & Mrs. A. Santos and daughters Alvina and Winifred visited Mr. Joseph Sciuto and family of Madrone Sunday. Mrs. Sciuto, a former Alvarado resident, recently gave birth to a baby boy. While there the visitors enjoyed the annual rodeo.

Queen Shirley Mast and her attendants, Irene Mello and Gladys Vargas, who reigned at the Pentecostal Festival in Alvarado, participated in a similar festival in Milpitas Sunday. Several Alvaradans also took in the weekend festivities.

August May, President of the Bank of Alameda County, is reported well on the way to recovery after several weeks' confinement at an Oakland hospital.

**Mr. & Mrs. A.E. Vargas**, Mrs. A.S. Mello and the **Misses Isabel Ferry** and **Mary Hughes** plan to attend the Eden-Washington Farm Center meeting at Washington Union High School tonight. Mrs. Louis Amaral has been very ill at her home on Haines Road.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Zora and son Vernon of Oakland visited **Mr. & Mrs. A.E. Vargas** Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. Domingo Cicairos were recent guests of Mrs. Loretta Cuintro of Oakland.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Reposo, recent newlyweds, of San Francisco, visited Mr. & Mrs. J.V. Silva and daughter Lillian last week. Mrs. Reposo is the former Miss Van Nessa Silva.

Mrs. J. Knointz of San Francisco was a recent visitor of **Mrs. Anne Roderick** and son.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 20, 1936*

#### **Commercial Advertisement:**

TUNE IN: Lux Radio Theatre offers you a solid hour of magnificent entertainment, a complete popular play, acted by famous stars of screen and stage with an expert supporting cast. Every Monday at 5:00 p.m. over radio station KGO

#### **BIG VALUE SOAP SALE:**

Lux Toilet Soap 3 for 18¢

Lux Laundry Detergent Large Box 21¢ Small Box 9¢

Rinso Laundry Detergent Large Box 19¢ Small Box 8¢

Lifebuoy Health Soap 3 for 18¢

These fine products are available in Alvarado at:

J. H. Ralph Phone 13

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 21, 1936*

### **Alvarado Bank Robber Murdered In Prison:**

Thomas Kelly, 59, already serving a life term for a Los Angeles murder, probably will face a new charge of murder because he was jealous of a flower garden.

Kelly is in solitary confinement today while District Attorney Otis Babcock investigates circumstances under which he yesterday stabbed and killed John (Jack) Beebe, 48-year old Oakland man, who was serving time for the spectacular robbery of the Bank of Alameda County, Alvarado, on March 24, 1921. Both men had been imprisoned twice before on felonies.

Beebe, according to Warden A. Larkin, was playing catch with another convict when their ball rolled into a flowerbed under the care of Kelly. The latter seized the ball and threw it into a nearby canal. A fight, ended by the stabbing.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 22, 1936*

### **Alvarado School:**

Entertainment seekers will have to come early to witness approximately 30 amateurs perform at the **Alvarado Grammar School** this evening. Mounting enthusiasm brings rumors of a ticket sell out. Cream of the crop contestants have been entered from Richmond, Berkeley, Oakland and practically every southern Alameda County community bringing acts of every description and variety. "So be on hand early," is the advice being given by principal **James Wasley** and Miss Doris Kinne, music instructor, who is in charge of arrangements. Three unknown persons in the audience will judge the entries on a 100 for a perfect score.

*The Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, May 28, 1936*

### **Around Town:**

Construction will begin today on a new backstop on the **Alvarado Grammar School** baseball diamond, made possible by contributions of material and labor from the Leslie Salt Company, the Holly Sugar Corporation, and the P. C. Hansen Lumber Company. Location of the field has been changed from the rear to the middle of the school grounds, near to the old manual arts training building, providing better fielding space and better wind and sun conditions. The Alvarado ball club will be responsible for maintaining the field. When completed, the best playground facility in the township will be offered. A suggestion has been made that lighting of the grounds would offer the best equipped baseball field this side of San Leandro.

"Getting off to a flying start," an Alvarado Boy Scout Troop, sponsored by the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce, was organized Monday night by William T. Lindsay, Southern Alameda County Scout executive. John Forth of Hayward will act as scoutmaster. Four temporary patrol leaders, Benny Joyce, John Ziegler, Tony Paredes and Jim Wasley, were elected from the 14 boys present, forming four skeleton patrols to be brought to eight boys each. These four boys have been attending Hayward Troop 4 meetings for four months and ranked highest out of the six being transported regularly by Principal **James C. Wasley**. Five Alvarado boys were among the number who qualified at a recent Boy Scout tryout in Hayward to attend a jamboree in Oakland last Saturday and Sunday at Lakeside Park. Jim Wasley, John Ziegler and Jimmy Critchfield had the time of their lives pitching tents and doing their own cooking, at which they were judged along with handicraft and numerous subjects.

*The Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, May 28, 1936*

### **Around Town:**

Graduates of the **Alvarado Grammar School** will be feted by the PTA in a farewell party June 2. Mrs. Hortense Maciel, Mrs. Gregory Perry, Mrs. Mae Martin and Miss Mary Hughes are in charge of arrangements. Miss Isabel Ferry and Mrs. Eldora Pinto compose the entertainment committee.

Whist enthusiasts are invited to set aside May 29<sup>th</sup> on their social calendar to attend a card party at the school auditorium, given by the PTA, Mrs. Ethel Borges is chairman in charge, aided by Aldina Goularte, Mrs. Mabel Rogers and Mrs. Lenora Silveira.

Miss Lillian Rose Silva displayed her salesmanship powers by capturing third place and selling 23 "Washingtonians," the annual Washington Union High School yearbook, in an exciting contest. The first prizewinner was Miss Adeline Amaral of Irvington who sold 29, and Tak Masuda of Irvington who sold 24. Out of 432 annuals, the boys sold 225, just eking out the girls. Each student that sold 10 had their names engraved in their books.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Salida and small son of Fresno, former residents here, visited several friends over the weekend. The Salida's operated a local service station here for several months. Mrs. Salida is the sister of Mrs. Priego.

Neptune Beach ([Alameda](#)) visitors last week were the Misses Beatrice Machado, Lorraine Silveria, Antoinette Rose and Johnny Machado, Elvin Rose, Mr. & Mrs. Martin Rose, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Jacinto and children, Betty and Junior, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Perez and Miss Margaret Mateo.

Donald Flores, son of Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Flores, recently completed his first year at U. C. Berkeley, and is planning to attend the college of Pharmacy at San Francisco State next year. Robert Ziegler, son of Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Ziegler, has been pledged to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity at the University of California, where he will reside next year. Ralph Enos is back in Alvarado again after spending several months in Los Angeles. Johnnie Jess was a recent visitor in Newman recently. Charles French of San Jose spent a recent weekend with his mother, Mrs. Genevieve French, proprietor of the local fruit and vegetable stand.

*The Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, May 28, 1936*

#### **Blue Gum Trees:**

There are three eucalyptus trees at Hall Station in Alvarado (near the Hall station) that were planted in 1865 by John Hall, which are still in good health. These trees are also known by the term "Blue Gum" whose scientific name is *Eucalyptus Globulus*.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 31, 1936*

#### **Alvarado Eagles:**

Mr. A. S. Enos of Centerville was installed as President of the Alvarado Aerie of Eagles, succeeding John Silva of Alvarado. Other officers installed were: M. Silva of Niles, VP; John Menezes, Sec; Charles Baird, Treas; Louis Amaral of Hayward, Chaplain; Vernon Rose of Decoto, Conductor; Walter Silva; OS; Joseph Rivers of Mt. Eden, IG; A. S. Mello and A. E. Vargans, Trustees.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 4, 1936*

#### **Alvarado School:**

Alvarado Grammar School will graduate 23 students this year according to James C. Wasley, Principal. **Miss Linda Jane Hellwig** will be valedictorian and **Robert Avilla** will be Salutatorian.

The graduates for this year are: Everett Alameda, Carolyn Amaral, **Robert Avilla**, Irma Borges, Frank Cordoba, Evelyn Correia, Barbara Critchfield, Manuel Dutra, Mary Esteves, Marjorie Goularte, **Linda Jane Hellwig**, Frederick Joyce Jr., Donald Lemos, Daniel Lezand, Vivian Mae Logan, Shirley Mast, Tony Paredes, Robert Rogers, Manuel Silva, John Soares, James Wasley Jr., Peggy Wasley and John Ziegler.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 4, 1936*

#### **New School Trustee:**

William Avila was elected to the Alvarado School Board of Trustees. He will join Mrs. Frances Robie and Frank Machado. He replaces Chris Skow who was not a candidate for re-election.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 6, 1936*

#### **Chamber of Commerce:**

A unique float will be the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce entry into the Centerville Fourth of July Parade celebration. Other business included looking into better lighting and house numbers for our community streets and an honorary membership was conferred upon Andrew Anderson, custodian of the grammar school for his cooperation in attending to the meeting place.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 9, 1936*

### **Chamber of Commerce:**

The public is invited to attend the next meeting of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce to be held at the school on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, states T.J. Nordvik, president, who will arrange a program of entertainment for that occasion.

Plans were made this week's meeting for representation in the Washington Township Fourth of July celebration to be held at Centerville under the sponsorship of the Centerville Lions Club. C.W. Baird was named chairman with entire membership to help.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 14, 1936*

### **New Arrival:**

To the wife of John Silva, Alvarado, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, a daughter, Irene Marie.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 18, 1936*

### **WPA:**

Boys and girls of Washington Township, Livermore and Pleasanton are looking forward to a summer of recreational activity on school playgrounds following the inauguration of several WPA programs ([Works Program Administration, a depression-era federal program](#)) this week.

Schools at which playground workers are already at work are Niles, Livermore and Pleasanton. A request has been made for a similar program at Alvarado by Principal J.C. Wasley.

The playgrounds are supervised by men and women leaders from eight in the morning until six at night, six days a week. In addition to games and contests, there are classes in basket-making, leatherwork, block-printing, etc.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 19, 1936*

### **Chamber of Commerce:**

Mexico was the subject of an interesting motion picture shown at the Alvarado Grammar School last evening at an open meeting of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce. The film, accompanied by quaint music, was shown by the courtesy of the Southern Pacific Company, by J. Edwards, representative.

Japanese fencing, displayed by six members of the Kendo Club and J. Fujita, referee, provided unique entertainment. N. Nagal of Irvington remarked that Alvarado is headquarters for the ([Japanese](#)) North American Fencing Association.

John Accinelli, talented Alvarado accordionist, rendered several solos.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 23, 1936*

### **Eagles:**

T.E. Amaral gave a report of the recent State Convention of Eagles at Petaluma at the meeting of the local lodge held here. Other delegates from Alvarado to attend were: J.S. Martin, John Silva and T.J. Nordvik. Gonsalo Ortega was initiated as a new member.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 10, 1936*

### **St. Anne's Day:**

St. Anne's Day on July 26<sup>th</sup> will be marked with a special celebration here under the auspices of the St. Anne's Confraternity. Mrs. Mayme Roderick, president, and other members of the

organization are planning for the event. A high mass will be said by Father Flatley. An auction will follow the service.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 12, 1936*

#### **Antone Lemos Dies:**

Antone Lemos, 70, of Alvarado died yesterday at a Hayward hospital. Until his recent illness he lived with his son Joseph Lemos in Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 14, 1936*

#### **Mrs. Wiegman Dies:**

Mrs. Catherine Wiegman, 84, of Alvarado died at her home in Alvarado Monday. She arrived in California 70 years ago from New York. She was the widow of the late Frederick D. Wiegman and the mother of Frederick H. Wiegman of Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 16, 1936*

#### **Child Given Away:**

Three-year old Barbara May Tyler was back at her home in Oakland last night after typical *Alice In Wonderland* adventure that for two weeks made her a member of a Mexican fruit picker's family.

The little girl was discovered in an Almaden ([San Jose](#)) camp with Steve Rangel, his wife and their brood of children. Startled by the blonde loveliness of the child, a passerby reported the matter to the San Jose authorities.

When questioned, Rangel said the child had been given to him by an Oakland woman, known to him only as "Grace." Asked to cooperate, Oakland police found the child's mother, Mrs. Grace Tyler, at her home.

Hysterical, Mrs. Tyler said her landlady, Mrs. Rosario Serna, had taken the child July 1<sup>st</sup> for a two weeks' vacation at her Alvarado home. When neither Mrs. Serna nor Barbara May returned at the appointed time she said she began to search for them.

She denied having given the baby to Rangel, stating she saw him only once, and that on the day when Mrs. Serna and Barbara May departed.

In broken English Rangel said the child had been given into his care for a few days. Mrs. Tyler declared that she has not yet decided whether to bring charges against Mrs. Serna and Rangel.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 17, 1936*

#### **Acting Postmaster:**

Mrs. Genevieve P. Dutra was appointed acting Postmaster of the Alvarado Post office yesterday by the post office department in Washington upon the resignation of Mrs. Frances Luna.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 17, 1936*

#### **The Lost Dollar:**

(From *The Oakland Tribune's* Aunt Elsie's Children Page)

One day a lady was walking home. While she was walking she dropped a dollar from her coat pocket. A boy who was walking back of her picked it up and gave it her. The lady gave him a dime, so he went to the store and bought a dish of ice cream. He went home and told his mother a lady had given him a dime.

By: Ernest Bettencourt, Alvarado, age 9.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 19, 1936*

#### **New Arrival:**

To the wife of Manuel D. Lewis, Alvarado, July 12<sup>th</sup>, a son, Glen.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 22, 1936*

#### **Baseball:**

The strong Leslie Salt team from Alvarado will tangle with the City of Oakland team. Alvarado brings a strong battery in Pinto and Azevedo, the Salt Works figures to make life miserable for the Oakland team.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 27, 1936*

**Bank Break-in Attempt:**

Russell Larson, night watchman for the business section in Alvarado, yesterday reported he foiled a burglar's attempt rob the bank in Alvarado at 3:30 o'clock in the morning. He said he found the man trying to break into the building and fired several shots at him but he was not able to prevent his escape.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 31, 1936*

**Enos Hendricks Dies:**

Enos Hendricks, a native of Alvarado, died in an Oakland hospital August 1<sup>st</sup> at age 61. Mrs. Emily Hendricks, his wife survives him as well as his son and daughter, Wilbert Hendricks and Lois Hendricks and his grandson Rodney Hendricks. He is the brother to A. E. Vargas and Manuel Hendricks of Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, August 5, 1936*

**Commercial Advertisement:**

When in Alvarado Stop at

THE CURVE INN

Beer & Wine

Sandwiches and Dancing

With Real Swiss Hospitality

A. J. IMHOFF, PROPRIETOR

*The Hayward Daily Review, August 8, 1936*

**Commercial Advertisement:**

KELLEY'S PLACE

The Best Place in Alvarado

Spend a Night in the Atmosphere of Old Mexico

Beer, Wine and Amusements

MEXICAN DISHES OUR SPECIALTY

Chile Beans, Tamales and Menudo

Watkins St., Alvarado, One Block Off the Highway

Steve De Leon

*The Hayward Daily Review, August 8, 1936*

**Supervisor Richmond:**

Fifty businessmen of Washington Township have organized a Richmond-for-Supervisor Club to support Ralph V. Richmond for re-election in the First District. Heading the Alvarado organization will be Mr. A.E. Vargas.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 9, 1936*

**Township Population:**

The *estimated* population of Washington Township as shown by registration statistics and figures gathered by the Pacific Gas & Electric Company officials shows an almost doubling amount increase over the 1930 census. The estimated present population for Washington Township is 12,848. Broken down by town it is:

Alvarado	1,899 (probably includes most of the Alviso District)
Centerville	1,657
Decoto	2,450
Irvington	1,234
Mission San Jose	1,100
Newark	1,533

Niles	2,000
Warm Springs	850
<u>Others:</u>	
Sunol	580
Dublin	300
Pleasanton	1,300
Livermore	3,200

***The Oakland Tribune, August 9, 1936***

**Commercial Advertisement:**

ALVARADO HOTEL  
 Where All Eagles and  
 Good Fellows Meet  
 Choice Wines, Beer & Liquor  
 The finest wines served with meals  
 PAUL BRUHN, PROPRIETOR  
 Formerly of the Santa Rosa Bar, Oakland  
 Phone: Alvarado 48  
 ALVARADO, CALIFORNIA  
***The Hayward Daily Review, August 15, 1936***

**Alvarado Pioneers:**

The Pioneers of Alvarado, an organization made up residents who have resided in that section 40 years or more have endorsed Ralph V. Richmond for supervisor of the First District of Alameda County. Supervisor Richmond was born in Alvarado and is a graduate of the public schools of that district.  
***The Oakland Tribune, August 21, 1936***

**News Note:**

Mrs. J.C. Wasley, wife of the local grammar school principal, and children, returned yesterday from a vacation spent at Brookdale.  
***The Oakland Tribune, August 21, 1936***

**Chas. Langdon:**

Charles H. Langdon has been named field representative in Southern Alameda County Zone 2 of the California Pro-Rate Commission.  
***The Hayward Daily Review, August 27, 1936***

**Intention to Wed:**

Victor R. Boyd, Alvarado, 25  
 Dorothy D. Woods, Alvarado, 21  
***The Oakland Tribune, August 29, 1936***

**Man Causes Problem:**

P. Quinliven, of Hayward, stopped for a few moments in Alvarado yesterday. When he returned to his car he found Raul Martinez, Alvarado Mexican, hanging on to a door handle. Martinez refused to release his hold when Mr. Quinliven wanted to start his car. So the latter called the police. Martinez was to be heard on a vagrancy charge in Niles justice court today.  
***The Hayward Daily Review, August 31, 1936***

**Raul Martinez:**

Raul Martinez, Alvarado, was sentenced to 90 days in jail by Judge J. A. Silva yesterday. He was charged with vagrancy as a result of a complaint filed by P. Quinliven of Hayward.  
***The Hayward Daily Review, September 1, 1936***

**Chamber of Commerce:**

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce entered a float in the California Admission Day parade held in Oakland. The float depicted a replica of the county's first courthouse in Alvarado, voted the first county seat in 1853.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 9, 1936*

#### **Fatal Crash:**

Lloyd Woods, 20, cannery worker from Hayward was killed on the road from Valle Vista to Alvarado (Alquire Road). He was fatally injured when he lost control of his motorcycle on some gravel on the road.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 9, 1936*

#### **Lettuce Strike:**

Striking farm workers in the Salinas Valley are causing wholesale price increases for lettuce farmers in the southern Alameda County growing area. The Salinas Valley is known as the "Lettuce Capital of the World." Local farmers are gleaning the profits at the expense of growers in the Salinas Valley and consumers.

*The Hayward Daily Review, September 15, 1936*

#### **Benjamin Crane Dies:**

Benjamin F. Crane, 68, native of Alvarado and prominent resident there and in Niles, passed away in Oakland yesterday.

*The Hayward Daily Review, September 15, 1936*

#### **New Arrival:**

To Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gardetto, a son, born on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

*The Hayward Daily Review, September 16, 1936*

#### **Tomato Farmers:**

Tomato farmers in central California, including southern Alameda County, see higher prices for market green tomatoes due to the operation of the California Pro-Rate Act. It is working so well that some want to see it extended to cover peas and green corn next year.

*The Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, September 17, 1936*

#### **Antone Martinez Dies:**

Antone Martinez, resident of Alvarado, died yesterday in an Oakland hospital. He was a native of Puerto Rico. He was the uncle of Mrs. Philip Garcia and Gallo and Eugene Martinez.

*The Hayward Daily Review, September 19, 1936*

#### **Fire Protection District:**

F. C. Harvey has resigned his position as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Alvarado Fire Protection District. His written resignation was accepted.

*The Hayward Daily Review, September 19, 1936*

#### **Around Town:**

Attending the Admission Day parade in Oakland were Mr. & Mrs. A. A. Lee and Mrs. A. Vargas, **Mrs. J. Jacinto, Joseph Jacinto**, Morris Davilla, Alvina and Winifred Santos, and Alberta Menezes.

Gregory Perry, Nick Lewis, Joe Dutra, Alvin Searles and Robert Mayberry hunted in the Black Mountains recently and Dutra and Mayberry came back with a buck apiece.

Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Roderick and Mrs. Jesse Johnson spent last Sunday with Mrs. Roderick's relatives in Los Banos.

Mr. & Mrs. Claire Lopez and daughter Patricia spent last week in Santa Cruz.

Joe Alameda has been critically ill with blood poisoning.

Lucio Naharro and Morris Davilla attended the circus in Oakland.

Mrs. James Critchfield and daughters Marilyn and Barbara visited friends in Lakeport over the weekend.



**Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Jacinto** motored to Pescadero recently.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, September 19, 1936*

**Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. M. Jacinto and Mr. & Mrs. J. Jacinto were visitors in Sacramento Thursday, where they attended the funeral of the sister of J. Jacinto, M. Jacinto and Mrs. Mary Foster. Joseph Otto has returned from vacation and has resumed his duties at Bank of America. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Dutra spent Sunday at Watsonville where they enjoyed digging clams. Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Perry and daughter Olive spent Sunday in San Jose. Mr. & Mrs. Charles Browning of San Francisco were the guests of Mr. & Mrs. A. Santos. Mr. & Mrs. Seraphine Noia spent last week at Richardson Springs. The Alvarado Drill Team participated in a drill contest Wednesday in San Leandro, winning second place. The team participated in a festival in Tracy Sunday.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, September 26, 1936*

**Sugar:**

D. Miller of Tennyson was reported today to have suffered the loss of his right hand as a result of an accident at the Holly Sugar mill last Friday.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, October 1, 1936*

**Farm Bureau Picnic:**

The first annual basket picnic to be held by the Alameda County Farm Bureau attracted more than 450 persons Sunday at Linda Vista Park in Mission San Jose. Besides the basket picnic there races and games for everyone. The race for girls under 12 was won by Betty Medeiros.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, October 5, 1936*

**Ice Plant Expands:**

The Hayward ice plant is spending \$20,000 to increase the capacity of ice produced due to the increasing need of local packing houses to ship its vegetables east in refrigerated cars. The packinghouse at Alvarado and Levy Zentner in San Leandro have seen the increase need for ice.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, October 10, 1936*

**Highway 17:**

The completion of surfacing State Route 17 between Alvarado and Irvington has greatly facilitated travel between Oakland and San Jose reports the touring department of the California National Automobile Club.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 11, 1936*

**Russell Larson:**

Russell Larson, private night patrolman at Alvarado, spoke to the Mt. Eden Improvement Club on patrol work.  
*Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, October 15, 1936*

**Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Turner, former occupants of "Genevieve's Fruit Store," have moved their store to the business place off the Alvarado-Hayward Highway. Mr. & Mrs. Turner are former residents of San Jose.

Mr. & Mrs. Antone Machado of Mountain View visited Mr. & Mrs. C. Gaspar over the weekend. Mrs. Rivers recently held a card party at her home on Union City Road for the benefit of the "hot dog stand" to be opened at the bazaar for St. Anne's Church. Little Miss Betty Jane Silva has been confined to her bed for several days. On Friday the First, Doctor Grau of Niles examined Fourth and Seventh Grades with the aid of the school nurse Miss Borree. The Alvarado Baseball team lost to the Niles Merchants on the home field 5-1.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, October 27, 1936*

**Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. M. Marshall are the proud owners of a new 1937 car. Mr. Marshall runs a local dairy. Seraphine Daviner Jr. recently sprained a wrist playing football for Washington Union High School where Seraphine is a junior.

Miss Lillian Silva, a junior at Washington High, was confined at home recently with a cold.

Evan Orelli recently visited his mother here who is a teacher at the grammar school. Evan is a developmental engineer for Shell Oil in Oakland.

**Mrs. J. E. Dutra**, Mrs. John Menezes, Mrs. J. J. Jacinto, Robert Jacinto and Betty Jacinto were shoppers in Oakland this week.

**Mrs. Genevieve Dutra** is the newly appointed Postmaster for Alvarado.

Miss Beatrice Machado has announced her engagement to Frankie Lopes. They both work for Leslie Salt in Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 31, 1936*

**Engagement Announced:**

Miss Hazel Orelli, Alvarado to Herman Bradley of San Francisco

*The Oakland Tribune, November 1, 1936*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

A dinner meeting will mark the next gathering of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce to be held Monday night, November 9<sup>th</sup> according to Thor Nordvik, President. Arrangements are being made by a committee composed of George Oakes, A. B. Christensen, Joe Lewis and T. J. Nordvik.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 2, 1936*

**Around Town:**

**Duck season** started off with a bang. Among those who shot at the Union City ponds where Joseph Dutra, Joe Buchannan, Nick Lewis, Clarence Flores and James Critchfield. They are all employees of the Leslie Salt Company.

James C. Wasley, Principal of the Alvarado Grammar School, welcomed friends and pupils to a Halloween Party Friday, given by the Alvarado PTA. The stage was decorated with witches, corn stalks, pumpkins and black cats.

Mrs. Morton Springer of Alameda visited Mrs. Milton Munger recently. Mrs. Springer is a former resident of Alvarado.

Mrs. Anna Roderick visited her sister, Mrs. Joe Kaeintz of San Francisco over the weekend.

Mrs. Stupele, who has been spending the past two months with her daughter, Mrs. C. M.

Anderson, has returned to "Our Lady's Home" in Oakland. Mrs. Anderson is a cashier at the local bank.

Charles Baird and Sam Dinsmore spent the day fishing in Antioch Thursday.

Mrs. Claude Baliney of Chico visited Mrs. Cecelia Otto recently.

Mrs. A.P. Lund of Sacramento visited Mrs. Sam Dinsmore Thursday. Mrs. Lund, the former Mabel Fyffe, was formerly an Alvarado resident.

Mrs. Michael Hays of Oakland visited her sister, Mrs. J. A. Belshaw, over the weekend.

Joe Marlot, former proprietor of the Alvarado Hotel visited here Friday. Mr. Marlot now operates a highway restaurant in Burbank.

Miss Dorothy Soares is employed at the **Alvarado Duck Club** during the duck season.

Mrs. Gregory Perry and son Mervin visited her mother-in-law, Mrs. Antone Perry, on Friday.

Miss Helen Baird of San Francisco visited her mother, Mrs. Charles Baird, over the weekend. Miss Baird is an employee of the Roos Brothers Company.

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Cordoba visited his brother Joe Cordoba in Sacramento over the weekend. Peter Cordoba's son, Marion has been spending the past few months with his uncle.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Imhoff recently purchased the Wiegman Dairy formerly run by Joe Avila.

*The Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, November 5, 1936*

**Concert at School:**

Forty-five members of the orchestra of the Roosevelt High School in Oakland gave a concert at the Alvarado Grammar School auditorium Wednesday morning under the direction of A. C. Olker. G. E. Furbank, principal, arranged for the transportation of his orchestra to Alvarado. J. C. Wasley, Principal had as his guests students from Washington Union High School and other grammar schools of the township. About 500 were present.

***The Oakland Tribune, November 6, 1936***

#### **News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Paredes and daughter Gloria returned from Spain Friday. They have been under constant fire and danger since the start of the revolution there. The family will make their residence for the time being with her brother, Joe Priego, a local butcher.

Joseph W. Silva, employee of the Baumberg Salt Works, was injured recently when a piece of metal chip struck his eye. Mr. Silva has not as yet returned to work but is out of danger of losing the eye.

The pupils of the Alvarado Grammar School were entertained with a six-reel movie entitled "The Covered Wagon" on Monday. The school orchestra also played.

Clifford Dinsmore was recently injured while playing in the Washington High versus Concord football game.

Mr. & Mrs. Russell Robie from Crockett recently visited Mr. Robie's mother, Mrs. Frances Robie of Alvarado.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Pashote of Niles and Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Perry spent Thursday clamming at Watsonville. They returned with their limit.

***The Hayward Daily Review, November 7 1936***

#### **Around Town:**

The recent benefit bazaar given on behalf of St. Anne's Church was a huge success.

Albert Hinkley is in the Alameda County Hospital for a critical operation on his nose. The operation was a success and he will be returning soon to Washington High where he is a sophomore.

The monthly meeting of the Alvarado PTA was held at the school on Thursday.

Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Skow of San Jose visited Melvin's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Chris Skow.

***The Hayward Daily Review, November 10 1936***

#### **News Note:**

Mrs. Antone Vargas recently was appointed publicity chairman of the Alvarado Farm Home Center. Mrs. Vargas has been active in the center for eight years and is the secretary of the Alvarado unit.

***Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, November 12, 1936***

#### **Chamber of Commerce:**

Members of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce met at the Alvarado Hotel for a dinner. T.J. Nordvik presided. Music was furnished by Pete Pinto, accordionist.

***The Oakland Tribune, November 13, 1936.***

#### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. Antone Santos and daughters Alvina and Winifred spent Armistice Day in Oakland. They attended the military parade in the morning and the afternoon at the football game at Memorial Stadium at Berkeley. After the game they attended a theatre. This was done to celebrate the birthday of Alvina who was sixteen on that day.

Among those who attended the military pageant held in Oakland on Armistice Day were Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Jacinto and children Betty and Joseph Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lewis and sons Stanley and Joseph Jr., and Mr. & Mrs. J.C. Wasley and children Peggy, James Jr. and Robert, and Mr. & Mrs. Anker Christensen and sons Alden and Mervin.

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Brown Silva, who were wed recently at Mission San Jose Catholic Church, will return home from San Diego on Saturday. They have been on their honeymoon. They will be welcomed with a reception at the S.D.E.S. Hall on Watkins Street. Mrs. Silva is the former Irene Cunha from Irvington. Mr. Silva is a graduate of Washington Union High School.

The St. Anne's Catholic Church committee on the bazaar, which was held, recently will hold a special meeting at the home of Antone Vargas Friday to decide a suitable date for another night of the bazaar. Those on the committee are **Joseph Martin**, Joe Dutra, Mrs. Frank Roderick, Mrs. Henry Flores and Mrs. Antone Vargas.

Mrs. Celia Otto and son Joseph spent a day in Oakland this week visiting friends.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Anderson and Mrs. Richard Anderson of Richmond visited their mother, Mrs. Christiana Anderson, this week. Mrs. Anderson is a teller at the local bank.

Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Hiller are the proud parents of a baby girl born on Armistice Day. Mr. Hiller is an employee at the Alvarado Sugar Refinery.

Mr. & Mrs. Gaspar and Mr. & Mrs. Azevedo and son Thomas attended a birthday party at the home of Mrs. Gladys Gonsalves in Centerville Tuesday.

The Alvarado Eagles baseball team dance, recently held at the Swiss Park in Newark, proved a great success under the supervision of **Joe Martin**.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Turner, former occupants of "Genevieve's Fruit Stand" visited Mr. & Mrs. Joe Perez. *The Hayward Daily Review, November 14, 1936*

#### **Drunk Driving Nets Jail Time:**

Charles Chaves, 27, of Alvarado, was given a 30-day jail sentence on a charge of drunk driving. *The Oakland Tribune, November 16, 1936*

#### **Canning Vegetable Growers:**

Alvarado: Charles Langdon, Vice-President of the Canning Vegetable Growers Association, and L.S. Amaral are representing the organization at a meeting of the tomato growers at Sacramento today seeking a better price for this year's crop. Reports of today's meeting are expected to be made at the Washington-Eden Farm Center at the Washington Union High School tomorrow night. *The Oakland Tribune, November 16, 1936*

#### **Car Looted:**

Mohamed Bader of Oakland reports that his car was looted while he was having lunch in Alvarado. Clothing valued at \$300 was taken. *The Hayward Daily Review, November 18, 1936*

#### **Around Town:**

At a recent meeting at the Toyon Ranch of the Children's Hospital, held at the home of Mrs. August May, plans were made for an all-day turkey shoot at Niles Canyon on November 15<sup>th</sup>. This outing is sponsored by the southern Alameda County Boosters for Niles Canyon.

Pheasant hunters of Alvarado had a chance to wipe the oil from their guns on Sunday, due to the opening of pheasant season. Among those who went out were, Hubert Jacinto, Antone Santos, **Joe E. Dutra**, Johnny Machado, Raymond Dias, and Tony Correia.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Jacinto and children, Betty & Joseph Jr., **Mr. & Mrs. Joe E. Dutra**, Mrs. Mary Davilla and Morris Davilla were the guests of Mrs. Isabel Menezes on Thursday to celebrate her birthday. Cards were played and refreshments were served.

School Principal James Wasley and Mrs. Wasley attended the air show held at Lake Merritt Friday. Beatrice Matzke visited friends in Oakland Thursday.

Walter Gardetto is the proud owner of a new Streamline bicycle.

Joseph Otto attended the stage show of Dude Martin's radio program, held in San Jose Sunday. Joseph is a frequent visitor of "Dude."

Mrs. Joe Lemos and Mrs. Geraldine Rogers were Oakland shoppers Thursday.  
Mary Rodrigues of San Francisco is now operating the Alvarado Beauty Salon, formerly operated by Miss Carmen Lambereau.  
The Alvarado Eagles baseball team defeated the Decoto Merchants 7-1 at the Decoto field.  
Mrs. Chris Skow, who has been spending two weeks at the home of her sister in Hayward after undergoing an operation in San Francisco, returned to her home Sunday.  
R. R. Barry of Vallejo purchased the Half-Way Tavern, formerly owned by Mr. & Mrs. Belshaw.  
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Perry visited his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Antone Perry, Saturday.  
Mrs. & Mrs. Seraphine Daviner, and daughter Bernice, were the first Alvaradan's to cross the new San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge on its opening Thursday.  
The Alvarado Junior Traffic Patrol Reserve was taken to the University of California Vs. Oregon football game in Berkeley on Saturday.  
Mr. & Mrs. Rolly Montalbo visited Mr. & Mrs. Joe Montalbo on Sunday.  
Members of the Alvarado School Eighth Grade have been preparing during the last week for the county board examinations, to be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.  
Little Clarabelle Silva of the Creek Road has been confined to her bed with a severe cold.  
***The Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, November 19, 1936***

### **Stolen Clothing Recovered:**

Gilbert Martinez and Margaret Lopez, said to have been living together in Alvarado, Decoto and San Jose since Martinez sent his bride of a month to Salinas "because I could not support her," were jailed last night by deputy sheriffs on theft charges.

Officers said they found clothing stolen from Mohamed Bader, Oakland peddler, in Alvarado a few days ago. Arrest of two other suspects is expected.

***The Hayward Daily Review, November 20, 1936***

### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Roderick are the proud owners of a new 1937 sedan.  
Mr. & Mrs. Joe E. Dutra attended a Postmaster's dinner held at an Alameda inn.  
Joe Montalbo and his nephew, Rolly Montalbo, went fishing on the Sacramento River Tuesday and returned home with their limit.  
The Alvarado Aerie of Eagles held a dinner at the Alvarado Hotel Wednesday. The meeting was presided over by the president of the East Bay Council of Eagles.  
J. H. Kaiser, former chief engineer at the water works passed away at the Marine hospital Thursday.  
Joe Luiz is in Providence Hospital awaiting an operation.  
***The Hayward Daily Review, November 21, 1936***

### **Around Town:**

John Manuel Logan Jr., was found unconscious in 14 inches of water in a fishpond by his mother, Mrs. John Logan Sr. There was no phone available so the mother sped to the home of neighbor in Centerville. The Fire Department was called and after two hours of working over the boy he started to breathe again. He was then taken to the East Oakland hospital where is reported resting comfortably.

Little Betty Ann Jacinto has been ill for a few days with a severe cold.  
Manuel Perez, who has been staying with his aunt in Los Angeles, returned home Sunday.  
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Esteves and family moved to San Leandro Sunday.

***The Hayward Daily Review, November 24, 1936***

### **Sugar:**

Organized sugar beet growers of Southern Alameda County have joined in demands for haulage allowances from the Holly Sugar Company, which operates the Alvarado sugar factory, it was revealed today.

The haulage proposal would affect growers within a six-mile radius of the sugar factory who are now not receiving any haulage allowance. At present farmers outside the six-mile radius receive an allowance of 5¢ a mile, which amounts to about \$1.20 a ton for farmers in the Concord neighborhood.

A major proportion of the hauling expense to the farmer is incurred in loading the beets and trucking them out of the fields, which are often muddy and sticky. The growers want a minimum of 50¢ per ton for the haul within the six-mile radius, correspondingly more for those outside the area.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 24, 1936*

**Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. Mario Campos of San Francisco visited Mrs. Zelma Correia Monday. Vera Salido, who has been spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Paredes, returned home to Winters.

Antone Quintane has been seriously ill with pneumonia at his home here. Mr. Quintane recently came here from Tracy and is an employee of the Holly Sugar Company.

Due to an overheated chimney, part of the home of Frank Amaral of the Creek Road was burned.

The Alvarado Branch of the Alameda County Bank is having its ceiling remodeled.

Joe Avila, John De Villa and Dan Riley motored to Oakland on business Wednesday.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 28, 1936*

**Around Town:**

**Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Rose** entertained several friends at their home Thanksgiving Day. Among them were Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Rose and son Lawrence Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Pine and son, Mrs. Mary Pine, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Andrade and son, Mr. & Mrs. Seraphine Daviner, Rosaline, Bernice and Seraphine Jr. and **Hubert Jacinto**. Cards were played after dinner.

Antone Santos had a few of the boys over at his home Sunday. Among those present were **Hubert Jacinto**, Joe Silva, **Manuel Rose**, James Perry, Peter Rivers, Joe Boniss, Manuel Amaral and **Louis Amaral**. A buffet luncheon was served.

Mr. & Mrs. John Silva, Lillian Silva, John Silva Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Joe Martin and daughters Wilma and Mildred, and Manuel Martin attended a barbeque at the home of Mr. & Mrs. William Pimentel of Half Moon Bay Sunday.

Miss Mary Diaz has announced her engagement to **Frank Vargas**. Miss Diaz is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Domingo Diaz of the Union Meat Market. Mr. Vargas is an employee of the new tile company here. No date has been set for the future wedding.

**Louis** and Frank **Amaral** have purchased new trucks recently. Both men are prominent farmers. **Alvarado Grammar School** pupils, on their return to school are preparing a Christmas play for Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, entitled "Ye Old Christmas Maiden." Miss Doris Kinne is in charge.

Mrs. Manuel Goularte has been confined to her bed for a week.

Miss Barbara McClelland of San Francisco has been staying with her aunt, Mrs. Charles Baird, over the weekend.

Mr. & Mrs. Duke Freitas, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Vargas, Mr. & Mrs. J. Macedo and family of Hayward were dinner guests of Mr. & Mrs. Antone Vargas on Thanksgiving Day.

Mrs. Zida Silva of San Francisco visited her brother, Manuel August Silva, over the weekend.

Mr. & Mrs. Earl Hefner and family motored to Oroville over the weekend. Mr. Hefner is an attendant at a local oil station.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Jacinto and family motored to San Jose Saturday.

Henry Miller and Alice Lemos have their intention to wed. Miss Lemos is a graduate of Washington Union High School. Mr. Miller is an employee of the Star Cleaners.

Mrs. John Stitler of Wisconsin visited her brother, James Critchfield, over the holidays.

Segundo Diaz, **Frank Vargas** and Tony Torquemada went fishing at Antioch over the weekend.

All teachers of the **Alvarado Grammar School** attended the Teacher's Institute in Oakland last week.

The Alvarado Eagles defeated the Hayward Dugouts 7 to 4 Sunday.

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 2, 1936*

### **Sugar:**

Following close on the annual sugar beet harvest, the Alvarado factory of the Holly Sugar Corp. is now the scene of building operations that will complete a three-year million-dollar construction program.

Reports of this seasons sugar beet campaign shows that the factory cut 139,660 tons of sugar beets, making there from 419,000 bags of sugar. The campaign lasted 107 days, as compared to 113 days last year and 153 days the year before. Shortness of the campaign is attributed to a new Holly Sugar factory at Chico and a short crop in some of the central valley supply.

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 4, 1936*

### **Around Town:**

Mr. & **Mrs. Seraphine Daviner**, Seraphine Jr., **Bernice Daviner**, **Mrs. Antone Santos** and daughters, Alvina and Winifred and Hubert Jacinto honored Manuel Lopes at a gathering on his birthday Thursday.

The regular meeting of the PTA was held in the school. The salute to the flag was led by Mrs. Joe Maciel. After meeting refreshments were served by **Miss Bernice Daviner** and Mrs. Joe Alameda.

Mrs. Zelma Correia was presented with a gift from the Echoes of Portugal Drill Team, of which she is the director. Mrs. Correia has given undivided attention to the betterment of the drill team and received much appreciation.

The Pinto Brothers, with the help of Roy Secada, presented a recital in the Decoto Grammar School auditorium Friday evening. Among those who attended were Mr. & Mrs. Frank Roderick, Mr. & Mrs. Joe E. Dutra, Mr. & **Mrs. Antone Santos**, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Perry, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Lewis, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Flores, Alice Menezes, **Mrs. John Menezes**, Billy Machado, Frankie Lopes, Beatrice Machado and Mrs. Seraphine Noia. Junior Lewis, Mervin Mattos, Hilda Pinto and Isabel Pinto participated. The recital consisted chiefly of accordion solos with pupils other than the Pinto Brothers, and several vocal solos by Della Hendricks.

Tony Rogers, Domingo Allegre and Joe Langdon built a levee on the Alvarado Creek ([Alameda Creek](#)) to prevent floodwaters from running over.

Manuel Rose, Joseph Silva and Richard Silva, former employees of the Baumberg Salt works were transferred to the Arden Salt Company this week.

Mr. & Mrs. Antone Vargas and Mr. & Mrs. Antone Lee visited friends in Mt. Hamilton and San Jose Sunday.

Henry Rose of San Francisco visited his sister, **Mrs. Seraphine Daviner**, Saturday.

**Mrs. John Menezes** and Mrs. Mary Davilla went shopping Oakland on Friday.

Mrs. James Critchfield has been confined to her bed for several days due to a severe cold.

The monthly meeting of the Echo of Portugal Club was held at Silva's Hall Friday evening. New members were initiated by Soares de Azevedo, president of the combined clubs.

Mrs. Manuel Gaspar and son Gilbert visited her sister, Mrs. Tony Machado, in Mt. View.

Little Bobby Hendricks has been staying with his grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Hendricks, for a few days.

Marie Jones of San Jose and Jimmie Montalbo visited Mr. & Mrs. Joe Montalbo this week.

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 9, 1936*

### **News Note:**

Friends of Wilbert Hendricks of Alvarado will be glad to hear that he is recuperating nicely from an appendix operation performed during the weekend at the Hayward Hospital and will return home Saturday to recuperate. Mr. Hendricks is an employee of the Leslie Salt Company.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, December 9, 1936*

**Around Town:**

Henry Miller was married to Miss Alice Lemos in Centerville Wednesday. The attendants were Irene Lemos and Tony Dutra who announced their intention to wed.  
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Ambrose of San Leandro visited Mr. & Mrs. Antone Santos on Saturday. Walter Brown Silva of Sugar Mill Road recently remodeled his basement for the use as a hall where monthly meetings of the Echoes of Portugal Club will be held.  
*The Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, December 10, 1936*

**Around Town:**

The patio under the tanks of gasoline of the Reliance Garage was town torn down Tuesday, when a huge truck that had stopped under it started on its way. No one was hurt and a new patio is being constructed now. The garage is operated by George Kubler.

Mrs. Charles Folicie and Norman Foster of Woodland visited their uncle, Joseph Jacinto Wednesday.

Mr. & **Mrs. Antone Santos** recently installed a new gas furnace in their home. Antone Davilla, who has been staying with his sister, Mrs. Rose Nunes of Santa Clara, is visiting with his daughter, **Mrs. Antone Santos** for a few days.  
Mrs. Jesse Perry is in critical condition at her home, Dr. Grimmer is attending her.  
Mrs. James Critchfield and daughter Shirley visited friends in San Mateo Wednesday.  
Mrs. Zelma Correia entertained the officers of the Echoes of Portugal Club at a dinner at her home.

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 12, 1936*

**Around Town:**

At a meeting held at the St. Anne's Church Tuesday evening, a decision was made by the Women's Club to join the National Catholic Women's Club. The officers elected were: Mrs. Frank Roderick, President; Mrs. Henry Flores, Vice-President; and **Mrs. Antone Vargas**, Treasurer. The meeting was presided over by Father Flatley.

Mrs. Mary Silva and Mrs. J. Smith of Milpitas visited their mother, Mrs. Mary Pashote, over the weekend.

Wilbert Hendricks has returned home after undergoing an operation for appendicitis at the Hayward Hospital

Among those who attended a whist party at Decoto Thursday were Mr. & Mrs. Joe E. Dutra, Morris Davilla, Joe Otto, Peter Rivers and Jimmy Perry.

**Mr. & Mrs. Antone Santos** and daughters Alvina and Winifred were Christmas shoppers in San Jose Saturday.

Many Alvaradans attended the whist party at the school Saturday evening, given for the benefit of the Sunday school Christmas tree. The door prize was won by Mrs. Anna Murgla.

Little Mervin Perry of Decoto visited his grandmother, Mrs. Antone Perry, Thursday.

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Tiago and daughter Antoinette, Mrs. & Mrs. Edward DeCosta, Tony Pimentel and Tony Manuel visited **Mr. & Mrs. Antone Santos** Saturday evening.

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Dutra were married at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Newark on Saturday evening. Mrs. Dutra is the former Miss Irene Lemos.

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Otto and Karl Otto visited friends in Oakland Sunday.

Sam Dinsmore Jr., a student of the San Jose Teachers College, is spending the weekend with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Dinsmore Sr.

Angelo Cosso, who has been confined to his bed for several days with the flu, is about again.

Michael Logan ([John Logan Jr.](#)) was returned to his home this week after being in the hospital for several weeks.



He was discovered in the fishpond of his home by his mother Mrs. John Logan, nearly drowned. Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Vargas of Hayward visited Mr. & **Mrs. Antone Vargas** Thursday. Segundo Diaz and Frank Vargas went bass fishing near Pittsburgh over the weekend. They got five seven-pounders last week.

Miss Mildred Nauert recently installed a new furnace in her home.

Mrs. Celia Otto, who was in charge of the cafeteria at the Holly Sugar plant during its run has completed her duties and is now resting up at home.

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 16, 1936*

### **Sugar:**

Anthony Garcia of Hayward was brought to Hayward Hospital today with an injured back as a result of a 30-foot fall at the Holly Sugar mill in Alvarado. Mr. Garcia was at work on the construction now under way at the plant.

*The Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, December 17, 1936*

### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. Seraphine Daviner and daughter shopped in Oakland Wednesday.

Antone Davilla who has been staying with his daughter, Mrs. Santos, for a week returned to Santa Clara Wednesday. Mr. & Mrs. Santos accompanied him and returned after a day's visit in San Jose.

Madelyn Avila, nurse for the Paso Robles school district, is visiting her parents, Mrs. & Mrs. Joe Avila this week.

Mr. & Mrs. Mario Campos of San Francisco visited Mrs. Zelma Correia this week.

Mrs. Walter Ziegler, Mrs. Earl Hellwig, and Mrs. Milton Munger attended the Christmas pageant at Washington High School Wednesday afternoon. Richard Munger, Vivian Logan, Marion Ziegler, and Linda Jane Hellwig were among those from Alvarado that participated in the play.

Miss Alvina Santos has resumed her studies at the Washington Union High School after a week's illness.

Employees of the Leslie Salt Company were presented with a Christmas bonus on Wednesday.

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 19, 1936*

### **Alvarado Eagles:**

Alvarado Aerie of Eagles held its annual Christmas party at the IOOF Hall last night.

Approximately 100 people were present. Joseph E. Lewis, President, was in charge.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 22, 1936*

### **Alvarado Church:**

Father Flatley will hold special Christmas masses at St. Anne's Church on Christmas morning. The children of the parish had their annual Christmas party this past weekend. St. Anne's Confraternity voted at a recent meeting to become affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Women, according to Mayme Roderick, President.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 22, 1936*

### **Around Town:**

Alvarado Grammar School pupils presented "Ye Old Christmas Maiden" at the school auditorium. Many parents and friends attended. Among those participated were Ruth Ziegler, Bobby French, Jimmy Critchfield, Junior Lewis, Adam Lewis, **Walter Gardetto**, Victoria Marshall, **Andy Gardetto**, Sally Cordoba, Clifford Rogers, Norma Bettencourt, LaVerne Medeiros, Janet Goularte, Judy Hill and Stanley Lewis.

Members and their families of the Alvarado Aerie of Eagles were presented with a Christmas party. The party consisted of many performers from Alvarado including: Bobby Rogers, a harmonica solo; Norman Bettencourt, a tap dance; songs by **Wilma Martin**, Winifred Santos, Alexis Lezand, Hilda Pinto and Victoria Marshall; Frankie and Josephine Cordoba, with several Spanish dances; **Walter & Andy Gardetto**, accordion and soloist; **Wilma Martin**, piano solo; and Adeline Silva.

Fred Muller is the proud owner of a 1937 car. Fred is the second baseman for the Seattle Indians and is now employed at Alvin Joseph's service station in Hayward.

J. D. Luiz underwent an operation at the Peralta Hospital Friday. He was reported doing nicely.

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Silva are the proud parents of a baby daughter.

Emily Olivencia, who has been working in Oakland for six months, is home with her mother.

The George brothers are remodeling the interior of their office at the general service station.

Mrs. Anna Roderick visited friends in Hayward Thursday.

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 23, 1936*

### **Alvarado Butt of Joke:**

Speaking of Egypt, you must know of the romance of the desert moon. The idea is you stand there and "The Desert Song," if you like, and watch the moonbeams play on the face of the Sphinx. Great men, including Napoleon, have journeyed far for the experience while the Sphinx, according to tradition, has remained unimpressed.

But what we are leading up to is a little note from a travel company, which would stimulate us to think of Egypt and about buying a ticket, if we had any money. Well that company has defeated its own end.

This travel company says it has rigged up some floodlights and that "under the velvet-blue sky of the Egyptian desert, the Pyramids and the Sphinx will glow with rainbow hues."

Not for us! We've changed our mind about Egypt and are going down to Alvarado to look at the salt piles by good old moonlight.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 24, 1936*

### **Around Town:**

Mrs. George Hellwig will accompany Mrs. Rita May Cooper, Grand Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star, on her official visit to Willows next week. Mrs. Hellwig, Past Grand Matron, has been active in the Eastern Star for many years.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe E. Dutra and Miss Eleanor Roderick and Manuel Azevedo attended a midnight show on New Year's Eve.

Many Alvaradan's attended the New Year's dance at the S.D.E.S. Hall given by the members of the S.D.E.S. Lodge.

Hubert Jacinto and Bernice Daviner were among those at a party in San Lorenzo on New Year's Eve.

Karl Otto spent the weekend with friends in Chico. Karl is an electrician at the Holly Sugar plant.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Zorn and son Vernon of Oakland visited Mr. & Mrs. Antone Vargas Sunday. Mrs. Vargas has been bed ridden with a bad cold.

Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Logan and daughters visited Mr. & Mrs. Millington of Petaluma. The Millington's are the parents of Mrs. Logan.

Mr. & Mrs. Antone Machado of Mountain View visited Mr. & Mrs. M. C. Gaspar on New Year's Eve, and on New Year's Day motored to Benicia to attend a dinner given by Mr. & Mrs. John Lewis.

Mr. & Mrs. Anker Christensen and sons, and Mrs. Lenora Silveira attended an Oakland theater on New Year's Eve.

Johnny Perreira of San Leandro has been spending the past two weeks with his grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Vargas Sr.

The Alvarado PTA will hold its monthly meeting at the school Thursday. Mrs. Aurora Lewis will preside.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 5, 1937*

### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. Antone Santos and Daughters, Alvina and Winifred, and Mrs. Celia Otto and son Joseph attended an Oakland theatre on New Year's Day.

Morris Davilla attended a nightclub in San Francisco on New Years' Eve. Mr. & Mrs. John Menezes and daughters, Alice and Alberta, and Mr. & Mrs. R. Russolo attended a show in Hayward on New Years' Day. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Jacinto and children motored to San Francisco Sunday. John Jess Sr. is the proud new owner of a 1937 automobile.  
*The Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, January 7, 1937*

#### **Alvarado School:**

Miss Celeste Bunker, a teacher at the Niles Grammar School, spoke to the Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grades of the Alvarado School Wednesday. Her subject concerned her cross-country trip from which she has just returned. Miss Bunker is a former teacher at the **Alvarado School**.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, January 11, 1937*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Mary Diaz and Frank Vargas have announced their intention to wed. Miss Diaz is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Martin Diaz, local merchants. Mr. Vargas is the son of Mr. & Mrs. John Vargas, an employee of the factory at Mt. Eden.

Mrs. Aurora Lewis, Mrs. Mabel Rogers, Mrs. Ethel Borges, Mrs. Mary Perry and Miss Mary Hughes were among those chosen to act as a committee for the dinner to be given at the IOOF Hall Monday.

Mrs. Minnie Daviner, Mrs. Delinda Rose, Mrs. George Enos, Mrs. Aldina Goularte, and Mrs. Annie Perry were chosen to act on the nominating committee to choose new officers for 1937 for the Alvarado PTA.

Miss Bernice Daviner has been confined to her home by a severe cold and sore throat. Bert Johnson is confined to his bed by a severe problem, which may lead to an operation. Lester Silva is the proud owner of a new 1937 automobile. Miss Norma Bettencourt has been confined to her home with influenza. Manuel Andrade was taken to an Oakland hospital to await an operation. Pupils of the **Alvarado Grammar School** returned to their classes Monday. The Eight Grade has started preparing to the county examinations in May. Miss Alvina Santos has had a relapse and has returned to the confinement of her home. Miss Bernice Lezand has been out of school this week due to influenza.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, January 11, 1937*

#### **Manuel Andrade Dies:**

Manuel Ferreira Andrade, 69, pioneer resident of Alvarado passed away Wednesday evening at an Oakland hospital. A native of Madeira, he was the husband of the late Julia Andrade and father to Mrs. Olive Lewis of Benicia, Mrs. Edith Gaspar of Alvarado, and Mrs. Mary Machado of Mountain View.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, January 14, 1937*

#### **News Note:**

Mrs. Anne Penke of Mt. Eden and Mrs. William Jung of Alvarado, accompanied by Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Nelson of Hayward, motored to San Francisco Saturday. The attended a performance of the "Great Waltz."  
*The Hayward Daily Review, January 18, 1937*

#### **Around Town:**

Miss Georgina Miller has been spending the past week with her sister, Mrs. Forest Langdon. Mrs. Vera Degermark, a former resident of Alvarado, was critically injured in an accident at Moore's Landing. The Alvarado PTA is planning a Founder's Day program. The committee is head by Mrs. Laura Orelli.

Miss Mary Hughes attended the Phoebe A. Hearst council meeting in Hayward Thursday.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, January 26, 1937*

**Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Vargas, recently married in Oakland, have returned from their honeymoon spent in Southern California. Mrs. Vargas is the former Miss Mary Diaz. Both newlyweds are graduates of **Alvarado Grammar School**.

Miss Winifred Santos and Joseph Jacinto Jr., have been confined to their bed with influenza. The **Alvarado Grammar School** is closed until the large number of flu and cold cases clear up. **Mrs. Genevieve Dutra** was host Postmaster at the monthly meeting of the Alameda County Postmasters Association held Wednesday evening in Castro Valley.

**Mrs. Genevieve Dutra**, Morris Davilla, and Alvina Santos motored to Oakland Saturday.

Joe Luna has been confined to bed in his sister's home in Decoto due to pneumonia.

Donald Flores, University of California student, visited his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Flores over the weekend.

Mr. & Mrs. Domingo Cicairos are the proud parents of a baby girl born Wednesday morning at the Niles Maternity Home.

Antone Vargas has been confined to his bed for the past week under the care of a doctor.

Mrs. Antone Machado of Mountain View has been spending the past few days with her sister, Mrs. Manuel Gaspar.

Joe E. Dutra and Clarence Flores attended a ball game in Oakland Sunday.

A number of Alvaradan's enjoyed the snow at Long Barn over the weekend.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jackson of Oakland visited Mrs. Jackson's mother, Mrs. Mary Rivers of Alvarado.

*The Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, January 28, 1937*

**J.H. Ralph Robbed:**

Deputy Sheriff Ebright of Niles spent several hours here yesterday investigating the burglary of the J.H. Ralph Store. Burglars, breaking in through a window, took \$10 in cash Tuesday night.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 29, 1937*

**Water:**

Residents of three Washington Township towns, Centerville, Newark and Alvarado, are shortly to have an assured supply of domestic water to replace that now pumped to them from wells by the Alameda County Water District. Words to this effect were received from Chris Runckel, secretary of the water district.

Fifty WPA workers are now digging a 10-mile ditch from the Clark Reservoir in Niles Canyon along the Niles-Centerville Road (Peralta Boulevard). The pipeline eventually to be installed will reach Centerville, Newark and Alvarado.

While the three towns will be supplied for a time with the water from the Niles Canyon reservoir, it is hoped that a direct connection with the Hetch-Hetchy water system eventually can be made for the supply of domestic water.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 5, 1937*

**Mary Peixotto:**

Mrs. Mary D. Peixotto, 90, of Creek Road, Alvarado, died Sunday after 70 years in this section. She was the wife of the late Joseph Peixotto and mother of Mrs. F. Silva of Milpitas, Mrs. Enos Pimentel of Decoto, Mrs. M. Lorenzo and William Rose of Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 8, 1937*

**Alvarado Burglary:**

A burglary is under investigation for the robbery of a liquor store operated by Matt Machado. Cigarettes, wine, and money total \$9.25 were stolen.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 13, 1937*

**Driving Nets Alvaradan Jail Time:**

Admitting that he drove an automobile 65 MPH in a race with a deputy sheriff, Steve De Leon, 30, whose license had been revoked, today began a sentence of six months in County Jail.

De Leon, operator of a pool hall in Alvarado, was sentenced after he pleaded guilty to violations, driving while intoxicated and driving on a revoked driver's license.

Deputy Sheriff L.A. Purdy said he chased De Leon for five-miles with the defendant vainly trying to give the officer the "slip." The Alvarado man recently served sixty days for driving while drunk.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 15, 1937*

**News Note:**

Mrs. Mae Santos of Alvarado has been awarded a life membership the Phoebe A. Hearst Council of Parent-Teacher Association.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, February 19, 1937*

**Rebekah's:**

The Alvarado Rebekah's will receive Anita Saunders of Pleasanton, district deputy, on an official visit at a meeting of the lodge to be held in the IOOF Hall here tonight. Mrs. Joe McKeown, of San Leandro, noble grand, will have charge. After the program there will be refreshments.  
*The Oakland Tribune, March 5, 1937*

**News Note:**

Miss Anne Penke was hostess Sunday to a number of relatives and intimate friends at her home in Mt. Eden, to celebrate the recent birthdays of her former schoolmate, Mrs. George A Oakes, and herself. In attendance from Alvarado was Miss Charlotte Young (Jung).  
*The Hayward Daily Review, March 9, 1937*

**New Eagles:**

Three new members were initiated into the Alvarado Aerie of Eagles. They are: Dr. E. G. Dawson, appointed Aerie Physician, Harold D. Faucett of Newark and Joe Monte of Alvarado.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, March 9, 1937*

**Alvarado PTA:**

The PTA of the Alvarado Grammar School will give a card party tomorrow night at the school auditorium. The public is invited. The committee in charge is composed of Helen Amaral, Esther Gardetto, May Martin and May Perry.  
*The Oakland Tribune, March 12, 1937*

**New Tomato Contract:**

Charles H. Langdon of Alvarado and Louis Amaral of Centerville told 275 growers and several canners that attended a meeting in Sacramento that it appears tomato contracts will be signed. A meeting of growers and canners in San Francisco Friday will discuss the new canner's contract.  
*The Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, March 18, 1937*

**Classified Ad:**

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES:

Service station and garage. Business established 18 years. Bargain for cash.

Alvarado Garage, Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 19, 1937*

**Supervisor Richmond Dies:**

County Supervisor Ralph V. Richmond died Thursday night at age 56. Richmond was born in Alvarado in December 1881. His father E. A. Richmond was Justice of the Peace and later Postmaster for Alvarado. His wife Bertha Richmond and a son Ralph A. Richmond survive him.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 20, 1937***

**Flood:**

Alvarado residents and farmers of this community and surrounding territory have been fighting floodwaters for days, which after the weekend rainfall came in volume faintly reminiscent of the Ohio-Mississippi disaster. One break was reported on the Ferry ranch, and special levies were erected to T. P. Harvey's farm to keep back the flood. Large lakes of floodwater are visible all along the highway south of Alvarado.

***The Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, March 25, 1937***

**Alvarado Grammar School:**

The Alvarado School maintains an equipped playground, which is open to children of the community after school hours and on Saturday's with supervised play.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 31, 1937***

**Flood Control:**

Flooding around Alvarado is caused the by silting of the outlet of the Alameda Creek to the Bay. Winter floodwaters do not flow rapidly into to the Bay, but accumulate and spread over hundreds of acres of farmland.

***The Hayward Daily Review, April 1, 1937***

**Pacific Coast League Action:**

The Oakland Oaks lost to the Seattle Indians 8-5 last night. But there's one Indian from whom credit cannot be taken. He is Fred Muller, the Alvarado farm boy who decided to raise cauliflower instead of spinach this year. Fred stated before the game last night that he had raised enough spinach to make him a good hitter for years to come and then decided that he would get into cauliflower raising. Muller was poison to the Oaks last night as he belted two homers, a single and a double. His second home run, in the ninth inning, tied the score at 4-4.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 10, 1937***

**Alvarado School Orchestra:**

A tree was planted at Washington Township Park at the west entrance to Niles Saturday in honor of the late George C. Roeding, Sr., founder of the Niles Nursery and a pioneer of Washington Township. As part of the program the Alvarado School orchestra provided the entertainment.

***The Hayward Daily Review, April 12, 1937***

**Baseball League:**

The Southern Alameda County Baseball League is scheduled to start Monday with the team managers meeting at Don Harder's sport shop (Hayward) to complete the rules and draw up a schedule. Teams planning to compete in the leaguer are: The Hayward Dugouts, Newark, Niles, Decoto, The Alvarado Eagles, The Elmhurst Merchants and possibly the Hayward Eagles.

***The Hayward Daily Review, April 13, 1937***

**Sugar:**

An Employees Cooperative Association has been formed at the Holly Sugar Company plant here with the approval of company officials. The association was formed for the purpose of collective bargaining. All employees signed up for membership in the union.

Members of the governing committee are: F. W. Joyce, Chairman; George Davis, James E. Patterson, Forrest Wooley, Dan L. Patterson, J. M. Logan, Frank Zeller, Manuel Mello, H. N. Boles, Joe Silva; R. L. Burns Treasurer; and David E. Bourne Secretary.

The association will cooperate with similar organizations in other sugar mills at Tracy, Woodland and Manteca.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 13, 1937***

**Manuel Sequeira Dies:**

Funeral services were held this week for Manuel J. Sequeira, 75, of Alvarado. Mr. Sequeira had been a resident of Alvarado for 50 years.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 15, 1937*

### **Holy Ghost:**

The first Pentecostal (or Holy Ghost) festival of the season was held at Alvarado during the weekend. Carnival attractions continue through Tuesday. Miss Irene Mello was crowned as festival queen. Sunday the festival parade marched to St. Anne's Church for mass and coronation ceremonies. Afterward a barbecue was served at the S.D.E.S. pavilion.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 26, 1937*

### **Burglary:**

Burglary of the drug store operated by T. J. Nordvik was reported here during the weekend. A description of the robber was given by Damaso Diaz, resident next door, who saw the burglar escape across the back of his yard. The man entered the store through the office of Dr. W. Cooper, breaking a window there and then breaking a panel in the door leading into the store. Mr. Nordvik was out of town so the sheriff's deputies were unable to determine what was stolen.

*The Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, April 29, 1937*

### **Raids On Illegal Gambling Devices:**

Alameda County deputy sheriffs last night gave a sharp point to the warnings from California State Attorney General Webb regarding the illegality of gambling machines of all types. They confiscated 10 such machines and two punchboards in raids on cafes and resorts in Alvarado, Decoto, Castro Valley, Ashland and Centerville.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 30, 1937*

### **Frank Casas Dies:**

Frank Casas a resident of Alvarado was buried Wednesday. Mr. Casas was 50 years old and a native of Mexico, he had been ill for several months. He leaves a wife and several children.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 7, 1937*

### **Sugar:**

Holly Sugar Corp. today reported earnings for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1937, last consolidated net profit of \$2,881,670 equal after preferred dividends to \$5.42 a common share. The company plans to spend \$2,500,000 on plant improvement and construction this year. This includes roughly \$500,000 for miscellaneous improvements and more than \$2,000,000 rebuilding the plant at Alvarado and for a new factory in Hardin, Montana.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 12, 1937*

### **George Hellwig New Supervisor:**

George Hellwig, Alvarado meat dealer, was appointed County Supervisor by Governor Mirriam to fill the two-year term of the late Supervisor Ralph Richmond. Mr. Hellwig, always a public-spirited man, and a useful citizen, would make a fine supervisor. His appointment by the governor is fully approved by The Hayward Daily Review.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 14, 1937*

### **Alvarado Woman Wins Suit:**

Mrs. Soe Yamagami, Alvarado widow, today won a Superior Court verdict of \$2,500 in damages in her automobile injury suit against a trucking company, which rear-ended a car in which she was an occupant. She had sought \$41,000 in damages.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 18, 1937*

### **Supervisor Hellwig Visits Hayward:**

George Hellwig, of Alvarado, recently appointed county supervisor by Governor Mirriam to succeed the late Ralph V. Richmond in the first district, visited Hayward in company with Supervisor George A. Janssen. The new supervisor plans to spend two days a week in board

sessions at the courthouse and two days in various towns of his district, Murray and Washington Townships.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 19, 1937*

#### **Alvarado Brothel Raided:**

A man and two women were arrested here Tuesday night by deputy sheriffs who raided an alleged house of ill repute. The house was said to be inhabited by Mexican and White girls, their visitors being Filipinos. Arrested were Mrs. Emma Kelly, 24, charged with keeping a house of ill-fame, Peggy Armstrong, 22, accused as an inmate, and Louis F. Thompson, charged with living in the place. Miss Armstrong pleaded guilty and was given thirty days probation, the other two pleaded not guilty and are awaiting trial.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 27, 1937*

#### **Illegal Pin Ball:**

Deputy Sheriff's confiscated an illegal pinball machine from the Alvarado Hotel.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 4, 1937*

#### **Robie Re-Elected:**

Mrs. Frances R. Robie was re-elected to the Alvarado Grammar School Board of Trustees.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 5, 1937*

#### **Alvarado School Graduation:**

Graduates at the Alvarado Grammar School number a lucky thirteen and will receive their diplomas on Monday night at a program to be held at the school. Student speakers will be **Joseph Lewis**, Valedictorian and **Alexis Lezand**, Salutatorian. There will be numbers by the Glee Club and the school orchestra under the leadership of Miss Doris Kinne.

The graduates are: Allen Amaral, Bob French, Bert Johnson, **Joe Lewis**, Raul Merino, Fujiko Akinaga, Marylyn Critchfield, **Alexis Lezand**, Victoria Marshall, Wilma Martin, Hilda Pinto, Winifred Santos and Isabel Silveira. Mr. James Wasley is school Principal.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 6, 1937*

#### **Milk Rejected:**

The Oakland market milk-selling permit of the Sutter & Sutter Dairy at Alvarado was revoked yesterday by R. L. Griffith, chief city milk inspector on the grounds that this milk has a lower butterfat content than is permitted in the Bay cities. It also has too high a temperature, asserts Griffith. By an inter-city agreement, the Oakland revocation is applied to all the bay cities.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 6, 1937*

#### **Supervisor Hellwig:**

Supervisor George Hellwig addressed the Chamber of Commerce at its usual weekly luncheon at the Florence Restaurant and pledged his continued support to Southern Alameda County when needed. He mentioned a bill sponsored by Congressman Albert Carter regarding a federal project to avoid flooding of farmlands in Alvarado and Newark by dredging the channel. Over the past 50 years silt has clogged the Alameda Creek outlet to the bay and is causing ever more floods. At one time boats regularly plied the channel to the center of town and went as far as the Sugar Mill to pick up freight.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 8, 1937*

#### **New Baby in Town:**

Mrs. Claire Lopez of Alvarado became the mother of a new baby girl, June 9<sup>th</sup>.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 12, 1937*

#### **Federated Improvement Club:**

A large delegation of Federated Improvement Club members will be guests Monday evening of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce at a meeting at the Alvarado Hotel.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 12, 1937*



**New Store Wrecked:**

Several months ago a motorist smashed his car into the general store of Jesse Jacinto here, wrecking the store badly, so Jacinto decided to move the store across the street, more out of the line of traffic.

Last night with the new store completed and ready for occupancy and as soon as the stock was transferred, Joseph Rodriguez, 29, of Oakland smashed his car into the new establishment, wrecking the building. Rodriguez said he fell asleep at the wheel.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 14, 1937*

**Grandson of Alvarado Pioneer:**

The death of Jack R. Nauert, son of one Alvarado's oldest families stunned local residents. He was killed while flying in an airplane in Los Angeles where he had attended USC. His grandfather, Charles R. Nauert, was the superintendent of the Alvarado Stove Works ([Geo. Tay & Co.](#)) for many years. His aunt, Miss Mildred Nauert still resides in Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 16, 1937*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

With the decision of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce to join the Federated Improvement Club of Southern Alameda County brings the membership total of the federation up to 23 groups.

*The Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, June 17, 1937*

**A Kind Deed:**

(From *The Oakland Tribune's* Aunt Elsie's Children Page)

One night as I was going to bed I heard a queer sound. I got up and went downstairs. When I got out I saw a poor little dog with a sore on its leg. I took him in the house. Then I put a rag around his leg.

Mother came running in and said, "What were you doing outside?"

I said, "I found a poor, hurt dog." Then she said, "Why did you pick it up?" I told her that every Friday we have to tell something kind that we have done.

Mother said, "You kind-hearted thing. I did not think you had such a kind heart."

I made a soft bed and put the puppy to sleep. That night I was so happy because I had made the puppy happy.

BY: Stella Perez, Alvarado, age 12

*The Oakland Tribune, June 18, 1937*

**Eagles:**

A report of the recent state convention of Eagles at Watsonville will be given at a meeting of the Alvarado Aerie to be held Monday night. Twenty local people were present for the convention and delegates were President A. S. Enos, John E. Silva, T. Amaral and Jose S. Martin. The next state convention will be held in San Diego.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 18, 1937*

**Flood Control:**

County Supervisor, George Hellwig, said Tuesday in Oakland that a tentative study of flood control possibilities has been completed for the Alameda Creek near Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 29, 1937*

**Baseball:**

The strong Leslie Salt ball club of Alvarado has announced that it has disbanded and will not make application for this year's Tribune tournament.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 3, 1937*

**New Teacher:**

Miss Mary Richmond of the University of California and the San Francisco state Teacher's College has been elected to teach music and second grade at the Alvarado Grammar School following the resignation of Miss Doris Kinne. Miss Kinne will teach at Castro Valley next year.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 4, 1937*

**Mr. & Mrs. Skow:**

Mr. & Mrs. Chris Skow of Alvarado spent the holidays in their summer home in the Santa Cruz mountains with friends and relatives, Mr. & Mrs. Joel Christensen of Russell's, Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Skow of San Jose, Mr. & Mrs. Jake Marlin and daughter Lorraine of San Lorenzo, and Miss Lorraine Thomford and Alden Holiday of Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 6, 1937*

**Marriage:**

Miss Mabel Pacheco of Alvarado will become the bride of John Ray of Valle Vista at 7 o'clock Saturday evening in a ceremony at All Saints Church in Hayward.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 10, 1937*

**Community Night:**

The Alameda County Recreation Division will present another "Community Night" party at the Alvarado School at Alvarado at 8:00 p.m. Thursday night. Charles Bertoli, supervisor, announces that an oil company will present historical motion pictures. Roy Spahr, Master of Ceremonies, will conduct community singing, a grand march and relative games, in addition to a specialty stage show.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 17, 1937*

**Birthday Club:**

Members of the Alvarado Birthday Club will meet at the home of Mr. E. M. Tainton on Desmond Street in Oakland on Tuesday in honor of her natal day. Mrs. Tainton will entertain a group at a luncheon and later in the afternoon will be given over to playing bridge.

This group was organized in Alvarado over 25 years ago and have been meeting at various homes of members on their respective birthdays ever since. To become a member one must have lived in Alvarado and been invited to join at that time. During the years many of the members have moved to other places and some have passed away, but the group has held together and continued its pleasant custom.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 23, 1937*

**News Note:**

John Carr of Hayward was injured when he fell from his parked truck in Alvarado. He was brought into the Hayward Hospital by Leonard Roderick of Alvarado for treatment of a possible sprained ankle.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 27, 1937*

**News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Martin and children, Donald and Dorothy, were guests at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Soares of Castro Valley.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 30, 1937*

**Fight At Labor Camp:**

A fight over "who should buy the next bottle," which involved three Mexicans at an Alvarado labor camp ended Sunday night with one in the Hayward Hospital and two in the local Bastille. Victor Lopez, 48, got the bottle all right. Wielded by either Bernardino Sandoval or Seranos Sandoval (no relation) a bottle struck him in the mouth, creating a gash that required several stitches to close. Both Sandoval's are confined to jail.

*The Hayward Daily Review, August 9, 1937*

**Librarian Returns:**

After two week's vacation in Berkeley, Mrs. Anna Forbes, librarian at the Alvarado Branch of the Alameda County Free Public Library, has returned to her duties and the reading room is now open according to schedule.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 13, 1937*

**Community Night:**

A moving picture depicting construction of California highways will be shown tomorrow night by the Alameda County Recreation Division 8-12; sponsored by David E. Martin and supervised by Charles G. Bertoli at Alvarado Grammar School. The affair, part of "Community Night" will start at 8:00 p.m. A news picture stressing the need for playground supervision also will be presented. Ray Spahr will act as Master of Ceremonies, directing community singing, a grand march, relative games, and dancing.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 18, 1937*

**Alvarado School:**

The Alvarado School will be the first school to open this year. The start of school for the fall semester for the Alvarado School is set for this Monday.

The Alvarado School will start a \$3,000 repair and redecoration program this month. This will cost the district about \$200 as the labor is to be furnished by the WPA.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 22, 1937*

**Eden-Washington Township PTA Meeting:**

"Peace through understanding" is the theme of a tentative program outlined for the coming year by the executive board of the Phoebe Hearst council of the PTA's of Eden and Washington Townships. Attending the meeting as executive board members from Alvarado were Mrs. Mae Santos and Miss Mary Hughes.

*The Hayward Daily Review, August 28, 1937*

**Pool Hall Robbery:**

Pedro Augusta, Alvarado salt worker, was charged with petty theft when he allegedly snatched and ran off with a bag containing \$70 left on a counter in an Alvarado Pool Hall.

*The Hayward Daily Review, September 3, 1937*

**Farm Home Meeting:**

Members of the Alvarado Center of the Alameda County Farm Home Department entertained their charter members as guests of honor Wednesday in a reception held at the home of Mrs. Adeline Santos in Centerville. The honored guests were Mrs. Williams of Hayward, and Mrs. Forrest Langdon and Mrs. Virginia Enos of Alvarado.

Luncheon was served on the lawn of the home of Mrs. Santos' sister, Mrs. Ida Rodgers, followed by a progression of cards.

*The Hayward Daily Review, September 3, 1937*

**Marriage:**

Climaxing a romance that began three-years ago at San Jose State College, Miss Harriett E. Jones, 20, of San Leandro will wed John W. Munger, 22, of Alvarado in a ceremony tonight. The young couple will make San Jose their residence.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 3, 1937*

**Chicken Show:**

James C. Wasley of Alvarado won three of the special prizes at the California State Fair in the poultry division. These included two special awards offered by the American Poultry Association and an award for the best female in the Mediterranean Class. He also took five general awards for light brown Leghorns.

*The Hayward Daily Review, September 13, 1937*

**Fatal Slashing:**

Peter Ferraro, a cook in the bunkhouse for the Alvarado Vegetable & Produce Company in Alvarado suddenly went amok, slashing and killing his best friend with a razor and seriously wounded three other men. He was found the next day sauntering down Decoto Road near Bell Ranch Bridge.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 13, 1937*

**Echoes of Portugal:**

Miss Irene Freitas of Castro Valley has returned to her home in Castro Valley after attending a three-day convention of the Echoes of Portugal in Sacramento. She proudly commented on the drill team sent by Alvarado, which took the top position in the state.

*The Hayward Daily Review, September 15, 1937*

**To Go Before Judge:**

L.A. Sturges of Alvarado pleaded guilty to a charge of disturbing the peace and will appear before Judge J.A. Silva at Niles today for sentencing.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 20, 1937*

**Alvarado Y.L.I. Planning Festival:**

Plans for the annual costume carnival of the De Guadelupe Institute of Y. L. I. will be made at a meeting of the institute at the Odd Fellows Hall at Niles on October 7<sup>th</sup>. The carnival will probably be held during the latter part of next month. Mayme Roderick has been named as general chairman and her assistants are Laura Secada, Mary Azevedo and Eleanor Roderick.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 26, 1937*

**Going to the Beach:**

(From *The Oakland Tribune's* Aunt Elsie's Children Page)

Saturday I went to the beach. We played there until 4 o'clock and then we went home. After we were home I went to my neighbor's and I told them all about what I had done. After that my mother called me for supper and after supper I went to bed. While I was in bed I had a terrible dream.

By: Margaret Perez, Alvarado, age 12

*The Oakland Tribune, September 26, 1937*

**George Oakes:**

George H. Oakes, publisher of the *Alvarado Pioneer* newspaper, recently visited Ashland ([Hayward](#)) and renewed acquaintances there.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 12, 1937*

**Mrs. William Jung:**

Mrs. William Jung of Alvarado attended a reunion of old friends at the home of Mrs. Zudreele on Bay Bridge Boulevard. Attendees came from various Bay City areas.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 16, 1937*

**Eagles Picnic:**

Two family picnics and turkey shoots will be held by the Alvarado Aerie of Eagles at Cobble Creek in Niles Canyon on October 31<sup>st</sup> and November 7<sup>th</sup>. Arrangements are being made by M. P. Rose of Niles, Joe S. Martin, Joe Lewis and A. Lawrence of Alvarado, T. J. Nordvik of Newark, A. S. Enos and Charlie Wahaub of Centerville, and T. Amaral of Decoto.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 24, 1937*

**Drama Group:**

Mrs. August May will be the hostess to the Social Drama Club of the Country Club of Washington Township at a luncheon in Oakland Tuesday. The group will attend the drama tea to be given that afternoon at the Ebell Club.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 24, 1937*

**Mrs. Ann Silva Dies:**

Mrs. Ann Silva of Alvarado, mother of Lawrence Silva of Mt. Eden, passed away Monday evening in a Centerville rest home. Mrs. Silva was 65 years of age.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 27, 1937*

**News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Martin and family of Alvarado visited Mr. & Mrs. Tercera of Hayward Sunday.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 4, 1937*

**Mother's Club:**

The Mother's Club of Alvarado will be given a tour of the Alvarado Sugar Mill on November 18<sup>th</sup>. The tour was set up at their last meeting.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 8, 1937*

**Sugar:**

Seventeen members of the Hayward Veteran's Club enjoyed a chicken dinner in the cafeteria of the Holly Sugar mill at Alvarado Tuesday night, followed by a tour of the plant. Ben Koontz was host to the jolly affair.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 17, 1937*

**WPA:**

A Recreation Training Institute, to train recreation workers and publicize the advantage of an organized recreation program, will be held in the auditorium of the Alvarado Grammar School, starting November 30<sup>th</sup>. The institute, part of the training program of the Work Progress Administration (WPA) Recreation Division under the direction of E. Rodney Overton, and will consist of morning sessions from 9 to 12 o'clock on November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, an evening program.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 24, 1937*

**Mrs. Laura Orelli:**

Mrs. Laura Orelli of Alvarado has been elected Worthy Matron of the Orient Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Centerville.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 24, 1937*

**Orman J. Emery Dies:**

Funeral services were conducted on Monday for Orman J. Emery who passed away on Saturday at age of 76 years. His wife, Mrs. Margaret Emery and two children, Mrs. Orma Decker and Mr. Weston Emery, survive him.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 29, 1937*

**Christmas Whist:**

A Christmas Whist Party will be given by the Alvarado IOOF at their hall in Alvarado on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Turkey, many other prizes, public invited. Entertainment. Tickets 40¢.

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 10, 1937*

**Alvarado Youth Killed in Crash:**

John Norman Machado, 17, of Alvarado died from injuries suffered in an accident Sunday afternoon on Marsh Road near Alvarado. Young Machado was a passenger in a car driven by Raymond Dias, 18, also of Alvarado. It is believed that a front tire blew out causing Dias to lose control of the car, which overturned into a ditch. Dias survived the crash.

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 13, 1937*

**Flood:**

Flood conditions of pioneer winters were in evidence here over the weekend when part of this community was inundated by floodwaters escaping though the Sugar Mill dam along Alameda

Creek, near the F. H. Wiegman farm. The flood situation is reported the worst experienced in 15 years.

At 6 o'clock Saturday evening the water broke through and immediately submerged the Wiegman farm, flowing over the Southern Pacific tracks and flooding a half-mile section northward. Water submerged the old Chinatown area and the downtown section to Watkins and Levee Street, rising to a reported four to six feet high.

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 13, 1937*

**Funeral Service for John Machado:**

Friends are invited to attend the funeral of John Norman Machado, 17, of Alvarado, on Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup> from his home on V Street in Alvarado to St. Anne's Church. He was the loving son of Mr. John Machado and Mrs. Edith Machado, loving brother of Mrs. Irma Diaz of Alvarado and Vernon Machado.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 14, 1937*

**License to Marry:**

Victor Castillo, Alvarado, 27  
Phyllis Robeldo, Oakland, 18

*The Oakland Tribune, December 14, 1937*

**Boy Almost Drowns:**

Mrs. Andrew Anderson was the heroine in yesterday's "Alvarado Flood," caused by the bursting of a dyke on the Alameda Creek. She rescued her son, Stanley Robert, from drowning in two feet of water in the yard of her Watkins Street home. The child was playing with a toy boat on the porch when he fell.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 14, 1937*

**Costume Party:**

A costume Christmas party will be given by the Alvarado SPRSI tomorrow night at the Odd Fellows Hall. There will be a program, a tree, and gifts and refreshments. Mabel Rogers is in charge of arrangements.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 22, 1937*

**Chicken Show:**

Principal J.C. Wasley of Alvarado garnered 19 nineteen ribbons on 19 of his fine brown Leghorns sent to the Indianapolis show. Congratulations Mr. Wasley from the Hayward Review.

*The Alameda County Shoppers News, December 28, 1937*

**Parole Hearing for Bank Robber:**

Thomas Foley, who was given a life sentence in 1923 for his part in a bank robbery in Alvarado in which August May, the bank president was seriously wounded, is up for parole in the coming month.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 4, 1938*

**Dairy Auction:**

AUCTION – DAIRY COWS

Quitting Dairy Come Rain or Shine

Free and clean of tuberculosis – Federal and State inspected

We will sell on Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 120 milk cows and two bulls on the Wiegman Ranch next to the Holly Sugar Co., one mile northeast of Alvarado.

Auctioneer, Frank J. Gomes

*The Modesto Bee & News Herald, Modesto California, January 5, 1938*

**Alvarado Pioneer Passes:**

Acquaintances of Mrs. Alvena Crane, well known in Southern Alameda County, will be saddened to learn of her death, which occurred last week at her home. Mrs. Crane was the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Meyer, early Alvarado pioneers. Mr. Meyer operated a general store in Mt. Eden in the 1860's. Mr. Meyer moved to Decoto and then Irvington. Mrs. Crane married the late Carlton Crane who was a passenger agent for the New York Central Railroad.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 15, 1938*

#### **Miss Linda Jane Hellwig:**

Miss Linda Jane Hellwig entertained 20 of the younger high school set at dinner prior to the Future Farmer's dance at Washington High gymnasium.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 18, 1938*

#### **Local Bank Sold:**

Acquisition of the stock interest in The Bank of Alameda County by interests closely associated with Central Bank was announced today by August May, president of the former institution. At the same time Carl F. Wente of Central Bank revealed that his institution was conducting negotiations with a view toward making the three offices of The Bank of Alameda County branches of Central Bank. These offices are located in Alvarado, Niles and Irvington. Central now operates two offices in outlying areas of Oakland besides its head office in downtown Oakland.

The Bank of Alameda County has \$3,000,000 in assets. Bankers have long considered it an exceptionally strong and well-managed bank.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 18, 1938*

#### **Pay Telephone Vandalized:**

Paul Bruhn, proprietor of the Alvarado Hotel reports that a Pacific Telephone pay phone was ripped off the wall and the coin box and money was stolen. The theft occurred sometime Saturday night.

*The Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, January 20, 1938*

#### **Sugar:**

Ben Koontz, executive at the Holly Sugar Mill at Alvarado plans to leave next week to attend a company conference at Colorado Springs. He also plans to visit, while in Colorado, the Colorado State College at Fort Collins, of which he is a graduate.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 22, 1938*

#### **Car Crash:**

Wilbert Martin, 19, of Alvarado was injured slightly when the in which he was riding collided with another auto at Washington Avenue in San Lorenzo.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 26, 1938*

#### **Tomato Pests & Diseases:**

A meeting of the Southern Alameda County Tomato Grower's Assoc. has been scheduled for next Friday at 2:00 p.m. at the M. F. Silva ranch on Fair Ranch Road in Alvarado. Three speakers from the University of California extension program will be on hand to talk about ways to control tomato pests and diseases through seed bed treatments.

*The Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, January 27, 1938*

#### **Telephones:**

The number of telephones in the Alvarado exchange totaled 95 last year, up one telephone from the year before.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 31, 1938*

#### **Flood Control:**

A new attempt of Washington Township farmers and townsmen to control the floods in Alameda Creek, which nearly every winter wash out crops and damage homes from Niles to Alvarado, will

be made at a community meeting scheduled for 8 o'clock next Thursday night at the Alvarado Grammar School.

Although rainwater from Niles Canyon is spread out over Patterson Slough to relieve the main channel, it is said that the main problem is still far from solved. A year ago a part of Alvarado was flooded after heavy rains, part of the sugar mill dyke being broken.

Farmers attending this weeks' meeting were reported to have expressed themselves strongly in favor of organizing a flood control district. Farmers and property owners of Niles, Centerville, Decoto and Alvarado are expected turn out for next Thursday session.

At a meeting under Alvarado Chamber of Commerce auspices this week, plans drawn up by a consulting firm for flood control were considered. Prevailing opinion, though, was the estimated cost of \$1.5 million is excessive.

***The Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, February 3, 1938***

**Flood:**

Nearly five inches of rain have fallen in Alvarado since January 26<sup>th</sup>. Three of the four roads approaching Alvarado from the south were closed.

***The Hayward Daily Review, February 4, 1938***

**Flood:**

When Judy Hill set out for school from her ranch home near Alvarado this morning she found the house completely surrounded by floodwater. So her father, Blake Hill, launched a raft and paddled her to the road. Ten farms near Alvarado were flooded. Several of the families had to escape in boats.

***The Oakland Tribune, February 4, 1938***

**Flood:**

Alameda Creek that runs near Niles and Alvarado has overflowed its banks, inundating 310 acres of cauliflower, peas and spinach, and doing a flood damage estimated at \$25,000. Had the overflow occurred a half-mile further upstream the damage would have been far greater according to the Alvarado Vegetable Growers Association. Citizens down Alvarado way seek ways and means of preventing an annual flood of their lands and every citizen of the Hayward community will sympathize with them and will hope they formulate plans to avert such losses.

***The Hayward Daily Review, February 5, 1938***

**Flood:**

The long continued rains kept alive fears of floods in the Sacramento Valley and revived the rise of floodwaters in Washington Township. Southern Alameda County where Alvarado is virtually surrounded by runoff waters that broke out of the bank of the Alameda Creek.

***The Hayward Daily Review, February 9, 1938***

**Hayward SPRSI:**

Mrs. Nora Vargas won the consolation prize at the Hayward SPRSI Whist party Monday afternoon held at the Green Shutters Hotel in Hayward.

***The Hayward Daily Review, February 9, 1938***

**Flood Control:**

A Washington Township mass meeting to discuss proposals to organize a flood control district has been set for 7:30 p.m. next Wednesday evening at the Alvarado School. This was announced by Charles Baird, President of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce.

***The Hayward Daily Review, February 11, 1938***

**Flood:**

The Alameda Creek went over its banks between Centerville and Alvarado flooding the highway. Hundreds of acres of orchards and farmlands in the area were covered with water. Some 400



acres of farmland at Alvarado were flooded. The Leslie Salt Works at Alvarado was closed because of high water over the approaching road.

Southern Pacific trains from Oakland to San Jose were rerouted through Niles because the tracks in the region of Alvarado were under water.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 12, 1938*

**Flood:**

Floods spoiled a Valentine's Day party for Judy Hill, 7, and her friend, **Ruth Ziegler**, 6, both Alvarado girls. The only way they will be able to reach the scene of the party, at Mrs. Andrew Logan's home in Centerville, is to go by rowboat over a four-mile expanse of water.

Two old time residents at Alvarado, Mrs. Walter Robie and A.D. Moffitt, said the flood there was the worst the town has seen in 22 years. Main streets were covered with three feet of water. Fifty families were marooned along Canal and "V" Streets, and at Union City west of town. The 1916 flood occurred before Calaveras Dam was built.

Floodwaters breaking through the levees of the Leslie Salt Company near Alvarado "diluted" brine in the ponds and washed away nearly 1,000 tons of salt, officials said. Production at the plant has stopped. Floods were increased by a 6 ft. 4 in. tide at noon yesterday.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 13, 1938*

**Alvarado School Play:**

Rehearsals have started for "Tom Sawyer" an operetta to be given by the Alvarado Grammar School for the first of March. The lead parts have been chosen as follows: Tom Sawyer, Jimmie Critchfield; Huckleberry Finn, Stanley Lewis; Aunt Polly, Doris Johnson; Becky Thatcher, **Ruth Ziegler**; Amy Lawrence, Mildred Martin; Injun Joe, Eugene Martinez.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 13, 1938*

**Miss Mildred Jung Dies:**

Many friends here of Miss Mildred Jung, life-long resident and native of Alvarado, mourn her death Tuesday after a long illness. She made her home with her mother, Christina Jung and her sister Miss Charlotte Jung, on Vallejo Street.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 16, 1938*

**Flood Control:**

Washington township residents totaling 400 persons gathered Wednesday evening at the Alvarado Grammar School with government officials in a mass meeting to discuss establishment of a flood control district. Various government officials and engineers gave explanations of what could be done. Cost of the project was estimated at \$1.4 million to be financed by the federal government. The taxpayers would pay maintenance.

As a result of the heavy rains over the weekend only the main road to Alvarado remained open. Residential sections in Union City and the sugar mill section were under water. The main water main in town collapsed and water is being supplied from the school supply. The line cannot be fixed until the floodwaters recede.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 17, 1938*

**Flood Control:**

A committee composed of leading Alvarado businessmen and industrial executives was appointed to work out plans for formation of a flood control district in Eden and Washington Townships, by Charles Baird, President of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce during a third mass meeting held at the Alvarado Schoolhouse Thursday night.

The committee is composed of: Fred Wiegman and F. C. Harvey, leading ranchers; August May, bank president; Henry Patterson, land owner; Adolph A. Oliver, Mt. Eden farmer; J. C. Buchannan, Leslie Salt Co. Superintendent; and Andrew Logan, **Holly Sugar Co.** official.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, February 25, 1938*

**Sugar:**

Ben Koontz of Castro Valley, superintendent of the **Holly Sugar Mill** at Alvarado, has returned from a 10-day conference of corporation officials at Colorado Springs.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, February 25, 1938*

**Miss McKeown Hurt:**

Miss Nancy McKeown of Alvarado suffered a broken left arm when she fell from a ladder while cutting blossoms to decorate for a Country Club of Washington Township program this week.  
*The Oakland Tribune, March 4, 1938*

**Ben Koontz:**

Ben Koontz, superintendent of the Holly Sugar Mill at Alvarado has been elected Vice-President of the Hayward Veteran's Service Club Friday afternoon.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, March 5, 1938*

**Flood Control:**

Lessening the cost of control of floodwaters and conservation of water are two factors in the program to be suggested by Will D. Patterson, president of the Alameda County Water District to the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce at its next meeting. Patterson was appointed as one of a committee of seven to draw up a plan of action.

The plan is designed to conserve sufficient quantity of floodwaters to fill the needs of dry lands in the summer and to maintain a year-round water level to act as a natural salt-water barrier in wells along San Francisco Bay.

Engineers employed by the water district will report in a few weeks on a survey now being made regarding the cost of a reservoir in the Arroyo Del Valle, which would conserve at least a third of the water of the 10 creeks flowing into the Alameda Creek, Patterson states.

The Calaveras Lake formed by the Calaveras Dam was planned to take off the peak of the storms, releasing the water twice a year into the gravel beds near Niles. With the additional storage by the proposed reservoir, only one-third of the storm waters would flow into the Bay, thus eliminating flooding of farm lands and homes and also reducing the cost of channel dredging and disposal of excess water.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 10, 1938*

**Aunt Elsie's Children's Page:**

A Report Submitted by Esther Halloway  
Age: 14, City of residence Not Specified  
OUR TRIP TO ALVARADO

Last Sunday we took a trip to Alvarado to see the floodwaters. It was a very exciting trip. Some men came rowing down the main street in a rowboat. We have friends down there and they lost three cows, one horse and 20 chickens. Their barn was just filled with water. The water was up to their front door and rising. I sure hope it goes down soon.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 13, 1938*

**Flood:**

The weekend rain, which was accompanied by hail in parts of the bay region, filled Alameda Creek to flood stage again and caused some families in the region to leave their homes for the fourth

time this season. A levee break north of Alvarado caused the closure of the Alvarado-Newark Road ([Marsh Road](#)) and made travel on the Alvarado to Niles Road ([Creek Road](#)) perilous.  
*The Oakland Tribune, March 14, 1938*

#### **Flood Relief:**

Pleas of ranchers from the Mt. Eden-Alvarado district for relief from flood conditions resulting from heavy rains had been shifted by the Board of Supervisors to the State Highway Department. A delegation consisting of August May, Fred Harvey, Fred Wiegman and A. Amaral appeared before the board yesterday to protest present conditions. They said that culverts along the Mt. Eden-Alvarado Highway are inadequate and that flood waters from Alameda Creek had spread over large areas on the east side of the highway. Member of the board informed the group that the county had no jurisdiction over the matter, as the road is a state highway.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 18, 1938*

#### **Music Recital at Hayward High:**

A musical recital amused the student body of Hayward Union High School during assembly period Tuesday morning. Bill DeBernardi, student body president, turned the meeting over to Roy Secada, music teacher from Newark, who presented a small boy's orchestra.

The youngsters performed several clever renditions. The musicians included Stanley and Junior Lewis, Vernon Vargas, Andrew and Walter Gardetto, and Ernie Machado of Alvarado. Bud Maciel of Centerville presided as Master of Ceremonies. Miss Veronica Peixoto of Hayward, a student of Mr. Secada's played a piano solo.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 30, 1938*

#### **Grammar School Baseball:**

The Southern Alameda County Grammar School baseball league will play its opening games next week and the season will end on May 27<sup>th</sup>. The schools involved will be: Alvarado, Niles, Newark, Alviso, Mission San Jose, Centerville, Irvington and Decoto.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 3, 1938*

#### **PTA:**

Mrs. Charles Russell will be installed as President of the Alvarado PTA at a school tea on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Laura Orelli will be the installing officer.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 3, 1938*

#### **The Bank of Alameda County:**

On April 11, 1938 the Bank of Alameda County will begin operations as branches of Central Bank, Oakland. The bank, which started out as The Bank of Alvarado in 1902, expanded into Irvington and Niles, under the leadership of August May.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 9, 1938*

#### **Township Open House Week:**

Open house, exhibits and special entertainment at the public schools of Washington Township will mark Public Schools Week, April 25<sup>th</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Alvarado School will present its annual operetta and observe open house with exhibits of schoolwork.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 10, 1938*

#### **Ducks Saved:**

Ducks Unlimited is displaying a mother mallard duck and her 13 ducklings at the Sportsman's Exposition being held at the Oakland Auditorium. The ducks were rescued from the Alvarado marshes by one of the contributing members. The mother had become entangled in the weeds and would have died leaving the large brood to die. The family of ducks will be released into Lake Merritt tonight after the show.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 24, 1938*

**Sunset Farm Home Center:**

Fourteen members of the Sunset Farm Home Center, Hayward, traveled to Alvarado after their regular meeting to tour the beautiful home and gardens and enjoy the gracious hospitality of Mrs. T. P. Harvey.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 28, 1938*

**Track Meet:**

Alvarado Grammar School will participate in the Washington Township Grammar School track meet to be held at Washington Union High School on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 29, 1938*

**Public Whist Party:**

The Alvarado Crusade Lodge, of the IOOF will hold a public whist party at their hall in Alvarado on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 8 o'clock. Many valuable prizes, eats, a door prize, and lots of fun. At the IOOF Hall, Alvarado. Tickets 40¢.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 29, 1938*

**School Trustee:**

Joseph S. Martin has filed for an open seat as trustee for the Alvarado Grammar School District.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 4, 1938*

**Ducks:**

Thirteen men from Napa and Alameda Counties were fined \$25 each on charges of shooting ducks across baited ponds in violation of the Federal Migratory Bird Law. The thirteen men were members of the Meadow Hunt Duck Club near Alvarado. They had been warned that baiting ponds was illegal.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 5, 1938*

**PTA Dance:**

Alvarado officials of the Alvarado PTA are planning to hold a "Hard Times" dance at the school the night of May 20<sup>th</sup>. Maurice's Swing Band, comprising local talent, will play.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 6, 1938*

**Alvarado Thefts:**

Mrs. Antone Freitas reports that 2,000 daffodil bulbs valued at \$200 were stolen from her farm on Creek Road. She believes that they were stolen in small lots over a period of time. In the same neighborhood, H. Granger reported the theft of 100 bean hampers valued at 16¢ apiece.

In other news, Martin Gonzalez, 45, and Roberto Miranda, 42, both of Alvarado were jailed for a variety of thefts, mostly from autos in the Alvarado area.

Recent thefts reported around Alvarado include: Lloyd Russell, of Hayward, who reported a camera missing from his truck; Victor Horat of Centerville, a zipper jacket stolen from his automobile; Hubert Jacinto, of Alvarado, coveralls and gloves stolen; and Providencia Melanez, Mt. Eden, seat covers stolen from her car.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 9, 1938*

**Castlewood Country Club:**

Twenty of the younger high school set of Washington Township were guests of George Bonde Jr. of Niles at a dinner dance at the Castlewood Country Club this past weekend. Assisting the host's mother, Mrs. George Bonde in receiving guests, were Mrs. George Emerson and Mrs. W. L. McWhirter of Centerville, Mrs. Earl Hellwig of Alvarado and Mrs. E. D. Bristow of Niles.

The guest list included the Misses Polly Burgess of Berkeley, Joy Little of San Francisco, Linda Jane Hellwig, Vivian Logan, Marion Ziegler of Alvarado, Mary Virginia Bristow, Margaret Williamson, Betty Donton, Mae and Ilene Witenmyer of Niles, John Ziegler of Alvarado, Tom

McWhirter, George and James Emerson and John Dusterberry of Centerville, Keith and Tom Whipple and Arch Sparrowe of Decoto, and Louis Harvey and George Bonde Jr. of Niles.  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 24, 1938*

**George Hellwig:**

(An Editorial comment by [The Hayward Daily Review on Mr. Hellwig](#))

Supervisor George Hellwig, of Alvarado, has filed with the county clerk to enter the race to succeed himself on the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County. Mr. Hellwig has ably represented the southern end of the county from Alvarado to Livermore, and during the two years of his incumbency he has won many friends. Such a capable official should be retained in office and undoubtedly the voters of southern Alameda County will vote for him.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 7, 1938*

**New Alvarado Teacher:**

Mrs. Muriel Nelson, who has been teaching in the Valle Vista School since January, has been employed to teach Second Grade at the Alvarado School this year. Mrs. Nelson, with her family, will move to Alvarado soon.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 14, 1938*

**Scout Activities:**

The Council of Southern Alameda County Boy Scout Troops has planned a series of summer activities for the Boy Scout Troops. Activities will include visiting campgrounds, recreational areas and several Bay Area businesses. Among them will be an August 19<sup>th</sup> tour of the Holly Sugar Mill in Alvarado to be conducted by Ben Koontz, superintendent of the mill.

*The Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, June 14, 1938*

**Sugar:**

Southern Alameda County Boy Scouts will tour the sugar factory at Alvarado August 19<sup>th</sup>, in a tour arranged by Ben Koontz, superintendent of the mill and a Boy Scout committeeman.

*The Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, June 15, 1938*

**George P. Lowrie Dies:**

George P. Lowrie, prominent Alvarado rancher passed away on Tuesday in San Jose after a brief illness. An Alvarado pioneer, Mr. Lowrie was 72 years of age and was a native of Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 18, 1938*

**Alvarado School Improved:**

An \$8,000 improvement program at the Alvarado Grammar School will be underway during school vacation, according to school Principal J. C. Wasley. The entire interior and exterior of the main building will be refinished and outbuildings will be repainted. Soundproof materials to improve the acoustics of the auditorium are being placed and considerable improvement is to be made to the playground and gardens.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 19, 1938*

**News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Joel Christensen, Mr. & Mrs. Chris Skow, Betty and Gloria Glover of Alvarado were attended the party of George Henningsen of Oakland in honor of "Father's Day," with Mrs. Henningsen's father Joel Christensen.

*The Hayward daily Review, June 23, 1938*

**S.P.R.S.I:**

The SPRSI of Alvarado installed new officers Thursday evening. Those installed were Mrs. Carol B. Kelly, Mrs. Marion Moniz, Mrs. Christine Bettencourt, Mrs. Anna Cardoza, Mrs. Carrie Fernandez, Mrs. Mary Rose and Mrs. Mary Bernard.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 25, 1938*

**Pedestrian Critically Injured:**

Alfonso Gutierrez, an Alvarado section hand of the Southern Pacific Railroad, was in the Hayward jail for drunken driving involving an injury. Paul Rodgers, 51, of Alvarado, a pedestrian was struck and critically injured by Mr. Gutierrez after the automobile he was driving struck two parked cars, then struck Mr. Rodgers, and then struck an auto driven by Joe E. Alves of Alvarado.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, June 27, 1938*

#### **Baseball:**

Alvarado's 'Silver Dollars' softball team ended up in third place in Hayward Softball League with a record of 5 wins and two losses. The second half of the season will start on Wednesday.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, June 29, 1938*

#### **Auto Crash:**

Ignacio Perez of Alvarado suffered a fractured leg when his automobile went out of control and struck a fence the intersection of the Niles-Decoto Highway. He was found unconscious by passing motorists and taken to Dr. Grau in Niles for treatment.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 2, 1938*

#### **Rebekah's:**

Lucetta Duffey, district deputy president of District No. 53, paid an official visit to the Alvarado Lodge of Rebekah's during a recent meeting.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 12, 1938*

#### **Stealing Around Town:**

Tom Silva, Deputy Sheriff and Washington Township Constable, is on the track of a burglar with a sweet tooth who sometime Wednesday stole 64 pints of preserves (jams, jellies and pickles) from the home of Mrs. Chris Skow on Vallejo Street. The preserves were removed from a cupboard on the back porch of her home.

Sam Dinsmore of Smith Street reported the loss of a 50-foot garden hose.

Ted Harvey, Smith and Vallejo Streets, reported that an acquisitive person stole the spare tire from his automobile.

*The Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, July 14, 1938*

#### **Thirst, Not Sweet Tooth:**

It proved to be a thirst for alcohol, and not a sweet tooth that drove Juan Torres to steal 64 pints of jams, jellies, and pickles from the back of Mrs. Chris Skow's porch recently. Mr. Torres was trying to trade the jars; along with a spare tire he had stolen from Ted Harvey's automobile, for liquor at various Alvarado stores. He was taken into custody by the Sheriff Tom Silva.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 15, 1938*

#### **Jail Sentence:**

A sentence of 15 days in the County Jail was imposed on F. Morlet, charging him with malicious mischief at the Pete Castro labor camp in Alvarado.

*The Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, July 21, 1938*

#### **S. P. R. S. I.:**

Mrs. Anna Amaral and Mrs. Edith Mello, delegates, will report to the Alvarado Lodge the doings of the annual SPRSI convention, held last week at Oakland.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 22, 1938*

#### **Baseball:**

A tight final contest in the second half of the Hayward Softball League Monday night resulted in a victory for the Newark Wedgewoods who turned back the Alvarado Silver Dollars 8-6 in an eleven-inning game. The Wedgewoods are second half champions and will play the Hayward Icemen for the championship.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June July 26, 1938*

#### **Marriage:**

About 200 merrymakers gathered at an Alvarado hall to tender their congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Edward Fernandes, who were wed July 21<sup>st</sup> in St. Anne's Church in Alvarado. Mrs. Fernandes, nee Lillian May Silva, is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Silva of Alvarado. Mr. Fernandes is the son of Mrs. Carrie Fernandes of Hayward.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June August 2, 1938*

#### **Whist Party:**

St. Anne's Church of Alvarado has planned a whist party in connection with St. Anne's festival. The card party will be given at the S.D.E.S. Hall on Saturday night, August 21<sup>st</sup>, preceding services at the church on Sunday. A. K. Perry, M. P. Goularte and J. Lewis are making arrangements.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 7, 1938*

#### **Mr. Henry May Dies:**

Long time Decoto resident and area pioneer, Henry May, died Friday morning at age 67. A long time Decoto resident and wealthy farmer, Henry was born in Alvarado. Mrs. Clara Hawley May, his wife survives him as well as three children. His brother is August May, banker, of Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, August 19, 1938*

#### **Alvarado Barbeque:**

Miss Vivian Logan is entertaining a group of high school friends at a barbeque and dance tomorrow night. The barbeque will be served at the Alvin Searles home and dancing will follow at the home of Miss Logan's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Andy Logan.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 26, 1938*

#### **Birthday Club:**

Members of the Alvarado Birthday Club will be entertained next Monday at the home of Mrs. John Scribner in Livermore.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 26, 1938*

#### **\$10 Vanishes:**

Even when nearing the close of a long and useful life, Mrs. Seraphina Salas, 82, resident of Hendricks Lane, Alvarado, couldn't resist the lures of a Gypsy fortune-telling woman who came to her house the other day. Mrs. Salas told Deputy Sheriff Tom Silva that, at the Gypsy's request, she wrapped a \$10 bill in a handkerchief as a means of having her fortune told. When the Gypsy had gone, Mrs. Salas discovered that the \$10 bill had gone too, and she had only a scrap of paper in the handkerchief. She said the Gypsy, about 24-years old, was accompanied by a man in an auto. The Gypsy appeared to be "Hungarian" said Mrs. Salas.

*The Hayward Daily Review, September 3, 1938*

#### **Alvarado Man Killed in Crash:**

Romolo Hernandez of Alvarado was killed when the in which he was a passenger missed a curve near the Holly Sugar and rolled into the ditch.

*The Hayward Daily Review, September 12, 1938*

#### **All Saint's Church Benefit:**

Alvarado attendees of the recent whist party benefit held in Hayward for the benefit of All Saints Church, included Edith Mello, Miss Nan Picetti, Miss Bernie Daviner, Mrs. M. J. Rose and Mrs. G. Amaral.

*The Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, September 15, 1938*

#### **Holly Sugar Mill Accident:**

Funeral services were conducted Thursday for the late Grover Cleveland Wagner, Chief Electrician at the Holly Sugar mill, who was electrocuted while at work Sunday night. Mr. Wagner, 53, was from Hayward.

*The Hayward Daily Review, September 17, 1938*

**Best Bird:**

J. C. Wasley, Principal of Alvarado Grammar School, took nine light brown leghorn and Cochin bantams to the California State Fair at Sacramento and brought home nine blue ribbons. "Miss California," his prize pullet, was declared the grand champion bird for the entire show.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, September 17, 1938*

**Alvaradan Hurt in Crash:**

Jose Urrutia received injuries requiring treatment at Fairmont Hospital after his car ran into the back of a milk truck. Mr. Urrutia had been attending a celebration for Mexican Independence Day.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, September 19, 1938*

**Classified Ad:**

HELP WANTED:  
Girl to learn fountain work and help around store.  
Half-Way House, Alvarado  
*The Hayward Daily Review, September 20, 1938*

**Marriage:**

Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Edward Martenstein of Nilas, have announced the marriage of their daughter, Estelle Mae, to Theodore Buchannan Logan of Alvarado. The wedding will be solemnized at St. James Episcopal Church in Centerville on Saturday evening, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.  
*The Oakland Tribune, September 25, 1938*

**New Arrival:**

To Mr. & Mrs. Anthony (Antone) Francis Rogers, a son, Warren Anthony born in September.  
*The Alameda Southern County News, October 6, 1938*

**New Arrival:**

The wife of Joe Rodriguez, Alvarado, September 24<sup>th</sup>, a son, Joe Jr.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 10, 1938*

**Dope on Ducks:**

A brief report on duck activity from the local game warden. Ducks have moved into the Alvarado marshes by the hundreds in the last week. With the number of ducks already here the natural feed won't last 10 days.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 14, 1938*

**Miss Jung:**

Miss Charlotte Jung, schoolteacher at Alvarado Grammar School, has returned to work after an absence of seven weeks.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 20, 1938*

**Willa Mae Hellwig Feted:**

Willa Jane Hellwig of Alvarado, Past Grand Matron of the California Eastern Star, was singled out for honors yesterday when the 1938 Matrons and Patrons, of which she is a sponsor, feted her at a luncheon at the Lake Merritt Hotel.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 21, 1938*

**New Water Reservoir:**

Work is now underway on the construction of a 100,000 gallon reservoir near the Witherly Ranch in the hills above Mission San Jose for the Alameda County Water District, which services Washington Township. WPA labor is performing the \$75,000 project, which greatly expands the program of the district and will result in the provision of water to Nilas, Mission San Jose, Irvington, Newark, Centerville and Alvarado. The mains will furnish water to private consumers for private use as well as for fire protection and irrigation.  
*The Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, October 27, 1938*



**RR Death:**

Dr. Gaylor Cooke, a Berkley health official, was convicted of negligent homicide for the death of Mrs. Loretta Gilbert at an Alvarado railroad crossing last week. The engineer of the southern Pacific train testified that Mrs. Gilbert was stopped at the crossing signal when Dr. Gilbert's car approached at a high rate of speed, slamming into the back of Mrs. Gilbert's car pushing her into the path of the oncoming train.

*The Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, October 27, 1938*

**News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Chris Skow of Alvarado entertained a group of Hayward relatives at a delightful turkey dinner party Sunday.

[Last weekend F.G. Amaral, who lives near the Sugar Mill, and Frank Araki of Mt. Eden, went fishing on San Pablo Bay.](#)

*The Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, November 3, 1938*

**Children's Party:**

Mrs. August May will entertain members of the Toyon Branch of the Children's Hospital of the Eastbay at her home in Alvarado next Monday afternoon. This will be the celebration of the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the branch.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 4, 1938*

**New Arrival:**

To the wife of Alfonso Aguilar, Alvarado, October 26<sup>th</sup>, a son, Gerald Allen.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 9, 1938*

**PTA:**

The meeting of the PTA for the Alvarado Grammar School will be held at the school tomorrow afternoon. Mrs. Mae Santos President will have charge. All friends of the school are invited to attend.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 9, 1938*

**Eagles:**

Fourteen candidates were initiated at a recent meeting of the Alvarado Aerie of Eagles. 85 persons were present with Vernon Rose, President, in charge. New Members are: Louis A. Silva, Leonard Silvey and Henry Andrade of Alvarado; E. D. Correa, Leonard Gonsalves, Seraphine Caldeira and Joseph S. Pierce of Centerville; Edwin C. Ferrera and Ernest Albert of Irvington; Tony J. DeValle, Franklin Rito, Joe S. Caldeira and Louis Caldeira of Newark; and Joseph P. Oliver of Warm Springs.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 13, 1938*

**Card Party:**

The Ladies Aid Society of Alvarado will give a card party at the Odd Fellows Hall on Friday night, beginning at 8:00 o'clock. The public is invited, according to Miss Mary Hughes, Chairman.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 16, 1938*

**Annual Turkey Whist:**

The Tennyson Townsend Club joined with the Alvarado Club for their annual turkey whist held in Alvarado on Saturday night.

*The Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, November 17, 1938*

**New Arrival:**

To the wife of John Bueno, Alvarado, November 5<sup>th</sup>, a daughter, Isabel.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 18, 1938*

**Marriage:**

Mrs. Rosie Rose of Centerville and Henry Silva of Alvarado were married at the Holy Ghost Church in Centerville recently. The couple, both of which have married before, will reside in Alvarado. Silva is a retired farmer.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 20, 1938*

**Associated Farmers:**

The Associated Farmers of Alameda County met in Dublin and elected new officers. They are: Frank Cardoza of Niles, L. E. Bailey and Manuel Alameda of Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 26, 1938*

**Christmas Program:**

Approximately 30 children will take part in the program to be given by St. Anne's Church on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Costumes are being made by Mrs. Clara Jacinto. The annual Christmas party will be held in connection with the program.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 27, 1938*

**Mr. & Mrs. August May:**

Mr. & Mrs. Richard C. Kennedy, and two children, Clara May and Richard Jr., of Hayward were among the 20 guests at a family reunion on Thanksgiving Day at the home of Mrs. Kennedy's aunt and uncle, Mr. & Mrs. August May of Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 28, 1938*

**J. C. Wasley:**

Mr. J. C. Wasley of Alvarado took top honors with his Brown Leghorns at the Los Angeles Poultry Show last week. In open classes he had the best bird, and variety in the entire show, with his pullet. Mr. Wasley won eight silver cups and numerous first, second and third place ribbons.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 29, 1938*

**Alvarado School Operetta:**

The annual operetta of the Alvarado Grammar School will be given at the school on Thursday night, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 8 o'clock. "Sit Down Strike in Santaville" will be presented by 100 students. The public is invited and there is no charge, says Principal J. C. Wasley. Joe Brune will take the part of Santa Claus and Anita Carraban that of Mrs. Santa Claus.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 4, 1938*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. Winegar of Oakland is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ed Richmond through the winter months. Bunny Joyce is attending the Christian Endeavor at the Presbyterian Church in Centerville on Sunday evenings.

Mr. Ferrari is coaching the basketball team and will also coach the baseball team of the Alvarado Grammar School later in the season. They expect to play basketball games with Alviso and other Washington Township schools during the Christmas season.

Louis Silva of Alvarado has charge of the Alvarado Eagles Baseball Team who are playing in the Southern Alameda County League. This is not a softball game but the good old-fashioned hard ball is used. The line-up is as follows:

Louis Silva	Catcher
"Duke"	Pitcher
Johnny Silva	First Base
Hubert Jacinto	Second Base
Dale Laybourne	Short Stop
Kelly	Third Base
Joseph Amaral	Left Field and Pitcher
J. Gonsalves	Center Field
Harold Faria	Right Field

All of the players belong to the Alvarado Eagles Lodge with Louis Silva doing a fine job of managing. Joseph Jacinto is one of their beat boosters and for many years he manage the hometown team.

Mr. John Varni, who has built three new homes near Fred Wiegman's in Alvarado, has started to build two more new homes here. They will be built near the Riverside Hotel, we understand.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 16, 1938*

#### **Commercial Ad:**

Lick winter grief with the **Goodrich** "Big Three" tire.

Buy here and save:

S.C. Smith Alvarado

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 16, 1938*

#### **Water District Land For Sale:**

Sealed bids are invited for the purchase of approximately 100 acres of land, including a duck pond site, situated at Alvarado, on the former site of the East Bay Water Company. For information as to the acreage to be sold, inquire W.D. Patterson, Newark, or E.A. Richmond, Alvarado. Chris Runckel, Secretary, Board of Directors.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 16, 1938*

#### **Rebekah's:**

The Alvarado Rebekah's recently elected new officers. They will be installed early in January. The elected officials are: Katherine Anderson, Wilma Miller, Elsa Mikkelson, Anna Baird and Laura Orelli.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 18, 1938*

#### **Such a Scare:**

(From *The Oakland Tribune's* Aunt Elsie's Children Page)

Halloween was over. No noises were heard for it was night, the night after Halloween. A light came into Mary Jones' window. Mary was the pride of her neighborhood. She was the only girl in that family and also the only child. She was 12 years old, was quite tall and had very beautiful blue eyes, and she was a dark haired girl.

"Mary, get up dear," her mother called.

"Yes mother," and soon she was dressed and was downstairs. She ate and was off to school. Now this girl was in last year at school. When she got to school Mrs. Smith the teacher asked her to into the office and see something in there.

After climbing many stairs when got to the office, opened the door, and there in front of her stood a ghost. Mary ran downstairs as fast as she could and there stood her teaching laughing. Mary said, much surprised, "I thought Halloween was over. That was such a scare."

By: Mildred Martin, Alvarado, age 12.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 18, 1938*

#### **Sugar:**

Following the completion of the processing of local harvesting of sugar beets last Thursday, the Alvarado factory of the Holly Sugar Co. has started a winter run expected to result in the processing of approximately 175,000 tons of beets, now coming from the island in the vicinity of Stockton.

*The Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, December 22, 1938*

#### **Salt:**

Some 250,000 tons of raw salt were harvested from the ponds of Alvarado and Newark says a Leslie Salt Company spokesman. The season is almost over, averaging about what was done last year. 200 men are employed year around at the ponds.

*The Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, December 29, 1938*

#### **Cauliflower:**

Alvarado Vegetable Growers & Shippers, at their headquarters at the Hall Station warehouse on the Alvarado-Centerville Highway, are shipping three carloads of cauliflower a day to the east, the Northwest and Canada. Manager David Caeton sees to it that it is iced to keep it fresh on the long trip across the continent. Some \$36,000 of ice is bought each year for icing Alvarado vegetables to be shipped via railroad.

All growers have employees cutting cauliflower on their land for steady shipment and this vegetable continues yielding until April 15<sup>th</sup>. Starting April 16<sup>th</sup> green peas and fava beans are shipped from Alvarado. They ship \$2,000,000 worth of vegetables every year.

*The Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, December 29, 1938*

#### **Clothes Stolen:**

Theft of men's clothing and bedclothes, valued at \$175 from the home of Matt Machado in Alvarado was reported to the sheriff's office. The family was away and had left the doors unlocked.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 29, 1938*

#### **Bogus \$20:**

Candelano Perez, a section hand for the Southern Pacific Railroad in Alvarado, was having a problem spending a \$20 bill in his possession. He showed it to Deputy Sheriff George Wisner who recognized it as a \$2 bill cleverly raised to appear as a \$20 bill. Mr. Perez says he got the bill as part of the money he received when he cashed his paycheck in a Mexican store in Sacramento.

*The Southern Alameda County Shoppers News, December 29, 1938*

#### **News Note:**

Fred Joyce of Alvarado has been elected Treasurer of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian Church in Washington Township.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 1, 1939*

#### **Future Farmers of America:**

Proving that agricultural and stock-raising being carried on by members of the Washington Chapter of the Future Farmers of America at Washington Union High School are profitable as well as educational, recent sales of pure-bred stock amounting to \$165 are reported by Paul Dougherty of the local high school and president of the California Agricultural Teachers Association.

During the past two-week John Soares of Alvarado, and George Nemoto of Newark have sold \$165 worth of pure-bred Poland China and Duroc hogs to out of township breeders. Three of the sows were bought by the boys at \$9 each and sold for \$35 after they supplied litters of pigs now worth \$200.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 8, 1939*

#### **PTA Meeting:**

The Phoebe Hearst Council of the PTA will hold an informational meeting titled "Child Delinquency" to be chaired by Mrs. Anthony Taylor of Castro Valley. The guest speaker on the subject will be Mrs. Ruth Malbebat. Alvarado School children will provide the entertainment.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 13, 1939*

#### **Mrs. Langdon Dies:**

Death came early Saturday for Mrs. Forrest Power Langdon, wife of Joel H. Langdon, prominent rancher on Creek Road in Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 14, 1939*

**New Neighbors:**

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Folger of Castro Valley have moved into Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 20, 1939*

**Frank Lopez Dies:**

Frank Lopez, dearly beloved husband of Josephine Lopez, died in Hayward January 20<sup>th</sup>. He was the loving father of Claire and Frank Lopez of Alvarado. Mr. Lopez was a retired farmer from Modesto.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 20, 1939*

**Intention to Wed:**

William Matthew Machado, 21, Smith Street, Alvarado

Elsie Claire Dutra, 22, Hillside Avenue, Niles

*The Oakland Tribune, January 22, 1939*

**Community Night:**

On Wednesday evening, January 25<sup>th</sup>, Alvarado will hold another of their community nights at the Alvarado Grammar School. It will start promptly at 8 o'clock and there will be dancing, entertainment, singing and fun for all. There will be a "Jitter-bug" contest open for all. (Jitterbugs please give your name to the Recreation Department at the school.) Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

A specialty of the evening will be a roller-skate tap dance by Miss Grace LaRue and vocal numbers by Miss Bernice Marshall and Jeanette Goularte doing a song and dance. Music will be furnished by Roy Secada and his Juniors.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 20, 1939*

**Sunrise Bakery:**

Patronize the Sunrise Bakery at Centerville, the home of good bread and fine pastry. It is owned by Larry Rose and his brother, Edward Rose, the driver, who delivers to the interior stores, is a great ball-hawk in the outfield for the Alvarado Eagles.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 20, 1939*

**Around Town:**

It really is a fine thing for Alvarado to see the fine quality of dry goods that Ralph's Store keeps. Stop in and look over the supply of blankets that this pioneer merchant has on hand. Plan to buy one new blanket each winter and see what a feeling of prosperity it gives you.

Mencho Paredes and Ernest Machado play very good basketball in the heavyweight team at the Alvarado Grammar School and are real stars.

It is interesting to note the ease with which Alvina Santos has mastered the art of driving her parent's V-8, which they purchased in Hayward. Mr. & Mrs. A. Santos owns the Silver Dollar. Miss Eleanor Roderick is building a new home alongside her mother's near the Alviso School.

Frank Vargas is proud of the Shell products at the gas station next to the Silver Dollar Café in Alvarado. Frank is a hometown boy who has given splendid service and he invites his friends to try his grease job. He used to be one of the mainstays in the Alvarado baseball team and used to chase flees in the outfield for Joseph Jacinto.

Manuel Lawrence, employee of Leslie Salt Company, likes to think of the time when he was fireman on the steamer, which used to haul salt from Leslie's to San Francisco. The boat was taken off the route in 1930. Mr. Lawrence lives in Hayward now, but was practically reared in Alvarado.

"Best Foods" celebrated "Men-U-Planners" are recipes, which help the housewife to plan foods for dinner. Joseph Jacinto of Alvarado gives them out at his store.

Joe Priego of the Alvarado Meat Market, sell groceries, fruit and vegetables, and the best in meats. His motto: "Clean business methods, quality merchandise and service that satisfies."

Paul Bruhn, proprietor of the Alvarado Hotel, has a large selection of choice wines, beer and liquor.

A.A. Lee's Store, A.A. Lee proprietor. Your neighborhood store, located at the corner of Smith and Watkins streets, in downtown Alvarado. Buy in Alvarado.

Stop at Mike's Gas Station in Alvarado. Try his quick starting winter gas. Spark plugs are cleaned free with lube and oil changes. "Upperlube" is now being sold at Mike's Gas Station at Alvarado. It is mixed with the gas to lubricate the valves in the motor and is a General Gasoline product,

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 20, 1939*

### **Cloverdale Creamery:**

The new structure of the Cloverdale Creamery has fine equipment for making milk shakes. Joseph Bauhoffer and sons also have one of the finest plants this editor has ever seen. The creamery makes daily deliveries to homes throughout Alvarado and Washington Township.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 20, 1939*

### **Baseball:**

The Alvarado Eagles have the best record of any team in the Southern League. They defeated Quality Press 5-1 to win their eleventh straight game.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 24, 1939*

### **PTA:**

Mrs. Lloyd Russell was named president of the PTA at the Alvarado Grammar School recently. Assisting officers are Mrs. Helen Alameda, V.P.; Mrs. Susie Davis, Secretary; Mrs. George Harvey, Treasurer; and Mrs. E. Gardetto, Financial Secretary. The next meeting will be held February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 29, 1939*

### **S. P. R. S. I.:**

Arrangements are being made for an initiation and the official visit of the grand president by the Alvarado Lodge of the SPRSI to take place on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Odd Fellows Hall. Mrs. Edith Mello, president of the local council, has charge of the arrangements.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 29, 1939*

### **WPA Work:**

WPA workers from Hayward will be in town painting the Water Works.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 2, 1939*

### **Castro Valley Man Robbed:**

Sixto Juarez, of Castro Valley, told Hayward Police he was robbed of \$50 in the front yard of his home when two men followed him home after he had visited a poolroom in Alvarado. One of them struck him on the head with a blunt object and then both rifled his pockets taking his money and wallet.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 2, 1939*

### **English Classes:**

Many adults of Alvarado are seeking more knowledge in English, etc., and desire Americanization classes in the evening at the Alvarado Grammar School. Principal Wasley is agreeable on the subject and has given every assistance to tell how to secure this help. He says that at least 20 must sign up requesting this class work for evening here at the school. Mrs. Cosso has a list of names of those signing up, and there is room for many more signatures

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 3, 1939*

### **Alvarado School Athletics:**

Thursday of this week the lightweight team of Alvarado School lost to Mission San Jose 7 to 4, and the heavy weight team also lost, 9 to 3. Here is how the Alvarado teams lined up against Mission San Jose:

Alvarado Heavyweights:

Mencho Paredes	Center
Ernie Machado	Forward
Alfred Viana	Forward
Marcellino Ledesma	Guard
Vernon Amaral	Guard

Alvarado Lightweights:

William Martinez	Center
Joseph Jacinto, Jr.	Forward
Walter Gardetto	Forward
Elliot Jardine	Forward
Frank Lewis	Guard

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 3, 1939*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. Henrietta Vargas of San Leandro is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. A.E. Vargas, for a month.

William Machado, son of Mat Machado who lives across from the Alvarado Grammar School, is going to wed a charming Niles young lady soon.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Pfau (nee Edith Amaral) at the East Oakland Hospital Sunday. Mr. Pfau works at the salt works.

Alvin Silvey of Alvarado was wed to Miss Cunha of Irvington Wednesday at the Mission San Jose Church.

Little Jeanette Montalbo is home sick with the flu and is being missed very much by her playmates who hope for her speedy recovery.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 3, 1939*

**Beet Field Wages Announced:**

Sugar Act Wage provisions for the 1939 sugar beet crop were announced today for Southern Alameda County sugar beet producers.

Northern California wage rates announced for 1939 are as follows: Blocking and thinning, \$7.50 per acre or 40 cents per hour; first hoeing, \$2.00 per acre or 35 cents per hour; second and subsequent hoeings, \$1.50 per acre or 35 cents per hour.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 3, 1939*

**Flood:**

High winds, rain and even snowfall in the Berkeley hills hit the bay area. The cold snap will do harm to some crops, but no damage is expected from the cold in Washington Township. California agriculturists of southern Alameda County minimized the possibility of flooding from this storm or any other storm in the near future. The Alameda Creek is at its highest point this year, but it is below flood stage.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 8, 1939*

**Around Town:**

William Machado and his bride of Niles returned from their honeymoon to Los Angeles Friday and will be tendered a reception Saturday night. They will reside in Mr. Machado's father's home.

Charles Langdon moved from Hayward to live with his brother Joseph Langdon on the Creek road. Mrs. Edith Mello has been ill lately and her friends hope for a speedy recovery.

The Claire Bettencourt benefit raised about \$500 for the rebuilding of the former Claire Bettencourt grocery store and gas station at Machado's Corners.

Mr. & Mrs. A.E. Vargas of Alvarado gave a dinner for his son, Edward Vargas and wife of Hayward, in honor of their 4<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

The local Parent-Teachers Association finished their series of afternoon card parties. Mrs. Mamie Santos had the highest score for the series of games.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 10, 1939*

**News Note:**

Mrs. Walter Ziegler has been chosen to fill the seat of the late Mrs. Joel Langdon on the Country Club of Washington Township Board of Directors.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 12, 1939*

**Zeta Tau Alpha:**

Marion Ziegler of Alvarado will be honored as one of the new pledges of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority. The six new pledges will be feted at a Hawaiian style dance in the Chapter House.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 16, 1939*

**Baseball:**

The Alvarado Eagles sailed through the Southern League without a loss. They wound up the regular schedule defeating Golden State Bakery 11-5. Freddie Muller of Coast League fame umpired the game.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 21, 1939*

**Juvenile Dance:**

The Juvenile Stars, managed by Lawrence Sharpe of Niles, will give an entertainment and dance at the I.D.E.S. Hall in Alvarado on March 17<sup>th</sup>. The public is invited.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 26, 1939*

**Founders Day:**

The Alvarado PTA will observe founders' Day next Tuesday with a program and cards at the school. The program, which has been arranged by Miss Isabel Ferry, will consist of music by the school children and the lighting ceremony to be directed by the PTA President Mrs. Lloyd Russell. Cards will follow and refreshments will be served. Students who will take part in the entertainment program are: Ruth Ziegler and Sally Logan, Piano Solos; Mildred Martin and Clifford Rogers, vocal numbers accompanied by Norma Bettencourt; and Sachie Kamijo, acrobatic dancer.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 26, 1939*

**Vegetable Produce:**

Alvarado leads Southern Alameda County in total number of carloads of vegetables shipped during 1937, according to a report made at a recent Washington-Eden Farm Center meeting held at Centerville. Total carloads of vegetables shipped from the entire section numbered 2,224.

Figures released by the Farm Advisor T. O. Morrison show that 761 carloads of peas, tomatoes, cauliflower, snap beans and other vegetables were shipped from Alvarado. Of this Alvarado shipped 567 carloads of cauliflower, 84 of peas, 13 of tomatoes and 16 of snap beans.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 26, 1939*

**Sugar:**

Completion of the Southern Alameda County sugar beet applications for benefit payments on the 1938 crop under the 1937 sugar act was announced today by T. A. Perkins, County Agricultural Conservation Association secretary.

Growers are requested to appear at the association's headquarters in the Hayward Post Office Building to sign applications so that they can be forwarded to Berkeley for final audit. Checks are expected to be returned within two weeks after applications are signed. Benefit payments totaling approximately \$120,000 will be paid to 147 Southern Alameda County beet growers for



complying with the sugar act regulations of 1938. The payments cover 6,312 acres, according to the association secretary.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 26, 1939*

### **Baseball:**

E. Bercovich & Sons defeated the Alvarado Eagles 5-3 in a game played outside of the regular league schedule.

The Alvarado Line-up:

Kelly	Third Base
Jacinto	Second Base
Laybourne	Short Stop
J. Silva	First Base
Faria	Left Field
Amaral	Right Field
Gonsalves	Center Field
L. Silva	Catcher
Dutra	Pitcher
Rose	Left Field (Relief)

*The Oakland Tribune, February 28, 1939*

### **Sportsman's Club:**

The Washington Township Sportsman's Club of Centerville will establish a trap field and bird pens at Alvarado on the Joe Duarte property.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 2, 1939*

### **Baseball:**

The four top teams in the Southern League start their playoffs with the Alvarado Eagles taking on the San Leandro Athletic Club at Alvarado. Golden State Bakery will face off against Quality Press on the Castlemont diamond. Alvarado is favored to win the series as they went undefeated in regular play.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 4, 1939*

### **Baseball:**

Southern League finals get under in a game featuring The Alvarado Eagles versus Golden State Bakery. In the semi-finals these teams defeated the San Leandro Athletic Club and Quality Press to advance to the finals.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 11, 1939*

### **Alvarado Man Found Dead:**

Patrick Dolan, 55, caretaker of an Alvarado ranch was found dead beside the Southern Pacific tracks west of Mt. Eden Saturday. At first thought to be a murder, it was later ruled an accidental death at the hands of a passing train. Identification of the body was made by Daniel Riley and Manuel Mattos of Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 13, 1939*

### **Alvarado Vaudeville:**

The public is invited to attend a vaudeville and dance to be given at the Alvarado Grammar School on Friday night, March 24<sup>th</sup>, under the joint auspices of the PTA and WPA recreational directors.

Numbers by the school children, dances, stunts by a magician and a skit by PTA members will be included in the program. Those to take part in the skit are Mrs. Aurora Lewis, Mrs. Mike Gardetto, Miss Mary Hughes and Mrs. Mae Santos.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 13, 1939*

### **Theodore Harvey Divorce:**

The divorce battle of Theodore Harvey, 34, and his wife, Marguerite, 33, was expected to close Tuesday in Supreme Court. Mrs. Harvey filed the original divorce complaint charging Mr. Harvey with "cruelty and indifference, unexplained absences from home and occasional blows." In a cross complaint, he accused her of "continuously accepting and persistently seeking" the society of an 18 year old high school boy, football and oratory star from Alvarado. Letters introduced in evidence identified the youth as Paul Rivers, member of a prominent Alvarado family. Under cross-examination she admitted to writing letters to the youth. Each of the litigants seeks custody of their four-year old daughter, Eleanor Jean, and division of \$75,000 in community property.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, March 14, 1939*

#### **Ernest I. Dyer Estate:**

The estate of Ernest Dyer, who died February 4<sup>th</sup> in Oakland, is valued at near \$1,000,000. Mr. Dyer is the son of E.H. Dyer of Alvarado who in 1869 was instrumental in founding the sugar refinery at Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 14, 1939*

#### **News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Lee and daughter Nancy, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Lee and son, and Mrs. Mary Lee of Alvarado attended a birthday dinner Monday at the Oakland home of Mrs. Jack Poindexter in honor of their son Ronnie. Mrs. Poindexter, former Hayward resident, is Mrs. Lee's sister.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 17, 1939*

#### **Harvey Divorce:**

After clearing Mrs. Marguerite G. Harvey, 34, of charges that she had "immoral or intimate relations" with an 18-year old high school athlete, Superior Court Judge Victor Wagler granted her husband Theodore P. Harvey, wealthy Southern Alameda County rancher, a divorce on his cross-complaint today.

The hotly contested six-day hearing was spiced with sensational testimony. Harvey and private detectives called by his attorney attempted to show that Mrs. Harvey had been carrying on an "affair" with young Rivers, Washington Union High School grid star, prizefighter and orator. All the principals live in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 17, 1939*

#### **Clarence Pimentel to Wed:**

Clarence Pimentel has announced his plans to wed Miss Marie Silva of Hayward in the coming months. Mr. Pimentel lives with his aunt and uncle, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel P. Goularte of Alvarado. Mr. Pimentel received his education in the Alvarado school district and is employed at the Newark Stove Foundry.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 18, 1939*

#### **Baseball:**

Monday night at the baseball manager's meeting, Winter League champions will be given their trophies. The champions of the Southern League, The Alvarado Eagles, swept all opponents in their league.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 26, 1939*

#### **Citizenship Classes:**

In association with Washington Union High School, Alvarado Grammar School has begun offering classes in beginning English and citizenship for aliens want to prepare for their naturalization papers. Classes will be held Monday through Thursday nights at 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 26, 1939*

#### **Miss Emma Smith Dies:**

Miss Emma C. Smith, daughter of the California pioneer known as "the father of Alameda County," died yesterday. Miss Smith taught school and lived most of her life in Livermore. She was born in 1850 at the Mission San Jose. Her father Henry C. Smith moved to Alvarado in 1852

and helped create Alameda County out of Contra Costa and Santa Clara Counties. Miss Smith was 89 years of age.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 27, 1939*

### **Turkey Burglary:**

Chris Skow of Alvarado reported the theft of a turkey gobbler and a hen from his ranch. An official search of nearby Mexican quarters failed to reveal a trace of turkey feathers.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 3, 1939*

### **Rancher Injured:**

Ernest Peterson, Alvarado rancher, is recuperating from a wrenched knee suffered when he slipped on a stone. He was treated by Dr. Holeman of Centerville.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 4, 1939*

### **Charles Langdon Dies:**

The death early Friday Charles H. Langdon, an Alvarado farmer, brings sorrow to a legion of his friends throughout Southern Alameda County. He was 70 years old and a native of California. His wife, Mrs. Emma Langdon, three children and a brother Joel, with whom he operated a farm at Alvarado for many years, survives Mr. Langdon.

Mr. Langdon had been a director for the Alameda County Farm Bureau, an East Bay Agent for State Pro-Rate Organization for tomatoes, and was active in cooperative efforts of tomato growers and other farmers in this county.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 7, 1939*

### **Farm Home Dept.:**

New officers for the Alvarado Farm Home Department were nominated at a recent meeting held at the home of Mrs. Mary Gastelum. Twenty-one members were present. Those names nominated were Mrs. Geraldine Rogers, Mrs. Adeline Santos, Mrs. Irma Brown, and Roumilda Rose.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 9, 1939*

### **Hayward Holy Ghost:**

Preparations are being made for the annual Holy Ghost festival in Hayward to be held this year on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>. One area of keen interest is the voting for the festival queen. This year's contestants are: Betty Amaral, Alvarado; Lucille Silva, Newark; Geraldine Francis, Hayward; Dorothy Gonsalves, Hayward; Bernice Costa, Decoto; and Agnes Dutra Gonsalves of Hayward.

This annual Pentecostal celebration commemorates the legendary rescue of the Portuguese people from a famine at Lisbon in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. These celebrations are held weekly throughout California Portuguese societies from Ferndale to Fresno.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 15, 1939*

### **Classified Ad:**

COUNTRY LAND – ALVARADO:

Hotel, service station, illness forces sale, sacrifice for cash.

2110 Vickburg Avenue, Oakland

*The Oakland Tribune, April 17, 1939*

### **Oh Sunny May:**

(From *The Oakland Tribune's* Aunt Elsie's Children Page)

Sunny May, oh, sunny May

When all the May flowers come,

And too 'tis the month of our Blessed Mother

She loves our little altars, and she loves our little prayers,

And her kisses fall to us as raindrops

And they fall, oh, everywhere.

By: Eleanor Rose, Alvarado, age 8

*The Oakland Tribune, April 23, 1939*

**Pioneer Woman Dies:**

Funeral services will be held tomorrow for Mrs. Elizabeth Hawley Beard, 83, Alameda County pioneer. Born and educated in Alvarado when it was the county seat, Mrs. Beard lived here all her life. Her parents settled in the Alvarado region in 1851 after crossing the Isthmus of Panama. Her husband, the late John L. Beard, was a member of another pioneer family, which settled at Mission San Jose in 1848.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 27, 1939*

**Holy Ghost Fiesta:**

The first Holy Ghost of the season will be held at Alvarado on May 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> by the S.D.E.S. Lodge. Miss Lorraine Alameda will reign as queen and her maids of honor are Roseline Daviner and Bernadette Martin.

The festival will open with a parade, fireworks and a dance on Saturday night. Numerous drill teams, bands and uniformed marching groups will participate in the Sunday morning parade, which will be followed by a free barbeque.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 30, 1939*

**Eagles:**

New officers for the Alvarado Aerie, F. O. E. were named in a meeting held this week and will be installed on June 4<sup>th</sup>. They are: L. A. Russell, President; Antone Lawrence, Vice President; John Menezes, Treasurer; Louis Silva, Chaplain; Antone Cosso, Conductor; Louis Ornellas, Inside Guard; Tony Costa, Outside Guard; Andy Moffitt, Trustee; Dr. A. E. Westphal, Physician.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 4, 1939*

**Proud New Parents:**

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Preciado of V Street of Alvarado are the proud parents of a daughter born April 18<sup>th</sup>, a daughter, Micaela Susanna.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 16, 1939*

**Proud New Parents:**

To the wife of Joseph Rito Urrutia, Alvarado, April 24<sup>th</sup>, a daughter, Rosemary.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 17, 1939*

**Ladies Aid Luncheon:**

The annual luncheon of the Alvarado Ladies Aid Society was held at the Odd Fellows Hall with approximately fifty persons present. Mrs. Ruby Harvey, President, and Mrs. May Culver, luncheon chairman were in charge.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 17, 1939*

**Citizenship Classes:**

Native costumes, songs and dances lent color and interest to the final program of the citizenship classes of the Washington Union High Night School given in the cafeteria this week. More than 150 members of the class along with their friends and representatives of civic groups were present for the social hour during which refreshments were served.

Mrs. J. C. Shinn Sr., of Niles, teacher of the citizenship class at the high school was in general charge. She was assisted by Mrs. J. C. Shinn Jr., teacher of the Alvarado class, and Mrs. Jessie Hockinson in charge of the Niles group.

Manuel Andrade of Alvarado participated in a quiz showing facts which new citizens must know before receiving their papers. The Alvarado class presented a gift to Mrs. Nellie Shinn, their instructor.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 19, 1939*

**U. C. Berkeley Graduates:**

Robert Boynton Ziegler of Alvarado will receive his Bachelor of Arts Degree in the College of Arts and Sciences from U. C. Berkeley this Saturday.

Donald Joseph Silva of Alvarado will receive his Bachelor of Science Degree in the College of Pharmacy from U. C. Berkeley this Saturday.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 19, 1939*

**Schubert's Unfinished Symphony:**

The combined orchestras of Alvarado and Irvington gathered in the auditorium of Washington Union High School to listen to Schubert's Unfinished Symphony. The concert was given by the Oakland Tribune as a part of a music appreciation series. The program also won high praise from educators, students and PTA groups.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 25, 1939*

**Paul Bruhn Dies:**

Paul Bruhn, Alvarado hotelman, died Monday at age 56.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 10, 1939*

**Alvarado Man in Critical Condition:**

Albert Aurin, 60 of Alvarado, whose car skidded on the highway about two miles south of Hayward and crashed through a fence, is at Alameda County Emergency Hospital where there is little hope held for his recovery.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 15, 1939*

**News Note:**

Miss Thelma Silva of Alvarado is a houseguest of Miss Virginia Wade of Hayward.

*The Hayward Review, June 17, 1939*

**License to Marry:**

Edward Vargas, Alvarado, 31

Rose Cecilia Simas, Hayward, 30

*The Hayward Review, June 20, 1939*

**Mrs. Louise Bain Dies:**

Mrs. Louise R. Bain, wife of B. Bain, Ass't. Superintendent of the Holly Sugar Mill in Alvarado died on June 18<sup>th</sup> from a ruptured appendix. Attending the funeral were Andrew K. Logan, Fred Joyce and Ben Koontz.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 22, 1939*

**Alvarado Resort Raided:**

Three Deputy Sheriff's raided the Manila Poolroom in Alvarado Monday night, arresting two men and confiscating a large quantity of gambling paraphernalia.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 22, 1939*

**Gamblers Forfeit Bail:**

Henry Eng, Watsonville, and Arthur F. Yamamoto, San Francisco, arrested recently by Deputy Sheriff's in a raid on an Alvarado gambling game, failed to appear in Justice Court here when their case was called for trial on gambling charges. Judge Allen G. Norris ordered the \$100 bail on each person forfeited.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 22, 1939*

**Girl Scouts:**

The Centerville Girl Scouts enjoyed an overnight camping trip to Mt. Hamilton Springs recently, the party numbering fourteen persons. Accompanying the girls were Mrs. James Nunes leader, and Mrs. Blake Hill of Alvarado. Girl scouts present were Doris and Shirley Alameda, Shirley

Gaunt, Shirley Marriott, Ethel Wauhab, Roseann Sladek, Mary Ellen and Lucille Greenfield, Barbara Ponti, Margaret Thompson and Judy Hill of Alvarado.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 2, 1939*

**Stolen Fog Lights:**

Charles French, 23, of Mt. Eden was arrested in Santa Clara County for attempting to sell fog lights stolen from a vehicle in Alvarado. Mr. French is being charged with a violation of his probation for burglary.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 13, 1939*

**Eagles:**

The first official visit of the new state President of the F. O. E., Roy L. Diggers, of Aerie No. 1351, Porterville, was made to the Alvarado Aerie of Eagles this week.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 21, 1939*

**News Note:**

Robert Rodgers of Alvarado will be an usher at his cousin's wedding, Miss Ilene Rodgers of Hayward, at her wedding to Mr. Wendell Almada.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 21, 1939*

**Around Town:**

Miss Jessica Wiley, Recreation Leader, will resume her duties at the Alvarado Grammar School next week. She and the coach will plan some special activities for the balance of the summer vacation and will be glad to have the children attend the playground and enjoy the fun.

Jimmie Beem is the new night patrolman at Alvarado, he being representative of the Hayward Patrol.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 21, 1939*

**Baseball:**

The Alvarado Pioneers continued their hold on first place in the Independent League Softball standings. Alvarado is undefeated in four games. Other teams in the league include: Russel City, Tennyson, Sunset and Mt. Eden.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 27, 1939*

**Baseball:**

The Mt. Eden Mudhens defeated the previously undefeated Alvarado Pioneers 17-13. Alvarado never led in the game. Alvarado still leads the Independent Softball League by 1½ games over second place Tennyson.

*The Hayward Daily Review, August 4, 1939*

**Sugar:**

The huge factory of Holly Sugar Co. in Alvarado will begin its fall campaign next week, probably next Wednesday or Thursday, it was learned Friday. Approximately 300 men will be employed in a run that will last three for four months. First beets to be handled will come from the local area and Stockton. Approximately 600,000 bags of sugar will be manufactured during the season.

Ready for the opening is a new lime treating plant, erection of which has just been completed. This will enable the lime used in the sugar refining process to be used over several times, under an experimental process developed by the Holly Sugar Company.

*The Hayward Daily Review, August 4, 1939*

**Santos Trip:**

Mr. & Mrs. Antone Santos and daughters, Winifred and Alvina, have returned home after an extensive visit in the East. They touched 36 states in 32 days, visiting Yellowstone Park, Niagara Falls, The New York Fair, Washington D. C., and the Grand Canyon. They distributed advertising on the Fair on Treasure Island as they stopped at various points.

***The Oakland Tribune, August 7, 1939***

**Baseball:**

In a nip and tuck game that was not decided until the final out, the Alvarado Pioneers defeated the Mt. Eden Mudhens, 8-7. This increases the Alvarado lead on the Independent Softball league to 2½ games.

***The Hayward Daily Review, August 9, 1939***

**Rebekah's:**

A group of Hayward Rebekah's, headed by Mrs. Ethel Garner, noble grand, visited the Alvarado Rebekah Lodge Friday evening for the official visit of Mrs. Henrietta Graff, district deputy President.

***The Hayward Daily Review, August 9, 1939***

**Alvarado Man Run Over:**

Jesus Toledo, 30 of Alvarado, was taken to Fairmont Hospital with numerous injuries as the result of being run over by a truck driven by Florencio Galvan of Irvington. Toledo was apparently lying asleep on the roadside and was run over when Galvan started his truck.

***The Hayward Daily Review, August 14, 1939***

**Peggy Munger Shower:**

Miss Peggy Munger was the honoree at a miscellaneous shower given by the Misses Marian Ziegler and Linda Hellwig at the Ziegler home as one of the many events preceding her marriage on Saturday to Robert Harmon Whipple of Decoto. The group of close friends included Misses Anna Shinn, Evelyn Pond, Rhodie Harrold, Bee Matzke, Mary Harrold, Peggy Wasley, Margaret Williamson and Mesdames Walter Ziegler, Milton Munger, Earl Hellwig and Jack Whipple.

***The Oakland Tribune, August 20, 1939***

**Marriage:**

A few hours after marriage at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, which took place in the lovely gardens of the Whipple Ranch at Decoto, Mr. Robert Harmon Whipple, and his bride, the former Miss Margaret Lucille Munger of Alvarado, were well on their way to their honeymoon, "destination unknown." On their return, however, they will be at home to their friends in Decoto as they are to live on the Whipple Ranch.

***The Oakland Tribune, August 21, 1939***

**Baseball:**

In a game that produced but four hits, the Alvarado Pioneers defeated the Tennyson Poets. Alvarado was allowed but one hit, but did manage to score two runs to win the game. Alvarado now leads the Independent Softball league by 4½ games.

***The Hayward Daily Review, August 22, 1939***

**Valle Vista Visits:**

The Valle Vista playground baseball team visited Alvarado and left victorious 6-1.

***The Hayward Daily Review, August 24, 1939***

**Farm Picnic:**

Twenty members of the Alvarado Farm Home Department were present at the annual picnic held at Hayward Memorial Park. A turkey dinner was served, after which games were played, with Mrs. Jesse Perry acting as chairman.

***The Oakland Tribune, August 31, 1939***

**Alvarado Pupils Attending W.U.H.S.:**

Washington Union High School opens Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Among those attending from Alvarado are:

Seniors:

Billy Rogers  
Vivian Mae Logan  
Tony Paredes  
Frankie Cordoba  
Everett Alameda  
Tom Tao  
Irma Borges

Barbara Critchfield  
Peggy Wasley  
Anthony Fine  
Shirley Mast  
Don Lemos  
Evelyn Correia  
Frederick Joyce

Linda J. Hellwig  
Jimmy Wasley  
Marjorie Goularte  
Manuel Silva  
Everett Fantuzzi  
John Ziegler

Juniors:

Allen Amaral  
Alexia Lezand  
Winifred Santos

Joseph Lewis Jr.  
Isabel Silveira  
Alberta Menezes

Hilda Pinto  
**Wilma Martin**

Sophomores:

Beatrice Fields  
Fatsuko Matsumoto  
Mervin Christensen  
Doris Johnson

Norman Silveira  
Grace Maciel  
Phyllis Cordoba  
Peggy Amaral

Adam Lewis  
Celeste Rose  
Myrtle Lemos

Freshman:

Rosaline Daviner  
Lorraine Alameda  
Anita Cabaran  
Walter Fasolis  
Mervin Mattos

Eleanor Silva  
Josephine Cordoba  
Betty Medeiros  
Elliott Jardine

Ernest Machado  
Jeanette Silveira  
Herbert Dutra  
Vernon Amaral

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 1, 1939*

**Vegetable News:**

Bagnani Brothers, one of the leading commission houses of San Francisco praises the quality of Alvarado vegetables. Valentino Bagnani is a live-wire businessman and has bought much cauliflower through Dave Caeton of the Alvarado Vegetable Growers at Hall Station. Bagnani sells our cauliflower to major stores in San Francisco.

T.P. Harvey sells his potatoes to Hayward Poultry Association. If the Hayward people haven't time to come to Alvarado to buy the famous Alvarado Burbank potatoes, they can purchase them from the Hayward Poultry Association of Hayward. This week the Association took delivery of a large amount of T.P. Harvey's potatoes. Ted says they cook better than any other potato on the market.

This Friday the Alvarado Vegetable Growers started packing green tomatoes in boxes to be shipped via refrigeration system in Southern Pacific cars to the Eastern market. In ten days they will reach the capacity of one carload a day. They expect to ship 100 carloads this season from the Hall Warehouse.

Something entirely new in spraying in Washington Township is under way. It is the use of an airplane to spray calcium arsenate from the air upon the tomato plants to keep worms from getting a hold on our luscious quality tomatoes. Lloyd Bailey's were sprayed this Thursday and others to be treated in the same way are those of F.C. Harvey, Ed Harvey, H.T. Granger and A. M. King.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 1, 1939*

**Around Town:**

William Martinez is spending his last two weeks of summer vacation in San Francisco before school starts.

Mrs. Wasley was a visitor at the school and the children were so glad to see him able to be up and looking so well.



Miss **Bernice Lezand** is engaged to Raymond Diaz, popular young Alvarado butcher and baseball fan. Both young folks are well known in Alvarado and the community wishes them well. Ernie Bettencourt has just returned from San Francisco where he was spending his vacation with his mother, Mrs. Mary Campos.

Mrs. Nora Vargas won a prize at the County Fair for a bed spread and home made candy. Geraldine Rogers won a prize for her Afghan.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lemos and children have moved to Hayward where they have a beautiful home on A Street near the Hunt's Cannery. Mrs. Lemos is an employee of the Salt Works.

Alicia Machado is making her some with Mr. & Mrs. A.E. Vargas of Alvarado. Her father is the well-known barber.

M.J. Goularte has recently had his home painted white by Mr. Marlin.

Visiting Mrs. Allegre on the Creek Road is Mr. & Mrs. Sanchez of Newman.

The Alvarado Pioneer team won the pennant in the southern Alameda County League. The playoff for the pennant will decide the championship soon.

The Misses Marjorie Goularte, Mary Pimentel, Emelio Re and brother "Dutchy" were a happy quartette enjoying the Fair at Treasure Island last Sunday.

The Pinto Brothers, who have such talent in their family, put Alvarado on the map with their float at the County Fair parade at Pleasanton recently.

Adeline Silva and Ernest Vierra are intending to marry, two more fine young folks.

Mrs. Virginia Fiske of Woodland was tendered a birthday party by her sister, Mrs. Joseph Jacinto Sr., our well-known storekeeper.

On their return from the swim at the Hayward Plunge the boys and girls of the Alvarado School voted **Miss Wiley** and Clarence Ferreira the two best coaches in the south County.

The Recreation Building will be closed for four days starting Friday the first of September until Tuesday the fifth, owing to a new set up in the WPA program.

Jeanette Goularte has fully recovered from her broken arm, which she sustained from falling off her bicycle.

**Bernice Lezand** sustained a burn on her arm, which she has been treating for two week.

Jeanette Montalbo was back at the Recreation Building Monday after a lovely vacation spent in Yosemite with her brother Bobby and parents, Mr. & Mrs. Jose Montalbo.

**Miss Wiley** has been entertaining her uncle, aunt and cousin from Jackson Michigan.

Mrs. & Mrs. Joe Martin and daughter, Wilma and Mildred, have returned from a vacation in Santa Cruz.

Joseph Jacinto's Market at Alvarado is a bright spot in the heart of the business district and he deserves a lot of credit for building up such a fine business.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 1, 1939*

#### **Recreation Dept. of Alvarado School:**

The Recreation Dept. at the Alvarado School is planning several special activities before school opens on September 11. On August 31<sup>st</sup> there was a swimming party at the Hayward Plunge. Making a full day of it, they left the Alvarado School at 8:30 a.m., and returned at 5 p.m.

On Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, a picnic and wiener roast will be held with plenty of contests and games to make the day a nice one for everyone invited.

On September 30<sup>th</sup> there will be a float made by the children under the direction of the Recreation leaders in the Hayward Rodeo Parade. Following the parade all the children on the float will attend the rodeo at Harry Rowell's Ranch in Dublin Canyon, under the care and direction of **Miss Jessica Wiley** and Coach **Clarence Ferreira**, Recreation directors at the Alvarado Grammar School.

The playground at the Grammar School in Alvarado is undergoing a complete clean up. The baseball diamond is being fixed and a track around the field will be installed. The new volleyball courts are being made ready for a full season of sports and athletics.

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#### **Knights of Columbus:**

The quarterly communion of the Centerville Council of the Knights of Columbus will be held in Alvarado on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Father Flatley, Chaplain of the council, will say mass in St. Anne's Church, which will be followed by breakfast in the Odd Fellows Hall.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 3, 1939*

### **Tax Rates:**

Rates by school districts for Washington Township are:

Alvarado	\$ 2.26
Alviso	2.25
Centerville	2.43
Decoto	2.61`
Irvington	2.68
Irvington	2.63 (Formerly Mowry's Landing)
Lincoln	1.80
Mission San Jose	2.42
Newark	2.30
Niles	2.34
Stony Brook	2.82
Sunol Glen	1.78
Warm Springs	2.69

*The Oakland Tribune, September 8, 1939*

### **Around Town:**

Last year 40 adults were enrolled in the Night School teaching Americanization classes at the Alvarado Grammar School twice a week. This class will not be repeated in Alvarado this year.

**Mr. & Mrs. Tony Lee**, along with their daughter and son-in-law, went on an auto trip to the high Sierras.

Buy from local merchants. The local store can serve you personally and satisfy your individual needs, and they give you credit, which is something not seen outside of Alvarado. Local people should give the local merchants a break. Give him a try when buying. He pays local taxes and always helps the local lodges and charities.

The Alvarado SPRSI lodge has a beautiful float decorated with pretty colored paper flowers for the big Portuguese celebration on Treasure Island. The committee who was in charge of decorating included: Mrs. Evelyn Silva, Mrs. Nora Vargas, Mrs. Tony Mello, Angie Vargas, Carolyn Mattos, Mary Borges and Frances Allegre.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 8, 1939*

### **John Ralph's Store:**

John Ralph's store is a landmark in Alvarado and has been in existence in the same spot, with various owners, for 60 years. John Ralph's relatives have had quite a hand in shaping the history of the township and no better liked man is to be found than storekeeper John Ralph. By the way, he has an extremely large stock of groceries and dry goods and has hardware and pains suitable to the farmer's everyday needs.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 8, 1939*

### **Tony Lee's Store:**

Mason fruit jars are kept on hand to help the housewife preserve her fruit, and are kept in large quantities at **Tony Lee's Store** at Alvarado

Kitchen utensils and frying pans, dish pans in many varieties, also sets of dishes should be seen on Lee's shelves to be appreciated. We mention these articles to show that right here in Alvarado you can get groceries and cooking utensils without going out of town to larger stores, local merchants carry an adequate supply and their prices are OK and meet the prices of the out of town store on nearly every article.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, September 8, 1939***

**Tony Mello:**

Tony Mello of Alvarado has been in business for 30 years and has come to make friends with many folks in Washington Township. Tony sells the finest of beers, carrying Lucky Lager, Wielands and Raineer on draught, and it is a cool and refreshing drink on these hot days. He also carries the leading wines and liquors.

This man spends his time and energy helping the town prosper. He always gives money to fire a night watchman when a capable man is on the job and serves on committees for benefit whist parties etc., to help raise money for charity or to aid our splendid church. Surely a man like this deserves to be patronized and given a boost.

Mr. Mello is one of the men who helps the *Pioneer* meet running expense by subscribing and he gives us a pat on the back when we boost his town, Alvarado.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, September 8, 1939***

**Alviso Grammar School Students:**

1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades: Mrs. Edith I. Wasley, Teacher

<u>Student Name:</u>	<u>Age:</u>	<u>Parent Name:</u>
Miss Bernadine Abreu	5	Manuel Abreu
Miss Kathleen Aker	8	
Norman Bailey	8	Norman Bailey
Mervin Bettencourt	5	John P. Bettencourt
Billy Bowman	7	Amos Bowman
Miss Carol Brown	6	Peter Brown
LeRoy Faria	5	Henry Faria
Larry George Jr.	6	Mrs. George Lawrence
Miss Ellen Marie Hall	6	Weldon Hall
Frank Hermosa	7	Vincent Hermosa
Joseph Imlig	7	Frank Imlig
Miss Margaret Lebon	5	Manuel Lebon
Ronald Martin	8	Mrs. Mary Machado
Frank Mello Jr.	10	Frank Mello
Miss Genevieve Mello	8	Kenneth Mello
Miss Gladys Nakashima	6	Tom M. Nakashima
Ben Nogami	6	S. Nogami
Tom Nogami	8	S. Nogami
Elias Novo	6	Mrs. John Novo
Miss Jane Novo	9	Mrs. John Novo
Miss Maxine Novo	7	Mrs. John Novo
Joeie Orocchi	5	Italo Orocchi
Miss Ida Orocchi	7	Italo Orocchi
Robert Peeks	5	Mrs. Irene Peeks
Joseph Perry Jr.	7	Joe Perry
Miss Margurette Posey	5	A.D. Posey
Troy Posey	7	A.D. Posey
Miss Shirley Priester	5	Charles W. Priester
Miss Elvamae Rose	7	Clarence R. Rose
Miss Barbara Smyrl	5	John L. Smyrl
Miss Ida Soares	7	Joe Soares
Miss Emily Tachella	6	Mike Tachella
Keigo Takeuchi	7	Jingo Takeuchi
Hedo Tsutsui	6	Hideyoshi Tsutsui
Miss Taeko Tsutsui	6	Masonori Tsutsui

Shozi Tsutsui	8	Hideyoshi Tsutsui
Ralph Souza	5	Joe Souza
Henry Andrade Jr. "Dick"	7	Henry Andrade
Miss Jackie Chitwood	7	Mrs. Opal Chitwood

**Alviso School Class Listing, Sept. 11, 1939**

### **Birthday Party:**

Mrs. J. Meyers and daughter Carol of Alvarado attended a birthday party Natalie Lupton of Valle Vista.

**The Hayward Daily Review, September 14, 1939**

### **New Birth:**

Mr. & Mrs. John Ray of Niles are the parents of an 8-pound baby girl. Mother and baby are now at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Pacheco in Alvarado.

**The Hayward Daily Review, September 14, 1939**

### **Alvarado Grammar School News:**

The attendance at the **Alvarado Grammar School** is ahead of that of the last six years. The total is around 180 and more are coming in every day. Principal Wasley has charge of the eighth grade as usual.

Moving pictures will be shown at the school auditorium Friday by an old African game hunter, J.W. Tompkins. Admission will be 10¢. Tompkins has been here every year. He is an Australian with an English drawl.

With several seasoned veterans from last year's orchestra on hand at the school, this year's musical organization should be up to par. Mr. Dwight Thornburg is in charge as usual, being here three days a week. Mr. Thornburg covers Alvarado, Irvington and Niles.

A volleyball court is to be erected on the playgrounds back of the school by the trustees, Mrs. Robie, Joe Martin and William Avila. The volleyball court will be next to the basketball court.

**The Alvarado Pioneer, September 15, 1939**

### **Around Town:**

A birthday party was given at Alvarado for Wilbert Martin, son of Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Martin, who resides near the Sugar Mill. The S.D.E.S. Hall was decorated and good dance music was enjoyed. Mrs. Charles Baird is mourning the passing of Elmore Roe, her brother who passed away suddenly at his home in San Francisco. Mr. Roe was well known in Alvarado.

Mrs. Mamie Roderick, an employee at John Ralph's store is spending her vacation in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Coach Clarence Ferreira is organizing a baseball team at the **Alvarado School**, also the volleyball and basketball teams for the school league.

Thelma Jean Logan and Joyce Harvey are enrolled in the Alviso Grammar School this year, as is Barbara Smyrl of Alvarado.

The Ladies Aid Society met at the Odd Fellows Hall, Mrs. George Harvey is the President and Miss Mary Hughes is the Secretary.

**The Alvarado Pioneer, September 15, 1939**

### **Around Town:**

A hand made quilt, which was made by the Alvarado Ladies Aid is soon to be raffled off. Mrs. George Harvey and Miss Mary Hughes are now selling chances on this lovely quilt.

The Alvarado PTA will resume its monthly meetings with the opening of school. Mrs. George Davis, President, will preside.

Leslie Salt Company will begin harvesting their annual salt crop this month.

**The Alvarado Pioneer, September 22, 1939**

### **Bicycle Injury:**

Dimas Gonzalez sustained slight injuries when he was struck by an automobile driven by Joseph Lima, 51, of Newark, while riding his bicycle on Marsh Road Thursday night. Mr. Lima said he could not see Gonzalez because he was blinded by the glare on an oncoming vehicle.

*The Hayward Daily Review, September 29, 1939*

#### **Local Pharmacy to Close:**

Mr. & Mrs. L.W. Russell, who have conducted the local pharmacy for the past two years are moving to San Mateo to open a drug store there. We regret very much to lose this progressive young couple, who have become such a part of the local community life since moving here such a short time ago.

Mr. Russell has taken an active part in the Chamber of Commerce and Eagles Lodge, being President of the Eagles at this time while Mrs. Russell has been President of the PTA here and has taken an active part in the Rebekah's and Ladies Aid.

Their son Wayne, who delivers the "Pioneer" around town will be greatly missed too and the Main Street of Alvarado will not seem the same without Thais Jean on her tricycle with the doll buggy holding her favorite kitten, hitched on behind. *The Pioneer* wishes them success in San Mateo.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 29, 1939*

#### **Around Town:**

Dr. Bettencourt and his wife (nee Miss DeKidos) of Alvarado attended the Dental Congress on Treasure Island in the Hall of Science Building. They were accompanied by their daughter, Norma, Mrs. Bettencourt's mother, Mrs. DeKidos and Dr. Bettencourt's brother from the Hawaiian Islands.

Mrs. Cordoba, residing on Union City Road in Alvarado, was seriously ill as the result of the heat wave last week, but is now much improved.

**Mr. & Mrs. Al Bailey** and family will spend Sunday in Turlock visiting Mrs. Bailey's folks.

The Odd Fellows hall has been undergoing a house cleaning in the last month. New rugs, new paper and a paint job make it look like a million dollars.

Fernandes Paredes of the local restaurant served breakfast to the Knight of Columbus lodge at the Odd Fellows Hall.

Mr. George Thayer is making his home at the **Alvin Bailey's** while being employed at the Sugar Mill.

Mrs. Annie Forbes has been on her vacation recently, spending most of the time Healdsburg. Miss Mary Hughes substituted for her.

Mrs. Joe Lewis went to Oakland Thursday on a shopping tour.

Mr. **L.W. Russell**, President of the local Aerie of Eagles tendered his resignation to take effect at once on account of moving to San Mateo.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Ainsley are the proud parent of a baby boy born September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Annie Baird went to San Francisco Wednesday, returning Thursday.

Miss Marjorie Goularte of Alvarado and her party of young friends enjoyed a lovely time last Sunday when they motored to Fleischacker's Zoo in San Francisco.

Fred Muller is back in Alvarado after playing ball back east for the Toledo team in Ohio. Mr. Muller has asked Toledo to try and make a trade so as to get him a berth with one of the Pacific Coast League teams next years. Fred is now farming with Joe Langdon on Creek Road and is glad to be back in the cool climate of Washington Township.

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#### **Red Cross:**

Demonstrations on how to make dressings for European war hospitals will be made at two meetings next Monday under the auspices of the Washington Township Red Cross Committee following an organization gathering at the Washington Union High School yesterday. Residents of Niles, Decoto, Alvarado and Mission San Jose will meet at Niles Grammar School. Trained workers

from the Oakland Chapter of the American Red Cross will be present to demonstrate the making of the dressings.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 1, 1939*

#### **Eagles:**

Initiatory ceremonies will take place at a meeting of the Alvarado Aerie of Eagles at a banquet to be held October 16<sup>th</sup>. President Lloyd Russell has appointed Joe Lewis and Joe Martin to make arrangements. The entertainment program will include motion pictures.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 1, 1939*

#### **Card Party:**

A card party will be given by St. Anne's Church at the S.D.E.S. Hall on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Nora Vargas is chairman and the public is invited.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 1, 1939*

#### **Benefit Whist Party:**

A benefit whist party for the Orphan's Home will be given Friday night October 13<sup>th</sup>, at 8 o'clock at the Alvarado School. Good prizes, a good cause. Sponsored by the Alvarado Rebekah Lodge. Scorecards, 35¢.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 5, 1939*

#### **Alvarado Man Ends his Life:**

Despondent because he had been unemployed for two years, Lew W. Nelson, 39, an unemployed Alvarado carpenter drove to a little used fragment of the Old Tunnel Road near Orinda, attached a hose to the exhaust of his automobile, ran it up through the floorboards and waited for death. He was found yesterday by deputy Sheriff P.R. Donaldson.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 8, 1939*

#### **George Brothers Petroleum:**

The amount of business done by George Brothers, distributors of General Petroleum products amounts to hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly. Their headquarters is in Alvarado. Frank and Tony George sell their products, not only to the biggest farmers of the interior, but have a long list of outstanding service who are their year in and year out customers. They deliver gas and oil products to service stations in Castro Valley, Hayward, San Leandro, Newark, Mission San Jose, Mt. Eden, Irvington and to Alfred Schaub whose station is at Smith and Levee Street in Alvarado.

Frank George, manager of George Brothers, says that the growth of General Petroleum in this end of the county has been due, in great measure, to the success user have had with his product. Besides he has tried to give his customers every service and attention. Tony George, in charge of delivery by their modern motor transportation, also deserves credit for keeping George Bros. big list of customers satisfied by good service.

Some of George Bros. largest customers are farmers who take big orders of Diesel Oil and stove Oil located in their tanks at their place on the Creek Road. Stove oil is a very economical fuel for the farmer's home uses, while diesel oil is the fuel used in farmer's tractors.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 8, 1939*

#### **Alvarado Rebekah's:**

A card party for the benefit of the Gilroy Children's Home will be given by the Alvarado Lodge of the Rebekah's at Alvarado Grammar School Friday night. The public is invited. Arrangements are being made by Mrs. James Hunter, chairman, Laura Orelli and Mrs. Charles Baird.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 10, 1939*

#### **Around Town:**

A group of four hunters, Lester Silva, **Joseph Dutra**, Nick Lewis and Tony Baptiste, had a fine 8 day hunt, with Lester and Joseph both bringing back trophy bucks.

Another hunting party from Alvarado consisting of Al Searles, Joe Allegre, Louis Caldeira and Al Degermark brought back two fine bucks.

**Joseph Dutra** and wife had his uncle and aunt of Hollister as their guests over the weekend. Joe and his uncle will go fishing on Sunday to try and land some bass.

Joe Priego had his sister, Miss Salida from Fresno, visiting this week.

Recreation Leaders Ferreira and Wiley will host a Halloween party at the Alvarado Grammar School on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Prizes will be given for the Best Costume in the Grand March.

A.E. Vargas and son Edward, and Chris Skow went fishing on Sunday of last week and brought home a nice batch of bass.

Eddie Martinez, who works for Sam Dinsmore Jr.'s Shell Gas Station, took his girl friend to the Exposition last Thursday. And believe us, Eddie was dressed up like a millionaire! That boy has the looks too! His friend was a charming queen herself.

Mr. Diaz, who owns a long business block in Alvarado, deserves a great deal of credit for remodeling the empty drug store with intentions of probably having another drug store there before long. Otherwise some other business will take it, as it is one of the finest locations in town.

The last occupants of the Alvarado Hotel have moved out this last week and Mr. Fernando Paredes, the Hamburger King, will remodel the hotel and stucco the outside. In time he may put some cottages and an auto court on the adjacent ground.

The fine Alvarado potatoes raised by Lloyd Bailey boost our community as much as any other individual, and we want to congratulate him on the red and black attractive lettering printed on the bags with the name, Alvarado, printed thereon. This tells the State what superior potatoes are grown here. Lloyd Bailey had some 55 acres in potatoes this year. He has one of the largest acreages in cauliflower coming up in a few weeks.

Frank Silva said he was visiting his good friend, Tony Santos of the Silver Dollar Café, and wanted to give Tony a boost for having such an attractive place, and serving such fine refreshments, which made it a fine meeting place for so many folks who like to enjoy a fine social time.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 13, 1939*

#### **The Washingtonian:**

Miss Vivian Mae Logan of Alvarado has been named editor-in-chief of the "Washingtonian," the annual publication of the Washington Union High School student body.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 15, 1939*

#### **Missionary Project:**

Women of the Centerville and Alvarado Presbyterian Churches will be guests of the Missionary Society of the Newark Church at a special program and tea to be held at Newark on October 31<sup>st</sup>, from 2:30 to 4:00 o'clock. Plans for the tea will be made at an executive session of the Newark Missionary Society today, following a day of sewing.

Garments for an Indian School in Arizona and a hospital in China are made by the women at the annual sewing bee, which is being held today. Mrs. M. Fyffe of Alvarado is sewing chairman.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 15, 1939*

#### **Ladies Aid Society:**

A card party and food sale will be held at the **Ladies Aid Society** of the Alvarado Presbyterian Church at the local Odd Fellows Hall. Ruby Harvey, President will be in charge and the public is invited to attend.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 20, 1939*

#### **Around Town:**

Mr. Anthony Vargas and his mother-in-law Mrs. A.A. Lee made a business trip to Oakland Thursday.

Richard Munger is in his first year at the University of California and expects to follow Engineering as a career. His parents reside in Alvarado.

The Farm Bureau Inter-County meeting was held Monday at Tracy. Miss Hughes took part in the Farm Center activities there.

The Alvarado PTA is giving a card party Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> at the Alvarado School auditorium. Mrs. Esther Gardetto is the chairman; Mrs. Mary Perry and Mrs. Mae Santos are assistants.

Mr. & Mrs. John Menezes and daughter spent Sunday in San Francisco enjoying a show and dinner.

Mr. & Mrs. A.A. Lee and Mr. & Mrs. Tony Vargas are going to the Exposition next Saturday. Also going are Tony's father and mother, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Vargas.

The SPRSI Lodge of Alvarado is holding a regular meeting on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>. They will honor the birthdays of two members of the lodge, Mrs. Anna Amaral and Mrs. Mary Rivers.

Y.L.I, Lodge of Niles held a Halloween party Thursday evening and those attending from Alvarado were Evelyn Silva, Angie Vargas, Carolyn Mattos and Mamie Roderick.

Gus Nauert and wife of Los Angeles are visiting Mr. & Mrs. Heitmuller (nee Ossie Nauert) and Miss Mildred Nauert over the weekend.

Rev. Father Flatley of St. Ann's Church met with a committee of member of the church to plan for the annual bazaar.

John Ralph and wife made an auto trip to Brookdale (Santa Cruz) last Sunday.

Alvarado Eagles named on their House committee as chairman, Joseph Lewis. This means he will handle refreshments.

Marian Ziegler, a student at U.C. Berkeley visited her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Ziegler last weekend.

Her brother Robert is taking a medical course at the U.S. Medical College in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. William Avilla of Alvarado attended the Exposition on Columbus Day and Alameda County Day.

**The Ladies Aid** of Alvarado attended the dinner given by the Centerville Ladies aid Society.

Among those attending from Alvarado were Mrs. Jung and Mrs. Robie.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 20, 1939*

#### **Commercial Ad:**

#### **1930 BUICK SEDAN**

6 cylinder, in good condition

(A real buy)

\$100 CASH

For sale by:

**CHRIS SKOW**

**Alvarado Garage**

Phone: Alvarado 28W

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 20, 1939*

#### **Alvarado Car Crash:**

Cars driven by Roy C. Granger of Alameda and Antonio Aranda of Hayward collided in Alvarado resulting in injuries to two men. Those injured were Joe Palomino, 23, Alvarado and Salvador Reyes, 34, also of Alvarado; both men were riders in the Aranda vehicle.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 21, 1939*

#### **Old Alvarado Hotel:**

The historical old Alvarado Hotel will be remodeled and redecorated by the new owner, Fernando Paredes. The hotel was one of the buildings moved from the original site of Alvarado, then known as Union City more than 75 years ago. It was the stopping place for men on early day boats, which carried grain from the Union City wharves to the San Francisco docks. Employees of the early flourmill at Union City, which had been annexed to the hotel structure after it was moved, used the hotel as a place of residence. The hotel was formerly run by Paul Bruhn who passed away several months ago.



*The Oakland Tribune, October 20, 1939*

**Annual Bazaar:**

St. Anne's Church annual bazaar will be held on November 30<sup>th</sup>, and December 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Alvarado S.D.E.S. Hall. Joe Martin and M.F. Silva have charge and the public is invited to attend.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 2, 1939*

**Farm Home Dept. Meets:**

The county committee of the Alameda County Home department met at Alvarado Wednesday afternoon for a dessert-luncheon served by the Alvarado center. Mrs. Charles Sweet, county chairman, conducted the meeting.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 2, 1939*

**Alvarado Fire:**

Deputy Sheriff R. E. Condon of Hayward is investigating a weekend fire, which last Wednesday destroyed a house occupied by George Lewis, 52, and his family on the Dan Riley ranch near here. The fire broke out while the family was away from home. Mr. Lewis voiced an opinion that the place was set on fire. It was learned that an electric heater had been left burning to keep a brood of Chihuahua pups warm.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 7, 1939*

**Man Sues for Loss of Livestock:**

Poison sprayed on grasslands at Alvarado was blamed for the loss of 26 cows and one steer today by L.E. Silva in a \$1,620 suit filed in Superior Court. Silva charges that the property was improperly equipped with cattle guards and that his cows strayed upon land where the poison had been sprayed.

As a consequence 21 cows died and six had to be destroyed, the rancher alleges in his complaint. Delta Finance Company, Ltd., Western Pacific Railroad Company and others are named defendants.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 9, 1939*

**D. Diaz Business Block:**

You have to hand a bouquet to D. Diaz, owner of the Diaz business block in Alvarado, because he is always trying to boost the town and to improve the business section.

Right now he is doing a glorious thing that will make his store and the adjoining ones look like a San Francisco place with its new stucco front over a distance of the 75-foot frontage of his building. Along the base of the stucco front will be tile, which will give it a real fine appearance.

In front of Mr. Diaz' Union Meat Market there will be installed a large new plate glass window, also the step at the entrance will be removed and a slanting sidewalk will afford a gradual approach to the main floor of the market.

Surely Mr. Diaz deserves a great deal of credit and we anticipate more owners of business buildings here will follow suit and modernize also. There are four stores in the Diaz Building, the Union Meat Market, the drug store, the Manila Pool Hall and John Menezes Barber Shop.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 10, 1939*

**New Pharmacy for Alvarado:**

D. Diaz has shown his progressive spirit by improving the drug store formerly occupied by the Russell Pharmacy at Alvarado. This attracted a new comer to start a new drug store here, with the promise of being one of the equipped pharmacies in the whole of the interior of Alameda County.

Mr. D. Cubicciotti, owner of the Estudillo Pharmacy in San Leandro has leased the store and we anticipate that he will develop a great business in this growing and thriving farming community, which never experiences any seasonal depressions.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 10, 1939*

#### **Around Town:**

November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> are the dates of the Bazaar of St. Anne's Church. M.F. Silva and Joseph Martin are in charge of the program.

Alvarado merchants show their patriotism with their decision to close Saturday in honor of Armistice Day (today's Veterans Day).

Miss Winifred Santos, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tony Santos of the Silver Dollar Café, will lead the Washington Township Legion Post Drum Corp as majorette for the Armistice Day Parade.

A.E. Vargas started buying cauliflower for the Valley Growers of San Jose. The local growers sell much of their produce to Mr. Vargas.

Principal **James C. Wasley** was taken suddenly ill with appendicitis on Monday of last week and was operated on at the East Bay Hospital.

Mrs. Ruth Hellwig has replaced **Mr. James C. Wasley** as the Eighth grade teacher at the Alvarado Grammar School during his recent illness.

On Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> the Order of the Rainbow for girls will hold a card party at the Masonic Hall in Centerville. Linda Jane Hellwig of Alvarado heads the organization and is working hard to get out a good crowd from Alvarado.

Fred Muller, Alvarado's Big League baseball player loves to shoot ducks with Lewis Amaral and Kenneth Ferry near the Barton Salt Works. Fred had a good season in Ohio this year but wants to be transferred back to the Pacific Coast League.

The Ladies Aid met Thursday at the Hall and decided to buy some small chairs for the Presbyterian Sunday School. They also decided to buy material and make drapes for the dining room of the Odd Fellow's Hall.

Mrs. Forbes, our librarian, reports some very interesting magazines now on the tables at the Alvarado Library. A good attendance at the library is reported. Mrs. Forbes is making an effort to interest the children in some beautiful editions of favorite classics that have been recently sent here.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 10, 1939*

#### **Man Found Dead:**

An unidentified man about 65 was found dead today in a ditch on the Alvarado-Centerville Highway near here. Death was apparently due to natural causes, according to Deputy Coroner Tom Berge, of Niles. The man was red-haired and had a reddish moustache.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 12, 1939*

#### **Odd Fellows Rededicate Old Hall:**

Alvarado's historic Odd Fellows Hall that dates back to 1861, was the scene of a celebration at their meeting last week on the occasion of completing remodeling operations, when Odd Fellows and Rebekah's from all Alameda and San Francisco lodges were guests of the two Alvarado lodges.

The old IOOF hall at Alvarado, a state landmark, first was occupied in 1861 by the Alvarado Guards, a militia company organized to fight for the North during the Civil War. A flag presented to the Guard still hangs in a prominent place in the lodge room as a treasured relic.

Arrangements for the celebration given last Friday evening were made by James Hunter and George J. Reinking of Crusade Lodge and Desda Brown and Annie Baird of the Alvarado Rebekah Lodge. Speaker was Judge Louis J. Hardie of Albany, grand representative to the sovereign lodge.

Mrs. Wilma Miller, noble grand of the Alvarado Rebekah's, served refreshments.  
**November 17, 1939**

### **Reliance Garage:**

Our good friend Clyde Smith, who made such a fine record in the employ of the Montgomery Ward store in Hayward, has been a year in business in Alvarado and worked hard to deserve a fine auto repair business here.

Clyde as fine equipment and promises to give everybody satisfaction. His ability to handle machine shop work should make Reliance Garage a busy place. He also does tractor work and is an expert with tools and dies as he used to be a foreman at the Caterpillar Tractor Company at San Leandro.

Mr. Smith features the TRI-PLEX TIRES and asks you to try them. Try his gas and oil.  
**The Alvarado Pioneer, November 17, 1939**

### **Santos Brothers' Garage:**

Wallace Santos thinks Alvarado people have been very nice to him and his brother at their garage, which they lease from Steve Smith. They call it Santos Brothers' Garage. Here they have increased their business to such an extent that they have added new equipment. Among these the new hydraulic jack of 7,500 pound capacity. They have bought an auto-painting outfit complete. The auto repair work has brought many customers from the farming districts.

Wallace Santos calls attention to the special on tires. He has Re-Caps 600 X 16 size which sell for \$6.50. A guarantee is given by the Dower Tire Co., the makers. They handle that fine Texaco Gas supplied them by Jack Holland of Hayward.  
**The Alvarado Pioneer, November 17, 1939**

### **Around Town:**

Friends and relatives joined with Mrs. John Menezes at a birthday party in her honor last Sunday evening and enjoyed a very pleasant time.

The chrysanthemums of John Ralph's are now blooming in his downtown garden spot at the rear of his store.

Frank George and George Enos of Alvarado won the Pedro Championship by defeating Joseph A. Silva and John Smith of Newark three games out of five.

Alvarado Postmaster, Mrs. Genevieve Dutra, attended the Alameda County Postmasters' dinner at Sophie's Place at Irvington last Wednesday.

Funeral services were held Friday in Alvarado for Mrs. Maria Coit, 65, of the Creek Road, who was killed instantly when she was struck by a car driven by an Irvington youth.

Don't forget to patronize Chris Skow at his Alvarado Garage, Phone Alvarado 28W.

That smiling young man, "Sig" Diaz, certainly has built up a fine business in Washington Township the past few years. He trained in his father's Union Meat Market in Alvarado to learn the butcher business and when he was batting around 500 average, he decided to get into his own league, so he bought a fast auto delivery and has developed a fine business with farmers who appreciate him coming right to their farms to offer his wares. "Sig" serves Decoto, Alviso, Newark and Creek Road customers.

One of the handsomest young men in all Washington Township was captured by a San Jose when Sam Dinsmore Jr., of Alvarado, was wedded to Miss Jewel Brady at the bride's home in San Jose. Sam Dinsmore Jr. is interested with partner in the Shell Gas Station in Alvarado but has been very busy in the daytime with business affairs in San Francisco. He is a real go-getter and has a sunny disposition. His wife comes from one of the most prominent families in Santa Clara County. Mr. Dinsmore's folks have the well-known Dinsmore Store in Alvarado.

From Hayward a few weeks ago came the championship flag to the Alvarado Pioneers for winning the softball leaguer pennant in Southern Alameda County. Raymond Diaz of Alvarado deserves all the credit along with his fine players for winning the championship.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 17, 1939*

#### **Miss Alvina Santos:**

One of the most charming young ladies of Alvarado, Miss Alvina Santos, was honored at a dinner gathering of relatives and friends this week. Her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Santos announced her engagement to Mr. Brune of Alvarado. Mr. Brune is employed at Nelson's Planing Mill at Hayward where he has been for some five years and is a well-liked young man. Miss Santos is a graduate of Washington Union High School and is an active member of the Auxiliary's Juniors.

Last Saturday evening Mr. & Mrs. Antone Santos of the Silver Dollar Café in Alvarado, entertained in honor of the birthday of their daughter Alvina, to which relatives and friends were invited.

Cards were played and refreshments and a good time was enjoyed.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 17, 1939*

#### **IOOF Hall Remodeled:**

Odd Fellows and Rebekah's of Alvarado celebrated the remodeling of their historic hall at Alvarado November 10<sup>th</sup>. Built in 1861 and first occupied by the Alvarado Guards, organized to fight in the Civil War, the hall is one of the states landmarks.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 19, 1939*

#### **New Arrival:**

To the wife of Cruz Martinez Figueroa, Alvarado, November 4<sup>th</sup>, a son, Cruz Martinez Figueroa.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 20, 1939*

#### **Car Crash:**

Five cars were involved in a double accident a mile south of Mt. Eden Saturday night. In one-mishap cars driven by Domingo Cicairos, 30, of Alvarado, C.W. Faber, 55, of Oakland and George Rose, 38, of Oakland collided. In the traffic jam that followed, cars driven by Frank J. O'Dea, 49, Oakland and Carl Oliver, 17, of Santa Clara, came together.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 21, 1939*

#### **Men Meet Train:**

The old saying that "God takes care of drunkards and children" was borne out early Wednesday morning when three Alvarado Mexican laborers were involved in a collision between their auto and a Southern Pacific train. The three men reportedly conceived the idea of meeting the train when they neared the **T. P. Harvey** crossing 1½ miles south of Alvarado. The driver, Baptista Cortez, 39, turned his auto onto the tracks and with two passengers in his car drove down the tracks until they "met" a train. This was at 2:15 a.m. Fidencio Mesa and another man whose identity was not learned, leapt from the car before impact, or ran away after the impact. The driver was tossed to one side and slightly injured. The car was dragged about 150 feet and is a total wreck.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 22, 1939*

#### **New Arrival:**

To the wife of Anthony Alexander, Alvarado, November 14<sup>th</sup>, a daughter, Sharon Anne.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 22, 1939*

#### **T. P. Harvey Divorce:**

Litigation between the parents of the recently divorced couple was disclosed today in a filing of an appeal in the Alameda County Superior Court. Involved are Dr. Alex Galbraith, socially prominent Piedmont physician, and F. C. Harvey, wealthy Alvarado resident. **Harvey's son, Theodore**, obtained a divorce from Dr. Galbraith's daughter, Marguerite, in a bitterly fought case last March.

The action appealed was a Berkeley Justice Court decision, which gave Mr. W. M. Larsen, assignee of Dr. Galbraith, a \$389 judgment against Harvey, plus interest and court costs. J. W. O'Neill, attorney for Dr. Galbraith, said the money represented medical fees incurred more than two ago.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 22, 1939*

### **Farm News:**

Talk about quality and large too in the line of carrots! Well, Ted Harvey has that real quality, which is being shipped east in iced cars from the Alvarado Vegetable Growers Association warehouse at the Hall Station warehouse at Alvarado. Some mighty fine lettuce is being shipped from that plant also. It is being grown by Edward S. Harvey and also by Ted Harvey.

M.P. Rose, who farms 16 acres next to Hall Station, had a big crop of potatoes, which make Alvarado famous. This property belongs to Mr. Rose. He also farms 30 acres on the Fair Ranch Road. This is particularly fertile soil. Carrots, potatoes and cauliflower are its products. Cauliflower will be harvested soon, says Mr. Rose

Dave C. Caeton, manager of the Alvarado Vegetable Growers Association warehouse, will go to the hospital in Oakland to have his foot operated on. He fell while at work several weeks ago and has been hobbling around since then. Since it has not heeled or responded to treatment, Dave's specialist ordered him to the hospital for about 10 days of treatment. Dave's brother Manuel will handle the work with the boys in that warehouse while he is away.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 24, 1939*

### **Around Town:**

Manuel Priego is a fine accordion player. His teacher is Henry Arbeta of Alvarado. The children of St. Anne's Church with those of Newark and two other churches in Washington Township are studying every afternoon at St. Anne's Church in Alvarado for Confirmation

A good harvest of salt was taken in this year at Leslie's Salt Plant at Alvarado and also at Newark. This was even a greater harvest than last year. Larry Dutra has charge of the harvesting at the Alvarado plant and Anker Christiansen at Newark.

Sam Dinsmore Jr. and his bride, the former Miss Brady of San Jose, went to Washington and Oregon on their honeymoon. They said that Washington is growing fast. Mr. Dinsmore resides in Hayward. He took two weeks off from his work with a wholesale shoe firm in San Francisco.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 24, 1939*

### **Commercial Advertisement:**

#### **SANTOS BROS. GARAGE**

Wallace Santos, Manager  
AUTO REPAIRING – ALVARADO  
Fine equipment for AUTO REPAIRING,  
AUTOMOBILE PAINTING  
BATTERIES RECHARGED  
Will get and deliver BATTERY if  
service is needed...Try Our Speedy Service

#### **TEXACO GSOLINE & OILS WE SELL BATTERIES RECAP & GOODRICH TIRES**

At Steve Smith's Corner  
Phone: ALVARADO 60

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 24, 1939*

**Classified Ad:**

WOMAN WANTED:

Young for housekeeper on dairy ranch, close in, no objections to one child.

Post office Box 178, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, November 26, 1939*

**Around Town:**

Eddie Martinez and Sam Dinsmore Jr. are trying hard to build up an even bigger trade in their Shell Station in Alvarado. They speak highly of Shell products.

Two former residents of Alvarado visited her recently. Mrs. Cecelia Otto and Joseph Otto. They are both now living in Hayward. Joseph used to work at the Central Bank here in town.

Continuation of the present program for establishment for game refuges on sub-marginal lands seems to be the only practical answer to preserving an adequate population of ducks.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 1, 1939*

**Intention to Wed:**

Alvin A. Rose, Alvarado, 21

Orpha Jean Howlette, San Leandro, 21

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 2, 1939*

**Couple Moves to Tacoma:**

Tom Walker, former employee of the Leslie Salt Company, and Mrs. Walker left this week for their new home in Tacoma Washington.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 7, 1939*

**IOOF:**

The Alvarado Odd Fellows lodge will install officer at Niles on January 22<sup>nd</sup> as follows:

William Marshall

Noble Grand

James Hunter

Vice Grand

George Reinking

Secretary

Ed Richmond

Treasurer

A nice new carpet in the Hall shows an outstanding improvement. The attractive linoleum in the banquet room was appreciated by all the members.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 22, 1939*

**New Pharmacy in Town:**

Alvarado is indeed fortunate in having a new pharmacy, which opened this week in the former drug store location in the Diaz Building. The store was newly remodeled and re-tinted and the whole space within is used for drug store purposes. The tremendously complete stock of drug supplies needs all this space because never before has such a complete stock been displayed in Alvarado in recent years.

It would do justice to Oakland, and the owner, Mr. D. Cubucciotti, is an experienced pharmacist with the title Pg. G., Pharm. Dr., who first learned his profession over 35 years ago back in Philadelphia, and has followed it ever since.

Mr. Cubucciotti has been in California for around eight years, having drug stores in San Jose and Santa Rosa, and recently the Estudillo Pharmacy at Foothill Boulevard in San Leandro. He has a very interesting family and has an interesting business background.

He graduated from Temple University in Philadelphia, and got the gold medal (highest general average) on graduation. His high record gave him the privilege of becoming an instructor in pharmacy at that university, 1910 to 1915. He started a drug store in his spare moments and he operated a very successful business in Philadelphia from 1909 to 1931.

Folks, we invite you to call and see for yourselves, and make a friend of this man. He is one of the kindest and most accommodating professional men ever to come to Southern Alameda County and his ability to handle drug prescriptions cannot be beaten. He has Kodak supplies, stationery as well as all kinds of drug supplies.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 22, 1939*

**Sugar:**

Due to the recent dry spell in the weather, the final harvesting of local sugar beets was completed and the Holly Sugar mill will complete its run with the week.

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 11, 1939*

**Sugar:**

Armed with holly wreaths, Christmas trees, tinsel and ornaments, a crew of fifty people will invade the U.S. Veterans Hospital at Livermore Sunday to decorate every room, ward and corridor for the Yule activities planned for about 300 sick and disabled ex-servicemen. Among the groups supporting this union effort is the Alvarado Sugar Refinery Worker's Union Local 20603.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 15, 1939*

**Alvarado School Playground:**

A \$500 improvement program for the playground at the Alvarado Grammar School is expected to begin in the near future, according to Principal J. C. Wasley. The playground is to be resurfaced and new concrete laid at the front entrance of the building.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 17, 1939*

**First Flight:**

James Kidd of St. Louis arrived at Oakland Airport for a holiday visit with his daughter, Mrs. Earl Hellwig of Alvarado. Nearing his seventieth birthday, Kidd made his first airplane trip to California.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 17, 1939*

**Alvarado School Basketball:**

The Alvarado Grammar School basketball team will play their first league game on January 11<sup>th</sup> against Niles here at Alvarado.

The heavyweight team consists of:

Macelino Ledesma	Forward
Johnny Aguiar	Forward
Kay Matsumoto	Forward
William Martinez	Center
Robert Lopez	Guard
Frank Lewis	Guard
Oleogario Souza	Guard

The lightweight team consists of:

Junior Jacinto	Forward
Johnny Samarron	Forward
Arthur Sa	Center
Salvadore Sapeto	Guard
Bertell Amaral	Guard.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 5, 1940*

**John Davilla Dies:**

John Davilla of the Creek Road, died at his home Tuesday, brining sorrow to many friends and relatives of Alvarado. He was a resident of Alvarado, but was born on the St. George Island in the Azores. He was 64 years old.

He leaves a brother, Tony Davilla of Alviso and two sisters in Bedford, Mass. He also leaves nieces here in Alvarado who are Mrs. Tony Santos, Mrs. John Menezes, Mrs. Joe Dutra and Mrs. Joseph Jacinto. Mr. Morris Davilla is a nephew.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 5, 1940*

#### **Manuel F. Silva Buys Gas Station for Son:**

Joseph G. Silva is the new General Petroleum dealer at Alvarado (service station, not distributor), taking the place of Al Schaub who has departed for San Diego for his health. Joseph Silva, is a live-wire young man who was born and raised in Washington Township, and is well and favorably known.

He is a graduate of the Alvarado Grammar School and the Washington Union High School class of 1938. His father is Manuel F. Silva who resides on Fair Ranch Road. Manuel Silva has been the secretary of the Alvarado Vegetable Growers Association, which for many years cooperated and kept up a fair price for tomatoes, which were canned in cooperation with the Ball Cannery in Oakland and other canneries. The many friends of this splendid businessman won't forget to patronize his son Joseph Silva at his gasoline station in Alvarado.

The well known Mobilgas and Mobiloil are products, which are some of the finest in the country today. Here in Washington Township Frank and Tony George of the well-known George Bros. are the distributors. And believe me, they have built up a tremendous business for General Petroleum

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 5, 1940*

#### **Commercial Advertisement:**

##### **M.P. ROSE**

Fair Ranch Road  
Alvarado

#### **Burbank Potatoes**

\$1.50 for 100 lb. sack

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 5, 1940*

#### **Eagles:**

A one star initiation will mark the next meeting of the Alvarado Eagles on January 15<sup>th</sup> according to Ed Quaresma, President. Antone Lawrence, chairman of the membership committee has charge of the program. .

*The Oakland Tribune, January 7, 1940*

#### **Flood:**

Ten inches of water covered Marsh Road at Patterson Slough between Alvarado and Newark. Several hundred acres of grazing land were inundated near Alvarado as the Alameda Creek overflowed its banks. Some minor damage was reported on the young peas and spinach crops.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 11, 1940*

#### **Chamber of Commerce:**

The 20-30 Club of Hayward has accepted the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce into their federation of clubs and recognized George H. Oakes as the Alvarado delegate. Mr. Oakes urged the federation to look into a small tax in Alameda County for the maintenance of cemeteries.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 12, 1940*

#### **News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Wilkinson of Castro Valley have returned from a vacation trip which took them to Denver and Colorado Springs, where they visited relatives and friends. Mr. Wilkinson is an official of the Holly Sugar Mill at Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 13, 1940*

#### **March of Dimes:**



Committees have been formed throughout the township to raise funds for the March of Dimes campaign. In Alvarado the committee members are J. C. Wasley, Mrs. August May and Jack Blacow.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 21, 1940*

### **Attempted Burglary:**

Evidently frightened away before they had been able to gain entrance to the Silver Dollar, an Alvarado cocktail lounge, would-be thieves left seven holes drilled in the front door of the establishment. Antone Santos, proprietor found the holes when he arrived for work. The door lock was undamaged.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 23, 1940*

### **Milk Fund:**

The milk fund for undernourished children of the Alvarado Grammar School will be given the proceeds of a card party to be held by the PTA at the school next Wednesday night, beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Mike Gardetto is chairman and is being assisted by Mrs. Joe Lewis, Mrs. Manuel Silva and Mrs. George Davis, president. At a recent meeting Mrs. Mae Santos was chosen as secretary succeeding Miss Bernice Daviner, who resigned.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 28, 1940*

### **Cauliflower:**

Hall Station is a busy shipping center these days for cauliflower going east via iced cars of the Southern Pacific Railroad. Each day six carloads of luscious "flower" are brought in by growers from the fields where it has been packed into wooden crates, about a dozen heads per crate to the Hall Station packing headquarters in Alvarado. Here tops are nailed on by an automatic nailer, which applied all the nails at one stroke. The crates are then stacked in the cars and the top is covered with a layer of crushed ice. The car is then sealed airtight for the trip east.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 8, 1940*

### **PTA Founders Day:**

Founders Day will be observed by the PTA of the Alvarado Grammar School at the school February 28<sup>th</sup> at 2 o'clock. The public is invited and refreshments will be served. The committee on arrangements consists of Mary Hughes, Mrs. Mike Gardetto and Isabelle Ferry, assisted by Mrs. George Davis, President.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 18, 1940*

### **Around Town:**

The PTA has planned a card party for January 31<sup>st</sup> with Mrs. Michael Gardetto as chairman assisted by Mrs. Leonard Silva and Mrs. Joseph Lewis.

The Alvarado Eagles initiated ten new members.

Joe Martin, Angelo Cosso, **Joseph E. Lewis**, William Silva and E. Quaresma attended an Eagles meeting in Livermore last Wednesday.

The Alvarado Grammar School defeated the Niles Grammar School Wednesday by a score of 29 to 18. Marcelino Ledesma led the scoring with 13 points.

The boys regret losing Clarence Ferreira for the basketball season, but his 18 month layoff is due. Mr. Wasley will supervise the boy's team for the rest of the season.

Mrs. Wm. Robinson writes from Chicago that she and her husband are enjoying good health. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Fannie Robie.

John A. Bettencourt, aged about 44, passed away recently. He had been ailing with heart trouble. He was employed at a local dairy and lived above Sam Dinsmore's store in Alvarado.

Sam Dinsmore Jr. bought a new DeSoto coupe recently. Sam has the Shell Gas Station in Alvarado adjacent to the Silver Dollar Café.

George Enos, the driver of George Bros. Gasoline delivery truck purchased a new Pontiac from McKissick Auto Co. of San Leandro.

**Joe Lewis**, local booster for the Standard Oil in the Alvarado district deserves credit for being a 24-year employee of the Standard Oil Company. Andy Anderson is at a hospital where he was operated on Thursday. We trust that he will soon be back with us. Frank Goularte of Fair Ranch Road is improving after an operation at the Alameda Sanitarium at Alameda. A birthday party in Oakland was attended by Mrs. John Bettencourt and daughter Norma and Mrs. DeKidos Saturday afternoon in honor of Lloyd Frates' birthday.

Portland of the Pacific Coast League is dickering with Fred Muller who was last year with the Toledo, OH. Baseball team. Fred is an Alvarado boy who just won't go east again to play but insists on playing on the west coast.

A fine brand of cosmetics is sold by Mrs. Robie. She is doing fine with this line of Avon Products. They are manufactured by the California Perfume Company and are pure and up-to-date in every detail. Why not give Mrs. Robie your next order? Her line comprises dental creams, hand creams, etc., as well as face creams of all kinds, powders, lotions and perfumes.

For the convenience of those who are required by law to file Federal Income Tax Returns, a Deputy collector of the Internal Revenue Service will be the Central Bank in Alvarado on February 23<sup>rd</sup> to assist taxpayers in preparing their returns. There is no charge for this service.  
***The Alvarado Pioneer, January 19, 1940***

**Alvarado Vegetable Growers:**

Alvarado Vegetable Grower Association is indeed fortunate to have such a well-known pioneer grower as F.C. Harvey as Secretary Treasurer. Thirteen growers who ship through the association at Hall Station are:

T.P. Harvey	F.C. Harvey	Wallace McKeown
Weston Emery	Ed Lebon	Herbert Young
M.P. Rose	Harvey Granger	Joe Langdon
Soares Bros.	Al Caeton	Morrill King
Andrade Bros.		

The cauliflower takes spurts in ripening and with favorable conditions will last till May.  
***The Alvarado Pioneer, February 2, 1940***

**Flood:**

Rising water in the Alameda Creek in the Alvarado area flooded many roads in town. Marsh Road was under water for more than three miles, as was the Valle Vista-Alvarado (Alquire Road), and Canal Street (Marsten Ave.).  
***The Oakland Tribune, February 28, 1940***

**Flood:**

Continuance of a week of rainstorms Wednesday night and early Thursday added an even inch of moisture to the season's total. This insures an ample water supply for wells and agriculture. Meanwhile this extra rain caused the Alameda Creek to continue its flooding of low-lying areas around Alvarado. Homes in the outlying area of Alvarado are surrounded by water.  
***The Oakland Tribune, February 29, 1940***

**Flood:**

The arrival of more than five and a half inches of rain the past week is expected to be of vital benefit to Southern Alameda County farming operations this year, some damage was inflicted on crops planted in the lowlands, Bayshore areas of San Lorenzo, Mt. Eden, Tennyson, Alvarado and

Newark. Considerable acreage planted to spinach and sugar beets were flooded during the rains, and water is still standing in some parts.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 2, 1940*

#### **Hobo Dies from Fall:**

The body of a man who fell to his death from a Western Pacific train near the Holly Sugar mill at Alvarado Tuesday night, was identified tentatively as that of Sidney V. McCarthy, 45 year old hobo.

The Sheriff's office believes that the man fell from the top of a boxcar, his head striking the rail beneath. He suffered several broken bones also. The body was found by a passerby. Death is believed to have occurred shortly after the fall. Identification was made by a Social Security application found in the dead man's clothing. The application had been made in Oakland.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 6, 1940*

#### **WPA Recreation Center:**

At the Alvarado WPA recreation center, activities for Saturday include an egg hunt at 1:00 P.M. Children will make their own Easter Baskets and kites under the direction of Joe Ansley, recreation attendant. A kite contest will be conducted March 30<sup>th</sup> at school. Prizes will be awarded.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 21, 1940*

#### **Eagles:**

A class initiation will feature the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Alvarado Aerie of Eagles, according to John Menezes, secretary. Officers nominated at a recent meeting will be installed at that time.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 21, 1940*

#### **Washington High Band Members:**

Joe Lewis and Bob Rogers, Washington Union High School band members from Alvarado, have chosen to perform March 29<sup>th</sup> in Long Beach California as two of three members selected from our area to perform at the Music Educators National Conference. They will accompany Mr. Dwight Thornburgh, music instructor at Washington High, and his family who will chaperone them. A faculty member of the University of Minnesota will lead the symphony band.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 24, 1940*

#### **Alvarado Monument:**

Steps are being taken to have an appropriate monument erected here commemorating the fact that Alvarado was the first county seat of Alameda County.

A committee headed by George H. Oakes, prominent in the native sons and scion of a pioneer family, is working out the details. Also backing the plan is Supervisor George P. Hellwig of this district. When Alameda County was created in 1853, Alvarado was the choice of the people for the county seat.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 26, 1940*

#### **Intention to Wed:**

Salvadore J. Vecchio, Alvarado, 42

Anna Perry Segueira, Turlock, 58

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 27, 1940*

#### **Whist Party:**

Mrs. Mello of Alvarado was awarded a special prize at the whist party given for the benefit of the building fund for the All Saints Church Catholic Church (Hayward) Thursday afternoon held at the I.D.E.S. Hall.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 29, 1940*

#### **Auto Accident:**

Manuel Martinez of Alvarado was injured in an auto accident involving another car near Alvarado.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, March 29, 1940*

### **Junior Traffic Patrol:**

Junior Traffic Patrol boys of the Alvarado Grammar School will be entertained with a dinner and a theater party by the PTA sometime this month. Mrs. Susie Davis, president, will appoint committees to make arrangements.

The Alvarado boys, together with other Southern Alameda County reserves, will march at Treasure Island on May 29<sup>th</sup>, about 11,000 boys from the western states having taken place in a similar event last year. The 200 Juniors Traffic Reserves from Southern Alameda County captured first prize in the parade last year.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 31, 1940*

### **Rebekah's:**

Two special meetings are scheduled for the Alvarado Rebekah's, including the district meeting of lodges from several southern Alameda County communities on April 12<sup>th</sup>. On April 5<sup>th</sup> the Alvarado Lodge will have a "kids" party with members to attend in juvenile costumes. On the 12<sup>th</sup> the district meeting will be open to guest and a program of entertainment and refreshments will be arranged.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 31, 1940*

### **Flood:**

For the third time this year Marsh Road between Alvarado and Newark is flooded and closed to through traffic.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 1, 1940*

### **Boxing:**

Del Ledesma of Alvarado knocked out Sonny Martin of Newark in the first round of a 160 Lb Weight class match. It was the only actual knockout of the night; it came in the first round. The card features young fighters from both sides of the Bay.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 9, 1940*

### **Sugar:**

Ben Koontz, Superintendent of the Holly Sugar mill at Alvarado will give a talk on "the preparation of sugar" to the Hayward PTA Friday at the school.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 10, 1940*

### **Eagles:**

Delegates to the state convention in San Jose in June were elected at a recent meeting of the Alvarado Aerie of Eagles. Officers for the coming year will be elected at the next meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Delegates to the convention, which will meet on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> are Joe S. Martin, Antone A. Lawrence, Joe E. Lewis, Vernon J. Rose and E. A. Quaresma.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 12, 1940*

### **Alvarado Float:**

Alvarado will enter a float in the Oakland City "Old West Parade" to be held in Oakland on May 24<sup>th</sup>. The Alvarado entry will be a buggy unit depicting Emperor Norton, the mad San Franciscan who reigned in the 1880's, proclaiming himself to be the emperor of California and Mexico. Lazy Bar A Rancho of Alvarado is sponsoring the float.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 30, 1940*

### **Niles Gypsies Have Alvarado Connection:**

Two Gypsy women terrorized an aged Niles couple after promising to tell their future. The Gypsies told the wife "she would die soon" if they did not give them what they wanted. The Gypsies then tried to extort \$300 from the couple, who refused them the money. They then asked for the couple's new radio set, chickens, the tea kettle, dishes and some onions. The terrified couple gave

them what they asked for. Meanwhile their thirteen year-old daughter had called the police who arrived just as the two Gypsy ladies were leaving the house with large bundles of loot. The Gypsies were forced to return what they were taking and told them to get out of the county.

It was later learned the same Gypsies had operated a booth at the Alvarado Holy Ghost before being run out of town.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 30, 1940*

#### **Henry Henrickson Dies:**

Another part of our pioneer heritage left Monday night with the passing of Henry G. Henrickson, age 73. He had been a blacksmith in Alvarado since 1892.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 7, 1940*

#### **T. P. Harvey Remarries:**

Theodore P. Harvey, 36, Alvarado farmer, and Elizabeth Hebbner, 29, San Mateo Nurse, were married May 1<sup>st</sup> in Carmel, California. Mr. Harvey was divorced from Mrs. Marguerite Harvey after a sensational trial in Alameda county Court in March 1939.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 9, 1940*

#### **Intention to Wed:**

Wilbert Edward Martin, Alvarado, 21

Isabel May Pinto, Alvarado, 19

*The Oakland Tribune, May 15, 1940*

#### **Marriage:**

Miss Katherine Louise Peterson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. O. Peterson, Hayward, will become the bride of Joseph Logan Fyffe, son of Mrs. Margaret Fyffe, Alvarado, Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in Mt. Eden.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 31, 1940*

#### **Alvarado Wedding:**

Isabelle Pinto, orchestra leader, will become the bride of Wilbert Martin at a ceremony to be performed at St. Anne's Church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. C. Pinto and the groom elect is the son of Manuel Martin, all of Alvarado. Both young people graduated from Alvarado Grammar School.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 7, 1940*

#### **Septic Tanks:**

The Alvarado chamber of commerce will call a meeting to consider septic tank conditions in this community, since they are very bad, according to word from the County Health Department. An epidemic of sickness is feared if conditions are not improved, since every house uses a septic tank or a hole in the ground for sewage and the ground is contaminated as a result.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 19, 1940*

#### **Sewage Problem:**

Gerald L. Worthley, coordinator for the Castro Valley and Oro Loma Sanitary District board of directors, was called in by the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce Thursday night to assist this community with its growing sanitation problem.

At the close of an enthusiastic meeting of Chamber members and residents, Mr. Worthley and Cedric Macabee, engineer for the Castro Valley District had agreed to run a quick survey of sewer possibilities for Alvarado and report at a later meeting.

Mr. Worthley pointed out that Alvarado, being near the Bay shore, would have comparatively little expense for an outfall sewer line, which would carry off water from the treatment plant, under a suggested plan.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 21, 1940*

**News Note:**

Mrs. Pauline Oakes, wife of George H. Oakes and publisher of the Alvarado Pioneer, has been re-elected president of the Hayward Campfire Guardians Association, it was announced Thursday. *The Hayward Daily Review, June 21, 1940*

**A Poem to Grandma:**

(From *The Oakland Tribune's* Aunt Elsie's Children Page)

A poem to you, dear grandma  
To you from your grandchildren gay  
To show that we all love you  
And I can't find the right words to say

But just the thought of you  
Makes everyone wear a smile  
Why, even the thought of seeing you  
Would make us walk a mile

Now sometimes we get angry with you  
But don't mind a word we say  
Because we get up from the side of the bed  
When sometimes we still there should stay

Now, I hope you like poem  
It's not very fancy, you see  
But this you must remember  
To our hearts you have the key  
By: Mildred Martin, Alvarado, age 14  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 23, 1940*

**Farm Home Department:**

The Alvarado Farm Home Department will have a picnic meeting at the Hayward Memorial Park on August 28, according to plans made at a recent meeting at the home of Mrs. Lena Bettencourt in Alvarado.

Committees appointed to arrange the affair include: Mrs. Mary Gastelum, Mrs. Bettencourt, Irma Brown, Lou George, Mae Rogers and Adeline Santos. Refreshments will be handled by Mrs. Joe Williams and Mrs. John Williams. Those in charge of games will be Mrs. Amaral, Mrs. Bettencourt and Ida Rogers.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 30, 1940*

**Willa Jane Hellwig:**

Plans are underway for the reception to be held for the grand officers of the Eastern Star at Scottish Rite Cathedral, Saturday evening, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Willa Jane Hellwig, of Alvarado, past worthy grand matron, will be the official hostess and director of the reception and will act in an advisory capacity to the Helen Louise Edward's Matron Society.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 30, 1940*

**Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. John Ralph went to the Santa Cruz Mountains this week leaving his employees in charge of the store. Adam Lewis is assisting the ladies on the jobs.

D. Diaz of the Union Meat Market went to Oakland on business Friday.

Mr. & Mrs. John Menezes attended the Fair on the Fourth when 131,000 was the total attendance.

Mr. & Mrs. Antone (Tony) Brune the newlyweds went on the Fourth of July to Yosemite and will return Sunday. They reside in Hayward.

Anyone wishing to seek information on the raising of canaries should see Angelo Cosso. We understand he has been trying to teach a cage full of brown canaries to sign and to his surprise they turned out to be sparrows. They were a gift from a friend. Someone is having a good laugh.

The Alvarado Vegetable Growers are now shipping lettuce from the fields of Ted Harvey, M.P. Rose and Weston Emery. The lettuce is packed by Superintendent **Dave Caeton**, assisted by Jack Carey, Walter Caeton, Mrs. Dave Caeton, Mrs. Elizabeth Vargas and Mr. Copeland (the bookkeeper). Golden State Creamery has lost a good employee in Walter Caeton, who has been a very faithful employee the past 19 years, but the Alvarado Vegetable Growers have gained a valuable worker who feels right at home working with the rest of the employees for his brother, **Dave Caeton**.

James Wasley, son of Principal and Mrs. James Wasley of Alvarado, deserves credit for his initiative in trying to get business experience by acquiring orders for the *Oakland Tribune*. He represents Alvarado in the Alameda County contest, which closes July 15<sup>th</sup>. The highest contestants are to go to Yosemite Valley for a week's vacation.

The splendid pleasure boat built by **Dave Caeton** a few years ago, which reposes on dry land at the Alviso dock near Centerville Road, is soon to make history. In three weeks Caeton will launch the boat at the Oakland Estuary. The ship weighs ten tons and has as sweet lines as any pleasure boat on the coast. Dave's boat has a Chrysler engine and plenty of power.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 5, 1940*

#### **Classified Ad:**

LOST & FOUND:

Walker Foxhound dog. Strayed from Alvarado Gun Club. White with black spots edged with brown, brown ears with torn ends. Answers to the name of "Trim."  
Notify Frank Best, Alvarado Gun Club, Alvarado. Reward.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, July 6, 1940*

#### **Santa Cruz Holy Ghost:**

Santa Cruz experienced a "mass invasion" yesterday as 10,000 members of the Bay and northern California Portuguese Holy Ghost Society trekked here to participate in the annual Holy Ghost fiesta.

One of the largest delegations from Alameda County came from Alvarado, where the Holy Ghost fiesta is inaugurated each year. Alvarado sent more than 100 persons, who came in two large trucks and an auto caravan under the chairmanship of John Costa.

The Sons of the American Legion Drum Corps took a prominent spot in their parade from Washington Township, headed by Winifred Santos of Alvarado as majorette. The legions post's Junior Girl's Auxiliary also marched in the parade. Another unit from Alvarado was the Echoes of Portugal Drill Team.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 8, 1940*

#### **S. P. R. S. I.:**

Delegates from the Alvarado Lodge of SPRSI are attending the state convention at Sacramento this week, expecting to return home on Thursday. Alvarado women present at the convention are Mary Borges, Angie Vargas, and Mabel Rogers.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 8, 1940*

#### **Alvarado Explores Sewage District:**

Engineer Cedric Macabee interviewed George Oakes and Charles Baird on Friday and stated that the sewer district boundary would approximate those of the old fire district, with a valuation of

about \$230,000. He said that his estimate of 990 cents a \$100 would have to be increased to at least \$1,00 a \$100, as he had figured on a higher valuation.

Charles Baird motored around the district with Mr. Macabee and noted that there was a possibility of Alvarado having its own disposal plant by buying the already large reservoir formerly owned by the People's Water Company on the Union City Road and now a part of the Alameda County Water District. He said that this reservoir could be used as a foundation and a plant built around or near it, with most healthy conditions pervading it all.

In interviewing Ben Koontz, Superintendent of the Holly Sugar Corporation at Alvarado on Friday, he said the Sugar Mill was ahead with the clarifier, which would remove solid particles before they went down the flume to the marshes.

When asked if the Holly Sugar Corporation would be interested in combining with Alvarado in the use of the clarifier, he said he would have to get in touch with the main office at Colorado Springs. He said the clarifier had more capacity than Alvarado needed and could handle the needs of a city like Hayward. In other words the expense of upkeep for the eight months of the when the Sugar Mill is not operating beets, might be too much for the town to handle. He said that he would have a representative at the meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup>. It was understood that it might be Andrew Logan.

Here is what Alvarado people told the editor:

Fritz Hafen: "I will give \$100 when the district starts working as I believe it is one of the finest things to help Alvarado."

Sam Dinsmore: "I am for the sewer district as it will fill a long needed improvement and I will be at Thursday's meeting."

A.A. Lee: "I am in favor for the sewer district which will improve conditions in Alvarado at a reasonable cost, which the taxpayer can handle."

James Wasley: "I have talked to many people and they have realized like the County Health Officer has said, that sooner or later a real epidemic will occur if we don't act soon."

Frank Machado: "I have lived in this district for long time and have seen that Alvarado needed a sewer district to permanently care for the needs of the district and help her grow. It will lead to more homes and better living conditions."

Matt Machado: "Count me as a big booster for the sewer district"

Supervisor Hellwig: "I will try to be at Thursday's meeting and I will always try to do the best thing for the townspeople. I will study the proposition thoroughly.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 12, 1940*

### **Junior Auxiliary:**

Winifred Santos of Alvarado was elected president of the Junior Auxiliary of the Washington Township Post of the American Legion, and will be installed in a joint ceremony with the Senior Auxiliary next Tuesday night.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 14, 1940*

### **License to Marry:**

Lloyd Urrutia, Alvarado, 20

Flora Moreno, Niles, 18

*The Oakland Tribune, July 15, 1940*



**Sugar:**

Holly Sugar Corporation, reporting success with its present feed yard at the Alvarado sugar mill, has started to enlarge the system by constructing a new yard at a cost of \$30,000. The corporation has similar yards at Tracy and Hamilton City.

Through these feed yards, the corporation combines its mill operations with those of feeding nutritious sugar beet pulp to cattle after it has had the sugar extracted in the mills.

George Gillespie, who built the new Tracy unit last year, has been sent here from Colorado to build the Alvarado yard. The Alvarado mill last year completed a million dollar addition to its sugar extraction plant.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 16, 1940*

**Four Men Being Held:**

Four San Jose Mexicans were held by the Hayward Sheriff's Office and the Highway Patrol Wednesday following a supposed auto accident at Alvarado where conflicting stories were told.

Treated at Fairmont County Hospital was Albert Negret, 20, who suffered severe cuts on the head, either as the result of the supposed accident or a fight. Also in custody were Ventura Ruiz, 19, John Gonzalez, 18, and James Robledo, 20.

One of the stories told by the four was that, prior to their apprehension in Alvarado early Wednesday, their auto had struck a pole and they had tried to get help for Negret.

Officers were called after a window in the Sam Dinsmore store at Alvarado was broken. Negret said he broke the window as means of getting help.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 17, 1940*

**Battery Charge Nets Jail Time:**

A sentence of thirty days in the county jail was meted to Clarence J. Pimentel, 26, Alvarado man who formerly resided on Belmar Street in Hayward. Pimentel had pleaded guilty to a charge of battery preferred by his estranged wife, Mrs. Marie J. Bettencourt. Pimentel claimed he had merely picked her up and placed here in his car by force "because I wanted to talk to her." Pimentel said divorce proceedings are pending, and that the couple have a houseful of furniture in their former home in Hayward.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 18, 1940*

**Alvarado Sewer System Planned:**

Residents of Alvarado will attend a mass meeting here Thursday night, at which the possibility of organizing a sanitary district and installing a sewer system will be discussed. Two possible methods of providing a disposal plant have been noted. The first is building a large reservoir on Union City Road on property now owned by the Alameda County Water District. The second is to use the clarifier now being built by the Holly Sugar Mill.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 18, 1940*

**Around Town:**

A. Davilla, the pioneer Alvarado businessman who makes his home with relatives in Santa Clara, is visiting his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. A. Santos for a few weeks.

Miss Winifred Santos has been elected President of the Junior Auxiliary, Unit No. 195 at Niles, of Washington Township.

Bernice Lezand, one of the most charming young ladies in Alvarado, was taken to the Highland Hospital where it is feared she is suffering from spinal meningitis.

Manuel Andrade was returning from work at the Sugar Mill when his auto was hit head-on by a car driven by a nineteen-year old. He was injured and will miss several weeks of work.

While diving into the pool at the Hayward Plunge last weekend, Bobby Rodgers of Alvarado struck another boy under water and broke his eardrum. His hearing has returned somewhat.

We understand that Mr. Naharro of the Alvarado Theater will be the new owner of a new Packard car next week.

Miss Hernandez, a young lady of Alvarado, was taken to the hospital where she will under go treatment for a growth on her shoulder. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Hernandez of the Union City Road.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 19, 1940*

### **St. Anne Festival Canceled:**

St. Anne's Festival, an annual celebration of St. Anne's Church in Alvarado, set for July 28<sup>th</sup> has been postponed until August 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> because of conflicting dates with the Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 21, 1940*

### **Alameda County Fair:**

Josephine and Frank Cordoba, popular Alvarado dancers, will appear at the county fair showing their skills at Spanish dances.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 21, 1940*

### **Sewers:**

There was plenty of enthusiasm to secure the needed sanitary district for Alvarado shown by the 35 people who attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting on Thursday evening at the Alvarado Grammar School auditorium.

Joseph Lewis presided over the meeting in the absence of Charles Baird who is on vacation. George Oakes was Secretary. Engineer Cedric Macabee and his assistant had real good news for the large assemblage of Alvarado business people and property owners. They had surveyed the district and had a map showing the probable limits to be served. They had studied the sewer district from every angle and felt that they could make a success of the district.

The Chamber's permanent committee was appointed, which was the same one as last week, to go ahead and cooperate with engineer Macabee. They include Charles Baird, Frank Machado, John Ralph, A.A. Lee, George Oakes, Fred Wiegman and A.E. Vargas.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 23, 1940*

### **Alameda County Fair:**

James C. Wasley of Alvarado took away many prizes in the poultry division judging. He won most of the ribbons in the Brown Leghorns, with a large display of that variety. In the sugar beet judging, Ralph Logan of Alvarado took the first prize.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 25, 1940*

### **Sorority Rush:**

About a score of the Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority members (UC Berkeley) attended a swimming party Wednesday afternoon last at Orinda. It was the first rushing affair of the summer and those in charge were Miss Kay Fox, President, Miss Katherine Rathbone of Centerville and Miss Marion Ziegler of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 26, 1940*

### **Sewer:**

To hire an engineer to make a survey of the cost of sewerage Alvarado, merchants and citizens generally have guaranteed a fund of \$250, each agreeing to pay \$5. The list was signed after a report was heard from engineer Cedric Macabee of Hayward, who will be employed to make the survey.

Joseph Lewis, chairman at the last meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, suggests that with sewers installed in this city, it will be in a position to offer acceptable homes to more Holly Sugar and Leslie Salt employees who now live elsewhere.

Sewers have become a necessity here according to a recent report from the County Health Officer, Dr. I.O. Church.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 31, 1940*

### **Alvarado People Backing Sewer Dist.:**

The following individuals and businesses back Alvarado's effort to create a sewer district:

John H. Ralph	Joe H. Priego	S. L. Smith
Joseph Jacinto	Fernando Paredes	L. Cosso
D. Diaz	A.A. Lee	N. Fujita
Sam Dinsmore	Matt Machado	M.A. Silva Jr.
Fred H. Wiegman	August May	George Hellwig
M.A. Silva	A.J. Cadero	Isabelle Rodrigues
K. Matsumoto	A.S. Mello	O.P. Heitmuller
Mrs. George H. Oakes	Fred Hafen	Mildred Nauert
Martin Rose	Frank E. Machado	A.E. Vargas
M.P. Goularte	A. Freitas	Central Bank, Alvarado
John M. Menezes		

*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 26, 1940*

### **Vegetables:**

The packing shed at Hall Station in Alvarado just completed the loading of peas into three freight cars for shipment east. The packing plant is now working on lettuce, trucks coming from Northern California cities to haul the lettuce packed in crates, states manager Caeton. Mr. Caeton has just begun a trip to the Northwest and upon his return will launch his new boat in Oakland.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 31, 1940*

### **Sewer District Moves Forward:**

Folks! You should have attended the Sewer District meeting and seen the enthusiastic endorsement of the proposal of putting sewers in the Alvarado District. The Flood Control meetings used to draw larger crowds and then when the flood receded so did the interest of the people. But no so with the Sewer District meetings because they are getting more enthusiastic with each meeting.

At the mass meeting held Thursday night, Joseph Lewis made a motion that the sewer district should be formed and upon seconding by Frank Machado, the district was definitely on its way toward formation. The next step was the OK put on the boundaries of the district, which were practically the same as those of the old fire district.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 2, 1940*

### **Alvarado All-Stars:**

Leland Telles, pitcher for the Silver Dollar All-Stars started erratically but finished with a strong performance to lead the Alvarado club to a tie with Strom's Clothiers in a game played the Sports Field on Treasure Island.

Hitting stars for the Silver Dollar were George Sweeney, Joe Dutra and Manuel Azevedo who got two hits apiece. Eddie Lebon and Mike Ramos each got one hit apiece. Ray Diaz, flashy buck short, made a spectacular play to cut off a couple of runs in the fifth. Jimmy Perry, the iron man leftfielder madder a swell peg into home to cut off a run in the fourth. The game ended up tied at five all. The game was called due to time constraints.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 2, 1940*

**News Note:**

Coach Clarence Ferreira has left his job at the Alvarado Grammar School to accept a private position. Everyone misses him but wish him success in his new work.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 2, 1940*

**Mrs. Elsie Angel Dies:**

Mrs. Elsie Angel died in Alvarado on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. She was the beloved wife of the late Charles W. Angel of and sister to Mrs. A.K. Culver of Alvarado. She was 84 years old. Mrs. Angel had lived a short time in Alvarado with her sister Mrs. A.K. Culver.

*The Hayward Daily Review, August 3, 1940*

**A Ride to Santa Cruz:**

(From *The Oakland Tribune's* Aunt Elsie's Children Page)

One Sunday mother said that we were going to Santa Cruz. We ate breakfast and mother made a lunch to take to Santa Cruz. We then left. On the road going to Santa Cruz we saw many mountains. It was pretty to see lots of green trees and to be up high on the mountains. Arriving at Santa Cruz we went to the beach. It was a very nice day there. We put on our bathing suits and went wading in the water. The waves coming in suddenly would sometimes knock us down.

It was soon time to go back home. We had a nice time on our visit to Santa Cruz.

By: Ernest Bettencourt, Alvarado, age 14

*The Oakland Tribune, August 4, 1940*

**Supervisor Hellwig:**

Gladiolus grown by Supervisor George P. Hellwig in Alvarado won first honors at a Treasure Island display recently, which was judged by floral experts. The flowers were said to be the largest of the variety ever grown in Alameda County.

Hellwig, an amateur gardener, is now experimenting with a new species of sweet peas, the original seed having been brought here from Hindustan by a traveling missionary.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 7, 1940*

**News Note:**

Linda Jane Hellwig, a graduate of the 1940 class at Washington Union High School, has chosen to attend the University of California at Berkeley.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 15, 1940*

**Around Town:**

The SPRSI lodge of Alvarado enjoyed an outdoor barbecue at the Hayward Plunge. In attendance was Mrs. Angie Vargas President of the Alvarado Council and Clara Flores secretary.

Elisia Machado, popular Alvarado young lady will soon wed Anthony Dutra of Irvington. They will make their home near the Baumberg Salt Works where the groom is employed.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel A. Silva are on vacation at Santa Cruz. Mr. Silva is one of Alvarado's pioneer businessmen, whose place of business is opposite the Central Bank.

Bernice Lezand has returned to the hospital after having been home for a while.

Delores Hernandez, who has been in a cast at the hospital in Oakland, is improving slowly.

A dance and raffle given for the benefit of St. Anne's church was a success. Close to \$60 was received. On the committee were Joseph Martin, Joe Lewis.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Folger entertained Los Angeles friends this week. The Folger's reside in one of the Varni cottages near the Riverside Hotel.

Mabel Rodgers of the Creek Road is better after a month's attack of arthritis.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 16, 1940*

**Sugar:**

Thursday has been set as the opening day of the 1940 "run" of the Holly Sugar Company's mill here, with one of the heaviest production seasons in the mill's history. A good sugar beet crop

and increased facilities at the plant are expected to result in last years' 700,000-bag record being exceeded this year. The run is expected to last about four months.

Two innovations mark the opening of this season, the completion of a clarification unit, which will take care of all waste-water and sewage at the plant and the construction of a new feed yard where approximately 2,500 head of beef cattle will be brought to fatten for the 1941 market. Feed for the cattle is furnished by the 75,000 tons of wet beet-pulp, by-product of the sugar manufacturing. Some of the pulp is dried and sacked and sold for feed.

Most of the beets used at the plant are from the Bay area, San Leandro, Sunnyvale, Pleasanton and Washington Township and some from San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys. Last year 220,000 tons of beets were processed.

***The Hayward Daily Review, August 18, 1940***

#### **Intention to Wed:**

John Eugene Silva, Alvarado, 24

Irene Florence Silva, San Lorenzo, 19

***The Hayward Daily Review, August 19, 1940***

#### **Sewers:**

Alvarado is working quickly to install sewers in town. Cesspools are inadequate and the sewer system is sorely needed. There is no doubt that Alvarado needs sewers. Their cesspools have been condemned by Health Officer Church and a sewer system in Alvarado would greatly enhance property values.

***The Hayward Daily Review, August 20, 1940***

#### **Burglary at Ralph Store:**

John A. Ralph, Alvarado general storekeeper, reported his store was entered, and about \$150 worth of articles being taken. These included 16 cartons of cigarettes, a suitcase, and numerous articles of female underwear.

***The Hayward Daily Review, August 20, 1940***

#### **Baseball:**

Baseball played at the Valle Vista diamond Tuesday afternoon between the Alvarado team and Valle Vista resulted in an 11 to 3 win for Alvarado.

***The Hayward Daily Review, August 23, 1940***

#### **Pioneer Updates Its Printing Press:**

With this week's issue, the *Alvarado Pioneer* prints its last paper on the Campbell Press that it has used for the last ten years in Alvarado. Next week a larger press will be installed that will print four pages at one time.

Our old press has been purchased by the Washington Union High School to be used in their printing department where the school paper, *The Hatchet*, and other material is published. Mr. Kibby, instructor in printing at W.U.H.S. arranged for the purchase of the press and deserves credit for the fine type of work that he does with students there.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, August 23, 1940***

#### **Around Town:**

George Hellwig, County Supervisor from Alvarado, swept the field with his beautiful gladiolas at the Fair on Treasure Island. His glads were of every variety and color, and were found to be among the largest ever produced in Alameda County

Mr. & Mrs. Mottershaw and two daughters of the Half Way House in Alvarado arrived home Thursday night from a visit with relatives in Springfield, IL. Mrs. Virginia Mottershaw and the children left the first part of the summer by train for a surprise visit to the home of her parents

that she had not seen for four years. Mr. Mottershaw drove back there to bring them home in the automobile.

Mr. Fernando Paredes of the Alvarado Hotel is the proud possessor of the rattles from two rattle snakes, one killed by his son Placy, which had seven rattles and one killed by Andy Logan with 13 rattles.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 23, 1940*

### **August May Dies:**

Stricken by an apparent cerebral hemorrhage yesterday morning, August May, 73, of Alvarado, organizer of the former Alameda County Bank and member of a pioneer family, died suddenly last night at an Alameda hospital. His parents, Mr. & Mrs. August May Sr. settled in Alvarado in 1852. News of his death was withheld from his wife, who is ill in a San Francisco Sanatorium.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 25, 1940*

### **Alvarado School:**

The Alvarado Grammar School will reopen September 10<sup>th</sup> with the same teaching staff as last semester. The teaching staff consists of J. C. Wasley, Principal and instructor of the Eighth Grade; Miss Isabella Ferry, Sixth and Seventh Grades; Mrs. Laura Orelli, Fifth and Sixth Grades; Miss Charlotte Jung, Third and Fourth Grades, Mrs. Ruth Davis, Second Grade; Mrs. Muriel Nelson, First Grade and music instructor; and Mr. Dwight Thornburgh, Orchestra Leader.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 25, 1940*

### **Odd Fellows:**

Nearly 40 members of the Sycamore Lodge ([Hayward](#)) of Odd Fellows joined the IOOF Lodges of Alvarado, Livermore, Pleasanton and Niles Thursday night in a gathering with the Crusade Lodge of Alvarado in the Odd Fellows Hall in Alvarado. The occasion was the official visit of Earl Jacobsen of San Francisco and grand master of California Odd Fellows.

*The Hayward Daily Review, August 29, 1940*

### **Jimmy Perry Marries:**

Miss Eileen Pock, 21, of Hayward and Jimmy Perry, 26, of Alvarado were married Saturday at noon in Reno.

*The Hayward Daily Review, August 30, 1940*

### **Betrothal:**

Mrs. Irene McDonald of Hayward has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Bonnie Lee McDonald, to Clifford Dinsmore of Alvarado, son of Mr. & Mrs. Sam Dinsmore.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 1, 1940*

### **Intentions to Wed:**

Peter J. Pinto, Alvarado

Antoinette E. Rose, Alvarado, 23

*The Oakland Tribune, September 2, 1940*

### **New Arrival:**

To the wife of Joe Urrutia, Alvarado, August 15<sup>th</sup>, a daughter.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 3, 1940*

### **License to Marry (Reno):**

John P. Roderick, Alvarado, 29

Helen Caldeira, Decoto, 22

*The Oakland Tribune, September 15, 1940*

### **Henry Patterson:**

Henry Patterson, prominent Newark rancher, has been elected chairman of the advisory board of the Alameda County Bank, filling the position vacated with the passing of Mr. August May.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 17, 1940*

**Marriage:**

Peter Paul Rivers, son of Mrs. M. Rivers of Alvarado, married Miss Mary Joan Silva, daughter of Mr. Eugenia Silva of Hayward. The ceremony took place at All Saints Church in Hayward.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 1, 1940*

**Sewer District Marches Forward:**

Engineer E. Cedric Macabee, who has done splendid work in planning the sewer district for Alvarado, at the suggestion of the Chamber of Commerce and public spirited citizens, announces that the District Attorney's Office will give him typewritten petitions which have been long awaited. The press of business has made it impossible for the District attorney to get them out sooner. This means that **Frank Machado** can take the petitions around to have them signed by about 20 property owners. The next step will be to take these petitions and formally present them to the Supervisors.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 20, 1940*

**Alvarado Eighth Grade Class:**

Principal James C. Wasley teaches the eighth grade at the **Alvarado Grammar School** and he has the following 18 pupils to which more will be added later:

Bertille Amaral  
Stanley Lewis  
Kay Sakamoto  
Emily Dominguez  
Andy Hill  
Lorraine Sa

Ernest Bettencourt  
Frank Pinto  
Tatsuo Tanaka  
Susie Gonzales  
Doris Martinez  
Agnes Silva

Robert Hernandez  
**Clifford Rogers**  
Yotsuo Tao  
Jeanette Goularte  
Rosie Nieto  
Manuel Priego

This class will largely be those who will graduate June of next year. We also admired the new desks that were installed for the convenience of the eighth grade.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 20, 1940*

**Around Town:**

Evelyn Correia went to visit her sister, May Campos in San Francisco Sunday and returned on Wednesday night.

Bobby Lemos was twelve years old Thursday. He is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at the Alvarado Grammar School.

Next Tuesday there will a benefit card party for St. Anne's Church at the S.D.E.S. Hall. On the committee are Mrs. A.E. Vargas, Mrs. A.S. Mello and Mrs. Frank Roderick.

Lucky Lager and acme beers are the leading brands sold by Matt Machado at his place of business at Alvarado next to Manuel Silva's blacksmith shop (directly across the street from Alvarado School). Nehi beverages are also kept on hand and many brands of wine.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 20, 1940*

**The Alvarado Sweet Shop:**

Next to the Alvarado Theater is the new Alvarado Sweet Shop, which is a thing of beauty with modern interior decorating. We met Miss Naharro in charge of this corner ice cream shop and she handled everything like an experienced person. The modern soda fountain must be seen to be appreciated and the tables and chairs make it very inviting for a party of friends to enjoy a cool soft drink these hot days or light refreshments if desired.

Borden's Ice Cream is used and their ice cream guarantees an especially fine treat. Borden's desserts are kept in the refrigerator and they make something excellent to take home and ser along with your dinner. All the delicious flavors of ice cream to be found in the big city are found here.

We might say in passing that Mr. Naharro, the owner of the shop, has made quite a success of everything he and his son have undertaken in the many years they have lived in Alvarado. Mr. Naharro Sr. owns the shoe repair shop opposite the *Alvarado Pioneer*. He has many homes, which he rents out. His son has proved himself a splendid movie theater manager and brings to his Alvarado Theater just as fine pictures as are to be found on Broadway in Oakland.

All the family pulls together and now the daughter is showing her remarkable ability in handling the new "Alvarado Sweet Shop," which has been open only a short time.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 20, 1940*

#### **Around Town:**

Community night will be held at the **Alvarado Grammar School** October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Among the entertainment will be Jeanette Montalbo, Carol Lon Nelson and **Clifford Rogers**.

The petition blanks for the sewer district have been received from the D.A.'s office and **Frank Machado** and A.J. Vargas are going around town getting the necessary signatures.

The next meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Hellwig, a strong supporter of the sewer district will be present.

Miss Mary Jane Hinckley, formerly of Alvarado, was married to William Wetzel of Mt. Eden Sunday at the Mt. Eden Presbyterian Church.

Former coach Clarence Ferreira will be on hand Friday night to meet all his friends at the community dance. Save him a dance girls.

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Correia announces the birth of a son on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>. The father is a former resident of Alvarado and is the son of Mrs. Zelma Correia.

Mrs. Shinn of Niles is the teacher of the night school at **Alvarado Grammar School**, which started Thursday of last week. The night classes are preparing aliens for their citizenship exam at Oakland.

A.E. Vargas of Alvarado purchased a De Luxe Dodge from the Judd Motor Co. next to the Montgomery Ward store on A Street in Hayward. He has made two fishing trips the last two weeks, one to Petaluma Slough and the next to McAvoy near Pittsburg. He got the limit of striped bass each time. He was accompanied by his son Edward.

William Platt, the new coach at the **Alvarado Grammar School**, has really gotten in and worked during his short time with us. He has been given the barn at Dutro's place and made a nice gym for the boys who are getting lot of recreation as well as good bodybuilding out of his program. What we really need here in Alvarado is a Boy's Club, how about it folks?

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 20, 1940*

#### **Wilkie for President:**

Flora McKeown has been named as the precinct leader for Alvarado in the Wendell Wilkie for President campaign.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 3, 1940*

#### **The Alvarado Farm Scene:**

Ever since the writer of the *Pioneer* was a boy he heard that Alvarado Burbank Potatoes were considered of the highest quality and that is still true. The thousands of acres of potatoes that are being dug out of the ground at this time are in demand at the markets. Right here in Alvarado, Hayward or Oakland people who want to buy these potatoes fresh from the grower and save money from the middleman, should call on these growers and buy a sack.

Ted Harvey has a fine salesroom on the Alvarado-Centerville Highway next to the **Alvarado Vegetable Growers Association** (Hall Station).

Lloyd Bailey has a large warehouse near by the Association where he sells potatoes.



M.P. Rose, whose farm is on the Fair Ranch Road, has just as fine potatoes as anybody. You can reach him by calling at the **Alvarado Vegetable Growers Association** as he ships large quantities of cauliflower through them  
Al Caeton on the Beard Tract (Beard Road) at Alviso has fine potatoes for sale.

The **Alvarado Vegetable Growers Assoc.** has their usual busy season of packing lettuce, which is called for each day by trucks from San Francisco and San Joaquin County Markets. Cauliflower is also packed at the local plant and shipped to the San Francisco market. November is the month that the cauliflower arrives at the packing shed at Hall Station and continues well past Christmas.

The **Alvarado Vegetable Growers Association** at Hall Station held their annual mass meeting last week and re-elected the same and directors, Weston Emery, President, and F.C. Harvey, secretary of the association had acted in their usual capable manner and were re-elected. The association has some twelve of the largest growers in this part of the township between Alvarado and Centerville shipping from Hall Station on the Alvarado-Centerville Highway.

Local sugar beet growers from District 1 (which includes Alameda, Santa Clara and a part of Contra Costa County) are balking at the prices offered and are withholding signing contracts with the sugar refineries until the price situation looks a little better, according to L.E. Silva from Alvarado, a member of the Advisory Board.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 4, 1940*

#### **Around Town:**

A few Sundays ago Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Priego and family of Alvarado motored in their beautiful new Packard to Santa Cruz.

Harvey Granger sells firm Alvarado Burbank Potatoes and red onion on Creek Road in Alvarado, California.

Jack Carey, who is employed at the Alvarado Vegetable Growers, had the misfortune of losing his mother-in-law recently.

Mr. & Mrs. S. Fernandez of Newark attended the wedding of Peter Paul Rivers of Alvarado and Mary Joan Silva of Hayward on Wednesday.

If Alvarado loses her Supervisor, she will never get another is what many a local voter said this week. After supervisor Hellwig made such a wonderful talk before a large meeting of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce advocating sewer bonds, many local people realized that right here in Alvarado they have a local man to battle for their interests before the Board of supervisors.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 4, 1940*

#### **Alvarado Murder:**

Benito Ortega, 46, of Alvarado is charged with murder in the knifing death of Norberto Aragon, 35, in an Alvarado bunkhouse brawl. Aragon was stabbed through the heart and had several other stab wounds as well.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 8, 1940*

#### **News Note:**

Southern Alameda County will have to draft boards for selection of men for military duty. Draft Board 74 will cover the Hayward and Draft Board 75 will cover Washington, Pleasanton and Murray Townships. The Draft Board 75 includes Judge Manley Clark and Carl M. Friden of Pleasanton and Judge Allen G. Norris of Centerville.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 11, 1940*

#### **Marriage:**

Lt. Howard Robie, grandson of Mrs. Walter Robie of Alvarado will wed Miss Edna Creelson of Berkeley in a ceremony on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 18, 1940*

#### **Silver Dollar All-Stars:**

The Silver Dollar All-stars Softball team of Alvarado will play in Oakland Wednesday night, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 p.m. with a Class A.A. softball team of Oakland. The following players, according to manager Wilbert Hendricks, will participate in the game.

Manuel Azevedo	Catcher
Leland Telles	Pitcher
Lefty Amaral	1 <sup>st</sup> Base
Eddie Lebon	2 <sup>nd</sup> Base
Joe Dutra	3 <sup>rd</sup> Base
Herb Straub	Short Stop
Jimmie Perry	Left Field
George Sweeney	Center Field
Lolly Amaral	Right Field
Ray Diaz	Short Field

Utility men:	
Wilbert Hendricks	Utility
Ralph Brown	Pitcher
Lefty Miller	Pitcher

This is one of the best line-ups that the team has had all season.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, October 18, 1940***

#### **Around Town:**

M.P. Rose, who raises such splendid Burbank potatoes and cauliflower on the Fair Ranch Road near the T.P. Harvey home, made a three-day trip to another part of California this week. Mr. M.F. Silva, another farmer on the Fair Ranch Road went with him.

176 Alvarado men of Precinct 1 registered for the Selective Service System.

The Recreation Leaders, Miss Wiley and William Platt wish to thank everyone for the splendid cooperation on their "Alvarado Day" program and the splendid way in which they turned out to make it such a grand success.

Lloyd Bailey, one of the largest independent growers and shippers of Washington Township, eclipsed all records for shipping green tomatoes east last week. He shipped eighteen carloads back to Chicago. The tomatoes arrive in a ripened condition after being on the road two weeks via Southern Pacific cars.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, October 18, 1940***

#### **News Note:**

Mrs. John Cease and daughter attended a shower party at the home of Vernon Darland of San Leandro Tuesday night.

***The Hayward Daily Review, October 24, 1940***

#### **Rebekah Card Party:**

The Alvarado Lodge of Rebekah's, No. 142, Will give a card party at the Alvarado Odd Fellows Hall tomorrow night at 8:30 o'clock. The public is invited, according to Elsa Mikkelson, chairman. Refreshments will be served.

***The Hayward Daily Review, October 24, 1940***

#### **Around Town:**

The Sugar Mill at Alvarado is being watched closely by other sugar refiners across the nation. Alvarado is the test site for recovering lime from waste lime cake on a large commercial scale. The W.U.H.S. dance band under the direction of Joe Lewis of Alvarado now consists of eight pieces, and can they swing it!

Stanley Roderick of Alvarado, who has been with the U.S. Navy for the past few years, is expected home soon. He writes that his future address will be "Alvarado, Cal." While in the Navy Roderick has made a big name for himself as a left-handed pitcher and has been treated royally in the Hawaiian Islands and wherever he has been in port.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 25, 1940*

#### **Winifred Santos Editor of the Hatchet:**

Winifred Santos of Alvarado has been named editor-in-chief of the Washington Union High School Yearbook, the Hatchet.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 27, 1940*

#### **Presbyterian Church:**

Women of the Washington Township Presbyterian Parish will give a tea at the Alvarado Presbyterian Church Thursday afternoon, December 4<sup>th</sup>, from 2 o'clock to 5 o'clock. Invitations have been extended to Presbyterian Churches throughout the township.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 14, 1940*

#### **Hellwig Leads in Vote:**

Canvass of the absentee ballots today gave George P. Hellwig of Alvarado, incumbent supervisor, a lead of 208 votes over Chester E. Stanley of Livermore. Leading by 164 votes in the unofficial count made after the November 5<sup>th</sup> election, Hellwig gained 44 votes from the absentee ballots.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 13, 1940*

#### **New Pastor:**

The Rev. Jackson L. Webster, pastor of the Sitka Alaska Presbyterian Church for the past 12 years, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Washington Township Presbyterian parish, including churches at Newark, Centerville, Alvarado and Irvington.

He and his family, which includes his wife, a daughter, Mary Ellen aged eight years; sons David 16, and Richard 17, both of who will register at Washington Union High School as a junior and a senior respectively this week. Another son, Dan, is a student at Cornell University.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 14, 1940*

#### **Pheasant Season Opens:**

One half hour after sunrise Friday morning, pheasant season will open in this area. Hunters will invade every open piece of ground around here for Chinese pheasants. Farmers will prosecute hunters who hunt on property which have signage forbidding hunting. That said, Mt. Eden and Alvarado would probably pan out as the best hunting grounds according to local game wardens.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 14, 1940*

#### **Silva's Buy a Ranch:**

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Silva, of Alvarado, have bought the ranch of Mrs. Rosa Azevedo on Crow Canyon Road. Mrs. Azevedo will move into her new home on Center Street in Castro Valley.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 14, 1940*

#### **Horse Killed:**

A collision between a car driven by William Trenough of Irvington and a horse resulted in the death of the horse Saturday morning in Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 19, 1940*

#### **U.S. Selective Service Draft Classifications:**

**Draft** registrants are classified in four general groups from I to IV, with subdivisions under the first and last. Class I is the first to be called, in general, Class II the second and so on. The keys to the classification are these:

- I-A Available and fit for general military service
- I-B Available and fir for limited military service

- I-C Members of the land and naval forces
- I-D Students fit for general military service
- I-E Students fit for limited military service, available later
- II-A Men necessary in civilian activity
- III-A Men with dependents
- IV-A Men who have completed service
- IV-B Officials deferred by law
- IV-C Non-declarant aliens
- IV-D Minister of religion or divinity student
- IV-E Conscientious objector
- IV-F Unfit for military service

*The Oakland Tribune, November 27, 1940*

**Draft Status:**

Here are the names of Alvarado boys classified by the Selective Service **Draft** Board.

- Joe Duarte Gonzalez, Alvarado, III-A
- Francisco C. Macahalís, Alvarado, IV-C
- Frederico Danna Cipriano, Alvarado, IV-C

*The Oakland Tribune, November 27, 1940*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

On Tuesday night, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Alvarado Grammar School. There will be an election of officers and new interest will be shown because of the successful termination of the Sewer District as advocated by the Chamber of Commerce.

In order to put the Chamber of Commerce on it feet financially, **Frank Machado** went out and got a lot of new members, who have paid their dues in advance for a year. This will insure a large turnout at the next meeting.

Following is the list of the new members and the old members who have joined for the coming year, paying their \$2.00 apiece to Mr. Machado:

**Frank Machado**

- Clarence Flores
- Angelo Cosso
- Joseph Jacinto
- Mi Fujita
- D. Cubicciotti
- Sam Dinsmore
- Erle Hellwig
- A.E. Vargas
- Fernando Paredes
- George Hellwig
- Manuel B. Azevedo
- M.A. Silva Jr.
- John Brugge
- Manuel Hendricks
- Joe F. Paris
- J.R. Blacow
- Joe S. Dutra
- Frank Perez
- Joe Silveira
- Joaquin Vargas
- Morris Davilla
- Antone Dutra

- Charles Baird
- Frank Silveira
- D. Diaz
- K. Matsumoto
- John Ralph
- Joe E. Dutra
- George Oakes
- Matt Machado
- Manuel August Silva
- James C. Wasley
- M.C. Pinto
- Joe Marcellino
- Edward Fantuzzi
- Michael Gardetto
- M.C. Gaspar
- George Thayer
- John Varni
- A.J. Cadero
- Seraphine Suare
- Frank Mattos
- Joe Utile
- Stanley Roderick
- S. Diaz

- John Menezes
- A.A. Lee
- Antone Santos
- Ramiro Machado
- Fred Hafen
- A.S. Mello
- Edward Mateo
- Joseph H. Priego
- Manuel Goularte
- Isabel M. Mondragon
- Tony Alexander
- M.E. Perry Jr.
- Joe Alameda
- Joe Flores
- Anthony Rivers
- Martin Rose
- Fred Wiegman
- Dr. F.B. Bettencourt
- John F. Machado
- Sam Dinsmore Jr.
- Steve Smith
- Peter Pinto
- A.J. Vargas

Richie Mattos  
Elvin Rose  
Peter Rose

Seraphine Daviner  
Frank Vargas  
Cipriano Diaz

Joe Montalbo  
Ramon Diaz  
Virginia Mottershaw

New Officers will probably be elected as new members and new programs will add interest to the meetings.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 22, 1940*

#### **Sewer District:**

One of the important routine matters in the preparation for the anticipated passage of the Alvarado sewer District by the voters was attended to by **Frank Machado**, Tony Vargas and Mr. Azevedo; it was the \$400 bond, which was secured from E.A. Ellsworth, the insurance man at Niles. The premium has been paid and just in case the district is not formed this \$400 provides for the advance work of the engineers.

But it is a sure thing that the bonds for sewer will be passed as the people are unanimous for their needed public improvement. One change has recently been made to district boundaries and that was the cutting out of the ten acres of William Avila near the S.P. tracks from the sewer district.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 22, 1940*

#### **Andrew Lund Dies:**

Andrew Andreasen Lund, 76, died at his home in Hayward California. Mr. Lund, a retired shoemaker, came to Hayward 49 years ago and then moved to Alvarado where he was in business. Later he returned to Hayward for remainder of his 23 years. Surviving him is his wife, Elfreda Lund, many children including a daughter, Mrs. Viola Dinsmore of Alvarado, and a brother Antone Lund also of Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 28, 1940*

#### **Draft Status: (See 11/27/1940 for Key)**

Pablo I. Isuga, Alvarado, IV-C  
Mamerto Villarael Armenio, Alvarado, IV-C  
Jaime Sroco Ismael, Alvarado, IV-C

*The Oakland Tribune, November 28, 1940*

#### **Draft Status: (See 11/27/1940 for Key)**

Joe Utile, Alvarado, III-A  
Vincent Arias Navarro, Alvarado, IV-C  
Alejandro M Aranda, Alvarado, III-A  
Mauro Jose Bautista, Alvarado, IV-C  
Diosdado Cawaling, Alvarado, IV-C

*The Oakland Tribune, November 30, 1940*

#### **Salute to the Flag:**

Students of the Washington Union High School, Centerville, have adopted an official method of saluting the flag. The right hand is placed over the heart as the pledge of allegiance is repeated as the flag passes by. Sally Logan of Alvarado and Lillian Franko of Niles, "the two "littlest freshmen" in school demonstrated the salute.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 1, 1940*

#### **WPA Folk Dancing:**

The WPA is sponsoring a Folk Dancing Festival for schools throughout the area. Each school will perform several different dances. Alvarado School students will be performing an Irish Jig, a Minuet, and the Chamarita.

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 3, 1940*

#### **Jury Spares Alvarado Man:**

The recommendation of a jury has spared the life of Benito Lopez Ortega, 46, convicted slayer, from death in San Quentin's gas chamber.

Ortega will appear before Judge Lincoln S. Church Monday morning to be sentenced to life imprisonment for fatally stabbing Norberto Aragonéz at Alvarado on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

The jurors deliberated three hours and by their recommendation made the life sentence mandatory. Ortega, father of six children, killed Aragonéz following a quarrel in a bunkhouse occupied by fellow field workers.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 5, 1940*

**Draft Status: (See 11/27/1940 for Key)**

Ray S. Fryar, Alvarado, III-A

*The Oakland Tribune, December 5, 1940*

**Chamber of Commerce Revived:**

With 80 paid-up members the **Alvarado Chamber of Commerce**, after a period of inactivity for several years, reorganized at the grammar school this week with more than half of its members present.

Frank Machado, who is credited with signing up the 80 members, was unanimously elected president, Joe Lewis was elected Vice President, George Oakes was chosen as Secretary, and **John Menezes** Treasurer. Directors are: John Ralph, Joe Dutra, Clarence Flores, A. E. Vargas, Manuel Azevedo, E. Perry and J. C. Wasley.

One major issue discussed at the initial meeting was the formation of an Alvarado Sanitary District. The membership heard from J. N. Stage, consulting engineer, from the L. Cedric Macabee Co. on the prospect of setting up our own district.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 6, 1940*

**Ladies Serve Refreshments At CC Meeting:**

A wonderfully happy ending to the historic **Alvarado Chamber of Commerce** meeting was the refreshment served by the committee of ladies. Sandwiches, coffee, cake, pickles, olives, etc., were arranged on daintily decorated banquet tables in one section of the auditorium. The good cheer bespoke the success of the ladies' effort.

Mrs. Mike Gardetto, chairman, was ably assisted by Mrs. F.E. Machado, Mrs. M.E. Perry, Mrs. M.B. Azevedo, Mrs. Nora Vargas, Mrs. J.C. Wasley, Mrs. Charles Baird, Mrs. George Oakes and Mrs. Joe Lewis.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 6, 1940*

**Eagles Hold Annual Banquet:**

Monday night, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, was a gala one for the Alvarado Eagles when they enjoyed a regular Christmas turkey banquet, which is an annual affair. The refreshment committee prepared something exceptional at the Odd Fellows Hall and President Louis Silva of the Alvarado Eagles welcomed many local and prominent Alameda County Eagles. There were some 75 present.

The membership has been growing right along, says **John Menezes**, secretary. A coming event this month is the East Bay Council banquet at the restaurant, formerly known as the "Alabam," on the corner of San Lorenzo Junction and East 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

Pinto's Orchestra of Alvarado has been playing weekends at this newly popularized eating-place and many dancing couples have been attracted by their fine music. Mr. Pinto belongs to the Alvarado Aerie of Eagles.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 6, 1940*

### **Beet Growers Unhappy With New Contract:**

Grower member of the Central Beet Grower's Association (which includes Alvarado) charged today that the beet sugar companies have accepted the advantages which have accrued to them as a result of the Department of agriculture regulation for stabilizing the sugar industry but are now refusing to abide by the department's recommendations for prices to be paid to growers.

"Contracts now being offered sugar beet growers in Central and Northern California do not give a proportionate share of profits to the growers because they do not follow the Department of Agriculture's recommendation for a fair contract," says Gordon Lyons, secretary of the Association.

"It is a well known fact that when sugar companies were losing money under the old 'minimum guarantee' contracts, they asked the growers to agree to a 'share of the profit' contract. This the growers did, but now, in the 1941 the Holly Sugar Corp., the American Crystal Sugar Co., and the Spreckels Sugar Co. are refusing to share the present profits of the sugar business with growers."

"In other words, by agreeing to a participating contract, the growers helped the sugar companies out when they were in desperate straits but now, when the grower profits are small and the company profits are high, the companies are unwilling to adjust the contracts to bring about an equitable distribution of the sugar dollar income.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 6, 1940*

### **Draft Status: (See 11/27/1940 for Key)**

Lloyd R. Silva, Alvarado, IV-F

Morris Edward Davilla, Alvarado, IV-F

Kenneth Spencer Mulholland, Alvarado, I-A\*

\* Registrant reclassified

*The Oakland Tribune, December 11, 1940*

### **Killing Nets Life:**

Benito Lopez Ortega, 46, Alvarado ranch worker and father of six children was sentenced to life imprisonment at San Quentin today for the fatal stabbing of Norberto Aragonéz in ranch house brawl last September 12<sup>th</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 11, 1940*

### **Baseball:**

Alvarado players, known as the Chapel of the Palms (the former mortuary near the Center Theater in downtown Centerville, now a banquet hall) lost last Sunday 10 to 4 in the game played at Oakland. Warren Silva and Hubert Jacinto were the pitchers for the Chapel of the Palms. The manager for the team is Joseph Jacinto, the Alvarado grocer.

The line up for next Sunday's game will be:

Warren Silva	Pitcher
Stanley Roderick	Pitcher
Tony Rivers	Catcher
John Silva	1 <sup>st</sup> Base
Hubert Jacinto	2 <sup>nd</sup> Base
Joseph Dutra	3 <sup>rd</sup> Base
A. Pine	3 <sup>rd</sup> Base
Melvin Nunes	Short Stop
Harold Faria	Left Field
Jimmy Gonsalves	Center
Jimmy Perry	Right Field

*December 13, 1940*

**Rebekah's:**

The Alvarado Rebekah's have elected new officers. They are: Elsie Clarkson, Noble Grand succeeding Margaret Anderson; Effie Kenezevich, Vice-Grand; Henrietta Graff, Secretary; Annie Baird, Financial Secretary; and Mary E. Bernard, Treasurer.  
*The Oakland Tribune, December 15, 1940*

**Lawsuit:**

Mrs. Sarah Muscato, 37, has filed suit in Superior Court charging that Manuel Rodriguez (aka Manuel Pierra), Alvarado Garage owner, assaulted her inflicting a collarbone fracture and multiple contusions. She seeks \$10,000 in compensation.

According to the complaint, the assault took place in Sunnyvale, in Santa Clara County, on October 11<sup>th</sup> of this year. Mrs. Muscato lives in Sunnyvale.  
*The Oakland Tribune, December 15, 1940*

**Sugar:**

The Alvarado harvest of sugar beets ended Tuesday, says Superintendent Ben Koontz. From now until the end of the season on January 1<sup>st</sup>, the mill will use beets from Sacramento. These beets arrive via the railroad. They arrive at the rate of 42 carloads a day.

The 42 carloads represent some 1,700 tons of beets and they are raised in the island and delta district. They are put on the railcars near Sacramento.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, December 18, 1940*

**Cauliflower:**

The Alvarado Vegetable Association is shipping 5 carloads of luscious cauliflower daily to eastern markets. It is going via fast express refrigerated cars and is finding a fine market in the east where it is advertised as the superior Alameda County vegetable. Some of this cauliflower is of the Snowball variety the remainder is of the Broccoli variety.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, December 18, 1940*

**School Closure:**

Three Washington Township Grammar Schools, which closed last week to re-open Monday, were closed again because of the prevalence of influenza. Students at Centerville, Alvarado and Alviso will not return until Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, December 18, 1940*

**Board of Supervisors Approve Alvarado Sewer District:**

On Thursday morning before the Board of Supervisors in Oakland, Alvarado citizens witnessed the approval of the report of Engineer Cedric Macabee regarding the Alvarado Sanitary District. Those present from Alvarado were: Frank A. Machado, A.E. Vargas, Joseph Priego and D. Diaz. Supervisor George Hellwig was present to see that everything was well taken care of and gave his town, Alvarado, a good boost.

The meeting served as a hearing for protests but everything went off nicely and much credit must be given especially to the largest holders of acreage in the proposed sanitary district for the willingness to accept added taxes in order to give Alvarado a chance to grow by reason of having the modern convenience of sewers.

Frank Machado took particular interest in explaining to the Board how necessary all of the boundaries were as selected by the engineer in order to give a financial success to the district.

Thank must be given to Mr. Vargas for taking time off as well as to Mr. Priego and Mr. Diaz.

The bond election date has been set for Saturday, January 25, 1941.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 20, 1940*



### **Christmas Day At Antone Santos':**

On Christmas day there will be a gathering at the home of Mr. & Mrs. A. Santos, when Mr. & Mrs. Davilla and their daughters and their husbands and children will gather for the annual get together. On Christmas Eve this same group will gather with Mr. & Mrs. John Menezes when a midnight supper will be enjoyed, which is quite a tradition with the family.

Their Christmas tree is one of the big features and presents are distributed. Those present will be:

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Jacinto and children, Joseph Jr. and Betty

Mr. & Mrs. John Menezes and children, Alberta and Alice

Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Jacinto

Mr. & Mrs. A. Santos and daughter Winifred

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Brune

Mr. & Mrs. A. Davilla

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 20, 1940*

### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. John Ralph are going to spend Christmas Eve with Mrs. Ralph's mother, Mrs. Hughes in Oakland.

Miss Vivian Mae Logan, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Andrew K. Logan, is attending San Jose State College where she is planning to become a teacher.

One of the first places in town to decorate with an outdoor Christmas tree is Frank George at the General Petroleum headquarters in the center of town. The beautiful cedrus deodora beside the office has been growing so fast that Frank says he has to add an extra string of light each year to decorate the tree sufficiently. All of which reminds the publisher, (who used to be her father's secretary at the Oregon Nursery Co.) that it is never advisable to plant a cedrus deodora unless one has 60 feet of space to fill.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 20, 1940*

### **New Arrival:**

To the wife of Amelio Castro, Alvarado, December 10<sup>th</sup>, a daughter, Flora.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 20, 1940*

### **News Note:**

Miss Nancy McKeown of Alvarado will join with seventeen others from Washington Township for the New Years' Day Rose Bowl football game and parade in Pasadena.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 22, 1940*

### **Ducks:**

Deputy Game Warden Don Harder caught two Oakland men for hunting ducks after the season had closed near Alvarado. The two men, A. C. Klein and W. G. Fish, were fined twenty-five dollars each.

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 24, 1940*

### **Silver Dollar Café to Have Free Eats:**

The Silver Dollar Café at Alvarado will serve free eats New Year's Eve to all their friends says owner Anthony Santos. Tony says to the public to come and have a good time and dance the old year out. The treat of delicious homemade linguica is presented free by Santos and you buy the liquid refreshment. That's fair enough!

Tony knows how to make homemade linguica like an expert and people who have tasted his brand tell us that it can't be beat.

Santos had a caller to see him on Christmas. It was Charlie Brown, who used to operate the Alvarado Theater over six years ago. Brown is now a judge in the San Francisco courts.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, December 27, 1940***

**Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Ziegler are moving to Stockton to take residence there in order to be more centrally located to the rest of the Holly Sugar Mills of California. He has the responsibility of being the superintendent of all the Holly Sugar Corp. plants in California. He will be missed from our community.

The Eagles Christmas party at the Alvarado School house had some great entertainment. Joseph Lewis Jr. and Orchestra played. Herbert Dutra of the orchestra played a saxophone solo. Virginia Kelly sang a solo and Mildred Martin was the Goddess of Liberty in the opening ceremony. The Alvarado Eagle's committee composed of **Joseph Lewis**, Joe Martin, President Louis Silva, William Bettencourt and Tony Lawrence did a fine job.

Mr. & Mrs. James Wasley and children entertained relatives at Christmas. Mr. Wasley is our Alvarado School principal.

Mr. & Mrs. F.C. Harvey spent Christmas with relatives in San Jose.

Mr. & Mrs. Heitmuller and Miss Mildred Nauert spent the weekend at the old Nauert home in Alvarado.

Mrs. Frances Robie had fifteen relatives to a Christmas dinner. Among those were Russell Robie and wife (the former Alma Norris) and children.

Mr. & Mrs. M.B. Maciel of the Creek Road spent Christmas with **Mr. & Mrs. Joe Lewis**. Another of Mrs. Lewis' brothers, Joseph Maciel, wife and two daughters also from the Creek Road attended.

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Vargas visited his parents over Christmas. Mrs. Vargas is the daughter of **Tony Lee**, one of our town's merchants.

**Mr. & Mrs. Tony Lee** spent Christmas with the Anker Christiansen family.

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Mello had as Christmas guests his brother, the Marion Mello family of Melrose and also his daughter and son-in-law from Centerville.

Mr. & Mrs. Chris Baird spent Christmas in San Francisco where they enjoyed a lovely time with their relatives.

The Monarch Box Company, which has a box factory near the Alvarado Station, is erecting a warehouse near Hall Station to accommodate the needs of the Alvarado Vegetable Growers.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, December 27, 1940***

**Auto Crash:**

Raymond Aros, 22, of Alvarado escaped death in a flaming car crash on the Niles-Mission San Jose Road. Raymond was a passenger in a car driven by Arthur Solis, 29, of Decoto.

***The Oakland Tribune, January 1, 1941***

**Cauliflower:**

Steaming, puffing, often packed to the hilt freight trains are whistling a merry tune to cauliflower growers and shippers. In fact, to all of Southern Alameda County these days, as Alvarado, San Lorenzo, and Centerville bustles through the peak of the winter cauliflower season. Upwards of five carloads, and sometimes ten carloads a day, iced, better quality cauliflower are leaving daily for markets in Chicago, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Detroit and other eastern centers where the vegetable commands top price.

***The Hayward Daily Review, January 4, 1941***

**Henry L. Patterson on Bank Board:**

Henry L. Patterson, landowner in Southern Alameda County, was elected to the Central Bank Board of Directors at its annual stockholders meeting. In addition to his appointment on the board, Mr. Patterson will continue as chairman of the advisory board of the Central Bank branch in Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, January 10, 1941***

**Chris Skow:**

Chris Skow and his son Melvin, formerly of Alvarado, have built a gas station and fine tire service building on Foothill Boulevard in Hayward. He owns his own business building and also his own home in the lot adjoining. He has a frontage of about 150 feet and some 200 feet on the other street. Truly Chris Skow made a real move for his own betterment when he got on a busy thoroughfare where the tire business is going strong. Drop by and say hello to Chris.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 10, 1941*

### **Sanitary District:**

An election to establish a sanitary district in Alvarado will be held on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, the polls to be open at Alvarado Grammar School from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. The election officials will be Anna J. Roderick, inspector and Edith Mello and Annie Baird, judges.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 12, 1941*

### **Sugar:**

Forwarding of a letter from the secretary of the Beet Growers Association, Gordon Lyons, to Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard, marked the opening gun in the fight for California sugar beet growers to obtain an adjustment in the acreage allotments for 1941.

Mr. Lyons writes in his letter to Secretary Wickard, "In so far as the state (California) was the first in the United States to go into the processing of sugar beets, the first factory being created at Alvarado in 1870, at the site of the present Holly Sugar mill, some consideration should be given to the farmers who have done so much in proving out the sugar beets. Huge sums of money have been spent in eradicating the pests that infest the beet fields, in improving the crop and sugar content of the root and in the development of labor savings devices."

The petition urges Secretary Wickard to grant the sugar beet growers of this section at least their proportionate share of the country's sugar beet acreage for an increase of at least 7,766 acres.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 14, 1941*

### **Around Town:**

The 1941 "March of Dimes" campaign for infantile paralysis victims kicked off with the naming of our local representatives who are: J.C. Wasley, Mrs. Genevieve Dutra, **Frank Machado** and Mrs. George Oakes.

Ralph Nieto of Alvarado was found lying on the street opposite the bank badly injured. Mr. Nieto was taken to the hospital where blood transfusions were given and it is hoped that he will recover. Mr. Nieto has four children, Dolores 13 and Rose who living with their mother in San Francisco and Daniel 9 and Robert 7 who live in Alvarado

Morris Davilla has recently organized an orchestra from local young folks. It will be called "Phil and Her Sweethearts" as Phillys Cordoda sings with the orchestra. Other members are: Morris Davilla, trumpet; Manuel Priego, accordion; Walter Fasolis, accordion; Andy Gardetto, saxophone; Joaquin Naharro, drums and Marian Cordoba, guitar.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 17, 1941*

### **New Members of C of C:**

New members to the Chamber of Commerce secured this week by **Frank Machado**, newly elected president are as follows:

Ray Cushing  
Mike Salido  
E.M. Cooper  
Clifford Dinsmore  
Joe W. Silva  
Lloyd R. Silva  
M.P. Munger

Wilbert Hendricks  
Joe S. Avila  
Rich A. Silva  
Arthur Murgula  
Manuel S. Rose  
Frank Silva Jr.  
Tony Brune

Harold S. Mottershaw  
Primitivo C. Gonzalez  
Serafin Noia  
William Machado  
M.C. Lemos  
Frank S. Mello  
James Hunter

These 21 names added to the 80 other paid up member's secured last month now makes a total of 101 paid up members for the local Chamber of Commerce, all secured by the President, Frank Machado.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 17, 1941*

#### **James Hunter Dies:**

James Hunter, 74, of Alvarado passed away on January 22<sup>nd</sup> in Alvarado. His wife, Minnie Elizabeth Hunter survives him. A native of Canada, Mr. Hunter was active in the Crusade Lodge of Alvarado, IOOF

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 24, 1941*

#### **News Note:**

Mrs. L.E. Bailey of Alvarado has been elected to be a member of the Washington Township Child Welfare Club.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 26, 1941*

#### **Sewage Bonds:**

Alvarado, a victim of an epidemic some months ago due to sewage conditions, has voted to establish a sanitary district similar to Castro Valley and Oro Loma and expect to vote some \$42,600 in 40 year bonds sometime in March. Officers named for the new sanitary district are Fred Wiegman, Clarence Flores, Manuel Borges, Manuel Perry, Joe Dutra and A. E. Vargas.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 28, 1941*

#### **News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Brune (nee Alvina Santos) have moved from Hayward to Alvarado. They will reside in the Emery home on Granger Avenue, which was bought by Mr. & Mrs. A. Santos and given as a present to their daughter and son-in-law.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 31, 1941*

#### **Burrell Bain Dies:**

Burrell L. Bain, a resident of Alvarado for 20 years, passed away Tuesday morning. He was Assistant Superintendent at Holly Sugar Mill.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 6, 1941*

#### **Sugar:**

Thirty five thousand tons of beets out in the field have been harvested the past two weeks from the San Joaquin delta and distributed between the Alvarado and Tracy sugar mills. The season was never so long as this year. The heavy yield of beets plus the extremely wet weather throughout January has been the cause of the extended beet harvest season. Usually the beet harvest has been through by Christmas.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 7, 1941*

#### **Around Town:**

Two local Alvarado boys went south to Glendale to enter the aeronautical school. They are Joseph and Manuel Silva, sons of Mr. & Mrs. M.F. Silva of the Creek Road. Their parents accompanied by **Agnes and Eleanor Silva** motored with them down south. On the trip the girls took some fine pictures of the Old Missions. While on their trip Agnes sent many postals to her friends in Alvarado.

A.A. Lee is in the Jackson Lake hospital in the East Bay undergoing a slight operation. We all like Tony and miss him in his prominent Alvarado grocery store.

Miss Phyllis Cordoba and her parents, Pete & Bernice Cordoba, went on a motor trip to Los Angeles. Her sister and her brother are a prominent dance team at a nightclub down there.

The engagement of Emilio Re and **Miss Marjorie Goularte**, both of Alvarado has been announced. Marjorie is the daughter of Mr. M.P. & **Mrs. Aldena Goularte**.

The **Misses Agnes and Eleanor Silva**, Edward Perry, John Cardoza, John Agular and Vernon Vargas attended the basketball game at the high school.

Tom Abreu, a well-known pioneer who was a bachelor and beloved by many people, was taken to the Highland Hospital Thursday.

The State President of the SPRSI Lodge of Alvarado will attend the meeting next Thursday. Mrs. Carrie Mattos, Mrs. Edith Mello and Mrs. Mabel Rogers are the committee to honor the State President.

Our neighbor city, Baumberg, reports that a record shipment of 100 carloads of crude salt will be shipped via the S.P. Railroad by the Leslie Salt Co. from their Baumberg operation. Fred Hafen is in a San Francisco hospital. He was taken there two weeks ago and is quite ill. Sam Dinsmore, a friend of 30 years, visits him three or four times a week.

Alvarado's lightweights will play a game against Newark sometime next week. The line up for Alvarado is: Vatsuo Tao, Lawrence Samarron, David Priego, Tatsuo Tanaka, Placy Paredes, William Diangson, Andy Gardetto and Alden Chambers.

The new officers for the Alvarado Rebekah's are: Mrs. Elsie Clarkson, Noble Grand; Mrs. Henrietta Graff, Recording secretary; Mrs. Laura Orelli, Treasurer; and Mrs. Annie Baird is the new Financial Secretary.

Last week Mrs. Edith Gaspar and **Mrs. Aldena Goularte** motored over to Benicia to visit Mrs. Gaspar's sister, Mrs. John Lewis. Her daughter, Bernadette Lemos will be wed in April to a Benicia lad. Mrs. Lewis has a great many friends in Alvarado as she was born and reared here and in one our best liked native citizens. The visitors went from Benicia to Vallejo to visit Mrs. Silveira. Her sister is Mrs. Ernest Perry who lives on the Creek Road.

Tony Yabarra, former owner of Ybarra's Grocery Store has abandoned his business and has gone to study at the barber college. The store is doing business as usual under the management of Donisio Hernandez, the owner of the location.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 7, 1941*

**For Sale Ad:**

PIANO FOR SALE. See **Miss Marjorie Goularte** of Smith Street Alvarado. The piano is a very reasonable buy.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 7, 1941*

**New Wrecking Yard in Town:**

At Henry Hendrickson's garage building in Alvarado there is a new business established. It is the Alvarado Wrecking Yard. It is the only wrecking yard in this part of Southern Alameda County and should enjoy a big business. You can buy parts for your car there at a fraction of their cost.

Their *Alvarado Pioneer* ad:

BUY AUTO PARTS AT HALF PRICE

**ALVARADO WRECKING YARD**

A. Rozier and C. Rozier  
On Corner Garage on the Henry Henrickson Propoerty  
ALVARADO, CALIF.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 7, 1941*

**News Note:**

Ruth Hellwig of Alvarado has been named mother adviser to the Centerville Assembly of Rainbow Girls.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 9, 1941*

**News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Vargas attended a birthday party in Oakland for Aires B. Rose on Saturday.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, February 10, 1941*

**Tall Tale:**

Chased by a crowd of Japanese, all armed with knives, Lowell Van Brown, of Newark, drove his automobile onto the front lawn of Joseph Avila, Alvarado dairyman. Judge Allen G. Norris fined Van Brown \$50 and told him that he had better change his brand.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, February 18, 1941*

**Around Town:**

The Niles Selective Service Board at Niles has inducted Kenneth S. Mulholland and Richard Mateo of Alvarado report for induction on Feb 21<sup>st</sup> at the Niles Board No. 75 on 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Niles. Mrs. Genevieve Dutra, our local Postmaster, will attend a banquet with other Alameda County Postmasters on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>. Visiting in Alvarado Saturday were Arlene Bettencourt and Lucy Medina who came from San Diego to see Miss Bernice Lezand, who has been ill for some time and is slowly recovering. Isabell Pinto's Orchestra played at the Alviso School dance on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Jim Wasley Jr. is an ambitious young man. He is working Sundays at Pete Rose's General Petroleum Station (Mobilgas) at Alvarado. Jim used to work for Sam & Eddy's Shell Gas Station last year. This lad is attending San Jose State College, taking the pre-dental course.

Cauliflower is being shipped at about five carloads a day to the Eastern market by the Alvarado Vegetable Growers Association. During January and the first part of February, the price was low back east and the grocers lost money. The early March cauliflower will bring a higher price and help the growers break even on the season.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 21, 1941*

**Commercial Ad:**

**FOR SALE:**

Horse for sale

First class horse, 8 years old  
Weight 1600 Lbs. Iron Grey  
\$150.00 – Includes harness  
M.E. Perry  
Corner of Watkins & Smith Streets  
Alvarado  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 21, 1941*

**Commercial Ad:**

**PINTO SHOE REPAIR**

---Reasonable Prices---

First Class Work

Watkins Street, Opposite St. Anne's Church  
Alvarado, Calif.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 21, 1941*

**The Rodrigues Garage:**

The Rodriguez Garage at the old Steve Smith Garage corner at Alvarado is going places and doing things. The gas pumps are to be modernized and this corner is to become one of the most attractive and busiest in this part of the township. So says Mr. & Mrs. Rodrigues, who operate the garage. Mr. Rodrigues is a good mechanic and he does auto repair work. We recommend him.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 21, 1941*

**Sanitary District:**

The next regular meeting of the commissioners of the Alvarado Sanitary District has been set for Tuesday night, March 11<sup>th</sup>, at the home of Frank Machado. Members of the commission are Clarence Flores, President; Joe Dutra, Secretary; M. E. Perry, Antone Vargas and Manuel Borges. Further steps toward establishing the sanitary district will be taken at the meeting.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 23, 1941*

**Around Town:**

Last week Mrs. Edith Gaspar, Mrs. Aldena Goularte and daughter, and Mrs. Mary Pimentel motored to Mt. View to visit Mamie Machado, sister of Mrs. Gaspar.

Thursday night the SPRSI of Alvarado held their monthly meeting. Mrs. Rose Maciel, the Grand President of the lodge was present.

Young Gilbert Gaspar was recently operated on for appendicitis. His friends will be glad to know that he came home last Friday.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Andrade of the Creek Road are the proud parents of a fine baby boy.

There will be a series of three card parties at the home of Mrs. Frank Goularte of Alvarado

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 28, 1941*

**Around Town:**

The Entertainment Committee of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce is making plans for a monster Whist Party to be held at the Alvarado Grammar School auditorium on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. The price of admission will be 35 cents. Those on the Entertainment Committee are Pete Rose of the Mobilgas Station in Alvarado, chairman and Joe Lewis, Manuel Perry and Tony Rivers. Three new members joined the C of C last week, Sam Vecchio, F. Rodrigues and E. Naharro.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Gaspar and son Gilbert were tendered a goodbye party at the home of friends. Those present from Alvarado were: Mr. & Mrs. Pimentel, Mr. Silvestre de Mello, and Mrs. Tony Alexander and daughter Sharon. The afternoon was spent in dancing and playing games.

The Leslie Salt Co. plant at Alvarado is hauling by trucks the usual large amount of packs salt to the Southern Pacific Depot at Alvarado. They load it on three cars daily.

Mrs. Isabel Martin is now taking beauty culture in a very prominent Oakland Beauty School.

Miss Irene Freitas of Alvarado and Mr. Raymond Freitas of Hayward are making plans for their wedding.

Lawrence Telles and Miss Hambey spent a week with Mr. & Mrs. William Avilla. Mrs. Telles is Mrs. Avilla's nephew.

**Mr. & Mrs. A.E. Vargas** entertained friends from Hayward last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Joseph Lewis attended the funeral of her late uncle Mr. Maciel. The deceased was the husband of Mrs. Rose Maciel, president of the SPRSI lodge.

Mr. Antone Lee is still in the hospital and expected to be home soon. His friends all wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Helen Goularte celebrated her birthday last Tuesday. She was entertained at the home of her nieces, Jeanette and Marjorie Goularte of Alvarado.

A.K. Culver, who formerly lived next to Mrs. Laura Orelli in Alvarado and who worked at Holly Sugar for 10 years, died on February 14 at Los Angeles. He leaves a wife, a daughter and son.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 7, 1941*

**Cauliflower Takes a Hit:**

Quantity has been reduced in the cauliflower harvest, the quality has increased but it is tough on the Alvarado growers. The March and April harvest of cauliflower has seen 150 carloads flooded out in the fields and made unfit for harvesting, crating and shipment.

The Alvarado Vegetable Growers Association has managed to ship out 25 or 30 cars the past 10 days. They expect only 10 or 15 carloads more of this March and April harvest.

Santa Maria cauliflower is really the only competition for Alvarado cauliflower in the past, but Santa Maria has been almost completely devastated by flooding and Alvarado had a chance to get in on the high prices until the recent set back.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 7, 1941*

### **Alvarado School Basketball:**

When the **Alvarado Grammar School** played basketball at the Niles School grounds they beat the Mission San Jose team 16 to 7. Captain Kay Sakamoto has a good local team and the line up is as follows:

Robert Lopez	Left Forward
Robert Benjamin	Center
Kay Sakamoto	Right Forward
John Samarron	Right Guard
Salvador Polita	Left Guard
Bertell Amaral	(Sub) Guard
Robert Hernandez	(Sub) Guard
Manuel Priego	(Sub) Forward

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 7, 1941*

### **Vote on Sewer Bonds Set:**

Alvarado citizens will go to polls on March 29<sup>th</sup> to approve the sale of sewer bonds for the town of Alvarado. The polling place will be the first floor of the Alvarado Grammar School building on Smith Street.

The officers of the election will be:

Inspector:	Anna J. Roderick
Judge:	Edith M. Mello
Judge:	Annie Lillian Baird

Members of the Board of the Alvarado Sanitary District: Clarence L. Flores, **Anthony E. Vargas**, Manuel E. Perry, Joseph E. Dutra and Manuel Borges.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 7, 1941*

### **Fred Hafen Dies:**

Alvarado will miss Fred Hafen, 71, who died last week in a San Francisco hospital. A resident for many years, Mr. Hafen was employed at the sugar mill. There are no local survivors although he has a niece in Bend, Oregon. He will be interred at Albany, Oregon.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 11, 1941*

### **Alvarado School Basketball:**

The **Alvarado Grammar School** basketball teams played Irvington on Monday at Alvarado.

Alvarado's lightweight team won 14 to 3. The players were: Bert Amaral, Willie DeAnsley, Tatsuo Yatsuo, Dave Priego and Bradley Martinez.

Alvarado's heavyweights lost 27 to 6. The players were: Capt. Robert Benjamin, Kay Sakamoto, Robert Lopez, Robert Hernandez, Manuel Priego, John Samarron, and Joe Who.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 14, 1941*

### **John Varni Buys Church Land:**

We need more men like John Varni. He has a record of building some 12 homes the past few years near the S.P. Depot at Alvarado. This week he bought 5.5 acres of land back of the St. Anne's church. He bought it through **A.E. Vargas** and other men handling it for the Catholic Church.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 14, 1941*



**Around Town:**

Mr. **A.E. Vargas** has now completed shipping cauliflower for this season.

Miss Jeanette Goularte celebrated her birthday by having a family party Friday evening. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Goularte, Betty & Lavern Medeiros and Mr. & Mrs. Frank Goularte attended.

Two new members joined the Alvarado C of C this week. They are: Joseph A. Rose and Alvin Silvey.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Charles Baird is at the Hayward Hospital. She is expected back home in Alvarado in a few days.

A.A. (Tony) Lee is back at home after five weeks in the hospital. He looks as good as ever and was glad to be back home.

Due to the heavy storm the natural gas line to the Leslie Salt Company plant at Alvarado was broken. The gas line furnishes heat for the dryers and his cost the plant two days of work.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 14, 1941*

**Tom Abreu Dies:**

The death of Thomas Abreu at Highland Hospital removed a picturesque character from Alvarado. Mr. Abreu had lived in a little cottage at the end of the Union City Road for nearly fifty years. He was about 72 years of age at the time of his death. He was a very interesting character to those who knew him well. They remember that he was always a jolly fellow, who took part in local celebrations. At the turn of the century he went each year to Alaska with the salmon fisheries.

At one time here years ago he created considerable excitement by winning about \$1,200 in the Louisiana Lottery. This was about 1895 when this national lottery was creating tremendous excitement and was going strong.

Tom was short in stature and as old age caught up with him we saw him walking slower and slower on his way home along the Union City Road. He was nicknamed the "Mayor of Alvarado" by many people.

There are many men around here who were very kind to him, Frank Machado, Jim Wasley and others, calling on him often to see if he needed help. Last month they took him to Highland Hospital.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 14, 1941*

**Sugar:**

The Holly Sugar Mill, for the first time in its history, is milling new beets in the month of March because of delta floods, which caused the beets to remain in the ground until a dry spell made it possible to harvest them. Usually the harvest is over in late December.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 20, 1941*

**Around Town:**

Norman Silveira celebrated his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday at his home on Granger Avenue, March 19<sup>th</sup>. A party was held at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goularte.

Hubert Jacinto had a birthday party Friday night, March 14<sup>th</sup> at San Leandro at the home of his wife's folks.

Tony Mello is having his café nicely painted inside and beautified by Frank Dutra. Keep up the good work, Tony. You are always civic-minded and help the town grow.

Someone else is ready for the Army draft, **Marian Cordoba**, who celebrated his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday last Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Peter Pinto holds accordion band practice twice a month at his home on Smith Street next to the school.

Lorraine Silveira of Granger avenue is to wed Bill Silva of San Leandro soon. Her parents are Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silveira. Mr. Silveira is employed at the Salt Works.

Thursday at the Alvarado School ground the Alvarado lightweight basketball team won from Warm Springs, 12 to 9. Our heavyweights lost.

John Aguiar has been at home in bed with a fractured leg. The accident happened when he was learning to skate at the Hayward rink.

Mrs. William Avilla and Miss Bernice Lezand spent Friday in Oakland shopping.

Monday evening Mrs. Edith Mello, Mrs. Nora Vargas, Mr. Emilio Re, Miss Marjorie Goularte, and Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Perry of Alvarado attended a card in Newark for the benefit of St. Edward's Church.

Walter and Andy Gardetto of Alvarado have won the \$5.00 prize given at the Down Town Theater in Oakland. They were the first out of ten contestants, which is putting Alvarado on the map. Some time ago they appeared on the State Theater program at Hayward and won first prize. They play the accordion and the saxophone. At one time they also won at the Granada Theater.

We must congratulate Manuel Silva, the blacksmith whose is opposite the Alvarado School because he is a splendid mechanic. We saw a cauliflower and tomato planter that he is building. It's well built beams support a tank that looks like a work of art. Two large pneumatic tires make it easy and fast to handle on the farm.

Local St. Anne's church parishioners will miss Father Flatley, who was transferred to the Rodeo parish. They are glad however to greet Father McLaughlin, the new pastor of both Alvarado and Newark parishes.

Morris Davilla's orchestra expects to play in Alvarado Saturday night. Those in the orchestra are: Joaquin Naharro, **Andy Gardetto, Walter Gardetto, Marion Cordoba** and Morris Davilla. They practice regularly at the Santos home.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, March 21, 1941***

#### **Silver Dollar Baseball Team:**

Alvarado will have a softball team entered this year in the Washington Township Softball League, which opens in Centerville on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Tony Santos, the proprietor of the Silver Dollar tavern, will sponsor the team to represent this end of the township. Wilbert Hendricks, who played with the Native Sons of Centerville the past two seasons, will manage the team for Tony.

The team will be called the "Silver Dollar" and almost all of the boys are from our hometown.

Here is the line up:

Tony Rivers	Catcher
Peter Rivers	Pitcher
Manuel Pinto	Pitcher
Johnnie Silva	1 <sup>st</sup> Base
Sonny Daviner	2 <sup>nd</sup> Base
Wilbert Hendricks	2 <sup>nd</sup> Base
Anthony Pine	3 <sup>rd</sup> Base
Joe Correia	Short Stop
Joseph (Lefty) Amaral	Left Field
Stanley Roderick	Center Field
Leonard Bettencourt	Right Field
Manuel (Lolly) Amaral	Short Field
Peter Rose	Utility
Frank Sargenti	Utility

***The Alvarado Pioneer, March 28, 1941***

#### **Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Rose and daughter Eleanor went fishing Sunday. They're still wondering were the fish are, according to friends.

A.J. Cadero, printer and program specialist of Alvarado bought a new 1941 Pontiac from Dick Attinger of Niles.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, March 28, 1941***

**Ellen Cockefair Dies:**

In Oakland, March 31<sup>st</sup>, Ellen A. Cockefair, daughter of the late Henry and Susan Cockefair and sister of Charles P. Cockefair. She was a native of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 2, 1941*

**Around Town:**

Next week Mr. & Mrs. Gaspar and son Gilbert will move to Milpitas where they are going to operate a large dairy. They will take their Alvarado herd of cows with them.

Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Bailey and family will make their home in the Gaspar residence. Mr. Bailey is a section foreman for the S.P. Railroad.

The Alvarado Holy Ghost is being planned for May 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. **Mr. Frank Goularte** is president of the affair and is now busy making arrangements for the festival.

Joe Allegre and Lawrence Roderick received their draft induction notices from the U.S. Army. Both young men are graduates of Alvarado Grammar School. Joe of the Creek Road is planning to leave next week to serve his year in the Selective Service. His cousin Albert Borges has been training for six months.

Manuel Goularte celebrated his birthday Friday evening. A party was given at this home. Those attending were: **Mr. & Mrs. Frank Goularte**, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Goularte, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pimentel and sons and the Misses Betty and LaVerne Medeiros.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 4, 1941*

**C of C Celebration:**

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce celebrated its great victory in passing the Sanitary Bonds at last Saturday's election. At that election the vote was 151 to 2. This vote was the splendid reason for giving three big reels of moving pictures and special music by an orchestra topped off with a feed put on by the women of the community.

Joe Lewis and Peter Rose took the lead in securing a movie about the part petroleum has had in the development of our modern civilization. George Oakes secured the baseball sound picture, "Play Ball America" featuring National League ball players.

Morris Davilla's Orchestra sure "went to town" in a big way playing for the large turn-out of the Chamber of Commerce people at the school auditorium in Alvarado Friday night. The music was excellent and it should be a good advertisement to help get out the crowd this Saturday evening when they for the dance at the S.D.E.S. Hall in Alvarado. Here are the member of the band: Morris Davilla, trumpet; Andy Gardetto, 1<sup>st</sup> saxophone; Joaquin Ojedo, 3<sup>rd</sup> saxophone; Walter Fasolis, accordion; Marion Cordoba, guitar; Ernie Machado, drums; and Winifred Santos, piano.

Pete Rose looked cute in his organdie apron, when Mrs. Gardetto put him to drying dishes after the Chamber of Commerce feed on Friday night. All he needs is few more lessons and he'll be all right.

The banquet was special and the committee desires to thank the following ladies for cakes and sandwiches: Mrs. Alvina Brune, Mrs. Corinne Munger, Mrs. Joe Flores, Mrs. V. Perry, Mrs. Nora Vargas, Mrs. Annie Baird, Mrs. Mary Silva, Mrs. Frank Machado, Mrs. Anna Roderick, Mrs. Isabelle Menezes, Mrs. Aurora Lewis, Mrs. Annie Flores, Mrs. Frank Silva, Mrs. Antoinette Pinto, Mrs. M. Rose, Mrs. J.C. Wasley, Mrs. Tony Mello, and Mrs. Angelo Cosso. And also, Mr. Joe Dutra, Joe Silveira, Frank Mateo, Peter Rose, James Wasley, John Ralph, D. Diaz and Joseph Priego.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 4, 1941*

**Boy Suffers Severe Burns:**

Basil Hunt, 18, of Alvarado suffered extensive second and third degree burns on his legs and groin area when he tried to douse a hot bolt he had just cut with an acetylene torch with gasoline.

Mistaking the gasoline for water it exploded into a ball of flames when it touched the red-hot bolt. His brother-in-law, Alfred Rozier, 32, and his brother Eugene Hunt 22, co-owners of the garage where he was working came to his aid.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 7, 1941*

#### **New Arrival:**

To the wife of Jack Casanova, Alvarado, March 27<sup>th</sup>, a son.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 7, 1941*

#### **C of C Celebrates Victory:**

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*The Hayward Daily Review, April 9, 1941*

#### **Serious Auto accident:**

Joseph D. Luiz, 67, of Alvarado suffered a serious scalp laceration in a collision with an automobile driven by Weldon E. Hall, 29, of Decoto.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 10, 1941*

#### **Mrs. Christine Anderson to Sell Insurance:**

Mrs. Christine Anderson received word from the State of California that she has passed her examinations for the insurance business. Mrs. Anderson, who resides on the Whipple Road, has taken over the insurance agencies held by the late August May. They are: The Hartford Fire Insurance, The Hartford Accident and Indemnity, and the Fireman's Fund Insurance.

Mrs. Anderson will retire from the employ of the Alvarado branch of the Central Bank in August after 27 years, and will give her entire time to the insurance business, making her headquarter at her home.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 11, 1941*

#### **Around Town:**

Mrs. Edith Mello, Mrs. **Nora Vargas**, Mrs. Mary Amaral, Mrs. Aldena Goularte and daughter attended a card party last Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Davilla of Centerville.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Rose and Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Caldeira spent last Sunday fishing. They had a very enjoyable time and are planning many more fishing trips in the near future.

Friends of **Mrs. Mae Santos** will be pleased to know that she is feeling better and expects to be home with her family this week.

**Miss Lorraine Silveira** will wed William Silva of San Leandro on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The bride is a graduate of the Alvarado Grammar School and Washington Union High School. They will reside in Alvarado.

Miss Evelyn Correia spent the Easter holiday with her sister in San Francisco.

**Joseph & Manuel Silva** came back Friday to spend Easter with family and friends. Their parents held an open house for them and many of their friends attended.

Mrs. George H. Oakes, of the *Pioneer* attended an executive conference of the Camp Fire Girls' lead in San Francisco Friday.

Mr. & Mrs. Perry Bonham and child are new residents of Alvarado. They will reside on Watkins Street. Mr. Bonham is employed as a truck driver for the Leslie Salt Co. at Alvarado.

Andy Gardetto has the honor of playing on the Benny Walker amateur Hour at San Francisco on Monday night, April 21<sup>st</sup> on KGO at 7:00 p.m.

An engagement party at the Alvarado home of Mr. & **Mrs. S. Daviner** on last Saturday celebrated the coming nuptial of their daughter **Bernice** and Louis Serpa of Hayward.

**Mr. A.E. & Mrs. Nora Vargas** will be celebrating their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Saturday. Joining them will their son Edward and wife from Hayward.

Manuel & Joseph **Silva** of the Creek Road graduated from the Curtis Wright Technical school on April 18<sup>th</sup>. They made a fine record with an average "B" in their schoolwork.

The Chamber of Commerce has three new members. They are: Adam Lewis, an employee at John Ralph's Store; **James Wasley, Jr.**, in the employ of Pete Rose's Service station; and Gregory Perry, employed at the **Leslie Salt Co.**

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 18, 1941*

**Commercial Ad:**

Houses for rent in Alvarado

References required

Apply:

John C. Varni

1007 Medford Avenue

Hayward Calif.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 18, 1941*

**C of C Whist Party:**

On Friday night, April 18<sup>th</sup>, a big turnout of around 130 people filled about three-fourths of the space of the Alvarado Grammar School auditorium to play whist with the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce. Merchants were liberal with their prizes and President Frank Machado desires to thank them for their generous donations. They gave enough donations to total 75 fine prizes of real worth. Special credit must be given to **Frank Machado**, Manuel Perry, Peter Rose and others for soliciting the prizes from the merchants. Those who donated prizes:

Joe Dutra  
Isabelle Rodrigues  
Alvarado Laundry

**James Wasley**

Erle Hellwig

Shell Oil Co.

Mrs. Minnie Rose

Joe Avila

**Mrs. Muriel Nelson**

**A.E. Vargas**

Miss C. Jung

George Bros.

Mrs. Lena Cosso

Mrs. Delinda Pimental

Joe Priego

T. Kawano (4 prizes)

Mrs. Joseph Avila

Kay Matsumoto Store

**Manuel Silva**

**Manuel Perry**

**James Wasley, Jr.**

Manuel Silva, Jr.

Antone Santos

Henry Heitmuller

Joe Lewis

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Sam Dinsmore

Miss Ferry

F. Paredes

J. Jacinto's Market

John Menezes

Mrs. Minnie Alexander

John Ralph

Henry Miller Cleaners

Block Furniture Co., Hayward

Joaquin Vargas Furniture Co.

**Frank Machado**

Joe Flores

Matt Machado

Mrs. Antoinette Pinto

Clarence Flores

Mrs. Elizabeth Flores

Manuel Goularte

Mrs. Orelli

Peter Rose

Mrs. Davis

Supervisor G. Hellwig

**Leslie Salt Co. (5 prizes)**

Mrs. Ethel Borges

Diaz Meat Market

Fred Wiegman

Marjorie Goularte won first prize with the highest score, 124. Other winners were:

Adeline Faria

Emily Noia

Edith Mello

Anthony Rivers

Seraphine Noia

Lillian Silva

Frank Mello

A.E. Francis

Victor Joseph

**Mrs. Daviner**

F.D. Lassalle

George Pimental

Maria Abreu

John Cardoza

Mrs. J.E. Nihill

Manuel Azevedo

Evelyn Silva

N. Hunter

**Mrs. M. Santos**

Florence Silva

Mike Gardetto

Mrs. Costa

R. Klinkle

Ethel Borges

Marjorie Roderick

Tessie Maciel

L. Hinckley

Angelo Cosso

Joe Gomez

John Cardoza Jr.

Millie Nauert  
Mary F. Rose  
Eleanor Azevedo  
Anna Amaral  
Olive Nevis  
Mrs. J.C. Wasley  
Lewis Scott  
Louise Machado  
George Vargas  
Mrs. V. Joseph  
**Muriel Nelson**  
Lena Dutra  
Henry Orcutt  
Mrs. Harold Faria  
Vernie Perry

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Minnie Sa  
Frank Silveira  
Mrs. Gardetto  
Manuel Hendricks  
**A.E. Vargas**  
Anna Roderick  
Mrs. Joe Gomez  
Manuel Perry  
Raymond Diaz  
Lloyd Silva  
**Bernice Daviner**  
Joe Silveira  
Lucille Lewis  
**Lorraine Silveira**  
**Frank Machado**

Teresa Rodrigues  
Joe Lewis  
John Orcutt  
Bernice Lezand  
Mabel Donnadiou  
**J.C. Wasley**  
R. Machado  
Ed Fantuzzi  
Zelino Correia  
Joseph Re  
Harold Faria  
Bessie Borghi  
Manuel Silvie  
Marjorie Maciel

### **Chamber of Commerce:**

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce will meet at the grammar school tonight at 8 o'clock with Frank Machado, president, in charge. Future activities of the organization are to be planned in connection with the new sanitary district recently established by an almost 100 percent vote of the residents.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 24, 1941*

### **Chamber of Commerce:**

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce met Thursday evening, April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Alvarado Grammar School. President Frank Machado presided and Secretary George Oakes was on the job. The very successful Whist Party netted \$67 and Treasurer John Menezes says the Chamber now has \$240 on hand.

Plans for the next meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup> were discussed. John Ralph suggested that the comedy "Let's Get Married" featuring the Washington Union Evening High School players would be a good thing to put on. Adam Lewis of the Chamber made arrangements to put on this township home talent play at the next meeting in the auditorium May 29<sup>th</sup>. It should play to a packed house.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 25, 1941*

### **Around Town:**

A benefit card party will be given at the Alvarado Grammar School on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> for the benefit of the SPRSI

Peter Prentice of Granger Avenue underwent an operation on his eye at an Oakland hospital this week. He is much improved.

Mrs. Gardetto and children visited Tuesday night with Mrs. Gardetto's mother, Mrs. Columbo in San Mateo.

**Peter Pinto** gathered his local musicians together Friday night to play for a program at Hayward. His accordion band scored a hit.

On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Lorraine Silveira of Granger Avenue had a birthday party.

We wish Patricia Noia of Granger Avenue congratulations on her second birthday this month. She is the daughter of Serafin and Emily Noia.

Morris Davilla's Orchestra is playing Sunday afternoon for a dance given by a Spanish lodge of Decoto.

The friend of Joe D. Luiz will be glad to know that he came back from the hospital. Mr. Luiz is now up and around. He met with an accident a few weeks ago.

Mrs. Aldena Goularte, Mrs. Helen Goularte and Miss Marjorie Goularte spent last Thursday in Oakland shopping.

Mrs. Evelyn Costa is planning to hold a Whist Party May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the S.D.E.S. Hall for the benefit of the church.

Miss Eleanor Rose celebrated her 10<sup>th</sup> birthday last Friday. Friends who attended her birthday party were: Joe'll O'Niel, Betty Ann Jacinto, Cherrie Davis, Sally Cordoba, Betty Silva, Agnes Silva, Barbara Diangson, Dolores Pine, Clarabelle Silva, Mary Ann Silva, Dorothy Tudy and LaVerne Medeiros.

Three Alvarado boys will be featured in the local play "Let's Get Married" to be put on by the Washington Union Evening High School class. They are: Leonard Silva, who works for E.A. Richmond at the Water Dept.; Warren Silva, employed in the high school office evenings; and Adam Lewis, in the employ of the John Ralph Store.

Andy Gardetto played over the radio Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. He did very well and got a big hand on his accordion work. He played "Amapola" and "I Hear a Rhapsody." **Peter Pinto** also played the accordion rendering "Trieste Overture."

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 25, 1941*

### **Marriage:**

St. Anne's Church in Alvarado was filled with guests Sunday afternoon for the marriage of Miss Irene Freitas of Alvarado to Mr. Raymond Freitas of Hayward.

Mr. Freitas gave his daughter in marriage at the reading of the marital ceremony by Rev. Father McLaughlin. Soloist was Mrs. Adeline Vierra who sang "Ave Maria," and Mrs. Isabelle Martin was the organist. Herman Silva was the best man, while Joe Amaral and Wilbert Hendricks seated the guests.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 26, 1941*

### **Alvarado Car-Train Crash:**

The crossing at the Southern Pacific tracks at Hall Station was the scene of a grisly crash. Two Japanese nurserymen were killed instantly and a third occupant severely injured when a boxcar being pushed by an engine hit the car broadside. The driver survives, but is badly injured; the two Japanese were thrown from the car and badly mangled. All three men were from out of the area.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 26, 1941*

### **Around Town:**

The Silver Dollar will again sponsor a softball team for the upcoming season. Wilbert Hendricks will again manage the team

Mrs. Zelma Correia of Alvarado spent the last four days in Turlock visiting a friend. She left here last Saturday returning on Thursday.

Mrs. & Mrs. Manuel Goularte celebrated their 21<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary last Monday evening as guests of Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Gaspar of Milpitas.

Lefty Amaral of Alvarado will be pitching for the Pine Ball team of Hayward, which plays independent ball on Sunday afternoons.

Two Alvarado young men play ball with the Native Sons team in the Township Softball League. They are Joseph Dutra and Hubert Jacinto.

Ray Diaz of Alvarado will be playing ball this year for the County Yards Team of Niles in the Township Softball League.

We must give credit to John Varni of Hayward for his progressive way of putting up homes in Alvarado. Varni, known locally as the "cauliflower king," has built 9 homes near the S.P. Station as rentals.

The State Convention of the Eagles will be held June 20<sup>th</sup> at Santa Barbara. The Alvarado lodge elected as delegates: T.E. Amaral of Decoto; Joseph S. Martin of Alvarado; President Louis Silva of Alvarado; and Past President E.A. Quaresma of Irvington. Next Monday the election of officers will be held. It looks like Angelo Cosso will be elected president.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, May 2 1941***

**Alvarado School Cantata:**

Principal Wasley and teachers Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Orelli, Mrs. Davis, Miss Jung, and Miss Ferry with the help of pupils of the Alvarado Grammar School staged a patriotic cantata that brought a crowd of 500 parents and friends to the play on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

***The Hayward Daily Review, May 8, 1941***

**Alvarado Holy Ghost:**

Starting with a parade Saturday at 8 p.m. the Holy Ghost Festival for Alvarado will be under way. The parade will form at the S.D.E.S. Hall and will go to the home of the Queen, Bernadette Martin. Then with the queen and her maids, Mildred Martin and Joy Anne Secada, the parade will return to the Hall. Fireworks and dancing will be on the program from 9 p.m. on.

Sunday morning there will be a Grand Parade at 9:30 a.m. in which various organizations will take part. It will pass through the streets of Alvarado on to St. Anne's Church where the coronation of the queen will take place, followed by a Solemn High Mass at 11. At noon there will be a free lunch with dancing at 2 p.m. at the Hall.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, May 9, 1941***

**Rebekah Whist Party:**

The Alvarado Rebekah Lodge is giving a whist party this Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at the Alvarado IOOF Hall. Myrtle Hizer is general chairman assisted by Grace Reinking, Mildred Logan and Henrietta Graff.

***The Hayward Daily Review, May 14, 1941***

**New Arrival:**

To the wife of Lloyd O. Urrutia, Alvarado, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, a daughter

***The Oakland Tribune, May 13, 1941***

**Itinerant Near Death:**

A man, believed to be an itinerant, was identified as Cornelius Spillane, was found badly injured and near death just before noon Wednesday beneath a train trestle near Alvarado. He was taken to Fairmont Hospital where there is little hope for his life.

Identification was made through a Social Security card found on his person. He carried a "bundle."

***The Hayward Daily Review, May 14, 1941***

**IOOF Card Party:**

The public is invited to attend a card party to be given in the Odd Fellow's Hall tomorrow night at 8:30 O'clock for the benefit of the Alvarado Rebekah's. Mrs. L.H. Miller is chairman of the arrangements and refreshments.

***The Oakland Tribune, May 16, 1941***

**Alvarado Eagles:**

Angelo Cosso of Alvarado has been elected president of the Alvarado Aerie of Eagles and will be installed on the night of June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Others who have been chosen for office are William E. Silva, Vice President; W. C. Bettencourt, Chaplain, John Menezes, Secretary (for the ninth consecutive term); C. W. Baird, Treasurer; Robert Francis, conductor; M. P. Rose, Inside Guard, John Delcrew, Outside Guard; and A. E. Vargas, Trustee.

***The Oakland Tribune, May 18, 1941***

**Intention to Wed:**

Louis A. Silva, Alvarado, 22

Doris A. Gonsalves, San Lorenzo, 19

***The Hayward Daily Review, May 19, 1941***



**IOOF Convention:**

William Marshall of Valle Vista spent last week in Santa Cruz at the IOOF annual convention as the delegate from the Alvarado Odd Fellows Lodge.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 22, 1941*

**Three Alvarado Misses Wed:**

Miss Marjorie Goularte, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Manuel P. Goularte, wedded Emilio Re on Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Anne's Church in Alvarado. Manuel Goularte gave his daughter in marriage and Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Goularte stood up with the young couple at the altar. They will honeymoon going up the Redwood Road to Eureka. When they return they will occupy one of the attractive new homes built by John Varni.

Miss Lorraine Silveira, a graduate of the Alvarado Grammar School, was wed to William Silva of San Leandro at Reno on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Miss Silveira is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silveira of Granger Avenue. The young couple will reside on Canal Street in Alvarado.

Miss Bernice Daviner of Alvarado was wed Saturday to Mr. Serpa in Las Vegas Nevada. They are a very popular couple and will reside in Hayward. A kitchen shower was given the couple at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Louis Costa near the Sugar Mill Friday night.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 23, 1941*

**Salt:**

Some 12 carloads of salt are routed to Oakland every week from Alvarado, for shipment by boat, to Washington State. Many carloads are directed to Pittsburgh, Contra Costa County, for use in chemical factories.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 27, 1941*

**June 1<sup>st</sup> Wedding:**

Miss Evelyn M. Martin of Alvarado, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Martin of Alvarado, will become the bride of Augustine Abreu of Decoto, June 1<sup>st</sup> at St. Anne's Church. Miss. Marie Silva has been chosen as maid of honor and the Misses Virginia Menez and Dorothy Martin will be the bridesmaid.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 30, 1941*

**Alvarado Grammar School Graduation:**

The Alvarado Grammar School will graduate 19 students on Friday night June 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 p.m. Those who will be graduating are:

Bertille Amaral  
Jeanette Goularte  
Henry Cheng  
Stanley Lewis  
Lorraine Sa  
Tatsuo Tanaka  
Clifford Rogers

Robert Benjamin  
Judy Hill  
Betty Hernandez  
Doris Martinez  
Kay Sakamoto  
Yatsuo Tao

Ernest Bettencourt  
Emily Dominguez  
Robert Lopez  
Manuel Priego  
Agnes Silva  
Frank Pinto

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 30, 1941*

**Newlyweds:**

Mr. & Mrs. Karl Otto have recently returned from their three-week honeymoon, which took them through the Eastern part of the U.S. At a reception held for the "just weds" at the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. Cecelia Otto in Hayward Sunday night, it was announced that the grooms brother, Joseph Otto has announced his engagement to Miss Alfreda Gamper. The Otto's formerly lived in Alvarado.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 30, 1941*

**Hayward Funeral:**

G.B. Gualco, John Varni and Severino Ciarlo of Alvarado were pallbearers for the late G.B. Crossetti of Hayward.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 20, 1941*

**New Arrival:**

Born to the wife of Theodore Harvey, Alvarado Calif., on May 29<sup>th</sup>, a son, Robert Ingemund.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 11, 1941*

**USO:**

Alvarado is the first town in Southern Alameda County to reach its goal of donations to the USO, an organization that helps support our troops morale in the service. J.R. Blacow, Chairman of the Alvarado Committee, says Alvarado's \$100 goal has already been achieved with the conclusion of the drive set at July 1<sup>st</sup>.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 17, 1941*

**Picket Fence:**

Judge and Mrs. Lincoln S. Church celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the Hotel Oakland. Among the treasured mementos showered upon them was a picket from the fence of the home that the Judge's father built in Alvarado in 1853 from wood shipped around the horn. Mr. Church was born in Alvarado May 12, 1865.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 18, 1941*

**Around Town:**

Mr. & Mrs. George Oakes left Friday for an automobile trip through Oregon, Washington and possibly Canada. They will be gone two or three weeks.

The Alvarado Congregation has decided to unite with the Centerville Presbyterian Church during the summer months ahead.

Cosso's Gas Station next to the Alvarado Pioneer is undergoing big improvements and we want to congratulate Mrs. Cosso and her son Angelo. Three new modern pumps were installed for supplying Standard Oil gasoline. The next improvement the Cosso' plan is the asphaltting the pavement of the whole front of their gas station and grocery store.

Alvarado school children will have tap dancing instruction from Freddy Williams every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Alvarado School. There is no charge for the service. Children can see Mrs. Laura Steiner, the new recreation leader at the Alvarado School Playground.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 20, 1941*

**Army Enlistees:**

Two local Japanese boys were honored at a party in Alvarado prior to their departure yesterday for the San Francisco induction center for the Army. The affair was given under the auspices of the Japanese American citizens league for Isao J. Tsuno and Yoshio Tomimatsu.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 20, 1941*

**Improved Road:**

The Valle Vista Road, leading from Valle Vista schoolhouse to the Holly Sugar mill (Alquire Road) in Alvarado is to be raised a foot, given a water resistant surface and supplied a solid rock foundation, to guard against high water and winter flooding.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 26, 1941*

**Intention to Wed:**

Clifford Verne Dinsmore, Alvarado, 21

Bonnie Lee McDonald, Hayward, 19

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 26, 1941*

**Around Town:**

While the Hayward Building Company was completing the paving of Cosso's Standard Oil Station it was arranged to have the entire place paved by extending it to include the *Alvarado Pioneer*. Mr. & Mrs. George Oakes are vacationing up around Oregon and Washington and will be surprised at the appearance on their return. Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Cadero are in charge of the *Pioneer* until the return of the Oakes.

July 1<sup>st</sup> is the day set for the Second Registration under the Selective Service. On that day under Presidential and Gubernatorial proclamations it becomes the duty of every man who is required to register to present himself at a duly authorized registration place and furnish the necessary information required to complete the registration.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 27, 1941*

#### **New Arrival:**

To the wife of Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Silvey, Alvarado, June 30<sup>th</sup>, a son, Leroy.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 2, 1941*

#### **News Notes:**

Paul Rivers, former Alvarado Grammar School and Washington Union High School athlete, has left for Canada where he will volunteer in the Canadian Air Force.

Alvarado is the first community in Washington township to report an over the top collection for the U.S.O. With a quota of \$100, a total of 131 have been collected according to Chairman Jack Blacow of the Central Bank.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 4, 1941*

#### **Presbyterian Church:**

Services at the Alvarado Presbyterian Church have closed for the vacation period and will be resumed in September. Rev. Jackson L. Webster, pastor, is continuing services in the Centerville and Newark churches.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 6, 1941*

#### **News Note:**

Leonard Francis Silva of Alvarado reported to the Niles Draft Board No. 75 for induction into the United States Military.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 7, 1941*

#### **Draft Registration:**

The following Alvarado young men has answered the call and duly registered with the Niles Draft Board No. 75, they having reached 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. They are:

Edward Fantuzzi, Marion C. Cordoba, Angel C. Ledesma, Refugio P. Gonzalez, Seraphine E. Daviner, Tony J. Roderick, Manual C. Mello and Clifford V. Dinsmore.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 11, 1941*

#### **County Fair Parade:**

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce made a great showing in the parade at Pleasanton on Sunday morning at the County Fair. President **Frank Machado** worked with **Manuel Goularte**, Manuel Perry and Adam Lewis to put the big float portraying Alameda County's first Court House, in beautiful shape. They worked nearly half the night before (especially Manuel Goularte) on this miniature Court House. They placed it on Joe Avila's truck and made it look fine by adding a green lawn and flowers about the office. This took the eye of the crowds, as Alvarado has the honor of being the first County seat and they were proud of its early history.

The miniature Court House in private cars were:

M.E. Perry (displaying a big American flag and ribbons to good effect), **Mr. & Mrs. Frank Machado**, **Mr. & Mrs. Antone E. Vargas** with Mr. & Mrs. A.A. Lee, **Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Goularte**, Mr. & Mrs. James Wasley and daughter Peggy with Manuel Hendricks, Mr. & Mrs. Elvin

Rose, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Pinto, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Silva, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Goularte and **Laverne Medeiros** and George Oakes.

Also showing up was Manuel Silva of the Whipple Road. He had his six-horse team, which attracts attention at all times in front of the grandstand.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 11, 1941*

### **The Alvarado Drill Team:**

The Alvarado Drill Team girls have been making a great showing for their town this summer. Ever since the Alvarado Holy Ghost celebration they have been drilling every Sunday at different fiestas. They have gone to Crows Landing, Newman, Santa Clara, Stevenson, Patterson, San Jose, Livingston and are expected to drill in several other places.

The girls in the Drill Team are:

Mrs. Delinda Pimentel, Captain  
Miss Lorraine Alameda  
Miss Ernestine Rabello  
Miss Emile Mesquite  
Miss Alexia Lezand  
Miss Phyllis Cordoba

Mrs. Mary Re, Lieutenant  
Miss Florence Molina  
Miss Doris Martinez  
Miss Julia Pagan  
Miss Beatrice Fields  
Miss Betty Ann Medeiros

Mrs. Marjorie Re  
Miss Evelyn Correia  
Miss Isabel Monte  
Miss Lucille Fonseca  
Miss Jeanette Goularte  
Miss Jeanette Silveira

### **Miss Laverne Medeiros**

*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 11, 1941*

### **Around Town:**

Miss Ann Forbes will have a vacation from the library soon. As the County does not pay a substitute librarian for Alvarado, the local branch will be closed for the two-week period.

Friends and relatives of Leonard Silva were to see him off Monday for a year of military training. We all wish him luck in his new environment.

Friends of **Mr. A.E. Vargas** are glad to see him up and around again after his long illness.

A son, named Leroy, has arrived in the Alvin Silvey family of Alvarado. He weighed seven pounds and seven ounces.

Mrs. Mary Pimentel and sons, Frank, Joseph and Andrew will attend the Holy Ghost festival in Newark Sunday.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 11, 1941*

### **Drinking Nets Jail Time:**

John Almanza of Alvarado chose 30 days jail time in lieu of paying a \$90 fine for driving while under the influence alcohol.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 13, 1941*

### **Civilian Emergencies:**

The second in a series of educational lectures to train civilians for emergency service with the Alameda County Sheriff's Department will be heard Monday evening at Alvarado. The first meeting was held last week with some 200 "anxious to help" citizens on hand to hear a discussion on "arrests" made by Division Chief Douglas Welsh of Hayward.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 14, 1941*

### **Civil Defense:**

Sergeant Edward Doyle of the California Highway Patrol was the speaker Monday night at the second meeting of the Southern Alameda County Civilian Defense committee at Alvarado according to Division Chief Webb of the Hayward substation who is directing the work. Classes are being conducted in Alvarado and will soon be started in Hayward to train civilian workers to assist in policing the communities in event of an emergency.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 14, 1941*

**Classified Ad:****WOMEN WANTED:**

Housekeeper for dairy ranch, cooking, light housework, 4 days off monthly, no objection to one small child, modern conveniences.

Post Office Box 178, Alvarado, California

*The Oakland Tribune, July 15, 1941*

**Bad Checks:**

Pablo Gomez, 38, of Alvarado, is in custody after an alleged weekend splurge in which he is said to have had passed checks amounting to \$60.65. He is an apricot picker and has been charged with five counts of forgery. Gomez was arrested Saturday in a barbershop in Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 16, 1941*

**Around Town:**

We understand that twins, a boy and a girl, were born to Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Allevensa last Friday at the Hayward Hospital.

Mayme Roderick, trustee of the Alviso Grammar School, and family, are spending a weeks' vacation at Seabright near Capitola.

Alvarado softball boys will play the Richfield Gas team Sunday afternoon. The team is managed by Ray Diaz and has as players: Marion Cordoba, Frank Cordoba, Ernie Armosa, Manuel Priego, Joe Brune, Cip Diaz, Joaquin Naharro, Mike Salido and John Samarron.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 18, 1941*

**Aluminum Drive:**

Alvarado will be one of the rural communities of Alameda County that will take part in the collection of aluminum for the national defense effort. The Alvarado drive will be under the direction of the Chamber of Commerce and spearheaded by supervisor George Janssen and George Hellwig. Frank Machado, Adam Lewis and James Wasley will lead the effort in Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 18, 1941*

**Aluminum Drive:**

Handsome window stickers, on which the words "We Will Give Aluminum For Defense" are emblazoned against the background of an American fighting plane, will be distributed to every home in Alameda County this weekend.

Oakland homes received the stickers yesterday, and distribution in other cities will commence tomorrow. Persons having aluminum to give for defense purposes place the stickers on the windows of their homes so that volunteer workers can be aided in making house-to-house collections starting Tuesday.

In Alvarado the Chamber of Commerce and the Junior Chamber of Commerce will supervise collections, with Frank E. Machado, Adam Lewis and James Wasley Jr. in charge.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 20, 1941*

**News Note:**

The Alvarado Home Farm Center will be represented at the Contra Costa-Alameda County Farm Women's Camp to be conducted at Pinecrest August 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>.

Those who are planning to be at the camp are Ida Rogers, Lena Bettencourt and Mary Amaral.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 20, 1941*

**Crime is A Business:**

J. C. R. McDonald, inspector with the Oakland Police Department and noted author of the book, "Crime is a Business" was the speaker Monday night at another in a series of civilian defense training meetings held at Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 22, 1941*

**Antone Freitas Dies:**

Many friends and relatives attended the funeral services of Antone Freitas, a native of Alvarado who worked for F. H. Wiegman for 37 years. He was the father of Alvin Freitas of Hayward, Mrs. Irene Hendricks and Mrs. Irene Freitas of Alvarado, brother of Joseph Freitas of Hayward, Mrs. Rosie Lee and Mrs. Nora Vargas of Alvarado, grandfather of Rodney Hendricks and Barbara Jean Freitas.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 23, 1941*

**Around Town:**

Of the first 10 number drawn in the Nation's second draft lottery at Washington, Thursday, the second and seventh designated men registered at Draft Board No. 75 at Niles. Among is one Alvarado youth, Yoshio Nakagawara.

A letter from Joseph R. Knowland, publisher of the Oakland Tribune, was read at Thursday's meeting of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce in which he encouraged Alvarado to join with early pioneers of the district in placing a bronze marker designating "Alvarado as the first County Seat of Alameda County." In his letter he pledged any cooperation and agreed to act as chairman of the big event and home coming planned, upon the suggestion of Secretary George H. Oakes of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce.

S.P. Station Agent E.J. Wilson came over from Brentwood July 1<sup>st</sup> to take charge of the **S.P. Station** at Alvarado. He and his wife and daughter are occupying the nice quarters adjoining the Station in Alvarado.

The Alvarado Vegetable Growers are preparing for the coming tomato harvest to begin around September 1<sup>st</sup> and also the fall fava beans. They finished their peas the last of May and also their spring fava beans.

Miss Margaret O'Neill, who has been making her home with Mrs. Joe Enos Silva of the Whipple Road, will become the bride of Frank M. Andrade, who manages the Wiegman Dairy. The wedding will be at St. Anne's Church, Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> after which a reception to some 200 friends and relatives will be held at the S.D.E.S Hall. The groom's brother, Henry Andrade will be best man.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 25, 1941*

**New Manager at Shell Station:**

Beginning the first of August, the Shell Station at Alvarado will be conducted by Floyd Williams. This Hayward young man says he sees a good future for Alvarado with all its civic improvements, which bring this community to the eyes of the whole county. It is bound to attract newcomers and perhaps a factory or two. Frank Williams is a courteous, Christian young man who like to give lots of service and says he will try hard to please his customers.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 25, 1941*

**Leslie Salt Moves Shipping Operations:**

The shipping of package goods from the Alvarado Salt Works via the **Southern Pacific** is expected to close down next week. But there will be a few processes continued, although the great mass of workers have already been transferred to the Leslie Salt Co. at Newark.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 25, 1941*

**Civil Defense:**

Chester Flint, a staff member of the District Attorney's Office, will be the speaker Monday night at the Alvarado civilian defense-training meeting to be held under the direction of Sheriff H.P. "Jack" Gleason.

A series of such meetings are now being held in southern Alameda County for the purpose of training as many civilian workers as possible to serve as emergency aides to the Sheriff's Department in the event of some major catastrophe.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 26, 1941*

#### **Alvarado Fire Department:**

Members of the newly formed Alvarado Fire Department have unanimously voted J. C. Wasley, Principal of Alvarado Grammar School and Angelo Cosso, Chief and Assistant Fire Chief. At a recent meeting several volunteers signed the roster and a full organization is expected soon.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 29, 1941*

#### **Broken Window:**

Manuel P. Silva, 40, Alvarado liquor store proprietor had his large expensive plate glass window broken about 5:30 a.m. Rushing outside he saw a man who had already had too much imbibe ask him, "how about a drink?" Realizing that the man he had just talked to might be the person who owns the plate glass window that he just broke the man fled with such alacrity that Mr. Silva was not able to catch him.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 29, 1941*

#### **New arrival:**

To the wife of Facundo Mata, Maiden Lane Alvarado, July 16<sup>th</sup>, a son.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 29, 1941*

#### **Retirement:**

Mrs. Anderson of the Whipple Road retired Saturday from the employ of the Bank of Alvarado where she had worked for 29 years. She had started her banking career with the Alvarado banker Mr. August May.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 30, 1941*

#### **Sugar:**

The Holly Sugar mill will start September 6<sup>th</sup> this year, but a short acreage will decrease the amount of beets processed here.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 30, 1941*

#### **Ducks:**

Winnipeg, Canada: A thousand duck bands have been returned here by the United States Fish and Game Survey, and they show that many ducks, reared in these Canadian breeding waters, are killed in California, although the largest amount are shot in Texas.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 30, 1941*

#### **N.S.G.W:**

Consolidation of the Alvarado and Centerville parlors of the Native Sons of the Golden West will be decided at a meeting of the Washington Parlor in Centerville Tuesday, when a proposition by the Wisteria Chapter of Alvarado is considered. If the local parlor votes for the amalgamation, the matter will be referred to the Grand Parlor for a decision.

The Wisteria Chapter is one of the oldest in the state, having been organized May 17, 1888. Two remaining active charter members are Peter L. Decoto and E.M. Foley. Other members and their dates of initiation are: Ed S. Harvey, 1890; J.M. Scribner, 1891; J.L. Olson, 1895; J.A. Richmond, A.B. Nauert and George P. Hellwig, 1897; S.A.D. Buchannan, 1901; H.S. Haines, 1903; A.J. Rutherford, 1909; and Herbert S. Harrold, 1931. Haines of Decoto is President and Scribner of Livermore is Secretary.

Wisteria Chapter has been comparatively inactive for many years. It is understood there is a considerable sum of money in the treasury. The disposition of these funds and the terms of consolidation will be discussed at a meeting to be held August 5th.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 3, 1941*

**New Arrival:**

Born to Domingo and Lucy Cicairos, General Delivery, Alvarado, a son on July 18<sup>th</sup>.  
*The Oakland Tribune, August 5, 1941*

**Sewer Bonds Sold:**

A San Francisco bonding house has agreed to purchase \$33,000 worth Alvarado Sewer Bonds at 3.00 percent and \$5,000 in bonds at 2.75 percent.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, August 7, 1941*

**Classified Ad:**

COUNTRY LAND:

5 acres apricots, 5 room home, barn, well, \$4,250, terms. Duck Pond, Alvarado  
Charlie Wauhab, Centerville, Real Estate Broker

**Classified Ad:**

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY:

Station for lease: Major oil co. All required is funds to handle stock on hand.  
Phone: Alvarado 34  
*The Hayward Daily Review, August 18, 1941*

**Around Town:**

On Sunday several Alvarado folks will enjoy fishing on San Pablo Bay on the cabin cruiser owned by Dave Caeton. Among those are A.E. Vargas, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Vargas and Wilbert Hendricks. Mrs. A.E. Vargas, Mrs. Manuel Goularte, **Mrs. Emilio Re**, Mrs. Mary Amaral, Mrs. Borghi and Mrs. Vera Enos of Alvarado attended a card party at San Leandro held by the SPRSI Lodge. The Echoes of Portugal Drill Team will parade in East San Jose August 31<sup>st</sup>. The drillmaster is Mrs. Frank Pimentel (nee Delinda Perry). Jeanette Goularte and mother, Mrs. Manuel P. Goularte and sister **Mrs. Emilio Re**, motored to Oakland Wednesday. Mrs. Helen Goularte of the Creek Road accompanied by LaVerne and Better Medeiros, spent Monday in Richmond. A.J. Cadero is seeking a lost dog, which answers to the name "boots." The dog is a black shepherd with brown paws. A liberal reward is offered. Mrs. Anna Hendricks of Alvarado has been visiting friends in San Leandro for a week.

Mr. & **Mrs. Emilio Re** (nee Marjorie Goularte) have one of the nicest little homes, newly built and newly furnished in Alvarado. It was built by John Varni and is opposite Fred Wiegman's place on Smith Street.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 22, 1941*

**Alviso Grammar School Students:**

1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades: Mrs. Edith I. Wasley, Teacher

<u>Student Name:</u>	<u>Age:</u>	<u>Parent Name:</u>
Joseph Abreu	5	Mrs. Mabel C. Abreu
Miss Bernadine Abreu	7	Manuel Abreu
Richard Andrade	6	Mrs. Helen Andrade
Miss Anita Bailey	5	Valborg Bailey
Jimmie Bettencourt	5	Mrs. Mary C. Bettencourt
Piero Cerruti	6	Mrs. Florence Cerruti
Charles Davis	6	C.I. Davis
Miss Elaine Dias	6	Mrs. Mary Dias
Leroy Faria	7	Henry Faria
Robert Gonzales	5	Mrs. Julia M. Gonzales



George Harvey Jr.	6	George Harvey
Marion Hermosa	6	Vincent Hermosa
Miss Shirley Lawrence	6	Mrs. Golda Lawrence
Miss Margaret Lebon	7	Manuel Lebon
Michael Logan	6	John Logan
Walter Luiz	6	Mrs. Florence Luiz
Kenneth Mello	5	Mrs. Mary Mello
Miss Shirley Mello	5	Mrs. Frances Mello
Ben Nogami	8	S. Nogami
Ellis Novo	8	Mrs. Mary Novo
Miss June Novo	7	Mrs. Mary Novo
Joey Orocchi	7	Italo Orocchi
Bobby Peeks	7	Mrs. Irene Peeks
Miss Marlene Peeks	6	Mrs. Irene Peeks
Miss Shirley Priester	8	C.W. Priester
Ralph Souza	7	Joe Souza
Goro Takeuchi	7	Jingo Takeuchi
Namoru Takeuchi	5	Jingo Takeuchi
Kenneth Teague	6	Ray Teague
Hideo Tsutsui	8	H. Tsutsui
Miss Kemeko Tsutsui	6	Masanori Tsutsui
Miss Taeko Tsutsui	8	Masanori Tsutsui
Miss EvaMae Neely	6	Mrs. Zeta Neely
Glatian Neely	8	Mrs. Zeta Neely
Edward Garcia	10	Ventura Heredia
Miss Rosie Heredia	6	Ventura Heredia
Jimmie Biers	7	
Teddy Biers	9	
Bert Ciarlo	8	Mrs. Antonia Ciarlo
Miss Annettee Diamantine	6	
Lawrence Ortiz		Gaspar Ortiz

***Alviso School Class Listing, August 25, 1941***

### **Sugar:**

The wet spring which retarded planting of sugar beets has caused the harvest of beets to be late. This in turn will cause the Holly Sugar Company to begin processing beets later this year.

***The Hayward Daily Review, August 27, 1941***

### **Tomatoes:**

The Alvarado Vegetable Growers Association at Hall Station will start packing tomatoes between September 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> for shipment to the eastern market. This is the report from Dave Caeton, manager of the packinghouse.

***The Hayward Daily Review, August 27, 1941***

### **Alvarado Boys Club:**

Merchants of Alvarado will support the proposed Boy's Club in Alvarado. So much has been seen of the result of no well-directed play for boys that the merchants thought it was something worth encouraging. Especially as seeing that an experienced boys activities leader was willing to volunteer his time gratis. He is Chester Phillips of Decoto, who is the WPA playgrounds coach at Alvarado School. This young man, about 23, has had some fine experience coaching the Alvarado boys this summer in their baseball games on Friday afternoons with teams of neighboring towns.

***The Hayward Daily Review, September 2, 1941***

### **Sewer Pipes Arrive:**

The concrete evidence that sewers are about to be installed in Alvarado was the unloading of a big truckload of pipe Friday. It was brought from the California Pottery company plant in Niles

Canyon. The pipe is the 8-inch size and was distributed alongside the Union City Road near the site of the reducing plant, which will handle the sewage in the most modern plant for its size on the coast.

The Sanitary Board met at Manuel Perry's home last Tuesday evening for action of sewer matters and report that everything is going along fine. President Clarence Flores and Secretary Joseph Dutra were on the job.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, September 5, 1941***

#### **Around Town:**

Walter & Andy Gardetto entertained the last C of C meeting with several numbers, and they truly paid like professionals. They are the sons of Mr. & Mrs. Mike Gardetto.

Many men worked in cutting down willow trees at the mouth of the Alameda Creek. We saw with our own eyes that there was hardly any creek bed left, but worse, the trees would form obstruction to throw the water back towards town.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, September 5, 1941***

#### **Margarito Perez Dies:**

Margarito Perez, 36, of Alvarado, died at his home here Saturday shortly after completing a four-month's trip with an Alaskan fish packing crew. He succumbed to pneumonia. The deceased is survived by parents in Mexico.

***The Oakland Tribune, September 11, 1941***

#### **Gambling:**

The four men arrested Monday night on gambling charges have been arraigned and are freed pending the payment of \$100 bail. The men are Frank Machalis, 33, proprietor of the pool hall, his brother Agopinto, 30, Benny Yobut, and Vincent V. Songcoyouon.

***The Hayward Daily Review, September 12, 1941***

#### **Civil Defense:**

Alameda County Sheriff Jack Gleason will deputize 100 men in Alvarado Monday night and an almost same number in Pleasanton Tuesday night as this county marches forward in the drive to be ready for any defense emergency. The two communities have been conducting classes during the last three months preparing the men.

***The Hayward Daily Review, September 15, 1941***

#### **Civil Defense:**

Two thousand fingers (with but a few missing here and there) were massaged over a fingerprinting pad Monday night as 100 emergency deputy sheriffs were organized at Alvarado under the direction of Division Chief Douglass Webb and Detective Richard E. Condon of the Hayward substation.

Each man had to be fingerprinted twice, once for Alameda County Records and once for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and both Webb and Condon will agree that's a lot of digits.

***The Hayward Daily Review, September 16, 1941***

#### **Digging Starts for Sewer Lines:**

The digging has begun for the laying of sewer pipes to the processing plant near Union City Road. There are 29 men employed and they are getting paid good union wages. The ditch digger has had to skip quite a few big gas mains and water mains, which run across Union City Road. The even ran into an old wharf, used in the old days when steamers crossed part of what is the Union City Road. The old wharf had long ago been forgotten.

The work is now approaching town and is within two blocks of Levee Street. It reached the intersection of Union City Road and the street that George Hellwig lives on this Friday morning. The work started from the lower end of the Union City Road.

Among other things the engineers found Friday was a 15-inch concrete jacket built around a water main to prevent leaks. It was built across Union City road by Ed Richmond of the Water Dept. many years ago. Another big pipe they had to excavate under was a huge storm sewer, also near the concrete mentioned above.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 19, 1941*

#### **Volunteers Asked to Man Air Raid Observer Station:**

Ten men have volunteered to man an air raid observation station to be located near the Hall Station. These men are asked to volunteer an hour or so a month and be ready to telephone to headquarters in case of invasion by airplanes. The men who volunteered are:

Joe Jacinto  
Angelo Cosso  
Peter Rose  
Frank Silver

Ed Fantuzzi  
Tony Rivers  
**E.J. Wilson**

Joe Paris  
James Wasley  
D. Diaz

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 19, 1941*

#### **Around Town:**

**Mrs. Robie** is a real booster for our school and **Chamber of Commerce**, so let us return the compliment by buying her line of Avon Products of face creams, soaps, powders, etc.

The speeding by boys in their autos from 17<sup>th</sup> Street and also V Street into 19<sup>th</sup>, was reported to the Highway Patrol. So it like this dangerous practice of wild driving is going to be stopped, as fines will be levied on future speeders in Alvarado.

Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, President Frank Machado figured would be a good time to burn the dry willows cut down at the mouth of Alameda Creek to prevent floods this winter. Those men who volunteered to begin work in the morning of that day are: Charles Baird, **E. Wilson**, M. Silva, M.P. Perry, Clarence Flores, Frank Machado and E. Bailey.

John Ahern's permission to allow the **Chamber of Commerce** to cut willows on his place on the Alameda Creek to guard against floods was real, being a legal document to protect the Chamber of Commerce efforts.

The Alvarado Chapter of the Red Cross meets every Wednesday at the Odd Fellows Hall from 1 to 4 p.m. in the upstairs hall. The ladies are doing something very patriotic with their knitting and sewing, and they would like still more workers to put their shoulder to the wheel and turn out. Mrs. James Logan is directing the group and last week she was assisted by Mrs. Vargas, Mrs. Mello, Mrs. Gardetto, **Mrs. Robie**, Mrs. Rivers and Mrs. Baird.

Manuel Silva, our genial blacksmith here in Alvarado is building a recreation room over his garage at his home on Smith Street. During his spare moments from his blacksmithing, he has done his own building. Soon his "rumpus" room will be finished and a thing of beauty. He says that his wife and son can entertain nicely with music and games in the new recreation room.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 19, 1941*

#### **Sugar:**

The sugar beet harvest from Pleasanton is underway today, with seven car loads daily being shipped to the Holly Sugar mill at Alvarado, says Harold Grimm, sugar company representative. Fieldwork here will continue until mid December.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 23, 1941*

### **Flood Control:**

Protection against possible winter flooding of Alameda Creek has been carried out under the joint auspices of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce and private citizens. The chamber donated \$50, that sum being matched by a resident of Alvarado to pay laborers to clean out the creek bed. About a mile of the channel was cleared of brush and debris, which will be burned Sunday under the direction of Frank Machado, President of the Chamber of Commerce.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 24, 1941*

### **Alameda County Water District:**

Louis S. Amaral, Alvarado rancher and president of the Canning Vegetable Growers Association has been elected a member of the board of directors of the Alameda County Water District. He succeeds Emanuel S. George, Deputy County Tax Assessor for 41 years and one of the water district organizers in 1914. Amaral is 47 years old and lived in the Alviso district between Alvarado and Centerville since 1900.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 26, 1941*

### **Air Raid Lookouts:**

Washington Township has been split into four districts to act as Air Raid Lookouts. The Alvarado district will be headed by **T. P. Harvey**, Chief Observers are **Andrew Logan**, Joseph Jacinto and Robert Whipple; Chief Assistants will be Wesley Emery, Joseph Martin, John Logan, Anthony Almeida, Peter Rose, Frank Best, Joe Dutra, Morris Davilla, Damaso Diaz, Clarence Flores, Gregory Perry, Angelo Cosso, James Wasley Jr., A. E. Vargas and Manuel Amaral.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 26, 1941*

### **St. Anne's Church Bazaar:**

The annual bazaar for St. Anne's Church at Alvarado has been set for November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, according to Genevieve Dutra, president of St. Anne's Confraternity. The bazaar will be held at the S.D.E.S. Hall, committees to be appointed later.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 26, 1941*

### **News Note:**

Arrangements for the harvest festival to be given by the Toyon and Tamarack Branches of the Children's Hospital of the Eastbay will be completed at a meeting of Toyon Branch at the home of Mrs. Walter Robie in Alvarado on Monday at 1:30 o'clock. Mrs. James R. Whipple, chairman, asks that all members be present.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 26, 1941*

### **Farm News:**

Green tomatoes are being shipped by **Southern Pacific** railway from Hall Station, says **Ted Harvey**, member of **the Alvarado Vegetables Growers Assn.** They are being sent to Chicago and other points.

Lloyd Bailey has planted about 400 acres to cauliflower, which will be ready as usual to be shipped to the Eastern Market in iced cars in November from the Centerville **S.P. Station**. Lloyd Bailey only planted 50 acres of tomatoes this year as he figured that the high wages of the shipyards offered would lure many employees away from their usual jobs on the farm. In fact all the growers are moaning over the shortage of farm labor, although you can't blame the Government either. It is just that the National Defense has caused more jobs and higher wages.

About the greatest harvest of potatoes in all Southern Alameda County is that of **Ted Harvey**, who with his father has a tremendous yield and a high quality as usual. Ted's uncle George Harvey also has quite a crop at the adjoining farm on the Centerville-Alvarado Road near Hall Station. Ted Harvey says that the Alvarado Burbank potato can't be beat and we think he is right.

Wes Emery, President of the **Alvarado Vegetable Grower Assn.**, says that there is such a shortage of labor that he would not be able to cultivate and harvest his cauliflower even if he had

planted it. We were visiting his farm the other day and he has a large acreage all cultivated, irrigated and ready for planting cauliflower and it seems tough when high wages and shortage of labor hit some of the farmers dependent on such labor.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 26, 1941*

**Classified Ad:**

**FOR SALE**

**Clarinet for Sale:**

A B flat clarinet, metal, for sale for \$15.00, cheap

A real buy for some student starting High School Orchestra

Apply:

Mrs. James Logan, near Hall Station, Alvarado

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 26, 1941*

**Around Town:**

Miss Vivian Logan, daughter of **Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Logan** of Alvarado has returned to her studies at San Jose State College. She is in her second year and hopes to become a teacher.

The Bridge Club met on Friday of last week at the home of Mrs. Louis Musick of Decoto. Two members were missing from their regular places since they had moved away from the community. They were Mrs. Walter Ziegler and Mrs. Harvey Granger. Two new members are slated to take their places. The members of the club are: Mrs. Ted Harvey, Mrs. Allen Searles, **Mrs. Andrew Logan**, Mrs. Lloyd Bailey, Mrs. Milton Munger and Mrs. Louis Musick.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 26, 1941*

**Marriage License:**

Issued Saturday in Reno Nevada.

Joe Pimentel, Alvarado, 26

Madeline Fontes, Hayward, 27

*The Hayward Daily Review, September 27, 1941*

**100 New Deputies:**

Southern Alameda County will be assured of plenty of protection should an emergency arise after Monday night when 100 special deputies will be sworn in at exercises to take place in Alvarado. Sheriff Jack Gleason will be present to make the men official members of the Alameda County Sheriff Department as attaches of the Civilian Defense Corps.

*The Hayward Daily Review, September 29, 1941*

**Mrs. Sophia Mello Dies:**

Funeral rites for Mrs. Sophia Mello, 30, wife of Frank Mello of Alvarado were held this morning from the Chapel of the Palms with mass at St. Anne's Church. She is survived by Frank S. Mello and Mrs. Emily Noia of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 1, 1941*

**Sewer lines Progress:**

The pipes were laid up to around Levee Street this week, with much of the work being done on Maiden Lane, extending from V Street toward the back of Naharro's property. The right pipeline of the sewer pipe toward the disposal plant site on lower V Street has been scientifically followed by the engineers. This all mean that Alvarado will have a job, when completed that will be second to none in the country.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 3, 1941*

**Around Town:**

Mrs. Silveira and Mrs. Daviner have charge of the card party for the benefit of the St. Anne's Church in Alvarado on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Mary Rivers, who lives on V Street, formerly Union City Road, has been ill at her home the last few days.

Joseph Goularte, a pioneer of the Creek Road at Alvarado, is at the San Jose hospital where he underwent a serious operation.

Carolyn Amaral, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Louis Amaral who reside near the Holly Sugar Mill, will be wed on October 12<sup>th</sup> to Walter Cabral of Oakland.

A.E. Vargas is buying lettuce for the Valley Growers of San Jose, which he represents. Mr. Vargas is also lining up cauliflower shipments for this well-known San Jose firm.

The Red Cross of Alvarado met this week to sew on Children's dresses to be sent to England, Eleven ladies did the sewing. Mrs. Rebecca Logan is chairman.

Mrs. Elsie Clarkson is the Noble Grand of Alvarado Rebekah Lodge No. 142. She is assisted by Mrs. Effie Kenezevich, Vice President; Henrietta Graff, Recording secretary; Mrs. Annie Baird, Financial Secretary; and Mrs. Laura Orelli, Treasurer.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 3, 1941*

### **Alvarado Lad in Canadian Air Force:**

Paul Rivers, alumnus of Washington Union High School, has written to Principal A. J. Rathbone from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, where he is connected with No. 4 I.T.S. Royal Canadian Air Force. Rivers volunteered and was given a send-off by the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce several months ago. The hospitality of the Canadians and the necessity of a good foundation in mathematics for would be pilots are commented on in the letter.

"It's a pity to see a boy handle a plane smoothly and easily, then get washed out because he doesn't know his navigation," writes Rivers.

A visit to a German prison camp where a thousand Germans "seemed very pleased that they are out of it all," and flights over Banff, Lake Louise and Jasper Park are among the experiences related in the letter. "I also saw the Duke of Kent when he came to our station for inspection. He stopped and asked me if Canada was treating me well," the letter said.

Rivers said he would be glad to correspond with high school students as "letters from home are worth their weight in gold."

*The Oakland Tribune, October 5, 1941*

### **Alvarado Man Missing:**

Arthur Kelley and a fellow worker on a dredge in Oakland have gone missing. According to Mrs. Kelley, the two left from Kelley's home in Alvarado 10:30 a.m. Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, to drive to Niles to see a doctor about Kelley's injured foot. Neither man has been seen since.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 7, 1941*

### **New Garage in Town:**

In the Hendrickson Building in Alvarado, which formerly housed the Reliance Garage, Manuel Machado of Centerville is operating an auto repair department. His garage will also sell Eagle gasoline and the yellow paint used on the outside of the building surely makes it look like new and improves that end of town. Half of the building will be devoted to a used part department.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 10, 1941*

### **Around Town:**

Potatoes will be grown under allotment for the first time in history here in Alameda County. It's important that grower's pay heed to the allotment orders for the allotment brings special payments and the possibility of potato marketing in 1942 on a quota basis. Those growing potatoes outside the allotment will be subject to penalties.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 10, 1941*

### **Alvarado Men Drafted Into Service:**

Twenty-nine selectees from Draft Board No. 75, Niles will leave here on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. for the Army Induction Center at San Francisco. Chosen from Alvarado and Decoto were: William Jimenez, Alvarado; Ignacio Santoye Garciduenas, of Decoto; Frank R. Sanchez, Decoto; Lester Harold Mederos, of Decoto; Fernando Gordon Santiago, of Decoto; Marion Caceres Cordoba, of Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, October 10, 1941*

#### **Civil Defense:**

James Wasley, Principal of Alvarado Grammar School, has been named the Civil Defense representative for Alvarado. He will represent Alvarado at the Alameda County Civil Defense Corps.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 14, 1941*

#### **News Note:**

Mrs. Rafaela Montalbo, of Alvarado, is to swear out a complaint against her estranged husband, Joe Montalbo for damages to her car over a domestic dispute. Mr. Montalbo took revenge on Mrs. Montalba's car for garnishing his wages for non-support of two minor children.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 14, 1941*

#### **Natural Gas:**

A natural gas shortage caused by the need for national defense may cause the cancellation of Hayward's "Waterade" at the Hayward Plunge if gas service is not restored to the swim center. The Plunge heats its pool with surplus natural gas from PG&E at a much lower rate than households. However their supply has been cut off because of national defense needs.

Of a more critical nature, the Hunt Bros. Cannery at Hayward, the sugar mill at Alvarado and the steel mill at Niles are now forced to look for standby sources of gas to power their plants.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 21, 1941*

#### **Burning Brush:**

The **Alvarado Chamber of Commerce** had workers burning brush at the mouth of the Alameda Creek on Sunday Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>. President **Frank Machado** said there were 15 workers who donated their time on Sunday Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> and burned the lighter brush, but the heavier wood could not be reached on account of the neat, so it was finished on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

These merchants who donated food and refreshments for the workers on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> were:

Tony Mello, a case of beer  
Mrs. Sugimoto, 2 cases of soda  
Mrs. Felix Diangson, case of beer  
John Ralph, 6-dozen buns  
**Supervisor G. Hellwig**, 9 lbs of wienies.

These merchants who donated food and refreshments for the workers on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> were:

Frank Macahilas	2 ½ lbs of linguica
<b>Diaz Union Meat Market</b>	3 cases of beer
Manuel Silva	½ bottle of wine
Julian Yabut	Richfield Ser Station, a case of Coca-Cola
K. Matsumoto	1 carton of cigarettes
Matt Machado	1 box of cigars
M. Fugita	Alvarado Laundry, six-dozen French rolls
George Hellwig	3 lbs of linguica
D. Diaz	<b>Union Meat Market</b> 2 ½ lbs of linguica
Joseph Priego	2 ½ lbs of linguica

**Mr. Frank Machado** who helped burn and who secured the donation of eats from the merchants, wishes to thank them and also the men who donated their time. They were:

Peter Rose	Manuel Perry	<b>Alvin Bailey</b>	Clarence Flores
<b>James Wasley Sr.</b>	James Wasley Jr.	Charles Baird	Frank Dutra
<b>George Hellwig</b>	A.J. Vargas	Joseph Avila	Tony Alexander
Dan Reilly	Gregory Perry		

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 24, 1941*

#### **Around Town:**

A.E. Perry of V Street, Alvarado has been ill. He operated on Wednesday of last week at a San Jose hospital. It is still a serious case, but he is slightly improved.

S.P. Section foreman, **Alvin Bailey**, who lives next to the Alvarado Post Office, will leave soon for a promotion with the S.P. down in the valley.

Marion Cordoba left for the service of the United States and was given a present of a carton of cigarettes by the **Alvarado Chamber of Commerce**.

**Frank Machado** reports that on Saturday the sewer pipe will be laid across the highway in town, from V Street across to John Ralph's store. The pipe is being laid deep under ground without cutting though the surface of the street.

On Monday of this week, Otto von Seggern of the Army Engineers Dept. was an Alvarado visitor. The wanted to secure copies of the *Pioneer* for 1937 and 1938 where ever the flood condition was mentioned or articles of meetings held by the Chamber of Commerce group, pertaining to the matter of flood control. These were needed to complete his report.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 24, 1941*

#### **The Dinsmore's:**

An Alvarado young man is employed by a large oil concern. We refer to Clifford Dinsmore of Alvarado, who is employed by the Signal Gas distributor whose territory stretches from Hayward to Warm Springs.

The work of Clifford Dinsmore takes him around Washington Township, where he knows everybody. He was born in Alvarado and attended Washington Union High School. Being a naturally jovial person and a good mixer, we understand he has many friends who are patronizing signal products because they want to throw some business Clifford's way.

Clifford's father has been in the general merchandise business here for over 30 years, owning the pioneer Harvey store on Smith Street. Sam Dinsmore, long an employee of the Harvey's purchased the store years ago, when the F.C. Harvey decided to his time full-time, with his son Ted, to their large farming interests.

Mrs. Sam Dinsmore belongs to the pioneer Lund family of Hayward. She was brought up there and has brothers who are building contractors and carpenters.

Some months ago Clifford Dinsmore wedded a charming Hayward girl, Miss Bonnie McDonald. The couple reside in Hayward.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 24, 1941*

#### **Chamber of Commerce Proclamation:**

Frank Machado, President of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce has proclaimed the opening of the Navy campaign (a campaign to recruit men to bring the U.S. Navy to full strength for national defense) and urgently requests that merchant, business firms and newspapers cooperate in this laudable undertaking, and further urge that heads of the American Legion, Chamber of



commerce, Women's Clubs and all influential citizens act as a nucleus for arousing public and community interest in the Navy campaign.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 31, 1941*

#### **Color Movies:**

The Southern Pacific Railway Company, through arrangements made by **J. C. Wasley**, Principal, showed colored motion pictures of the Carlsbad Caverns to the Alvarado Grammar School students yesterday.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 24, 1941*

#### **Auto-Truck Collision:**

A downtown crash between a truck and a sedan caused a flood on Alvarado's Smith Street and put three persons in the Hayward Hospital today. The crash occurred when a truck driven by Fred Noia, 47, of Newark, collided with a sedan driven by Dr. John F. Bettencourt, 41, with his wife, 35, and her father, Dominic Dekidos, 71, as passengers. The Bettencourt's and Dekidos live in Alvarado.

The sedan caromed into a pole and the truck veered to one side and snapped a fire hydrant, which flooded the street. The occupants of the sedan were treated for minor injuries at Hayward Hospital. The truck driver was uninjured.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 26, 1941*

#### **News Note:**

A.J. Cadero, employee of the Alvarado Pioneer Newspaper, Monday night was the high bidder for the old property on the old lot recently purchased by the City of Hayward. Cadero topped his closest bidder by \$60 at \$185.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 4, 1941*

#### **Traffic Accident:**

Joseph P. Roderick of Alvarado was uninjured in an accident that sent a Hayward man to the hospital with cuts and bruises. C. Hanson of Hayward was attempting to pass Roderick's truck when his car skidded, overturned and then was righted by the truck as it pushed to the car towards a 20 foot canyon near the road. The truck was able to stop before pushing the car into the canyon.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 6, 1941*

#### **Annual Church Bazaar:**

The public is invited to the annual church bazaar of the St. Anne's Church of Alvarado to be held tomorrow and Saturday nights at the S.D.E.S. Hall. Manuel F. Silva is chairman of the committee.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 6, 1941*

#### **Intention to Wed:**

Anthony A. Fields, "V" Street Alvarado aged 22

Phyllis J. Davilla, Eden Canyon Road Hayward aged 21

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 7, 1941*

#### **Christmas Seal Campaign:**

Mrs. J.B. Whipple, of Decoto, has named Miss Mildred Nauert, Mrs. August May and Mrs. W.S. Robie of Alvarado to her head up her Christmas Seal campaign locally.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 8, 1941*

#### **Women's Club:**

Mrs. Pauline Oakes of Alvarado received an engraved key case as winner of the Professional Women's Club of Washington Township contest to name the club bulletin. Mrs. Oakes submitted the name "The Periscope."

*The Oakland Tribune, November 9, 1941*

**Classified Ad:**

FOR SALE: No. 1 winter potatoes, 2¢ per pound; Alvarado, Creek Road. J. D. Luiz.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, November 13, 1941*

**Mrs. Emma Marks Dies:**

Mrs. Emma Marks, wife of the late Joseph Marks, passed away Wednesday at the age of 71. She was born and raised in Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 14, 1941*

**Pheasant Season Opens:**

Record number of hunters will take to the fields one half hour before sun up Saturday morning for the official opening of the 1941 pheasant and quail season.

Game Warden Don Harder of Hayward has announced plenty of pheasant this year in the open spaces around Newark and Alvarado and such, but few quail. He also issued a strict warning that the daily limit will be but two cock pheasants and **NO HENS**.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 14, 1941*

**Mrs. Emma Marks Dies:**

Mrs. Emma Marks, wife of the late Joseph Marks, passed away Wednesday at the age of 71. She had resided in this section during her whole lifetime, being a native of Alvarado.

Surviving are Mrs. Agnes Joseph, Mrs. Mary Pimentel, Mrs. Elizabeth Mann, Mrs. Virginia Francis, Mrs. Lila Johnson, Mrs. Olive Felger, Mrs. Winifred Keller, Grace and Elmer Marks and the late Joseph Marks, all children of the deceased.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 14, 1941*

**Bad Accident at Sugar Mill:**

The serious head injury in an accident at the Holly Sugar Mill here two weeks ago came close to ending the life of Fred Joyce, Jr., son of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Joyce of Alvarado.

A centrifugal machine went to pieces and threw a part toward Fred, who was working near there. It hit him on one side of the head near the top of the brain, and it was a miracle that he was not killed.

He was rushed to Hayward Hospital where he was operated on by Dr. Crockett and Dr. Allen, a brain specialist from Oakland. Slight hope was held for him at first but his condition has improved, so that he seems on the road to recovery. All Alvarado is glad to know that this fine young man will live.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 14, 1941*

**Sewer Pipes**

You have to give credit to the engineers in charge of laying the sewer pipe along the Alvarado Streets for their efficiency. They have done their job with speed, aided by some very good workmen. The mechanical ditch digger has been working to perfection. Lately it has been digging along Smith Street as far as the S.P. tracks, after digging ditches along the rest of the business and residence sections.

The work of installing pipes is expected to be completed this month. Following that the disposal plant will be built on the acre of land purchased near the old Union City Pumping Plant (Water Works).

The drainage leading this lower part of town has been nicely gauged by the engineers. This means that the sewage will run naturally to the disposal plant.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 14, 1941*

**Commercial Advertisement:**

C.M. ANDERSON  
General Insurance  
Notary Public Phone Alv. 45J  
Residence and Office --- Whipple Road  
Alvarado California  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 14, 1941*

**Alvarado Theater:**

The front of the Alvarado Theater is now adorned in new red tile. The owner, Mr. Naharro, had employed Mr. Walker of Valle Vista to install the dark red tile. Neon lights have been added around the border of the cabinets (outside movie poster holders?) to make it a bright spot at night. This all helps to give Alvarado a look of prosperity. Mr. Naharro should be given credit for his progressive ideas.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 14, 1941*

**Mrs. Orelli Mourns:**

Mrs. Orelli is mourning the passing of her sister-in-law's husband, Fred Carpenter of Placerville. Mrs. Orelli is a teacher at Alvarado Grammar School.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 14, 1941*

**Merchants Back Navy Recruitment Drive:**

As the Old Saying Goes:

You get what you pay for...Or you get out of anything just what you put into it. So it is with the young men who enlist in the Navy. If they apply themselves they reap their just rewards.

**MELLO'S LIQUOR STORE**

It's a great life in the Navy: Serve your country, build your future, get in the Navy now. And remember before you leave have your haircut here.

**JOHN MENEZES' BARBER SHOP**

Milk is a Great Body Builder, the Navy Serves it.

The U.S. Navy is the bulwark of our Nation. May it always remain as such and we believe it will so long as the American Youth prove themselves capable seamen as they have in the past. The Navy needs more young men now. We urge them to do their part by enlisting.

**CLOVERDALE CREAMERY (CENTERVILLE)****M.A. SILVA JR.,**

Suggests that you young men volunteer in the U.S. NAVY NOW, and learn a trade that will mean much to you, such as an Electrician or a Blacksmith. Serve your county and at the same time help yourself to a better position in life. Join the

**U.S. NAVY**

The U.S. Navy

Is the place for a young man to serve his country and learn a trade.

**LA CURVA INN****Alvarado Theater**

Showing Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>:

"Sun Valley Serenade: and "Raiders of the Desert"

Always striving to please our customers and friends and willing to cooperate with any worthwhile movement that will help to build up our community, state and nation. Join the Navy now.

A Wise Choice:

You will be making a wise selection young man when you choose the U.S. Navy for your training. Mr. Motorist you will be using good judgment when you drive in for gas, oil, grease or service at our station.

**JULIAN YABUT, RICHFIELD SERVICE STATION**

Are you satisfied with your present job?

If not try the Navy. Uncle Sam will see to it that you are well taken care of and he will give you a chance to make good.

**HELLWIG MEAT CO.**

Get your choice of 45 goof jobs. Joining the Navy is just like going away to school, except that instead of paying for education, you get paid for getting your education. The more you learn, the more you ear.

**D. DIAZ & SONS, UNION MEAT MARKET**

The greatest life in the world! Several Alvarado boys are already in the Navy, drawing good pay, learning a trade, seeing the world. You will like the Navy too.

**ISABELLE RODRIQUES' BEAUTY SHOP**

Young men take advantage of the many opportunities afforded you by serving our country in the U.S. Navy. Read about training that is worth \$1,500 to you.

**MANUAL B. MACHADO, GARAGE & AUTO WREKCERS**

We are first last and always trying to please our patrons and our friends. Young men, please Uncle Sam by joining the Navy now. He needs you and you need the training.

**ALVARADO LIQUOR STORE, NEXT TO THE BANK, M.P. SILVA, PROPRIETOR**

You are always one step ahead in the Navy. You get training worth \$1,500. Steady pay, regular pay increase, all living expenses paid, free medical and dental care, retirement income, chance to reach the top, fun and recreation, travel and adventure, and last but not least, a chance to serve your country.

**BILL RYAN SHELL STATION**

Young men, like good food? The Navy's famous for it. Join the best-fed Navy in the world. While at home try some of our delicious American and Mexican food.

**HALFWAY HOUSE, CONCHITA MATA, PROPRIETOR**

The Navy offers many good advantages over any other king of military training. Why don't you enlist now and get your choice of many good jobs. They are open for you.

**LUNETTA CAFE**

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 14, 1941*

**Manuel Machado:**

In Alvarado at **Manual Machado's Garage**, you auto can be repaired, as Mr. Machado has two mechanics there to serve you. Besides his son Tony, he has just last week added John Rodriguez of Oakland. Machado carries both new and used auto parts, also new and second hand auto tires. He sells radios for your car also. If your washing machine needs fixing, bring it in and have it repaired. Phone Alvarado 28J.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 14, 1941*

**Land for New Firehouse Purchased:**

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors has agreed to purchase land from Ed Farley on Smith Street in Alvarado for the purpose of constructing a new firehouse. The purchase price was \$750.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 14, 1941*

**Alvarado Rebekahs:**

The Alvarado Rebekahs have initiated Mrs. Joseph Langdon last Friday night.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 14, 1941*

**Alvarado Folks Visit Newark:**

The Newark Presbyterian Church held a potluck dinner at their dining room Thursday evening. Attending from Alvarado were Mrs. Robie, Mrs. Forbes and Miss Charlotte Jung. With them were Mrs. James Logan, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Logan, Mrs. John Logan, Mrs. Margaret Fyffe and daughter Miss Irma Fyffe.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 14, 1941*

**Miss Mary Coit Dies:**

Miss Mary Coit, a native of California and reared in Alvarado, passed away in Hayward. She had made her home in Hayward with Mr. & Mrs. Edward Massa since her mother died five years ago.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, November 19, 1941*

**Anthony Fields to Marry:**

Anthony Fields of Alvarado will marry Miss Phyllis Davilla of Hayward on Sunday. Mr. Fields is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Fields of V Street in Alvarado.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, November 21, 1941*

**St. Anne's Bazaar:**

The bazaar of St. Anne's Church of Alvarado, which was held last week, raised \$500, which was considered very successful indeed. Last Sunday the parishioners were thanked by Father McLaughlin. The chairman was M. Silva of the Creek Road.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 21, 1941*

**Betty Medeiros to Wed:**

Betty Medeiros, who makes her home with Mrs. J.P. Goularte Jr., of the Creek Road, expects to be married on November 30<sup>th</sup>. She will marry Clifford Serpa of Hayward.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 21, 1941*

**Mrs. A.E. Vargas:**

We are glad to report that Mrs. A.E. Vargas is much improved after being ill for about a month. Mrs. Vargas is one of the most loyal workers in Alvarado for the good of the town as well as the church and has a legion of friends, and that goes for her husband as well.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 21, 1941*

**Anker Christianson:**

Anker Christianson, formerly of the Union City Road, has moved to his new home on Newark road.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 21, 1941*

**J. Goularte:**

The pioneer, J. Goularte, was taken to a hospital this week in a serious condition. He will be given a blood transfusion. This is the third time that Mr. Goularte has been taken to the San Jose Hospital in recent months. He has resided on the Creek Road for most of his life and is well liked.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 21, 1941*

**S.P. Employees Interested in Town:**

E.J. Wilson, the Alvarado station agent of the Southern Pacific, is surely a civic-minded man and takes a big interest in the Chamber of commerce and Alvarado civic affairs.

The same interest was shown by Mr. Bailey, the section foreman, who lately was promoted to a larger field in the employ of the Southern Pacific in the San Joaquin Valley.

Another Southern Pacific employee that we think is a live wire also is J.H. Sweat, first trick operator who is a fine telegrapher.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 21, 1941*

#### **New Arrival:**

Born at Hayward Hospital to Tony & Alvina Brune of Alvarado, a son, David Anthony, weighing 7 pounds and 5 ounces.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 22, 1941*

#### **Chamber of Commerce:**

Motion pictures of the U.S. Navy were shown at a recent meeting of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce with President Frank Machado in charge of the business session. Numbers for 281 homes and business places in the city were delivered to the body by William Dutra, Newark surveyor, together with a map allocating the respective numbers. Distribution to individuals is going forward under the auspices of Peter Rose and Charles Baird.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 23, 1941*

#### **News Note:**

Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>; Friday, 8:30 p.m.: whist by Alvarado Rebekah Lodge at Alvarado IOOF Hall. Good prizes, door prizes, refreshments. Admission: 36¢ plus 4¢ Tax.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 24, 1941*

#### **Sugar:**

Most of the sugar being made at the Holly Sugar Mill is shipped by Southern Pacific railway to various points. Thirty-five carloads a day come in from Richmond, Morford, Asea and Lawrence station near San Jose. Also trucks bring in sugar beets from Centerville, Alvarado and Mount Eden. There is a very fine production of sugar this year and Superintendent Ben Koontz expects the season to continue until January 15<sup>th</sup>.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 27, 1941*

#### **House Moving:**

A. R. Gonsalves has received a permit to move a one story, 12-ton home, from Jackson Street at Railroad Avenue in Hayward to Smith Street in Alvarado. Mr. Gonsalves is required to provide red flashing lights and traffic control for safety.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 27, 1941*

#### **House Numbers:**

The residence numbers have arrived and will be distributed at 50¢ each to householders by the Chamber of Commerce.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 27, 1941*

#### **Cauliflower:**

The cauliflower-shipping season is commencing at the Hall Street Station warehouse this week. The Alvarado Vegetable Growers have a fine quality product again this year. Dave Caeton reports that they are shipping cauliflower east in iced cars on the Southern Pacific at the rate of one car load every other day. By next week it is expected that they shipments will reach two cars a day.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 27, 1941*

#### **Alvarado Pioneer Newspaper Editorial:**

(As printed in *The Hayward Daily review*)

Many forward-looking boosters for the interior of Alameda County think that the future of Hayward *should depend on the expansion of its boundaries* (my italics). The city limits should be expanded in time to reach out and bring in all the 35,000 people who get their mail through the Hayward Post Office.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 27, 1941*

#### **Rebekah's:**

The Alvarado Rebekah's will give a card party at the Odd Fellow's Hall tonight at 8:30 o'clock. The public is invited.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 28, 1941*

### **Boy Scouts:**

Interest has surface for the formation of a Boy Scout Troop for Alvarado. The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce, under the leadership of Frank Machado, is spearheading the drive. George Oakes and James Wasley are also promoting a formation of Boy Scouts.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 28, 1941*

### **Joseph Goularte Dies:**

Joseph Goularte Sr., 75, of Niles Alvarado Road was given final rites Monday from the family home with mass following at the Holy Ghost Church. He is survived by his wife Razaria and three sons, Manuel, Joseph and Frank, two granddaughters, Mrs. Marjorie Re and Miss Jeanette Goularte.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 28, 1941*

### **Luneta Social Club:**

The Luneta Social Club of Alvarado has applied to the Secretary of State for articles of incorporation as a non-profit sharing, non-stock organization. Named as directors, all of Alvarado, were Mac Armenio, Romaldo Cabales, Pedro Gonzales, Luciano Bernardo, Felix Diangson, Alfred Siason, Joe Tobang, Pacifico Timiman, Disssdao Cawaling, Alvino Maniliary, Librado Tobang and Pacifico Yerro. The society is being formed "to promote the general welfare of members of the Filipino race through education, economics and athletics; and to further Justice in cooperation with organizations local to the town of Alvarado."

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 5, 1941*

### **Alvarado Men Named Delinquent on Draft Registration:**

Friends should have these men contact the selective Service Board immediately!

In a letter addressed to Allen G. Norris, Chairman of Selective Service Local Board No. 75, the state director of Selective Service requested that a list of registrants failing to comply with the requirements of the selective Training and Service act to be made available to the press for publication.

Those on the list from Alvarado are:

Enrico C. Marte	Manuel Nunez Aranda	Santos Flores
Pedro T. Manares	Jesus Toledo	Jose Leon Perez

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### **Commercial Advertisement:**

EAGLE GAS

Sold by

MANUEL MACHADO

Old Reliance Garage

Alvarado California

Auto Repairing Done

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 5, 1941*

### **Mrs. Davis Mourns:**

Mrs. Davis of the Alvarado Grammar School faculty had the misfortune to lose her brother this week. The funeral was Tuesday.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 5, 1941*

### **Flood Control:**

U.S. Army Engineers and representatives of the U.S. Department of Agriculture will hold a public hearing in connection with proposed flood control work on the Alameda Creek at the Alvarado Grammar School auditorium at 7 o'clock Thursday evening.

All interested parties are invited to attend, particularly land owners and city or town officials whose interests may be affected. Complete details of data to be presented and the field to be covered may be obtained at the War Department Office, 401 Customhouse, San Francisco.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 7, 1941***

### **Pearl Harbor Bombed By Japanese:**

This morning the Japanese unleashed a sneak attack upon our battle fleet at Pearl Harbor and strategic areas in the island of Hawaii. This is the start of World War II for the U.S.

***Editor's Note.***

***December 7, 1941***

### **Civilian Defense Volunteers Called to Duty:**

Sheriff Jack Gleason has hired twenty-five special deputies for duty during this attack on Pearl Harbor crisis. The 90 regular officers are working 24-hour shifts, thus further augmenting the manpower. Gleason said today that 200 volunteers enrolled as a special sheriff's office squad are fully trained and ready for emergency.

They have received fourteen weeks of training in the prevention of sabotage, handling of traffic, fire prevention, first aid and laws of arrest. Half of them are serving in Washington and Eden Townships under the direction of Douglass Webb, deputy sheriff, and J. C. Wasley, Principal of Alvarado Grammar School.

The other 100 men will serve in Livermore and Pleasanton Townships directed by Judge Charles Gale and Deputy L. E. Van Patten.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 9, 1941***

### **Aircraft Observer Lookouts Needed:**

Additional volunteers to be lookouts for enemy aircraft are needed throughout Washington Township. Twenty-five persons have volunteered so far but more are needed. Any resident of the Township is eligible but middle-aged persons are preferred. Stations have been manned and operating at four sites since yesterday.

Volunteers should contact the following Chief Observers: George Rose at Niles, John Dutra in Newark, Clyde Jones at the stove factory at Irvington or his home in Centerville, and T. P. Harvey in Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 9, 1941***

### **Draftees:**

In answer to inquiries which deluged the local Draft Board No. 75, at Niles yesterday, Judge Allen G. Norris, Chairman, has made the following announcement: "Men who have been released from Selective Service training should not report until they receive an individual request from the Army."

"The request should state the place to which they are to report and contain instructions regarding transportation."

***The Oakland Tribune, December 9, 1941***

### **Axis Declares War on U.S.:**

Adolf Hitler of Germany and Benito Mussolini of Italy has joined Japan in declaring war on the United States.

***The Hayward Daily Review, December 11, 1941***

### **Filipinos Will Not Harvest Jap Crops:**



Discussion of the problem presented in Southern Alameda County by the operation of farmlands by Japanese tenants will be held at a meeting of tomato growers with officials of the Farm Bureau Federation next Thursday in Berkeley. It was announced at a meeting in Stockton Wednesday that difficulties had been presented in the refusal of Filipino help to harvest the crop of Japanese land operators.

It has been reported that the Philippine Islanders, whose homeland has been attacked by the invading Japanese armies, will not work the land under any consideration.

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 11, 1941*

#### **Pheasants:**

As part of a general release and stocking plan, 20 Mongolian Pheasants were freed in the area around Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 14, 1941*

#### **Boy Scouts:**

The possibility of re-organizing a Boy Scout Troop at Alvarado will be discussed at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce meeting to be held at the grammar school on Thursday at 8 p.m. President Frank Machado has asked W.T. Lindsey, field executive of the Oakland Area Boy Scout Council to be the speaker. All parents who are interested in scouting are invited to attend.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 14, 1941*

#### **Sue Granger Dies:**

Sue H. Harvey (Granger) died on December 16, 1941; following her late husband Farley B. Granger Jr. and mother to Mrs. Roland J. Morgan, Farley B. III, and Lieut. Harvey T. Granger. She was the sister of F. C. and E. S. Harvey of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 17, 1941*

#### **Boy Scouts:**

Officers will be elected and the possibility of starting an active Boy Scout Troop in Alvarado will be discussed tonight at a meeting of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce at the grammar school. President Frank Machado has asked W. T. Lindsey, field executive of the Boy Scouts to be a speaker.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 18, 1941*

#### **News Notes:**

Matt Machado of Smith Street in Alvarado has a big supply of fine holiday wines. See him for a cheerful gift, he says. See how reasonable his prices are.

Mrs. Vernon Willard has been named to the Emergency Nursing Service representing the town of Alvarado.

**Red Cross** sewing rooms will furnish bandages and dressings for the Emergency Nursing Services; **Mrs. Rebecca Logan** has been named to head up the sewing room for Alvarado.

The sheriff's office notified the **Sewer District** officials that the red lanterns should be removed to add to the blackout safety measures. To make it safe for traffic on the streets where holes have been dug or have been filled in barricades have been put up and have been painted white.

The Alvarado Eagle's enjoyed a dinner on Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at the Odd Fellow Hall. The ladies committee, who put on the banquet, were Mrs. Joe Martin, Mrs. Joe Lewis and Mrs. Tony Rodgers. A good time was had by all. President of the Eagles is Louis Silva.

Nearly the entire corps of 120 sheriff's deputies of Washington Township met at the **Alvarado Grammar School** here Monday evening to receive instruction from Sheriff Gleason and Deputy Webb of Hayward. Felt armbands bearing the official blue "CD" seal and the words Sheriff's Deputy in black letters were issued. The men were instructed to take a census and keep a written

list of the number of persons living in every house in their towns, so that in case of an accident, the number of occupants in the house will be known.

Alvin Silvey, with his clearing out of the sand embankment at the mouth of the Alameda Creek below the Sugar Mill did a fine piece of work for the **Chamber of Commerce**. A three foot sand embankment had formed in front of two culverts and tended to make floodwater back up toward the town of Alvarado. The Chamber of Commerce hired Alvin Silvey to clear up these obstructions and he did a swell job.

A call is going out for donations of coal oil to help keep the men warm who man the Alvarado Air Raid Observation Post at Hall Station. Andrew Logan is appealing for donations to help warm the tent when the temperature falls into the 30' in the evening.

The Alvarado houses will have house numbers soon thank to the **Alvarado Chamber of Commerce**. Peter Rose's committee will start Sunday, he says, to interview the house owners regarding buying these numbers. It will be a good thing to help locate homes in case of fire or disaster in the future.

About nine or ten ladies have been sewing at the Odd Fellows Hall in Alvarado on Wednesdays for the **Red Cross**. They have had Mrs. **Rebecca Logan** as their leader. More ladies are asked to help this charitable work along.

Walter and Andrew Gardetto, sons of **Mr. & Mrs. Mike Gardetto** of Granger Ave., will sing over the radio Saturday evening at 8 o'clock on radio station KFRC. They will be on the Amateur Hour. Why not send in a postal card boosting the local boys?

Rush Manbert and Joe Lowrie of the engineering staff of the **sewer installation** project in Alvarado, report that the work is progressing. In fact, five new men will be hired Monday in addition to the other crewmembers. They are presently installing a pump station on a lot alongside V Street, which will boost the sewage a distance of 1,800 feet to the sewage disposal plant, which will be erected in the spring on an a 1 acre sight next to the old Union City Pumping Station (the old Water Works).

The **Alvarado Chamber of Commerce** has reelected Frank Machado as president of the Chamber of Commerce. Also elected were Adam Lewis, secretary; John Menezes, Treasurer; George Oakes, Public Relation and Publicity. The Directors chosen were: **Frank Machado, James Wasley, Charles Baird**, Clarence Flores, Joseph Dutra, Anthony Azevedo, A.E. Vargas and John Ralph.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 19, 1941*

#### **Alvarado School Pageant:**

Mrs. Sallee, teacher of the **Alvarado Grammar School** had charge of a Christmas Pageant, which was enjoyed by the community on Friday afternoon at 1:30. **Principal Wasley** deserves credit also for cooperating with all the teachers in the fine success.

Outstanding in the cast were the three Kings, portrayed by Manuel Villareal, Bob Lemos and Charles Gonzalez. The Madonna was Irene Souza. In connection with the opening number there was a violin obbligato played by Haruwe Tanaka and two saxophone obbligatos by Dave Priego and Andrew Gardetto.

Miss Jung had three little angels for her song portrayal. Her third and fourth grades sang, "There Came a Little Child."

Many songs were sung by combined groups with fine success. All the pageant depicted the Nativity scenes and gave the children and the audience the true meaning of what Christ and Christmas means to the world.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 19, 1941*

#### **Chamber Backs Scout Troop:**

The C of C held a meeting in Alvarado Thursday evening with William Lindsay of the Boy Scout Executive Council in attendance. All present were heartily in favor of forming a Boy Scout Troop in Alvarado, with headquarters at a clubhouse in the playgrounds behind the schoolhouse. Bob Whipple of Decoto who has a Scout troop there boosted the idea. **Anthony Silva** was elected Scoutmaster and **George Vargas** as Ass't Scoutmaster. The Directors chosen were: **Charles Baird**, President and Joseph Lewis, Secretary. Other directors are: Anthony Rodgers, **Frank Machado**, **James Wasley**, Anthony J. Vargas, **Anthony Silva**, Mike Gardetto, Julian Yabut, Manuel Perry and **George Vargas**.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 19, 1941*

#### **Rebekah's Hold Christmas Party:**

Alvarado Rebekah's will hold a Christmas party around a beautiful tree at the Odd Fellows' Hall this Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. The families and their children will gather to enjoy this annual event. **Mrs. Elsie Clarkson** of Tennyson will preside as Noble Grand.

Election of new officers took place last meeting, December 5<sup>th</sup>. They will be installed after the first of the year. Those elected are: **Elsie Clarkson**, Past Noble Grand; Effie Kenezovich, Noble Grand; Mrs. Noble, Vice Grand; Mrs. Graff Recording Secretary; Mrs. Baird, Financial Secretary; Mrs. Orelli, Treasurer; and Mrs. Anderson, Trustee.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 19, 1941*

#### **Flood Control:**

A preliminary examination of the Alameda Creek watershed with a view of a possible Federal project for water conservation, flood control and drainage will take place in Alvarado, it was announced today by the U.S. War and Agricultural Departments. Local co-operation in the project, if it is established, will consist of furnishing free to the Government necessary rights-of-way and maintenance of the project according to regulations prescribed by the Secretary of War.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 22, 1941*

#### **Fourth Generation Family:**

David Anthony Brune, born recently in Hayward Hospital, completes the fourth generation of an Alvarado family. The great grandmother, Mrs. Mary Davilla was born in Alvarado 69 years ago. The grandmother, Mrs. Mae Davilla Santos and the mother Alvina Santos Brune were also born in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 27, 1941*

#### **Sugar:**

The Holly **Sugar plant** closed here this week, completing a 4½-month season with work to resume next August. A total of 400,000 hundred-pound sacks of sugar processed from 130,000 tons of sugar beets was the season's output according to Ben Koontz, Superintendent of the plant. This was slightly less than last year due to government curtailment of crops.

During the year the company has also built a new 75,000-bag storehouse for pulp, which is sold for cattle feed. Of the 235 men employed all but 75 are seasonal workers who are engaged in harvesting and cultivation of vegetables and fruit or engaged in other activities during the remainder of the year.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 28, 1941*

#### **Siren:**

A siren formerly used by the Holly **Sugar Company** for **fire alarms** and other factory signals has been donated to the town of Alvarado for use in air raid warnings. The siren has been installed on top of the Dinsmore General Store and in a test made several days ago proved to be very effective throughout Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 28, 1941*

#### **New Fire Engine:**

A new 350-gallon capacity **fire engine** to cost approximately \$7,000 has been ordered from a Stockton firm and is expected to be delivered at Alvarado in about 90 days.

Plans for a new fire hall are in the hands of the Alameda County architect according to Mr. Fred Wiegman, commissioner, and a site for the building has been purchased on Smith Street not far from the grammar school. School Principal J. C. Wasley was recently named Fire Chief of the reorganized department. Commissioners are A. A. Lee, Joe Lewis, Fred Joyce, John Ralph and Wiegman.

The Alvarado Fire District was enlarged about a year ago to assume the same boundaries as those of the school district.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 28, 1941*

#### **MSJ Wedding:**

Albert Martin, son of Mr. & Mrs. Tony Martin of Alvarado will wed Miss Adeline Amaral, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Amaral of Irvington at Mission San Jose January 4<sup>th</sup>. Miss Bernadette Martin and Lloyd Silva, both of Alvarado, will serve as attendants.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 28, 1941*

#### **Alvarado Wedding:**

The wedding of Miss Betty Medeiros, who made her home with Mr. & Mrs. Joe Goularte on the Creek Road in Alvarado, was married to Clifford Serpa of Hayward on Sunday afternoon at St. Anne's church in Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 30, 1941*

#### **Classified Ad:**

NEW TODAY:

FOR LEASE: Service station with grocery store, lunchroom with beer and wine license. Call Alvarado 35.

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 31, 1941*

#### **New Arrival:**

Born to Mr. & Mrs. G. B. Gualco, Fair Ranch Road Alvarado, a son, Anthony Luis, born on December 29<sup>th</sup>, seven pounds and fourteen ounces.

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 31, 1941*

#### **S.P.R.S.I Buys War Bond:**

The Alvarado Lodge of SPRSI has purchased a \$200 War Bond as their contribution to the war effort.

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 31, 1941*

#### **Combating Oil Fires:**

Monday night the regular meeting of Sheriff Jack Gleason's civilian deputy sheriff's will be held in Alvarado when Mr. Ansinger of the Standard Oil Company will show motion pictures of combating oil fires.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 3, 1942*

#### **Classified Ad:**

BOYS---GIRLS

For every tire brought in, we will give every boy or girl a Defense Savings Stamp. If the tires are good ones, you can earn yourself a bicycle, with allowances of \$1.00 to \$1.50 on each tire. Bring all the used tires you can find to your Firestone Store at 419 Castro Street, where you will receive your Defense Savings Stamps, your bicycle credit card and complete instructions. Ask your friends and neighbors to help you find used tires.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 3, 1942*

### **Army Plane Crashes:**

A young flying Army officer was killed late yesterday when he lost control of his swift fighter plane and crashed into a plowed field between Newark and Alvarado. It was the second fatal crack-up of a P-40 pursuit plane in this area in three days. The pilot was identified as Second Lt. John W. Gentry of Junction, Texas. He had been a star football guard at the University of New Mexico.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 3, 1942*

### **War Drive:**

Oakland's drive to raise \$250,000 for the War Relief Fund of the American Red Cross has reached the one-quarter mark. Among the larger contributors in this district are the Caterpillar Tractor Company, \$2,000; The Japanese-American Citizens League, \$1,350; Friden Calculating Machine Corp., and Chrysler Motor Parts Co., \$500 each; American Trust Bank of America and the San Leandro Police Ass'n, \$100 each.

F.T. Dusterberry, chairman of the Washington Branch, reported that Alvarado and Alviso districts have received \$700, which puts them over the top for the quota assigned.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 7, 1942*

### **Alvarado Dairies:**

Manuel Mattos and the Andrade Brothers Dairies have received acclaim for the butterfat content in the milk they produced.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 7, 1942*

### **Dance Permit:**

(From the Board of Supervisors Meeting held December 30, 1941)

An application from Joe Priego for a permit to conduct a dance at the I.D.E.S. Hall in Alvarado on December 31, 1941, was presented to the board. The application was approved and the permit was issued.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 8, 1942*

### **Alvarado Water:**

Several years ago the electors of the Alameda County Water District voted favorably on a bond issue of \$250,000 to provide funds with which to purchase the right of East Bay Municipal Utility District to pump 11,000,000 gallons of water daily from the underground supply at Alvarado. At that time a 50¢ on the \$100 assessed valuation was required to pay the small district overhead and to pay \$12,500 annual interest on the bonds and to retire \$10,000 par value of the bonds each year. When all the bonds are retired the present decreased rate should decline almost to the vanishing point, the board's report indicates.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 11, 1942*

### **Tire Rationing:**

A tire rationing board for Washington Township will start functioning Wednesday at the Centerville Justice Court following an organizational meeting this week. J. R. Blacow of Centerville will be chairman of the board; other members of the board are Mrs. Helen C. Ford and George C. Roeding of Niles, and Mrs. Edward F. Chadbourne of Irvington has been named office secretary. Frank George of Alvarado will serve as one of the alternate inspectors.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 16, 1942*

### **Intention to Wed:**

Notice of intention to wed has been filed at the Alameda County Courthouse Eldric Hamilton Dennis, 38, and Vera Dorothea Brown, 30, both of Alvarado.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, January 17, 1942*

**Mrs. Frances Robie:**

Mrs. Frances R. Robie of Alvarado is the only woman school trustee in Alameda County on the honor roll of trustees now active who have served 25 years or more. Both she and M. D. Silva of Newark became trustees in 1912 and are two of nine in Alameda County to be listed on the honor roll of the yearbook of the California Teacher's Association.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 18, 1942*

**March of Dimes:**

The appointment of a district chairmen for the March of Dimes for the fight against Infantile Paralysis (Polio) campaign has been announced by the Washington Township co-chairman, A. J. Rathbone of Centerville and Ed Enos of Niles. Named, as co-leaders in the Alvarado district are J. C. Wasley and Mrs. Genevieve Dutra.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 18, 1942*

**New Arrival:**

Born to the wife of Rudolph Aguilar, Alvarado, a daughter on January 10<sup>th</sup>.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 19, 1942*

**Veteran Teacher Stricken:**

Mrs. Laura Orelli, teacher at the Alvarado Grammar School for 18 years is seriously ill at her home where she suffered a stroke Sunday morning. Her children were called to her side.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 20, 1942*

**Classified Ad:**

LOST & FOUND:

Lost, Lewelyn Setter, collar is inscribed: Saint, Hugo, Sallee. Reward.  
Phone: Alvarado 36.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, January 22, 1942*

**News Notes:**

J.C. Blacow of the Alvarado Branch of the **Central Bank** reported that the final results of the **Red Cross** drive for the Alvarado and Alviso districts showed \$1,136.50 has been raised. The paper drive for the **Alvarado Grammar School** netted \$45.18 for the benefit of the **American Red Cross**.

The ladies of the Alvarado SPRSI Lodge met last Thursday and after the meeting gave a shower to one of their members, Miss Eleanor Azevedo.

At the **Alvarado Grammar School** Mrs. Wes Emery has gathered a group of 30 ladies for instruction in First Aid. The ladies meet Thursday of each week. More are invited to come to the class, which is under the instruction of a qualified **Red Cross** person.

Bruno Orsetti is preparing to become a cadet officer in the Merchant Marines. The headquarters are on Treasure Island.

The Collector of the IRS will be at the **Central Bank**, Alvarado Branch, February 25<sup>th</sup> to assist people of this community in preparing their Income Tax Reports.

Alvarado station agent, Wilson of the Southern Pacific Railroad reports that record shipments of crude salt are being shipped by Leslie's Salt Company. Each week 125 carloads of crude salt are loaded at the Baumberg depot.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 23, 1941*

**Commercial Advertisement:**

CHRIS SKOW  
21799 Foothill Blvd.  
Near Hayward High School

See your former  
Alvarado Neighbor

For reasonably priced  
RE-CAP TIRES  
Richfield Gas.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 23, 1941*

### **Washington Township Basketball League:**

The elementary school principals have organized their annual Basketball League. The 1941 winners were Centerville in the lightweight division and Warm springs in the unlimited division.

The principals who directed the league are:

James C. Wasley, **Alvarado Grammar School**  
Thomas P. Maloney, Centerville  
L.W. Musick, Decoto  
Jack Prouty, Irvington  
E.B. Hodges, Mission San Jose  
John MacGregor, Newark  
E. Dixon Bristow, Niles  
Leslie H. Maffey, Warm Springs  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 23, 1942*

### **Chamber of Commerce:**

Pete Rose, chairman of the house numbering project, reported at this month's meeting that numbers have been distributed to 230 homes and business establishments in the town.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 25, 1942*

### **Mrs. Laura Orelli Dies:**

Mrs. Laura Orelli, Alvarado Grammar School teacher for 18 years, died January 24<sup>th</sup> of complications from a stroke suffered January 20<sup>th</sup>. She was 58 years old. She leaves two children and was active in the Orient Chapter of the OES, Alvarado Rebekah's and National Education Association.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 26, 1942*

### **Courses in Defense:**

Towns in the Washington Township area will receive instructions in civil defense at Washington Union High School. The classes will be held under the auspices of Division Chief Douglass Webb of the Hayward Sheriff's Department.

Courses to be provided have been listed as follows:

Civilian Defense plan: Extinguishing small fires  
Incendiary bombs and their effect  
Explosive bombs and their effect  
Chemical warfare and its effect  
Equipment and duties of Civilian Defense Wardens  
First Aid  
Communications  
Identification of person and property  
Public Relations  
*The Hayward Daily Review, January 30, 1942*

**Rainbow Girls:**

Miss Linda Jane Hellwig of Alvarado will be honored with a reception to be given by the Centerville Assembly of Rainbow Girls at the Centerville Masonic Lodge on February 15<sup>th</sup> in recognition of her appointment as grand faith of the Grand Assembly of California Order of Rainbow Girls.

Miss Hellwig is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Earl Hellwig of Alvarado and the niece of Supervisor George Hellwig. She is a sophomore at the University of California where she is affiliated with the Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 1, 1942*

**1942 Tomato Pricing:**

The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture has set the price for tomatoes delivered to the canneries at \$18.50 per ton. Local growers were looking for pricing set on the crop in the field and not based on delivery to the cannery. This is the official price set by the government and farmers are being asked to sign up now so they can prepare the ground for planting.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 2, 1942*

**Registering for War Service:**

Registration of the potential manpower in California for America's military services will be completed on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, when the third R-Day during the present emergency is held throughout the state. The State Director of Selective Service pointed out that it affects every male resident in California between the ages of 20 to 45, with a few exceptions made by Congress. All male persons not previously registered, who attained their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before December 31, 1941, and who have not attained their 45<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before February 16, 1942 must register at one of the registration places between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on the registration days.

The registration place for Alvarado males is the IOOF Hall in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 3, 1942*

**Mrs. Ruth Hellwig to Teach:**

Mrs. Ruth Hellwig has been appointed a long-term substitute teacher to replace Mrs. Laura Orelli who died recently of a stroke.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 4, 1942*

**Alvarado Boy Shoots Self:**

Jack Kelly, 12, son of Arthur and Dorothy Kelly of Alvarado and operators of an Irvington restaurant, shot himself through the left hand while examining a .32 caliber automatic, which he found at his home. Alone in the house at the time the boy ran to the street and neighbors took him to the doctors.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 5, 1942*

**Alvarado Pool Hall Raided:**

Hayward deputy sheriff's Thursday night arrested the operator and seven patrons of an Alvarado Filipino gambling parlor. The operator Frank Machalis, 35, operator of the Manila Pool Hall was released on \$100 bail; his seven patrons were released on \$10 bail each for gambling.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 6, 1942*

**Air Raid Lookout:**

Assistant Chief Andrew Logan moved the Air Raid Observation post from the Hall Station location to the Sugar Mill. The gatekeeper's office is used by the kindness of the Holly Sugar Corp., and especially secured through Andrew Logan, who is employed by them. The new location is warmer than the tent at the former location, which in the preliminary stages was appreciated until the cold weather set in. The men keep watch four hours a week now, instead of two hours, three times a week. Andrew Logan deserves credit for charting this new move. Andrew Logan also donated the wood for use in the stove.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 7, 1942*



**Salt:**

Station Agent Wilson of the Southern Pacific Railroad at Alvarado announced that record shipments of crude salt are being shipped by Leslie Salt Co. Each week 125 carloads of crude salt are loaded at the Baumberg (between Alvarado & Mt. Eden on the Bay) depot.

This is positively the largest order ever to leave Washington Township. From here it goes to the Oakland docks where it is shipped to the Northwest for use in different chemical plants.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 7, 1942*

**Chicken Business:**

A. E. Vargas has gone in the chicken business in a big way. He is preparing a brooder house for 500 baby chicks.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 7, 1942*

**Boy Scout Rally:**

The public is invited to attend the annual rally of Washington Township Boy Scouts in the gymnasium of the Washington Union High School, Wednesday, 7:45 p.m. Troops from Centerville, Alvarado, Decoto, Irvington, Newark and Niles will participate.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 8, 1942*

**Sewer:**

The Alvarado Sanitary system may be hooked into homes and business houses within a few weeks, it was announced. The laying of sewer mains has been completed. Preliminary to the installation of a disposal plant at Alvarado the sewers will empty into the sloughs west of town, a temporary pumping station to be installed. The system will probably be completed by next summer.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 11, 1942*

**Rebekah's:**

Installation of officers of the Alvarado Rebekah's took place recently with Ruth A. Mitchell, deputy district President in charge. The officers installed are Elsie Clarkson, Effie Kenezevich, Ethel Elliott, Mary Williams, Wilma Miller, Leda Brown, Margaret Anderson, Annie Baird, Henrietta Graff, Mrs. Ernest Lange, Mrs. Joe McKeown, Mary Lang, Katherine Anderson, Julia McKeown, Elsa Mikkelson and Alice Sayles.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 13, 1942*

**Farm Center:**

Plans for the annual pals dinner and a series of three card parties were made at a recent meeting of the Alvarado Farm Center. The Pal's dinner will be given at the International Kitchen in Niles with Rose Peixoto, Anna Rose and Leda Santos. At this months meeting there were 20 persons with Mrs. Williams giving a talk on victory gardens.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 15, 1942*

**Registered Enemy Aliens:**

Approximately 235 enemy aliens have registered at the Niles Justice Court from throughout the township, officials said yesterday. It was pointed out that many residents of this district had registered at other points and some in other counties. Of the number registered here about 190 were Japanese, 40 were Italian and 5 were German.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 15, 1942*

**Sewer:**

Progress of the installation of the sanitary system in Alvarado will be reported at tonight's meeting of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce at the grammar school, according to Frank Machado, President of the Chamber of Commerce.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 19, 1942*

### **Raids Sweep Four states:**

The Northern California drive to capture enemy aliens thought to be "potentially dangerous" netted 182 Japanese, Italians and Germans. The predominate numbers were Japanese. Those picked up in Alvarado were Shoto Fugita, 53 and Keai Katoba, 38.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 22, 1942*

### **U.S. Hints at Japanese Internment:**

Hints of a possible mass evacuation of Japanese aliens from California and other Pacific coast defense areas to abandoned CCC Camps were received here last night as a special Congressional committee meeting in San Francisco opened hearings into the enemy alien population.

California State Attorney General Earl Warren, appearing before the committee headed by Rep. John Tolan of Oakland, warned, "we too, will have a Pearl Harbor unless something is done immediately."

"California", Warren declared, "is the most likely objective of the first blow of fifth columnists."

Warren says he believes the greatest potential threat lies with American born Japanese, and not Japanese Aliens. He said that all enforcement officers with whom he has consulted are of similarly convinced. There are twice as many Japanese who are United States citizens, he said. And the majority of Japanese aliens, he added, are elderly, about 55 years of age.

He asserted that while the aliens have become "far removed" from their native land, many of their children have gone to Japan for their education and have become "indoctrinated with the ideas and policies of Japanese Imperialism."

*The Oakland Tribune, February 22, 1942*

### **Robbery:**

Four bold bandits robbed Andrew Moffitt, 58 of Union City, Alvarado bartender of his police whistle, a Boy Scout knife, and \$3.75. Mr. Moffitt was tending bar at the LaCurva Tavern in Alvarado at the time of the robbery. The four escaped into the night.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 26, 1942*

### **Japanese Dictionary:**

Chief of the Alameda County Sheriff's Department, Jack Gleason, today revealed portions of the contents of the Tokyo published dictionary of the Kendyusha Japanese Language School at Alvarado.

Gleason was the authority for the statement that the text had been used there and had been found in the possession of M Tsutsui, secretary of a Japanese association who was taken into custody on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

After stating in the foreword "should emergency arise, offer yourselves courageously to the State; and thus guard and maintain the prosperity of our Imperial Throne co-equal with heaven and earth," the text adds.

"The way here set forth is indeed the teaching bequeathed by our Imperial Ancestors, to be observed alike by their descendants and the subjects, infallible for all ages and true in all places." The text was apparently written primarily for Japanese subjects but had been utilized, Gleason said, in local language schools.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 28, 1942*

### **New Boy Scout Troop:**

Alvarado Troop 1 is the newest addition to the Southern Alameda County Boy Scouts. The troop will be under the leadership of Anthony J. Silva, Scoutmaster; James C. Wasley Jr. and George Vargas, Assistant Scoutmasters; and the following will serve on the troop committee: Charles W.

Baird, Joseph E. Lewis, James C. Wasley Sr., Frank E. Machado, Manuel E. Perry, Mike Gardetto, Anthony J. Vargas and Julian Yabut.  
*The Oakland Tribune, March 1, 1942*

### **Washington Township Civil Defense:**

A committee to co-ordinate civilian defense actives in Washington Township has been appointed by Deputy District Attorney Ralph E. Hoyt. Frank Dusterberry of Centerville is chairman for the new group, which is composed of persons in charge of various phases of civil defense work in the township.

Other members of the committee and the civilian defense activities the will have charge of are: Mrs. O. W. Ebright, Centerville Health Center, Public Health; John Galvin, Superintendent of the County Corporation Yard at Niles, highway clearing and maintenance and demolition and rescue; Supervisor George Hellwig, Alvarado, air raid precautions and shelters.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 2, 1942*

### **Alvarado Man Killed:**

Roque Samarron, 48, of Alvarado was killed late yesterday when he was crushed by a car loaded with scrap iron at the Rich Manufacturing Company at the foot of 96<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Oakland.

Fellow employees told police that Samarron loaded the cart with scrap metal, gave a signal to a crane operator to lift the load, and then stepped back. As the cart swung from the ground it slipped off the cable hook and struck Samarron crushing him.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 5, 1942*

### **State Maps Japs:**

The state of California has mapped the locations of Japanese households. The maps showed that Alameda County's 1,785 alien and 3,382 American-born Japanese were settled on property along main railroad lines, adjacent to the Livermore airport, entirely around the Newark power station, along the Hetch-Hetchy aqueduct at Mission San Jose, near approaches to both the Dumbarton and San Mateo-Mt. Eden bridges, and adjacent to the Alvarado sugar refinery.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 5, 1942*

### **Schools May Lose Teachers:**

With the impending relocation of Japanese families to internment camps further inland comes that fear that the loss of population will cause a lesser need for schoolteachers in Washington Township.

A little less than 10 per cent of the total township enrollment of 2,427 pupils in the Washington Union High School and the 10 township grammar schools are Japanese, these totaling 216 pupils. At the high school 91 of the 632 students are Japanese. At Centerville Grammar School 40 of 230 students are Japanese. Other schools are as follows: Warm Springs, 20 out of 96; Alviso 16 out of 86; at Irvington 18 out of 205; at Alvarado 12 out of 187; at Newark 7 out of 191; at Decoto 5 out of 379; at Mission San Jose 2 out of 80, at the Lincoln one-room schoolhouse 4 of 7 students were Chinese, Niles did not report.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 5, 1942*

### **ACLU Asks for Hearings for Internees:**

The American Civil Liberties Union of New York City asked its California branches to seek moderation in evacuating Japanese to internment camps. It stresses its position that the Japanese should receive individual hearings before relocation.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 5, 1942*

### **Japanese Arrested:**

F.B.I. Agents and deputies from the Hayward Sheriff's Substation, armed with presidential warrants, conducted raids in Southern Alameda County Friday and arrested two Japanese aliens.

Arrested were Jingo Takeuchi, 54, Box 215, Alvarado, father of eight children, who said he formerly taught in a local Japanese language school, but now is a carpenter by trade. The only contraband found in his home, it was reported, was an eight-inch dagger.

Tsuno Minoru, 57 year-old farmer of Alvarado, father of six children, of Box 154 Alvarado. The two men were booked enroute to immigration authorities.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 7, 1942*

#### **Farm Home Center:**

Defense Stamps will be awarded at a series of card parties to be given by the Alvarado Farm Home Center at the home of Mrs. Rita Oliveira on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. A St. Patrick's party was also planned for March 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Marcella Davilla, according to Mrs. Mary L. George, publicity chairman.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 8, 1942*

#### **Black Dragon Society:**

Speculation grew today over whether the Southern Alameda County hamlet of Alvarado was the pre-war nerve center of the dreaded Black Dragon Society, as Japanese groups in San Francisco quarreled among themselves in an attempt to achieve unity on an evacuation plan. From one quarter came the report that while Alvarado was the "ostensible" National Headquarters of the half-century old group whose "front" organization was the mysterious Military Virtue Society or Botoku-kai, San Francisco furnished the actual directive force.

This theory was supported by Sheriff Gleason who declared that it was "merely a coincidence" that some of the Black Dragon leaders lived in Alvarado, and that it was a remote control organization with financial and administrative headquarters in San Francisco.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 9, 1942*

#### **Intentions to Wed:**

Melvin A. Allegre, 24, Niles

Hilda C. Pinto, 19 Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, March 17, 1942*

#### **Manuel A. Silva III:**

Manuel A. Silva, old-time resident and businessman of Alvarado has been taken to a San Leandro sanitarium where he is seriously ill.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 20, 1942*

#### **St. Anne's Church:**

The public is asked to patronize a food sale for the benefit of St. Anne's Parish to be held at Ralph's General Store on Saturday. The affair is sponsored by St. Anne's confraternity, with Genevieve Dutra as chairman.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 24, 1942*

#### **Man Hangs Himself:**

Inquest proceeding are pending on the death of Len Kelley Jr., 37, whose body was found by his wife hanging from a rafter in his home near Alvarado early Friday morning. Mr. Kelley had been in poor health.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 28, 1942*

#### **Alvarado Red Cross:**

The Alvarado Red Cross sewing room has made more than 600 articles since last September, said Mrs. Long, acting chairman. Among the 17 women who sew at the Odd Fellows Hall each Wednesday afternoon are Mrs. Fyffe, who has knitted numerous caps, mittens, socks and 39 sweaters, and Mrs. Annie Logan who is completing her 41<sup>st</sup> sweater. Articles completed include dresses, skirts, snowsuits, trousers, rompers and other wearing apparel. Mrs. Logan's daughter,

Mrs. J. V. Goold of Centerville, has assisted with making 350 buttonholes for some of the above name garments. Also among the star knitters are Mrs. Susie Davis and Mrs. George Enos.  
*The Oakland Tribune, March 29, 1942*

### **Alvarado School:**

Exemplifying the part that the public schools are playing in the civilian defense program is the set up which has just been completed at the Alvarado Grammar School under the direction of Principal J. C. Wasley, who is also Chief Air Raid Warden and special sheriff's deputy. The school auditorium is being blacked out for the duration and an improvised foyer is being built up so that the interior can remain lighted even when entrances and exits are being made.

This is also the first grammar school in Washington Township to give first aid instruction to all Eighth Grade students. A first aid unit will be placed in the school auditorium and arrangements have been made to have a staff on 24-hour duty if necessary, Wasley says. Newest of Alvarado School's duties will be as a sugar rationing registration site in May.  
*The Oakland Tribune, March 29, 1942*

### **Sugar:**

Holly Sugar Corporation at Alvarado says that they expect to beat last year's record production. That is because the government has lifted the planting restrictions on the amount of acreage that can be planted. Also, the roads into the sugar mill are being paved and will be able to easily handle large trucks year around.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, March 31, 1942*

### **Draft Dodgers:**

For the seventh consecutive day U.S. Commissioner Dudley Nedeker issued a new batch of criminal warrants for draft delinquents in Oakland today as the Federal Bureau of Investigation continued its statewide round-up. One hundred and thirty-four persons were named in warrants issued today. Two were for young men from Alvarado.  
*The Oakland Tribune, April 10, 1942*

### **Gardetto Boys:**

Walter and Andy Gardetto, residents of Granger Avenue in Alvarado, will have the honor to perform at the Oakland Tribune's 53<sup>rd</sup> Yardstick Dinner program at the Hotel Oakland Monday night, April 27<sup>th</sup>. The boys, aged 16 and 12, play the accordion and the saxophone and are both Oakland Tribune newspaper boys. They will attend the dinner with other newspaper boys around the Bay Area.  
*The Oakland Tribune, April 19, 1942*

### **Intention to Wed:**

Vernon A. Amaral, 18, Alvarado  
Beulah M. Watts, 18, Hayward  
*The Oakland Tribune, April 19, 1942*

### **Mrs. Rose Joseph Dies:**

Died in Alvarado, March 21<sup>st</sup>, Rose Emily Joseph, beloved wife of Frank Joseph. A native of Newark Mrs. Joseph was 62.  
*The Oakland Tribune, April 23, 1942*

### **Washington Township Civil Defense:**

Two announcements of importance were made this week at a meeting of the Washington Township Co-coordinating Committee of the Civil Defense Council, one scheduling a series of chemical warfare demonstrations and the other officially designating first aid and warden headquarters. Deputy Sheriff Pete Starasinic will visit the Alvarado Grammar School on May 12<sup>th</sup> to demonstrate gas bombs, incendiary fires and other matters of interest to civilians.  
*The Oakland Tribune, April 26, 1942*

**News Notes:**

It will be a few months at least before the Priorities Commission is expected to release materials for the building of the new firehouse across from the school.

The Eagles in the small town of Alvarado made a big league showing in buying \$8,000 worth of War Bonds to help Uncle Sam.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 28, 1942*

**Alvarado Man Killed:**

Final rites for Vincent Dias Jr., 25, who was accidentally killed when he was struck by an overhanging load on a truck near Hayward. He was husband to Edith Dias and father to Gary Dias. He was a native of Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 28, 1942*

**Sugar:**

Members of the Sugar Workers Union, AFL, were granted a 10% pay increase for the coming year.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 1, 1942*

**Hayward VFW:**

A minstrel show, pageant and dance, to be reigned over by "Miss America" will be held May 16<sup>th</sup>, in the Veterans Memorial Building in Hayward of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Miss Virginia Kelly and Miss Jeanette Montalbo of Alvarado are in the beauty contest for the queen.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 4, 1942*

**Meeting Cancelled:**

The monthly meeting of Sheriff Jack Gleason's special deputies will be held next Monday night at the Alvarado schoolhouse. The meeting, which was to have to been held the Monday before had to be cancelled because the schoolhouse was being used for sugar rationing quarters on that night.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 6, 1942*

**Commercial Advertisement:**

Open a Checking Account:

Now everyone can have a checking account!

Here's your chance to save tires, avoid tiresome, time-wasting trips to pay bills, end the hazard of keeping large sums of money in your pockets or at home.

Open a Streamlined Central Bank Checking Account with a deposit as small as \$5, pay bills by check, do all your banking by mail. No monthly service charge...you simply buy your book of checks, that's all! Come in and see us about it right away!

Also ideal for housewives, salaried people, professional workers and students.

WAGE EARNERS: What part of your pay is fighting for you? Ask your employer about the Voluntary Payroll Deduction Plan for buying War Bonds.

Central Bank, Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 11, 1942*

**Alvarado School Student in Hospital:**

LaVerne Medeiros, 13, Eighth-Grade pupil of Alvarado Grammar School is in the Highland Hospital recovering from an emergency appendix operation early Sunday morning. She resides with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Goularte of the Alvarado-Niles Road.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 12, 1942*

**School Trustee Election:**

On Friday, at the polling place at the Alvarado School, the voters will have the opportunity to vote for a trustee for the Alvarado Grammar School. Frank Machado is the only candidate. The officers in charge of the election will be Anne Baird, Nora Vargas and Mabel Rogers, says Mrs. Frances Robie, clerk of the board.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 13, 1942*

#### **Fire Chief:**

The Alameda County Fireman's Association presented Alvarado Fire Chief James Wasley with an Assistant County Fire Warden Badge.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 13, 1942*

#### **Alvarado Man in Head-on Collision:**

A shattering head-on crash between a light coupe and a heavy truck and trailer brought serious injury to Herbert Williams, 20, of Mt. Eden. Williams was trapped in his car as it burst into flames against a telephone pole after the collision. He was pulled from his blazing automobile by the truck driver, Joseph Pimentel, 26, of Alvarado and passing motorists.

Pimentel told officers the coupe and truck met head-on when Williams pulled out from behind another truck headed in the opposite direction right into the path of his truck. Pimentel was uninjured. Pimentel's truck and trailer were loaded with 13 tons of sacked corn.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 20, 1942*

#### **War Bond Drive:**

Washington Township's war bond drive was organized at a luncheon at the Washington Union High School with captains for each town appointed by A. J. Rathbone, Chairman. Erle Hellwig was appointed to represent Alvarado. Indications were that air raid wardens would also be asked to assist in the house-to-house canvas starting on Monday in which it is hoped each person will pledge at least 10 per cent of his income for bond purchase. Subscribers will be given window cards to show they are cooperating in the war bond campaign.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 22, 1942*

#### **Students Thin Beets:**

Thirty Washington Union High School boys have completed their first farm project as part of the youth victory program to aid agriculture. The boys, under the direction of O. C. Brown, instructor, have been spending four hours daily thinning beets on the Andrade ranch near Centerville.

The students remained in classes until noon then were transported to the fields in school busses. The project was under the joint supervision of the ranch owner and the Holly Sugar plant of Alvarado, and arranged through the Federal Employment Office at Hayward. Other farmers have also become interested in this program, but they must first be cleared through the employment office in Hayward.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 24, 1942*

#### **Alvarado Graduation:**

Graduation exercises are set for June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:45 p.m. for Alvarado Grammar School.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 24, 1942*

#### **Ladies Aid Society:**

The last meeting of the season will be held by the Ladies Aid Society of the Alvarado Presbyterian Church at the home of Mrs. Walter Robie tomorrow. The afternoon will be spent in completing a quilt.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 27, 1942*

#### **J. C. Wasley Receives Badge:**

Presentation of Assistant County Fire Warden badges to Oscar Sturzinger, Castro Valley Fire Department; Robert Fryer, Chief of the Hayward Acres Department; and J. C. Wasley, Chief of the

Alvarado Department; was made Thursday night at the quarterly meeting of the Alameda County Fireman's Association.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 29, 1942*

#### **New Arrival:**

To the wife of Juan Bueno, of Alvarado, a daughter, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 29, 1942*

#### **Intentions to Wed:**

Miss Elaine Sallee, daughter of Mrs. E. F. Sallee, teacher of the Alvarado Grammar School, will become the bride of Max Benito Sanchez of San Leandro on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 31, 1942*

#### **Alvarado Youth to Go to State:**

Ernest Machado Jr., a junior at Washington Union High School, has been selected to represent Washington Township Post of the American Legion at the Boy's State Convention at Sacramento in July. Ernest is the manager of boy's athletics at Washington High and is also a member of the California Scholarship Federation, ranking high in popularity with both students and faculty.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 2, 1942*

#### **Teacher to Wed:**

Miss Isabel Ferry, teacher at the Alvarado Grammar School for nine years, has announced her engagement to George Lucas of Niles. The wedding will take place in late summer. Miss Ferry is the daughter of Mrs. M. D. Ferry of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 7, 1942*

#### **Alvarado Farm Home Department:**

Members of the Alvarado Farm Home Department with perfect attendance were feted at a party in Warm Springs at the home of Mrs. Brown. Presentations for perfect attendance were made to Mrs. Lena Bettencourt, Mrs. Joe Williams, Miss Ida Rogers, Mrs. Rose Peixoto, Mrs. Jesse Perry, Mrs. Mary Amaral, Mrs. Virginia Enos, and Mrs. Mary L. S. George.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 7, 1942*

#### **Emergency Landing:**

Crowds of motorists traveling along the southern Alameda County highways Sunday afternoon were attracted to a spot about one-half mile from the Alvarado Sugar Mill, when an Army plane, suffering engine trouble, made a forced landing. The pilot, Lt. H. P. Mills, was uninjured. Damage to the plane was negligible.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 15, 1942*

#### **Wedding Shower:**

On last Saturday evening Mrs. Mamie Andrade gave a lovely miscellaneous shower and buffet luncheon in honor of her niece, Miss Marjorie Maciel in the banquet room of the Green Shutters Hotel. Eighteen guests brought lovely gifts for the bride-to-be who will wed Lloyd Silva at Alvarado on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 17, 1942*

#### **News Note:**

Mrs. William Young ([Jung](#)) and her daughter, Miss Charlotte Young ([Jung](#)) of Alvarado attended the birthday party of Miss Anne Penke of Mt. Eden and her former classmate Mrs. Emma Oakes at a party held in Mt. Eden. Miss Penke is Mrs. Jung's sister.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 19, 1942*

#### **Boy Scouts:**

So well has the Boy Scout Troop in Alvarado progressed in six months of existence that five boys are going to the Boy Scout Camp in the Sierra's; about 30 miles from Yosemite. The boys who left



Monday are John Samarron, Lawrence Samarron, Walter Diangson, Bob Lemos and Alden Chambers.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 24, 1942*

#### **Chamber of Commerce:**

Last Thursday evening, at the Alvarado Grammar School, President Frank Machado presided over a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. There was definite action taken to secure special buses from the Peerless Stage Co. to transport local shipyard workers direct to their work at Oakland.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 24, 1942*

#### **New Arrival:**

Born to Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Gamardo of Alvarado, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, a son, Gerald Gabino, Jr.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 24, 1942*

#### **Sheriff Raids House:**

Mrs. Dorothy Kelly, proprietor of La Curva Restaurant in Alvarado for the past four years was charged with running a disorderly house following a raid by the Hayward Sheriff's Deputies. Also involved is Mildred Terra a resident of Kelly's Restaurant. Charges that the arrests were made improperly and that the defendants were deprived of their constitutional rights was raised by the attorney for the defense.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 30, 1942*

#### **Women Demand Trial:**

Mrs. Dorothy Kelly, 35, proprietor of an Alvarado restaurant alleged by the prosecution to be a disorderly house, and Mildred Terra, 26, said to be a resident of the establishment, pleaded not guilty at arraignment at the Niles Justice Court.

A motion for dismissal by the defense attorney was denied and preliminary hearings were set for Miss Terra on July 10<sup>th</sup> and for Mrs. Kelly on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Both are free on bail.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 6, 1942*

#### **New Arrival:**

To the wife of Joseph A Urrutia, Alvarado, June 14<sup>th</sup>, a daughter.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 7, 1942*

#### **Registration Date Set:**

Registration of more than 10,000 Washington Township residents who will receive metal identification tags will take place at grammar schools July 14<sup>th</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup>. This will be the only opportunity for persons in this district to receive the tags for all members of the family. Adults as well as children are urged to call at their respective grammar schools at the specified time.

A double file will be made of all township registration duplicate cards to be filed at the district attorney's office at Washington Union High School. Air raid wardens will be asked to distribute the white cards to be filled out at home and returned to the schools. At the Alvarado Schools Mrs. Earl Hellwig will be in charge of distributing the cards.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 6, 1942*

#### **Office of Price Administration (OPA):**

Local Boy Scouts will be delivering an OPA leaflet entitled: "What You Should Know About Price Control" to every home in Alvarado. Joseph E. Lewis will be in charge of coordinating the distribution.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 10, 1942*

#### **Niles Ration Board Gets Four New Cars:**

Only four new cars have been apportioned to Washington Township Rationing Board, this being three less than last month's quota. New cars purchased in June were granted to Manuel F. Silva of Alvarado, farmer; Bart K. Vink, Newark, dairyman; Harry Raes of Alvarado, labor contractor;

Arthur Kimber of Niles, defense worker; and Herbert Harrold of Decoto, Benecia Arsenal and Leslie Salt Co. of Newark.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 19, 1942*

**Intention to Wed:**

George Anthony Lucas, Niles, 32

Isabel Ferry, Alvarado, 32

*The Oakland Tribune, July 19, 1942*

**Vegetable Buyer:**

A. E. Vargas of Alvarado, experienced buyer of vegetables and fruits, will sell his services to one of the really big commission houses on the coast, A. Levy and J. Zentner Co. The Alvarado man is now engaged in purchasing vegetables and fruits that will be shipped through the Levy-Zentner Warehouse at the S. P. Railway Station at Estudillo Street, near San Lorenzo.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 20, 1942*

**SPRSI:**

Mrs. Mae Machado, grand president of the SPRSI, civic leader of Hayward, recently attended a banquet of the local chapter at Alvarado attended by 65 members of the Alvarado Lodge of the SPRSI

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 20, 1942*

**Local Bus Service:**

A concerted effort by the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce to obtain bus service to Oakland for Washington Township workers in the national defense work areas in Oakland. Peerless Stages will supply the buses if they can win government approval of extra buses and locals can guarantee a basic level of patronage.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 21, 1942*

**Air Raid Test:**

Alvarado turned out in toto for its first test incident when a simulated bombing was staged here this week. The call for help was sent to the Hayward Sheriffs, which relayed the alarm, by short wave to township officers and the mobile first aid unit at Niles. The new Alvarado Fire Department under the direction of Chief J. C. Wasley extinguished three "planted fires" and several victims were given first aid under the direction of Mrs. A. B. Leask, graduate nurse in charge of the Niles first aiders.

The affair was arranged through Dr. T. C. Wilson, Niles first aid chairman at the request of Mrs. S. I. Lemas of Alvarado, Alvarado first aid chairman.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 26, 1942*

**Intention to Wed:**

Mateo H. Avila, 21, Niles

Ernestina Mendez Aranda, 20, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, July 30, 1942*

**Shooting Accident:**

Gilbert Faria, 13, of Niles is in critical condition today in Highland Hospital with a bullet wound in his left chest and a punctured lung following a freak accident yesterday. Physicians have been unable to remove the bullet.

The story told at the Sheriff's Office in Hayward said that Faria was struck by a bullet accidentally discharged when the barge on which several youths were riding bumped into the bank of the Alameda Creek in the Alviso District. The bullet hit a paddle that had been thrown from the barge (into the water), ricocheted up the bank and struck Faria.

The bullet barely missed William Diangson, 14, of 1437 Smith Street, Alvarado, owner of the gun according to John Samarron, 15, of 1215 Marsh Road, Alvarado, said to have held the .22 caliber pump gun.

Samarron said he and Diangson had been shooting at birds. They were taken to the Sheriff's Office for questioning. Two other small children were on the barge at the time of the accident. The wounded youth was taken to Irvington after failing to find a doctor in Niles. He was then moved to Highland Hospital by ambulance.

***The Oakland Tribune, July 31, 1942***

#### **Sewer:**

When the Sanitary Board of Alvarado met they planned to complete the lower end of the sewer plus the installation of the disposal plant on an acre purchased by the board from the Water District on lower V Street. They have \$4,000 in the treasury, says Joseph Dutra, and more money will be coming in soon.

***The Hayward Daily Review, August 3, 1942***

#### **News Note:**

Al Rose of Alvarado attended a stork shower given recently for Mrs. Wendell O. Almada of Hayward.

***The Hayward Daily Review, August 7, 1942***

#### **Tony Mello Dies:**

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning for Tony Mello, 59, of Alvarado. The deceased was a native of Fayal, the Azores, and is survived by his wife Edith, two daughters, two brothers and four sisters.

***The Hayward Daily Review, August 11, 1942***

#### **New Arrival:**

To the wife of Lloyd O. Urrutia, 1066 Maiden Lane, Alvarado, July 15<sup>th</sup>, a daughter.

***The Oakland Tribune, August 12, 1942***

#### **Buy Bonds:**

[\(Reprinted from the Alvarado newspaper "The Pioneer."\)](#)

If we don't get busy right away and realize we are at war and buy more bonds and gather more scrap iron to build battleships, we may lose the war say national leaders. There are many fine people buying bonds, but there are plenty of people who are making good wages and are making very little effort toward great sacrifices.

***The Hayward Daily Review, August 18, 1942***

#### **Postmasters Meet:**

The Alameda County Postmasters Association will have a barbeque at the home of Mae Santos in Alvarado tomorrow night; Postmaster Julia Ruschin of Newark will preside.

***The Oakland Tribune, August 18, 1942***

#### **Riverside Hotel:**

The Riverside Hotel in Alvarado has made application for sale of alcoholic beverages as follows: On Sale Beer. The premises does not have an alcohol permit at this time.

***The Hayward Daily Review, August 18, 1942***

#### **New Fire Hall:**

Alvarado's new \$5,000 brick fire station is expected to be completed early next month and plans are already being discussed to hold open house to honor Fred Wiegman, president of the fire commission who has devoted many hours to bringing this project to conclusion.

The Fire Department was reorganized about a year ago and a new engine was recently delivered here. Principal J.C. Wasley of the Alvarado Grammar School is chief and weekly drills are held by 15 members of the department.

The first unit of the fire hall is 34 by 29 with brick walls and tar and gravel roof. It will have space for two engines and later an annex to include a clubroom and kitchen will be added.

*The Hayward Daily Review, August 21, 1942*

#### **Mary D. Silva Dies:**

Funeral Services were held Monday morning for Mary D. Silva, 76, a native of Alvarado. She was the mother of two sons and a daughter. She is the sister of Minnie Lawrence and William Rose of Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, August 24, 1942*

#### **Sugar:**

The sugar beet harvest in Pleasanton is ready to get underway but farmers fear a labor shortage for the digging of the beets. Mexican and Filipino labor is available in better numbers than anticipated but not to conduct the harvest at normal speed. In the Pleasanton area it is expected that 25,000 tons of beets will be harvested for transport to the refinery at Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, August 31, 1942*

#### **Meat Rationing:**

January 1, 1943 the U. S. Government plans to introduce a meat-rationing program. In the meantime the Rationing Board is asking Americans to voluntarily cut back on meat and will introduce a "Meatless Day" program later in the year.

*The Hayward Daily Review, September 1, 1942*

#### **Sewers:**

The \$35,000 sewer system at Alvarado has been completed and hook up with homes will be carried forward without delay. With the shortage of labor the program will not go forward as fast as planned. Two concentration tanks have been erected on V Street.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 6, 1942*

#### **New Arrival:**

Born to Domingo and Lucy Cicairos, 912 W St., Alvarado, on August 19<sup>th</sup>, a son.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 18, 1942*

#### **Alvarado School:**

Washington Union High School in Centerville opened yesterday morning and closed at noon to keep students in fields and canneries another two weeks. Norbert George, Student Body President, urged students to resume studies or find jobs in the harvest of tomatoes and sugar beets because "our fighting men are depending upon us as we are depending upon them."

At Alvarado and Irvington the grammar schools remained closed on opening day and will not reopen until October 5<sup>th</sup>. Students are urged to help harvest crops in the area as part of the war effort. Other schools in the township are all on some type of farm harvesting schedule.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 22, 1942*

#### **Bus Service:**

In response to agitation in progress for the past two months, two chambers of commerce announced better bus service in Washington Township for defense workers. President Frank Machado told the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce at its September meeting that a special bus for the Richmond Shipyards (Mare Island) would pick up passengers here beginning next month.

*The Hayward Daily Review, September 22, 1942*

#### **New Arrival:**

Born to the wife of Mr. Manuel Santos, Alvarado, September 21<sup>st</sup>, a daughter, Barbara Marie.

*The Hayward Daily Review, September 23, 1942*

**SPRSI:**

Evelyn Silva, President of the Alvarado SPRSI will have charge of the social hour tomorrow following the meeting to be held at the Odd Fellows Hall tomorrow night.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 23, 1942*

**Frank Andrade Dies:**

Final rites were said this morning for Frank Mathias Andrade, 67, of Alvarado. He had been a resident of here for about four years and was a native of San Miguel, the Azores. He is survived by several sons and daughters including Paul, Frank Jr., and Henry of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 24, 1942*

**Mexican Laborers Expected Here Tonight:**

The long awaited imported Mexican laborers will begin to top beets in Southern Alameda County tomorrow if the area's allotment arrives on time tonight. The men will stay at a bunkhouse on the Andrade property. The Mexicans will be served a meal tonight after they arrive. They must then decide whether they will cook for themselves or eat FSA (Federal Security Administration) food at a \$1.40 a day.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 29, 1942*

**Classified Ad:**

WANTS WORK:

Woman, 45, white, good housekeeper and cook wants work for room, board and salary.  
5015 Smith Street, Alvarado

*The Hayward Daily Review, September 30, 1942*

**Sugar:**

Invaded by female processors for the first time in its nearly 75 years of existence, the Holly Sugar Company plant at Alvarado, first of its kind ([successfully](#)) established in the United States, has opened its 1942 season to turn out millions of pounds of sugar from beets grown mostly in the area. The season's output will consist of 200,000 tons of sugar beets from which will be produced about 600,000 100-pound bags of sugar from Alvarado alone.

Girls have been employed for the time in the processing department, and represent 75 of the 300 plant employees. Another 400 workers are harvesting and topping the beets, workmen, including 75 Mexican youths imported from Mexico City, 100 high school boys from San Francisco, 75 local beet workers, and another 150 service club men from the bay section who have signed up to spend weekends in the beet fields. The season will continue until the beginning of January.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 5, 1942*

**Marriage License:**

Santa Clara County:

Pedro Cardona, 28, Alvarado

Amelia Moran, 18, Milpitas

*The Oakland Tribune, October 7, 1942*

**Ration Board Expanded:**

Nine new members of the Washington Township Rationing and Price Control Board have been appointed to take care of increasing work of rationed products. Added to the three present members of board, these 12 persons will work in groups of three in handling rationing of tires, gasoline, clothing and food. One of the new members appointed to the board is L. E. Bailey of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 11, 1942*

**News Note:**

Agostino Giusto of Alvarado was saddened to learn of the death of his father in San Leandro.

***The Oakland Tribune, October 11, 1942***

**Citizen Classes:**

Classes in citizenship will be offered at the Alvarado Grammar School Monday through Thursday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

***The Oakland Tribune, October 11, 1942***

**News Note:**

Alvarado Grammar School has 70 students presently working in the fields harvesting tomatoes for farmers under school supervision.

***The Oakland Tribune, October 13, 1942***

**Dead Man reported in Valle Vista:**

Engine crew members of a Western Pacific freight train passing through the Alvarado junction near Valle Vista early Friday morning, saw the body of a man lying along the railroad right-of-way, surrounded in blood.

Deputies from the Hayward division of the sheriff's office were notified. Speeding to the scene they found the body of Francis Stover, 68, resident of 219 Alvarado Road, dead drunk. The blood that surrounded the body turned out to be a basket load of crushed tomatoes he was carrying when he "passed out." Stover was booked at the Hayward Police Department for being drunk in public.

***The Hayward Daily Review, October 16, 1942***

**Scrap Metal:**

Old wagon wheels that helped carry settlers across the plains are now being scrapped as part of Alvarado's effort for the Nation's war effort. J. C. Wasley, chief salvage warden and Sam Dinsmore, loyal volunteer, invade an Alvarado farm and carry away huge wagon wheels where the iron rims and hubs can be melted down for bullets, tanks and guns. Alvarado has already collected 80 tons of scrap metal and their goal is 100 tons.

***The Oakland Tribune, October 16, 1942***

**Child Near Death:**

Nellie Coria, 4, of Alvarado, was struck by an automobile as she walked home from the Alvarado Theater Sunday and is so critically injured that doctors do not expect her to live. The accident happened near her home as she and her father, Antonio Coria, and two other children walked home from a show. The driver of the auto said she had no time to react as the young girl stepped into the path of her car. She was not cited.

***The Hayward Daily Review, October 19, 1942***

**Rats Move Into Town:**

ALVARADO: WANTED ONE PIED PIPER!

This was the appeal added to the manpower search in Alvarado after the Chamber of Commerce heard complaints from local grain farmers that rats from the dump on Union City Road were raiding local grain fields and devastating shocked grain.

In view of the danger from possible epidemics and plague carrying propensities of rats the Chamber appointed a committee at its October meeting to contact Alameda County health officials regarding an extermination campaign. J.C. Wasley, Clyde Lewis and Charles Baird were empowered to take steps necessary in this regard.

A previous warning had issued by Fred Duffie, agricultural inspector for the district, that exterminations of rats be placed among the top items on the home front defense program.

***The Hayward Daily Review, October 19, 1942***

**Child Dies:**

Nellie Coria, four-year old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Coria of Alvarado, died at Fairmont Hospital Monday as the result of injuries she received when she was struck by a car.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, October 20, 1942*

**Dance Permit Denied:**

The application of Frank Morris for a permit to conduct a dance at the Riverside Hotel, Alvarado, on October 20<sup>th</sup> was presented to the board for final hearing. The District Attorney objected to the issuance of this permit. On motion of Supervisor Hellwig seconded by Supervisor Wixsom, the objection was sustained and the permit was denied.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 20, 1942*

**Classified Ad:**

NOTICES:

Food Sale: A food sale for the benefit of St. Anne's will be held at the Ralph Store Saturday beginning at 1 o'clock with Genevieve Dutra as chairman.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 22, 1942*

**SPRSI:**

The Alvarado SPRSI will have a Halloween party Friday night at the Odd Fellows Hall, with Evelyn Silva as chairman.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 22, 1942*

**Liquor Sold to Minors:**

Two youths, aged 17 and 18, were found intoxicated on the evening of October 19<sup>th</sup>. When questioned they reported having purchased eight bottles of ale at an Alvarado liquor store. The youths said they were sold the ale without the clerk asking for any ID. A complaint will be issued against Mrs. Aldena Andrade, 32, as operator of the liquor store.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 22, 1942*

**School Nurse:**

Mrs. Cecilia Linde, formerly of Stanislaus County and in public health work for the past eight years, has been added to the Washington Township contingent of the Alameda County Public Health Department. Mrs. Linde will be on duty at schools in Alvarado, Decoto, Irvington, the Orphanage and Mission San Jose.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 22, 1942*

**Earl Hellwig Dies:**

Final rites for Earl E. Hellwig, 44, Alvarado banker and nephew of Alameda County Supervisor George Hellwig will be held Thursday. A native of Alvarado, he had been connected with the bank here for twenty years.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 28, 1942*

**Tomato Pickers:**

Washington Union High School, the Alvarado and Decoto Grammar Schools and the high school and grammar schools of the Livermore Valley have turned out their students to pick tomatoes. On Tuesday afternoon the board of trustees decided to suspend classes for the remainder of the week to help pick tomato crop in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, where farmers are hard pressed to save their crops. The farmers pay the students and teachers for their work and the high school here will furnish as much transportation as possible in its buses to the fields. In this way the pupils will help do their part in winning the war, and a most necessary part it is, too.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 28, 1942*

**Classified Ad:**

HELP WANTED:

SUGAR FACTORY: Experienced and inexperienced help wanted. Mechanics, mechanics helpers, oilers, station operators and common laborers needed.

Apply to: Holly Sugar Company, Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 29, 1942*

**Bicycling Commuter:**

Gasoline and rubber rationing worry Joseph Travers, 62, not a whit as he cycles to his work daily at the sugar plant at Alvarado. Travers can run three years on \$6 worth of tires. He bought his first bicycle in 1906 and his second in 1916. He has never owned an auto and doesn't want one or need one.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 1, 1942*

**Selling Liquor to Minors:**

Mrs. Aldena Andrade of Alvarado was found guilty of selling liquor to minors after a court trial before Judge Norris in Centerville. The case was continued until November 20<sup>th</sup> for reference to the probation office and subsequent sentencing.

In speaking on the sentence passed on the case, Judge Norris said he felt there was no question of the integrity of the defendant and the offense was a result of negligence rather than a willful intent to break the law. He issued a warning, however, that care should be taken in all instances to be certain of the age of purchasers before selling intoxicating liquor.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 7, 1942*

**Alvarado Tomato Pickers:**

Boy Scout Troop 10 from Oakland lent 10 boys and two troop leaders as tomato pickers in Alvarado. The boys put in their labor but overall enjoyed themselves at contributing to the war effort.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 8, 1942*

**Frank Mateo Dies:**

Frank Mateo, 57, of Alvarado died November 7<sup>th</sup>. Loving husband of Theresa Mateo, loving father of Mrs. Mary Perez, Mrs. Annie Murgla, Mrs. Remedios Gamardo, and sons Richard and Edward. A native of Spain he made his home at 1085 V Street, Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 12, 1942*

**Rat War:**

A rat extermination program is expected to be put into effect here within 10 days, according to J. C. Wasley, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce committee appointed recently to contact the Alameda County Health Department following complaints by local farmers. Danger from epidemics as well as crop loss is extended by the farmers as reason for the extermination request.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 19, 1942*

**Classified Ad:**

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES:

For Sale, Bar in Alvarado, must sell on account of sickness.

Phone: Decoto 3606.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 21, 1942*

**Richard Munger Commissioned:**

At ceremonies held at Lake Field, Arizona, Richard Munger, resident of Alvarado, received his commission as second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. Present at the ceremony was his mother, Mrs. M. P. Munger, who made the trip as the guest of the commanding officer of the field. She will visit her mother in Phoenix Arizona before returning back to Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 30, 1942*

**Frank Behrmann Dies:**

Frank Behrmann, 72, of Hayward California passed away at an Oakland hospital Friday night. He was the son of the late Henry and Helene Behrmann of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 8, 1942*



**Manuel Silva Dies:**

Manuel August Silva, 78, resident of Alvarado for 58 years will be given the final rites at the Chapel of the Palms tomorrow. He was the husband of Rose Silva, and the brother of Mary Leboe of Alvarado, Emily Brown and Rosita Silva. He was a native of Fayal, the Azores.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 11, 1942*

**Richard Munger Returns Home:**

Lt. Richard Munger of the U.S. Army Air Corps who got his wings at Luke Field, Arizona last week is on furlough visiting his parents Mr. & Mrs. M. P. Munger of Alvarado. His mother, present for his graduation ceremony, returned home with him.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 11, 1942*

**Alvarado Woman Given Probation:**

Concha Mata, operator of the Halfway House at Alvarado was found guilty of selling liquor to a minor and was put on six months probation after a hearing at the Centerville Justice Court.

*The Hayward Review, December 17, 1942*

**Classified Ad:**

HOUSEHOLD:

Practically new Wedgewood range.

Apply, Manager, Riverside Hotel, Alvarado Calif.

*The Hayward Review, December 17, 1942*

**Classified Ad:**

RENTALS:

RIVERSIDE HOTEL: Rooms and Apartments. Reasonable rents by day, week or month.

Alvarado, California

*The Hayward Review, December 17, 1942*

**Question to the Editor:**

(Taken from [The Fresno Bee Republican](#))

Dear Sir:

Question:

To whom should a person write for his birth certificate when born in Alvarado, Calif.?

Submitted By:

Minnie Puito, Kingsburg, California.

Answer:

These persons should write to the State Department of Vital Statistics, Sacramento, Calif.

*The Fresno Bee Republican, Fresno, California, December 23, 1942*

**Soldier Missing:**

Sergeant Paul E. Rivers, United States Marine Corps Reserve, nearest of kin, Mrs. Mary Rivers of 144 "V" Street, Alvarado, has been reported missing in action in the Solomon's. Sergeant Rivers enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force two years ago and transferred to the American flying forces after Pearl Harbor. He is a graduate of Washington Union High School in Centerville and the Alvarado Grammar School.

*The Hayward Review, December 31, 1942*

**Granger Road Widened:**

Supervisor George Hellwig of Alvarado deserves much credit for getting the Board of Supervisors to improve the Granger Road leading to the **Southern Pacific Station** at Alvarado. This week the County road crews put a fine lot of hard rock on the road after the property owners had given rights of way last month to widen the road two feet on each side.

Property owners who deeded land bordering on the street that deserves credit for the public spirit and cooperation are: John Varni, Warren Hendricks and William Jacobsen. Granger Road has been

accepted as a County Road, which means that from now on it will be kept in good condition by the County Maintenance Crew. A palm tree near the Hendricks place will probably be removed soon to make the width correct.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 1, 1943*

### **Alvarado Cauliflower:**

The large trucks go from Hayward to Alvarado and Centerville for use in icing the vegetables sent east over the **S.P. Company's** fast express cars to Chicago and New York. Alvarado cauliflower is now being shipped from Hall Station with Union Ice sprayed over the top of the crates of luscious cauliflower to keep it fresh through the eastern trip.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 1, 1943*

### **Southern Alameda County Business Directory:**

#### **AUTO SERVICING:**

**Manuel B. Machado, Alvarado 28J**

#### **CLUBS:**

Filipino Luneta Social Club, Smith Street, Alvarado 73

#### **MRKETS:**

Hellwig Meat Co., Levee Street, Alvarado 68

#### **MEXICAN DISHES:**

Halfway House, Conchita Mata, Proprietor, Alvarado 6

#### **OIL-FUEL:**

George Bros., "General Petroleum," Alvarado 34

#### **PRINTING:**

A.J. Cadero, ALVARADO 34

#### **SERVICE STATIONS:**

M.J. Andrade, (STANDARD OIL PRODUCTS), Alvarado 35

Langdon Mobil Service, Alvarado 34

J. Yabut, (Richfield Products) Alvarado

#### **THEATERS:**

Alvarado Theater, Spanish and American Shows

#### **WELDING:**

Alvarado Repair Shop, 1594 Smith Street, Alvarado 72

#### **WRECKING:**

**Manuel B. Machado, Alvarado 28J**

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 1, 1943*

### **News Notes:**

Ruth E. Hellwig has been named as executrix of the will of the late Erle Hellwig.

Alvarado's representatives at Washington Union High School have shown such outstanding leadership that that Ernie Machado, son of Matt Machado, has been given great honors. He was elected president of the California Student Body Federation.

Another Alvarado young lady has been honored by being elected secretary of the Washington Union High School senior class. She is Miss Lorraine Alameda of V Street. Among the graduating class in June from Alvarado are: Ernie Machado, Lorraine Alameda, Roslyn Daviner, Walter Fasolis and Eileen Wilson. Miss Wilson is the daughter of E.J. Wilson, agent of the Alvarado S.P. station.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 1, 1943*

#### **Sugar:**

Holly Sugar Company is shipping its refined sugar as fast as it made to San Francisco; some three carloads go by S.P. daily, being stored in San Francisco by Holly Corp., under government protection. Four carloads are manufactured daily at Alvarado. There are still many beets left in the field caused by the rain making it difficult to harvest. At Mulford Gardens in San Leandro are 3,600 tons of beets yet to be harvested. There are 7,000 tons yet to be harvested in Logan's district (Alvarado) and 5,000 tons expected by the end of the season from other sections. The season will be stretched out until February, with only two thirds having been harvested.

*The Hayward Review, January 5, 1943*

#### **Ernie Machado:**

**Ernie Machado**, son of Matt Machado of Alvarado, has been given great honors. He was elected president of the California Student Body Federation, which comprises pupils in all parts of Alameda County. Ernie Machado will preside as president of the CSF when it meets in the East Bay. Miss Lorraine Alameda is the secretary of the senior class.

Among the graduating class in June from Washington High from Alvarado will be: **Ernie Machado**, Lorraine Alameda, Roslyn Daviner, Walter Fasolis, and Eileen Wilson. Miss Wilson is the daughter of E. J. Wilson, agent of the Southern Pacific Railway station.

*The Hayward Review, January 5, 1943*

#### **Classified Ad:**

COUNTRY LAND:

For Sale: Alvarado, 5 acres, best vegetable land. Four room house, barn, well; \$7,000.  
Box M227256, Tribune.

*The Oakland, January 8, 1943*

#### **Scrap Iron:**

All those persons who sold scrap iron at the time of the last Scrap Metal Drive and wish their money for same are asked to turn in their receipts to the Alvarado Fire Department as soon as possible and they will receive their payment. Receipts can also be turned in any time at A.A. Lee's store on the corner of Smith & Watkins Street.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 8, 1943*

#### **New Boy Scout Troop:**

Two new scout troops and one new cub scout troop was formed in Southern Alameda County last year to lead the area in growth. Alvarado and San Lorenzo added the new Boy Scout troops.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 8, 1943*

#### **Alvarado Fire Department:**

Regarding the response of the Alvarado Fire Department, with its new fire truck, at the Mt. Eden Presbyterian Church fire, Chief M.G. Riggs of the Hayward Fire Department gives the Alvarado Fire Department credit for their fast response and efficient work. **Alvarado Fire Chief Jim Wasley's** weekly drills with his firemen have borne fruit, and their cool nerve under fire at Mt. Eden helped save the adjoining buildings. We are proud of such fine efficiency at the Alvarado Fire Department's first call to duty.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 15, 1943*

#### **News Notes:**

A new Doctor at Niles Dr. (Lyle) Buehler has been attending many cases in the Alvarado area and has filled a need on account of other doctor's going off to the service.

Joe Lewis Jr., who was in the service in Idaho, has been transferred to Oklahoma for further study in the Aviation Ordnance Department.

The Alviso School Faculty: Mrs. Elsie Madruga, Principal; Mrs. Marie Dutra and Mrs. Edith Wasley, Teachers.

At the Alabam Café at San Lorenzo Junction and East 14<sup>th</sup> St., **Alvarado Fire Chief James Wasley** and about seven firemen and Fire Commissioner Joseph Lewis, attended the Alameda County Fire Chief's meeting on Thursday night.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 15, 1943*

### **War Secrets:**

If you know what ship a sailor is on, or what company or regiment a soldier is with overseas, then you know a military "secret," the Office of Censorship in Washington Warns.

This secret ought not to be published. This is why:

A general needs to know the strength of his opponent; how many men, how many guns, ships, planes there are in each theater of war.

The Nazis and the Japs want to know this thing about our forces. Their agents assemble the information like this. From one paper an item reveals the 600<sup>th</sup> Infantry is in Australia; another, the 206<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion is in North Africa.

Add hundreds of these bits of information together, and our enemies have a too accurate estimate of American military strength.

These are OUR soldiers, Americans all of whom we endanger by these "little slips." This is not a 'blackout' on the news about our soldiers. Considerable latitude in reporting personal experiences gives the enemy little military information, if the troop units and the ship names are kept secret. But in articles about soldiers and sailors and in the addresses for them, don't give away their fighting units.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 15, 1943*

### **Range Patrols:**

Range patrols, established by stockmen in the Southern end of Alameda County to prevent cattle thefts expected from the result from the meat shortage made their first arrest Friday last. Five men were taken into custody for shooting at livestock from a county road in Mocho District, Niles Canyon.

*The Hayward Review, January 12, 1943*

### **New Arrival:**

To Mr. & Mrs. Elvin A. Rose of Alvarado, January 7, a son, Daniel Anthony, seven pounds 7 ounces.

*The Hayward Review, January 12, 1943*

### **Chamber of Commerce:**

The Chamber of Commerce has had some 14 members join the armed forces of our government. When they do this the local boosting body gives them a valuable wallet, and a cheery good bye, to remember it by. President Frank Machado originated the idea, and has personally presented the wallets to each man as he left home.

*The Hayward Review, January 21, 1943*

### **Howard Robie:**

Howard Robie, 25, grandson of Mrs. Walter Robie of Alvarado has been commissioned a Captain in the Coast Artillery and has been stationed for several months in the Canal Zone in Panama.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 22, 1943*

### **Flood:**

The rain-swollen Alameda Creek reached flood stage near Alvarado and hundreds of acres of farmland are under water, but agricultural directors said that it would help rather than hurt the farmers. They said the water could be particularly good for the cauliflower crop and would help grazing land, orchards and plants newly set out.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 23, 1943*

#### **News Notes:**

This Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, the St. Anne's Church ladies will hold a Cooked Food Sale at Alvarado. It will be held at John Ralph's store. It is for a good cause. Come and buy a nice cake.

Inspector **Frank Machado** has given good service in acting as inspector of the Alvarado Sanitary District. He reports that 90 connections to the sewer have been made. It is in use and satisfactory too. More connections will be made when the wet weather ends.

A committee of four firemen selected about \$250 worth of furnishings just installed in the social room of the Alvarado Fire Department Assn. The committee was comprised of **Fire Chief James Wasley**, two ass't chiefs, George Davis and Anthony J. Vargas, and Fire Commissioner Joe Lewis. They bought card tables, curtains, chairs, a magazine rack, rug, etc. We hope in the future they will hold an open house of their quarters in the Firehouse.

A short wave radio costing about \$200 will be bought in a week or so. When there is a fire reported to the Alvarado Telephone Operator, she has the right to sound the siren on top of Sam Dinsmore's Store, and this warning brings an immediate response from our volunteer fireman.

The public is invited to the Alvarado Grammar School on Thursday evening February 4<sup>th</sup> for a viewing of the movie, "Midway Battle." The movie is free and the hopes are for a large turnout. Edward Schnaar, of the District Attorney's office Oakland, will host the show.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 29, 1943*

#### **Ground Observer Tower Donors:**

President **Frank Machado**, of the Alvarado C of C, this week made a fine showing in securing \$200 in cash from local Alvarado businessmen. On the committee assisting Mr. Machado are Charles Baird, **E.J. Wilson** and **Manuel P. Rose**. Following is a list of persons and businesses that have made donations to date:

Fred Wiegman, \$30

F.E. Machado, \$5

**J.C. Wasley**, \$5

P. Carrillio, \$5

M.A. Silva, \$5

D. Diaz, \$5

Manuel V. Machado, \$5

Peter L. Decoto, \$5

John Menezes, \$1

Manuel J. Andrade, \$2.50

F.C. Harvey, \$5

Joe Langdon, \$2.50

Concha Mata, \$2.50

Alvarado Vegetable Growers, \$10

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Matt Machado, \$5

Henry Dutra, \$5

A.J. Vargas, \$5

J.E. Lewis, \$5

Miss McKeown, \$5

John H. Ralph, \$5

Joe Jacinto, \$2.50

Mrs. August May, \$5

John Varni, \$10

John J. Bettencourt, \$5

E. Naharro, \$5

Frank George, \$5

Analito Corillo, \$1

Helen Marquez, \$2.50

Emma Kelly DeLeon, \$2.50

**Manuel P. Rose**, \$5

Manuel Goularte, \$5

Sam Dinsmore, \$5

**E.J. Wilson**, \$5

J. Binder, \$4

Joseph H. Priego, \$5

Central Bank Alv., \$20

Antone Santos, \$5

Joe Perry, \$1

Ramiro Machado, \$1

Gregory Perry, \$2.50

Felix Diangson, \$1.50

Ed Le Bon, \$5

G.B. (Bocci) Gualco, \$5

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 29, 1943*

#### **Ground Observer Tower:**

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce has approved a plan to build an eighteen-foot high tower in Alvarado to guard against the intrusion of Japanese airplanes. J. C. Wasley, **John Ralph** and E. J.

Wilson are on the building committee. A \$30 donation from **Fred Wiegman** started the funds for construction. The cost of the tower is estimated to be \$270. The tower will enclose an eight-foot square glass enclosed room with a six-foot catwalk around the outside.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 31, 1943*

### **Alvarado Fire Department:**

Yearly organization of the Alvarado Fire Department has been completed with the following officers elected: J. C. Wasley, Chief and President of the Fireman's Club; Anthony J. Vargas, Vice President; Clyde Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer; Tony Alexander, Sergeant-At-Arms. Other active firemen are George Davis, Anthony Rogers, Joe Dutra, Edward Fantuzzi, Clarence Flores, Charles Baird, Mike Gardetto, M.F. Silva and M. E. Perry. Serving as commissioners are **Fred Wiegman, John A. Ralph**, A. A. Lee, Joe Lewis, and Fred Joyce.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 31, 1943*

### **Edward Clawiter Dies:**

Edward H. Clawiter, prominent rancher, civic leader and businessman from Mt. Eden died today after a short illness. His wife Annie S. Clawiter preceded him in death the previous year, they having been married in 1877. Mr. Clawiter is one of the last of Alvarado's pioneers having been born in the Union City portion of Alvarado on November 27, 1852. (His sister, [Union Clawiter](#), was the first white child born in Union City/Alvarado on August 7, 1851.)

*The Oakland Tribune, February 2, 1943*

### **More Donors for Observation Post:**

The loyalty of Alvarado people in donating labor and money with which to buy lumber, etc. for the Tower for the Observation Post is appreciated. The following donation of cash were received this week:

Alvarado Eagles, \$20	Manuel S. Hendricks, \$5	Edward Fantuzzi, \$2
Hellwig Meat Company, \$10	A.A. Lee, 2 Gallons of Paint & \$10	Ted Harvey, \$5

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 5, 1943*

### **Richard C. Kennedy Dies:**

Richard Charles Kennedy, prominent rancher and vegetable grower of Hayward and Alvarado died at Providence Hospital in Oakland Thursday night, January 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Kennedy was given high marks as a vegetable gardener and was a Director on the Board of the Alvarado Vegetable Growers Association.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 5, 1943*

### **Ensign Wasley:**

James Carroll Wasley Jr., son of Principal James Wasley of Alvarado Grammar School, and Mrs. Wasley, has received his commission as ensign in the U.S. Naval Services.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 11, 1943*

### **Wrong Number?**

Memory plays tricks with telephone numbers! Result? Wrong number reached, inconvenience to somebody, delay for you and nobody helped. When in doubt, please look in the telephone directory first. That helps you, helps others and helps telephone people to do a better job for you.

THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY

Smith Street, Alvarado. Telephone ALVARADO 20.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 12, 1943*

### **Butterfat:**

The Andrada Brothers of Alvarado prize Holstein, "Bessie" produced 62.2 pounds of butterfat for the month. Bessie was the second best producer in Southern Alameda County.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 18, 1943*

### **Alvarado Observation Tower:**

Frank Machado is chief observer assisted by Manuel P. Rose and Charles Baird. The ladies section is led by Mrs. Corinne Munger and Miss Flora McKeown. Captains appointed are:

Alvarado Tower Captains:

Frank Machado	Manuel Silva	Manuel P. Rose
Charles Baird	Manuel B. Garcia	Ernie Machado
Mrs. Corinne Munger	Mrs. Joseph Lewis	Miss McKeown
Mrs. Angie Vargas	Mrs. Mabel Rodgers	Mrs. Lenore Silva
Mrs. George Hocking		

Hours served on the Tower:

Charles Gonsalves, 128	Hilda Allegre, 185	W.B. Emery, 211
Manuel Garcia, 222	Patricia Hill, 120	Marion Hocking, 138
Joseph Jacinto Sr., 194	Joseph Jacinto, Sr., 150	Clara Jacinto, 108
Sally Logan, 162	Manuel Lemos, 204	Bobby Lemos, 224
Stanley Lewis, 247	Aurora Lewis, 249	Isabel Martin, 277
Corinne Munger, 290	Wallace McKeown, 238	Flora McKeown, 125
Frank Pinto, 377	Antoinette Pinto, 182	Manuel Rose, 218
Joseph A. Rose, 262	Mabel Rogers, 218	Joseph Roderick, 112
John Silva, 198	Manuel F. Silva, 109	Mrs. L.E. Silva, 109
Bob Wasley, 101		

More Donors for the Observation Tower:

Ramiro Machado, \$1.50	Gene I Rapiz, \$2	Nilon Silva, \$1
Joe Ricamonte, \$1	Joseph Tobilog, \$1	A.P. Delfin, \$1
M.N. Reontoy, \$1	D. Varvaling, \$1	Felix Diangson, \$1
C. Biete, \$1	D. Mogalit, \$1	Manuel E. Perry, \$2.50
A. Regalado, \$3	P.C. Hansen Lumber Co., \$22.90	

Volunteers Needed During These Hours:

Monday: 6:00 am to 10:00 am.  
Tuesday: 6:00 am to 10:00 am.  
Wednesday: 6:00 am to 10:00 am.  
Thursday: 6:00 am to 10:00 am  
Friday: 6:00 am to 10:00 am  
Friday: 2:00 pm to 6 pm.  
Friday: 10:00 pm to 2:00 am.  
Friday: 2:00 am to 6:00 am.  
Saturday: 6:00 am to 10:00 am.  
Sunday: 6:00 am to 10:00 am.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, February 19, 1943***

**Joaquin Vargas House For Sale:**

For sale in Alvarado: \$1,200

House of five rooms and lot, owned by Joaquin Vargas, located near the Dekidos residence on V Street. Apply to Joaquin Vargas Furniture Store, 627 Main Street, Hayward.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, February 19, 1943***

**Victory Garden:**

The tightening of the food supply of the nation, particularly a probably shortage in fresh vegetables and berries, make imperative an extension of the Victory Home Garden program in this area was the announcement made by T.O. Morrison, county farm advisor.

Ben Koontz, superintendent of the Holly Sugar mill in Alvarado, and a resident of Castro Valley, has been selected as the advisor in our area.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 23, 1943*

#### **Louie Ramirez Dies:**

Funeral services were held Monday morning for Louie Garcia Ramirez with mass at St. Anne's Church. Mr. Ramirez, 19, was the son of Mr. & Mrs. Ramirez of Alvarado. Ramirez died at Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Oakland. He was a native of Madera and is survived by the parents and the following brothers and sisters: Irene, Sarah, Dora, Lupe, Jesse and Leo of Alvarado and Private Robert Ramirez of Camp Roberts, Calif.

*The Hayward Review, March 2, 1943*

#### **News Notes:**

A meeting on Monday night, March 8<sup>th</sup> of all deputies and Air Raid Wardens at 7:50 pm will be held at the **Alvarado Grammar School**.

Nearly 100% attendance is the fine record of the Alvarado Firemen at the weekly gatherings. It occurs on Thursday nights.

Principal James Wasley and helpers issued 1,066 No. 2 Ration Books to the local people. This was 300 short of the expected issue.

Ensign James Wasley, Jr. is now spending the weekend at home after studies in dentistry at Affiliated Colleges in San Francisco.

Thursday and Friday from 1:30 to 8:30, Mrs. Ewing a government representative, has put on a fine course for local women. It instructs them in the use of Ration Book No. 2. Her course has not only taught them efficient use of stamps in the book, but she has also instructed them in home canning, home drying and kindred subjects.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 5, 1943*

#### **Air Raid Tower News:**

Mrs. Corinne Munger and Miss Flora McKeown report progress in filling the list of watchers at the Observation Tower on the **Alvarado Grammar School Grounds**. The response to the appeal in the Pioneer for watchers was appreciated. There are a few watches wanted from 2:00 am to 6:00 am now.

Among the new ladies are Mrs. Layton and Mrs. Wallace. Some of the new men are Manuel Silva Jr. our blacksmith, and William Machado, Anthony J. Vargas, Walter Fasolis, James Busch, Edward Fantuzzi, Matt Machado and Manuel Benites Machado, son of the garage man. Also new are Mary Silva and Muriel Jacinto.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 5, 1943*

#### **Angellea Silva Dies:**

Angellea L. Silva, of Alvarado, aged 77, died at her home on Hop Ranch Road two weeks ago. She was the mother of Mrs. Manuel A Avila and Mrs. Joe Serpa of Tracy; Mrs. Tony Dutra of Hayward, and the late Antone Silva Jr. and Lawrence Silva.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 16, 1943*

#### **Farm Home Dept:**

The annual St. Patrick's card party of the Alvarado Home Farm Department will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Anna Rose on Santos Road, Centerville. The public is invited.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 16, 1943*

#### **A Meat Rationing Story:**

And now comes the meat-rationing story that tops them all. Deputy Sheriff Richard E. Condon on patrol in Southern Alameda County when he spotted a car weaving in an erratic manner on the highway near Alvarado. "Hmmm," muttered Condon, "a drunk driver, and at this time of the day."



He waved the car to the side of the road and then approached the driver with the intention of issuing a citation.

"Pretty bad job of driving," Condon said in opening the conversation.  
"Oh, I didn't notice; you see I'm hunting for meat," the man replied.

Hunting meat, a likely story, Condon thought, and then he glanced in the back seat of the car. There sat two streamlined greyhound dogs, and beside them four dead jackrabbits.

The driver explained, "I just drive down the highway until I see a rabbit, then I release the dogs and they catch it and bring it back to me. Beats standing in line at the butcher shop and the meat is good."

*The Oakland Tribune, March 16, 1943*

### **People Who Worked on Building Observation Tower:**

Names of persons helping to erect and maintain the observation tower at Alvarado.

Donation of the frame of the tank for bottom of the new tower, Manuel Silva, Creek Road. Men who helped tearing down of the tank, Joe Maciel, Charles Baird, F.E. Machado, Manuel Rose, Frank Silveira, Seraphin Noia and Martin Rose.

Names of those who helped erect the tower:

Manuel Goularte, Joe Maciel, A. Jardine, Clarence Flores, Charles Baird, Manuel P Rose, F.E. Machado, Manuel Silva, Jr., Frank Goularte, Frank Dutra, Joe Lewis and George Davis.

Painters:

Andy Anderson, Charles Baird, Manuel S. Hendricks Sr., Manuel Silva Jr.

Linoleum Layers:

Manuel Goularte, A. Jardine.

Ladies in charge:

Mrs. Corinne Munger and Mrs. Annie Baird.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 19, 1943*

### **Local Red Cross:**

Robert A. Blacow, manager of the local Central Bank at Niles has been made a director of the Oakland Chapter of the American Red Cross. This is the first time that the Oakland board has named more than one director for Washington Township. F. T. Dusterberry is also on the board from Washington Township.

Canvassing for the 1943 Red Cross roll call and war fund is now being made and in the township, contributors being asked to double the amount they gave last year, if possible. Checks may be mailed to town chairman: To J. R. Blacow at Alvarado, campaign chairman; Loren Marriott at Centerville, Treasurer; or F. T. Dusterberry, to save time and gasoline for those making donations.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 21, 1943*

### **Richard Munger Pays Tribute to Mother:**

Lieutenant Richard Munger of Alvarado dipped his big plane as he signaled from the sky last Sunday to his mother of Alvarado. **Mrs. Corinne Munger** waved her handkerchief in recognition of the high tribute he paid her before leaving on his destination. Munger enlisted in the Air Corps last April after graduating from the Washington Union High School and completing two years at the University of California. The youngest of three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Munger of Alvarado, Richard is the brother of John, with the Pacific Telephone Company at Hayward and

Milton Jr., a Berkeley civil engineer. Both are also U.C. graduates. A sister is Mrs. Robert Munger Whipple of Davis.

*The Alvarado pioneer, March 26, 1943*

### **100-Hour Pins Awarded:**

The Government officials of the U.S. Army had a part in awarding the awarding of 100-hour pins to Alvarado people last Thursday in the recognition of person spending 100-hours manning the Alvarado Observation Tower. Those receiving the 100-hour pin awards will be printed next week.

Persons previously award the pins were:

Hilda Allegre	W.B. Emery	H.L. Eudy	George Harvey
William Hooper	Joseph Jacinto	Joseph Jacinto Sr.	J.M. Logan
Sally Logan	Manuel C. Lemos	Robert Lemos	<b>Aurora Lewis</b>
Isabel Martin	<b>Corinne Munger</b>	Andrew Moffitt	Wallace McKeown
Melvin Peterson	Frank Pinto	Antoinette Pinto	Marjorie Re
Manuel P. Rose	Joseph A. Rose	Mabel Rodgers	Joseph Roderick
Floyd Scott	John Smyrl	John Silva	Angie Vargas
James B. Wasley Jr.	Peggy Wasley		

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 26, 1943*

### **News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Goularte are the very proud parents of a new baby son. George Douglas is doing very nicely.

Frank George, wholesale agent for Mobiloil and Mobilgas in Southern Alameda County, was proud when his dog Flash was accepted by the Army on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A lot of credit should be to Mrs. Mary Rivers of Alvarado for being so active. She has recruited 16 Alvarado women for the Red Cross bandage work at Centerville. Among these women are Mrs. Mary Rivers, Mrs. Mike Gardetto, Mrs. Hubert Jacinto, Mrs. V. DeVincenzi, **Mrs. Joe Lewis**, Mrs. F. Silveira, Mrs. Charles Baird, Mrs. E. Borges, Mrs. A. Perry, Mrs. J. Utile, Mrs. F. Machado, Mrs. Anthony Lee, Mrs. M. Perry, and the Misses Angie and Josephine Borges. Mrs. Rivers is very proud of the two stars in her window.

Eric Ruus of Tennyson appreciated the response of the Alvarado Fire Department with the fine fire truck and efficient firemen at the recent fire, which saved his house. The tank house and barn were beyond saving when the firemen arrived, but timely work kept the flames under control.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 26, 1943*

### **OPA Cites Local Butcher:**

The Office of Price Administration Tuesday filed an injunction in San Francisco against **George P. Hellwig** doing business as the **Hellwig Meat Co.**, in Alvarado.

The Hellwig Company was charged with exceeding meat quotas by 80% in the quarter ended December 1942, and in the amount of 82,914 pounds of meat in the period between January 1<sup>st</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup>, 1943.

Stanley A. Weigel, OPA official, stated this action is part of the follow-up of OPA's drive against black market operations on the West Coast. Now that meat rationing is in effect, sale of meat under legal rulings is more important than ever.

*The Hayward Review, March 30, 1943*

### **Hellwig Meat Co.:**

**George P. Hellwig** and his partner, John Brugge, doing business under the firm name of the **Hellwig Meat Company** at Alvarado today were charged by the OPA with exceeding wholesale meat quotas.

The OPA today asked the U.S. District Court at San Francisco for a restraining order against Hellwig and Brugge to prevent possible further violations.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 30, 1943*

#### **News Notes:**

Carl Wente, President of Central Bank, has named J. A. Blacow of Alvarado to head the Victory Bond Drive in the northern Washington Township area.

Where it was a matter of several hundred dollars raised for the Red Cross last year it has reached the remarkable sum of \$1,200 this year says J.A. Blacow, chairman of the Alvarado drive.

The Southern Pacific reports that 175 carloads of crude salt were shipped from the Baumberg Depot during the month of March.

Christmas Seal sales in the township reached \$548 this year. The committee in Alvarado was headed by Miss Mildred Nauert assisted by Mrs. August May and Mrs. W.S. Robie.

The Alvarado Vegetable Growers reported the Hall Station shipped 29 carload of iced cauliflower to Chicago and New York in March. They have also sold their high quality cauliflower to the local S.F. markets.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 2, 1943*

#### **Farm Home Women:**

A donation to the Red Cross was voted by the Alvarado Farm Home Department at the home of Mrs. Mary Gastelum at Newark. Mrs. Maryetta Holman, county demonstration agent, discussed the pressure cooker, and urged all members to attend the demonstration at the Country Club Building on April 16<sup>th</sup>. An exchange of plants took place after the meeting.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 11, 1943*

#### **News Notes:**

Adam Lewis is with the Engineers section of the Army at Fresno.

Alexander Borges is with an anti-aircraft detachment.

The Alvarado school trustee election takes place May 21<sup>st</sup>. Mts. W.S. Robie deserves to be reelected.

"Nowadays, with less driving due to rationing, car batteries often fail without any warning," declares Joe Langdon of the Mobilgas station. This is because most cars aren't driven enough to keep batteries fully charged, or they stand idle so much that sulphate forms rapidly on battery plates and put them out of commission.

Ray Soares, manager of the California Pine Box Factory, has a fine bunch of machinery busy on making 200,000 boxes for the U.S. Navy. His plant is in a fine big warehouse across the tracks from the Southern Pacific depot. He has four ladies among the crew of employees, all doing a fine job.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 16, 1943*

#### **Another Meat Rationing Story?:**

Either meat rationing has driven someone to desperation here, or has led to the taste for exotic entrees. Mrs. C. M. Anderson, whose home is located on Whipple Road near Alvarado, has reported that someone shot one of her peacock's dead and wounded another. She told sheriffs deputies that she saw a young Mexican cut across the plowed field, shoot one peacock dead and seriously wounded the other. The man fled when he saw Mrs. Anderson, leaving both birds behind.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 19, 1943*

**Alvarado Post Air Raid Tower:**

Joseph Jacinto Jr. serves almost 500 hours on the Air Raid Tower. That young man, Joseph Jacinto Jr. has a great future, judging by this remarkable record at the Alvarado Observation Post, where he has served between 400 and 500 hours. So also has his pal, Frank Pinto, another equally fine fellow.

Mrs. Joseph Jacinto Sr. has 100 hours there, Joseph Jacinto Sr., 200 hours. Even little Betty Jacinto is an expert on reporting when keeping her folks company at the post, because one day she efficiently reported 100 airplanes observed. It was on a Sunday.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 23, 1943*

**Alvarado Boy Writes from the Army:**

Dear Sir:

I have been on this rock for a year next month and I longed and missed lots of news from our hometown, but I didn't realize it before until this day. I think it wise to get hometown news like most of the boys here in Hawaii. I have been in that town for the last eight years and it seems to me that it's now my birthplace to me. So please send me every copy of the Alvarado Pioneer and I'll certainly appreciate your kindness.

But you can count me as one subscriber and let me know the price to subscribe for a year.

Respectfully yours,  
Francisco Macahilas  
18<sup>th</sup> Infantry CO. K  
April 12 1943

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 23, 1943*

**Sugar:**

A call for increased plantings of sugar beets in Alameda County was issued this week by Herbert W. Young, chairman of the county AAA committee, who declared that earlier reports of farmers intentions to plant showed a prospective acreage below the level necessary to supply the nation's needs for the coming year.

"Although sugar beets is not one of the crops of which an increased production is asked in 1943, plantings at about the same level as last year will be necessary if our needs are to be supplied without diverting ships badly needed to transport men and supplies to the fighting fronts," Young said.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 23, 1943*

**News Notes:**

Raymond Perry is home visiting in Alvarado after being at an Army camp in the Southern part of the U.S. for about 9 months. His wife is Mrs. Catherine Perry.

Donald Flores, pharmacists mate in the Navy near Jackson, Mississippi was on furlough visiting here last week. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Flores.

Frank Machado, inspector of the local sanitary district, is busy as usual on his duties. He was ill for a few weeks with ptomaine poisoning. Keep up the good work.

Mr. & Mrs. M.P. Goularte of Smith Street is celebrating their 23<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary next Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Emilio Re of Alvarado has two brothers in the army. They are Edward at Camp Beale and Frank Re at Fresno.

Everett Alameda, who has been stationed in the army at Oregon for about months, was visiting his folks, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Alameda of V Street.

John Cardoza Jr., stationed at Oregon with the Army, was on furlough here for three weeks. He came home to attend the baptism of his baby, now 2 months old.

John Pine, formerly of Alvarado, and Virginia Enos of Newark are to wed at Newark on Easter Sunday at 2 pm.

The happiest wishes to Mr. & Mrs. A.E. Vargas on their wedding anniversary held the past week. Patricia Noia celebrated her 4<sup>th</sup> birthday Saturday at the home of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Seraphin Noia of Granger Avenue.

Born to Mr. & Mrs. William Harper (nee Winifred Santos), a baby boy at Hayward Hospital a week ago. Mr. Harper is in the United States Armed Forces.

This week the Alvarado boys who left for the Army at Monterey were: Manuel Silveira, Joe Brune and Eugene Pine.

Emilio Castro of Alvarado will sell to Cruz Figueroa, also of Alvarado, his place of business known as "Gallito's Place" on the corner of Maiden Lane and Levee Street in Alvarado.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 23, 1943*

### **Girl Scouts:**

Organization of Alvarado's first Girl Scout Troop has been completed with 15 girls prepared to receive their second-class awards. Their first hike is to be made on May Day. Leader of the troop is Mrs. Anelda Hulse. Officers are Barbara Diangson, Secretary; Betty Silva, Treasurer; Delores Santos and Betty Diangson, Color Guards. Ardis Hulse, 14, daughter of Troop Leader Mrs. Anelda Hulse has won the curved bar, highest award of the Girl Scouts. She is a student of Washington Union High School. Teachers at the Alvarado Grammar School are serving on the sponsoring committee. Girls from age 10 to 14 are eligible to join.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 25, 1943*

### **New Ground Observer Chief Named:**

**Joseph Jacinto, Sr.**, local grocer, 49, has been appointed chief observer of the Alvarado Observation Post for the Fourth Fighter Command. He succeeds **Frank Machado** who resigned because of other civic duties and illness. Jacinto has served more than 400 hours at the post where plane spotting is a family affair. Mrs. Jacinto has put in more than 100 hours and even Betty, 11, assists her mother in the tower.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 30, 1943*

### **News Notes:**

Beatrice Fields recently announced her engagement.

**Mr. & Mrs. Mike Gardetto** visited her sister, Mrs. Brown of Burlingame on Sunday.

Andy Gardetto is delivering the Tribune alone now that his brother, Walter, has joined the service. Frank Gaspar is walking again after four years of having to use of his legs. He is responding to his new medical treatment.

Alvarado Postmaster Genevieve Dutra will attend the Alameda County Postmaster's Ass'. Meeting to be held at the Hotel Alameda next week.

Major Charles R. Nauert of Los Angeles made an official trip to San Francisco recently. He is with the Amphibian Corps of the Armed Forces.

**Walter Fasolis**, son of **Mr. & Mrs. Mike Gardetto**, joined the Navy. He is leaving Thursday. He is to be stationed at Idaho.

**Joseph Silva**, employee of the Holly Sugar Company at Alvarado and resident of V Street, went to the hospital to have an injured nerve muscle in his neck operated on.

One by one all the buildings of Alvarado are being connected with the Sanitary District. The latest is the SDES Hall.

Here are five Alvarado boys employed at the Hayward Poultry Producers Ass'n. They are: Manuel Rose, William Machado, George Roderick, **Emilio Re** and Joe Pimentel.

Seraphine Noia is employed now at James Graham Co. plant at Newark, which is busy with defense work.

Mrs. Lena Dutra, formerly of Granger Ave. of Alvarado, has undergone an operation the week at Peralta Hospital. She is now back home and we hope she continues to improve.

Delinda Pimentel and her husband were given a housewarming Saturday night. This happy young couple were in their new residence near the Bell Ranch Bridge. Delinda used to captain the local Alvarado Ladies Drill Team. Those in attendance were: Mr. & Mrs. Joe Goularte, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Goularte, **Mr. & Mrs. Emilio Re**, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Maciel, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Silva, Jr.,

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Owen, Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Serpa, and the Misses Jeannette Goularte and Laverne Medeiros.

President **Frank Machado** has given out seven wallets to departing Alvarado men to the Armed Forces on behalf of the **Chamber of Commerce of Alvarado**; two of the boys are the Paniagua boys whose folks reside in the old pioneer Hellwig home; also Mr. Norman Silveira, Joe Brune, Frank Lewis and Walter Fasolis.

Mrs. Bill Dickie of San Diego was in Alvarado Sunday calling on her grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Flores. Mrs. Dickie (nee Ruth Flores) is also the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Flores of Oakland and also the niece of Mrs. Frank Machado of Alvarado.

Anthony Alexander attended the **Firemen's** meeting last Thursday with a full pack of cigarettes. There were 13 firemen attending the meeting and some of the boys were worrying about the unlucky number until Joe Dutra's hound showed up making 14 present, so nobody had to go home.

Some months ago when the firemen were moving the scrap metal from the schoolyard in the wet weather, the fire engine got stuck in the mud. Joe Avila was urged to use his equipment to haul it out, and this he did. Sorry we forgot to thank Joe sooner.

**Frank Machado** is doing a fine job collecting dues for 1943 memberships in the **Alvarado Chamber of Commerce**. He signed present members Alvin Silvey, Emilio Castro, Joe Silva, Antone Borges, Gerald Gamardo and Seraphine Daviner.

Cyril Flores, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Flores, arrived this week from Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas to visit his folks. He said he enjoyed the fine wallet from the **Chamber of Commerce of Alvarado**.

Henry Heitmuller (husband of the former Oscarina Nauert) made a notable contribution to the Alvarado Grammar School Scrap Metal Drive (sponsored by the **Alvarado Fire Department**) by donating an Acetylene Generator.

Hubert and Joseph Jacinto Jr. both went to San Quentin Sunday, but they got back all right. They were only playing baseball with the Three Brothers Team of Pinole. These two sons of storekeeper, Joseph Jacinto Sr., seem to have become sparkling semi-pros. The Sunday before they went to Mare Island Navy Yard to play.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 30, 1943*

#### **News Notes:**

D. Lezand, son of Mr. & Mrs. Lezand, is at Camp White in Oregon.

Frank Lewis went to Farragut, Idaho, being in the Navy.

Named to attend the Eagles Convention in San Francisco on June 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> are James Wasley, Joe S. Martin and Charles Baird. The alternates are Joe Lewis and John Menezes.

Jimmy Perry has been working in the Richmond Shipyard and is living in Richmond. His father expects that Jimmy may be in the Army before long.

The young son of Mr. & Mrs. William Harper (nee Winifred Santos) has been named William Jr. Mr. & Mrs. Henry and child reside on Mrs. Laurence's home on lower V Street for some nine months. He works at the shipyards.

There are 114 connections to the Alvarado Sanitary District; we are informed by Frank Machado, inspector of the district.

William Gemenez is in the Army at Seattle, Washington. He is an Alvarado boy. His father is Lupe Gemenez.

Norman Silveira is in the army Medical Corps at Camp McCall in North Carolina.

Stanley Roderick was in Alvarado with his charming young wife (a Newark Miss) on Saturday. Stanley is on a Navy Repair ship, and is a First Class Electricians Mate. The Alvarado Vegetable Growers shipped about 6 cars of mixed vegetables to Portland the first week in May. Mr. & Mrs. Graydon Spurlock, who reside in one of Varni's cottages, have a visitor from Kansas. The guest is Mrs. Spurlock's grandmother, who at 79 years made the trip all alone. A baby girl was born to Mr. & Mrs. Peter Pinto (nee Antoinette Rose) on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Dutra, formerly of Granger Ave., of Alvarado, has undergone an operation the past week at Peralta Hospital. She is now back home and we hope she continues to improve.

Isabel Rodriguez is back from a vacation in Mexico. Our local Alvarado beauty shop operator, Isabel Rodriguez, returned to Alvarado where she is especially well liked. An example of this was shown by the fact that Mrs. August May and Mrs. Charles Baird met here when she got off the Greyhound Buss at Hayward and brought her home by motor car to Alvarado.

George Lucas is able to come home at stated intervals to visit his home here from his work in the Navy See-Bees at Livermore. His wife, Mrs. Isabel Ferry Lucas is the well-known teacher of our 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades at Alvarado Grammar School

D. Carrillo, who has had the New Manila Pool Hall for over a year, has added another business. It is the former Half Way House sandwich eating place, which he now call the New Manila Café. He serves beer.

Edward Martinez is in the Navy. So is his brother Eugene. Another brother, William Martinez was the heavyweight-boxing champ at Camp Farragut, Idaho. He battles at 205 pounds.

The California Conserving Company has purchased the Riverside Hotel in Alvarado last year. They have been able to house some of their workers, newcomers from Missouri and some from Arkansas. Two of the young men from the town of Steel, Missouri, seem headed for the Army as Bob Michie and Eugene Doran take their physical exam on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Matt Machado of Smith Street has been a long time member of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce, and has always done his best to help Alvarado grow. He has built an addition to his liquor store, which is very bright, and would be a fine location for a barbershop. Matt has wines, which his customers claim are the best.

Evelyn Naharro has announced her engagement to Joseph Sanchez of Decoto. Mr. Sanchez is on furlough from Camp White in Oregon. The engagement was announced three days ago with a party at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Mike Salido. Mrs. Mary Salido is a sister of Evelyn.

Mrs. Joseph Priego is much improved after her operation a few weeks ago at San Jose Hospital. She is now home and gaining her former strength. Her sons David and Manuel worked hard at the store meanwhile. You have to give a lot of credit to Joseph Priego who goes daily to work at the shipyards because of the great shortage in labor. And he can "take it" too! Good luck Joe.

*The Alvarado pioneer, May 7, 1943*

#### **Farm Home Dept:**

Mrs. Leda Santos has been chosen chairman of the Alvarado Home Farm Department and will be installed in Pleasanton. Other new officers are: Mrs. Mary Gastelum, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Lena Bettencourt, Secretary-Treasurer; and Mrs. Mary L. S. George, Publicity. The next regular meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Jesse Perry in Decoto on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 9, 1943*

#### **Baby Born in a Barn:**

Doctors at Highland Hospital today cared for a "manger baby," born early today on a bare barn floor at Alvarado and joined more than an hour later by a twin at the hospital. The first infant, a girl, born unattended to Mrs. Amelia Aranda, 31, in an unheated barn and by light of a kerosene lamp.

Dr. G. S. Holeman, of Centerville, called to the place by the father, Jose Aranda, 36, found the child unconscious. While two deputies held flashlights for him, Dr. Holeman wrapped the baby in a piece of blanket and laid it between two of the seven other children in the family for warmth.

There were only three beds in the one-room barn home and the seven youngsters filled them. There were only a few ragged blankets for the whole family, and a dog lay among the youngsters on one bed, calmly sleeping through the entire proceeding.

Fearful that the mother might have difficulty if the second child were delivered there, the doctor summoned an ambulance from Hayward and had her taken to Highland Hospital, where the twin boy arrived a few minutes later.

Deputy sheriff's Glen Davidson and Ernest Sabina, who aided the doctor, said the family had been living in the barn for about four months. The father, they said, worked at the General Metals Corporation plant in Oakland. Part of the barn has a wooden floor, but the rest is earthen.

Dr. Holeman said he had never been consulted by the mother before the father came to him at 11:30 last night for help. By the time he had arrived at the barn, the first child had been born.

***The Oakland Tribune, May 11, 1943***

#### **News Notes:**

Observation Post Chief Joseph Jacinto has three chief assistants in Miss Flora McKeown, Mrs. Corinne Munger and Mrs. Isabelle Martin.

William Silva of Granger Avenue is leaving for the Army Tuesday. He is the husband of the former Lorraine Silveira.

Al Smith, of the Holly Sugar Company, will make a trip down to the valley for the company.

We neglected to record the birth some seven months ago of Claire Joanne Pimentel, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Pimentel who resides in one of the Varni cottages.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Pimentel were host and hostess at a reception given in honor of Leonard Taormina, who was baptized on Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Beginning his recruit training this week at the Farragut Naval Training Station at Farragut, Idaho, is Frank A. Lewis, son of **Mrs. M.S. Dutra**, 940 Watkins Street, Alvarado California.

Ray Diaz and wife (the former Bernice Lezand) expect to come from Arizona to visit relatives the last of this month.

Frank Vargas' birthday will be honored on Sunday at a birthday party, when relatives will gather at the Vargas home.

On May 26<sup>th</sup>, in San Francisco, Delphino Ledesma will take his physical examination for the U.S. Army Service. He is the son of Mrs. Ledesma of Alvarado.

One of the busiest mechanics in Alvarado is Manuel Benites who is assisting at his father's garage, known as the Manuel Benites Machado Garage. They do a big business in wrecking cars and in selling used parts to the public.

Adam Lewis looked fine in his Army uniform last Sunday. He dropped in to surprise his mother, **Mrs. Dutra** of Watkins Street.

Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Dinsmore were visitors at the home of his parents, Sam & Viola Dinsmore, in Alvarado week ago Sunday. Clifford is a busy man at the shipyards. His brother Sam is still feeling fine at his post with Navy down at the Canal.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, May 14, 1943***

#### **Classified Ad:**

HORSES:



Pony, gentle, for small child.  
Post Office Box 195, Alvarado Calif.  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 15, 1943*

**News Note:**

Joel H. Langdon of Alvarado has signed a complaint against Marcus Allen, now in San Quentin prison, for a forged check that Mr. Langdon cashed for Mr. Allen.  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 15, 1943*

**Alvarado Boys in the Service:**

At the **Chamber of Commerce** meeting on Thursday night at the **Alvarado Grammar School**, the purchase of money belts to give the servicemen was decided upon. The local men had formerly received wallets. This makes a nice variety, and on Friday some fine belts were purchased from Kelly Bros. of Hayward. 43 men have left Alvarado so far for the Armed Forces. 37 of them have received wallets. Six of these have yet to receive a present from the Chamber of Commerce. They will get the money belts, which fasten around the waist.

List of Alvarado Men in the Armed Services:

Oligario Souza	Ernest Hermosa	Arthur Silveira	Mervin Christiansen
Donald Flores	Cyril Flores	Leonard Silva	Warren Silva
Norman Silveira	Bill Silva	Richard Mateo	Paul Rivers
Mr. Paniagua	Mr. Paniagua (2 Bros)	Joseph Brune	Bunny Joyce
Joe Lewis Jr.	Albert Borges	Bob Rodgers	Sam Dinsmore
Anthony Pine	Edward Martinez	Eugene Martinez	Stanley Roderick
John Silva	Louis Silva	Elliott Jardine	Julian Yabut
Frank Macahilas	George Lucas	Frank Lewis	Adam Lewis
Alexander Borges	Tony Fields	Everett Alameda	Jessie Benites
Marion Cordoba	Raymond Diaz	Albert Martin	Joe Allegre
Lawrence Roderick	Anthony Paredes	Richard Munger	

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 21, 1943*

**News Notes:**

Reelected to the Board of Washington Union High School was Andrew Logan  
Reelected to the board of **Alvarado Grammar School** was Mrs. Walter Robie who has served in that capacity since 1912.  
A case of necessity takes **Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Anderson** and son Stanley to visit Mrs. Anderson's sister, Mrs. Snead in Modesto.  
Mrs. Munger of Watkins street has a guest in her granddaughter, Janet Lynd Munger of Hayward.  
Mrs. Anthony Rodgers of the Creek Road, Alvarado, paid a visit to her son in Idaho, where he is attending radio school at the University of Idaho at Moscow for the Navy.

**Andrew Anderson** has been doing a number of first class painting jobs lately. One was the building housing the rumpus room at Manuel Silva Jr's; another was the house of Sam Dinsmore and soon he will paint at George Harvey's. And best of all, Andrew is feeling fine after his heroic pull through a major illness of a year's duration.

St. Anne's Church of Alvarado is to keep a record of all her young men in the Armed Forces. There will be a new flag and a frame for the Honor Roll at the church. **Frank Machado** is now collecting the money for this worthy cause.

Leslie Salt Co. is shipping crude salt from the large salt mound at Baumberg at the rate of five carloads a day. The mound will be very nearly all gone when they start to harvest the salt along the Bay Shore in August. Baumberg is between Alvarado and Mt. Eden, adjoining the S.P. tracks. Larry Dutra is foreman there.

Ray Soares, manager of the California Pine Box factory at Alvarado surely gets action. He made 2,869 boxes the other day, which seems a fair average of the steady production of boxes to fill an order for the government. The box factory is next to the Hall Station.

There will be an installation of officers in June at the SPRSI Lodge in Alvarado as follows:

Mrs. Eleanor Azevedo, Pianist	Evelyn Silva, Past President	Mamie Roderick, Pres.
Mrs. Aurora Lewis, V.P.	Mrs. Flora Flores, Secretary	Mrs. Clara Martin, Marshl
<b>Mrs. Mabel Rodgers</b> , Trsr	Mrs. Angie Vargas, Emcee	Edith Mello, Director
Anna Amaral, Director	Nora Vargas, Director	Mrs. Mary Amaral, Guard

Mr. & **Mrs. Anthony Rodgers** entertained for Anthony's niece's husband, just back from the battle area in the South Pacific. He is Edward Ferreira who is in the U.S. Navy and saw service at New Caledonia, right on the fighting map with the Japs.

At the last meeting of the **Chamber of Commerce** President **Frank Machado** favored a tablet or service flag and to have all Alvarado men in the service written on it. This would be placed in some public place, at the Post Office if possible. Named on the committee were Joe Lewis, Charles Baird and Mike Salido.

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#### **Area Produce:**

Southern Alameda County is certainly a point from which much produce and goods are shipped to various sections of the nation. It ought to be a highly prosperous community, and fact it is. Consider these figures:

Newark's two salt companies shipped 41 carloads of salt east last week.

The Alvarado Vegetable Growers Association ships a carload of peas and lettuce to the Northwest (Portland) every other day.

Hayward sends out carloads of canned goods from its canneries each week.

The Centerville cannery will pack 5,000 cases of turkeys for the government this summer.

Harry Rowell takes his rodeo stock, including horses and Brahma bulls to rodeos from San Francisco to Madison Square Garden New York.

If all this material was shipped out from here were trade marked, Hayward/Southern Alameda County, it would become a national by-word, known favorably for its great productions of things the nation uses.

**Editor's Note:** This article is from a Hayward newspaper, hence the reference to the "Hayward/Southern Alameda County" trademark.

*The Hayward Review, June 1, 1943*

#### **Postmaster Conference:**

Local Postmasters Mrs. Genevieve Dutra of Alvarado and Mrs. Mary Janeiro of Decoto will attend a three-day conference to be held at Hoberg's south of Clear Lake. An official from the United States Post office Department, Washington D.C., will address the audience.

*The Hayward Review, June 3, 1943*

#### **Sugar:**

The Holly Sugar Mill in Alvarado will not process beets this year in Alvarado. The beets will be shipped to their Tracy mill for processing. The reason given is that late rains delayed planting of the crop and only 50% of the normal beet acreage was planted this year.

*The Hayward Review, June 8, 1943*

#### **News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Philbert Quintal and Mrs. Lucille Vierra of Hayward, were guests at a recent family gathering at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Frank S. Dutra at Alvarado.

*The Hayward Review, June 10, 1943*

**Sugar:**

Definite announcement that the Holly Sugar Corporation's plant at Alvarado will not process this year's crop of sugar beets, because of the small acreage being raised in this area, was made Monday by company officials. Local beets, about 50 percent of the usual acreage planted will be processed at the Tracy plant. The Holly Sugar Corporation maintains plants also at Hamilton City and Santa Ana and at eight or ten other locations outside California.

Reduced acreage this year is said to be due to the late rains in the spring, which delayed the planting, also there was anticipated difficulty in obtaining harvesters and the tardiness of announcement of Federal bonuses to offset increased cost of production.

Failure to open the Alvarado plant this fall will release about 3,000 processors and 300 harvesters from the list of laborers needed in Washington and Eden Township during the fall of the year. The plant usually begins work on the season's crop during September and runs full force through December. The maintenance staff at the plant, it was explained, will be absorbed into other Holly plants or will transfer to other industries.

The Alvarado mill is the oldest sugar processing plant in the United States. It was established in 1869 and was taken over by the Holly Corporation in 1927. Its average annual output of sugar is from 500,000 to 600,000 100-pound bags, processed from about 200,000 tons of beets. Ben Koontz is the superintendent of the Alvarado sugar mill.

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**News Notes:**

Walter Fasolis is in the Navy at Camp Hill and is still in the boot camp for beginners says his brother Andy Gardetto.

Albert Borges of the Creek Road left New York for overseas, the Government notified his folks. He is a Master Sergeant.

George Oakes of Hayward and Lloyd Bailey of Alvarado, classmates of Robert Sproul in the 1913 class at UC Berkeley expect to attend the class reunion on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Joe Abreu is at Camp Cook at Santa Maria. He lives on V Street.

Manuel Silveira of V. Street is in the Army at Camp Haan near Riverside Calif.

Norman Silveira of Granger Lane is in the Glider Corps, located in North Carolina.

Manuel Borges of V Street is proud of his nephews in the Armed Forces.

Sergeant Warren Silva is in the 16<sup>th</sup> Bomb Operations Training Wing in Arizona. Warren's father is Frank Silva of V Street.

Corporal Leonard Silva of V Street is in the Medical Corps in Hawaii.

**Melvin Allegre** went to the Marines at San Diego training station recently. He lives on the Creek road.

Sergeant Joe Allegre of the Creek Road is in Africa where there is big sighting. He left Palm Sunday for Fort Ord.

The Editor admired the flower garden of Mrs. Frank Machado at her home on Smith Street. And besides the flowers, her victory vegetable garden showed fine results of her gardening.

Mencho Paredes leaves on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June for the armed Forces. He is the son of Mrs. And Mrs. F. Paredes of the **Alvarado Hotel**.

Ernie Machado, brilliant student at Washington Union High School, goes into the Service on June 20<sup>th</sup>. He is the son of public-spirited **Matt Machado**.

Clarence Pimentel of Alvarado was surprised by a birthday party thrown on his behalf by his wife to celebrate his 29<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Mrs. Hilda Pinto Allegre of Alvarado has been visiting her husband, **Melvin Allegre** in Los Angeles. He has been in the Marines several weeks and is stationed there for the time being.

Arrangements are being made for the wedding of Manuel Pine and Angie Borges, both of Alvarado. Manuel works at the Harvey ranch and was born and raised here. Miss Borges is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Borges, who resides at the corner house next to the Post Office.

Anthony E. Vargas, fruit buyer and chicken fancier with a splendid bunch of laying hens, is much improved. He has been gaining back his health gradually since his illness started in January. Tony is one fine fellow, and his wife Nora has been helping him back to health.

Plans for the establishment of a County Farm Labor Recruiting Office, with sub-offices in Centerville and Pleasanton, were outlined at Hayward at an organization meeting of the newly formed Alameda County Production Committee. T.P. Harvey of Alvarado is among the members.

When you want a nice Hamburger or cheese sandwich, the Half Way House at Alvarado invites you to drop in there. The place is across the street from the Central Bank, and is conducted by a young lady by the name of Evelyn C. Miller. She is originally from Seattle and her mother still lives here. Besides hamburgers she serves coffee and beer. She has made many friends and is very friendly and accommodating.

We want to compliment the Alvarado Post Office for having such accommodating people both in Postmaster Genevieve Dutra and her assistant Alice Menezes. They dress in such cheerful looking dresses that they make it a pleasure to do business at this place run by happy people.

Jack Binder, second trick telegraph operator at the Alvarado Southern Pacific depot for the two years, has been called in the draft and will report next Thursday to go to Monterey. He has made his home at the **Alvarado Hotel** while in this town. He was always very cheerful and efficient. Station agent Wilson will miss him.

Miss Eleanor Silva, charming daughter of Mr. & Mrs. M. F. Silva of the Creek Road, has announced her engagement to a prominent young man in Washington Township. We have not yet learned the name of the lucky young man.

St. Anne's Church is going to get two service flags like other Catholic Churches have in their place of worship. The Alvarado church will also have a roll of honor of their local men printed on a list called a Roll of Honor, which will be enclosed in a wooden case. These patriotic improvements were made possible by the money donated locally by our good people, the sum of \$222.50 being raised. Frank Machado collected \$181.50 and **Matt Machado** collected \$41.00

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#### **Graduating From Washington High:**

The date of the Washington Union High School's graduation exercise program will be held Sunday afternoon June 20<sup>th</sup>. In the graduating class from Alvarado are:

#### **Ernie Machado**

Rosalyn Daviner

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Lorraine Alameda

Anita Cabaran

Jeanette Silveira

Eileen Wilson

#### **Alvarado Grammar School Graduation:**

Graduation exercises at Alvarado Grammar School will be held Friday evening, June 18<sup>th</sup>. There are 21 graduates. They are:

Victoria Benites

Irene Doran

Sophie E. Hernandez

Edward Michie

Placido Paredes

Alden Chamnes

James F. Gardetto

Dolores M. Hernandez

Jeanette Montalbo

David Priego

Florence De Vincenzi

Dorothy J. Eudy

Angelina Leon

Lena Pacheco

Leo Ramirez

Anthony J. Roderick  
Betty Jane Silva  
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Lawrence Samarron  
Manuel Villareal

Esperanza Saucedo  
Glenn E. Wallace

### **Alvarado Sewage System:**

The model new sewage system at Alvarado might well be inspected by officials from various cities located on low ground, where the problems are identical with those in Alvarado. The pumps there shove the sewage along to the modern disposal plant.

**The Hayward Review, June 15, 1943**

### **Alvarado Soldier Killed in Attu:**

Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Allegre of Alvarado-Niles Road received a telegram that their son, Sgt. Joseph Allegre, 39, was killed in action of the Island of Attu in the Alaskan Aleutians. A telegram from the War Department was received by Sergeant Allegre's widow in Berkeley.

He was inducted in April 1941, and returned home for a furlough last April. His brother, Melvin Anthony, was inducted a few weeks ago.

He was the brother of Angie Vargas and Pauline Dutra.

**The Hayward Review, June 22, 1943**

### **Girl Scouts:**

A public investiture service and court of awards was held by the Lone Troop Girl Scouts of Alvarado at the Alvarado Grammar School last week by Mrs. Anelda Hulse, leader in charge. Twelve girls were raised to second-class rank. Betty Ann Jacinto, Margarette Hulse, Joyce Layton, Joel Andrada, Sherry Davis, Claribel Silva, Delores Santos, Barbara Diangson, Eleanor Rose, Janet Layton, Betty Jane Silva and Madeline Hernandez. Dorothy Endy received her tenderfoot badge.

**The Township Register, Niles Calif., June 25, 1943**

### **Alvarado School Graduation:**

Mrs. Walter Robie, oldest Elementary School trustee in point of service in Alameda County presented 21 diplomas to Alvarado Grammar School Graduates. Florice Di Vincenzo was Valedictorian and Placido Paredes gave the welcome address.

No further information on Alvarado and Alviso graduates was found for 1943.

**The Township Register, Niles Calif., June 25, 1943**

### **News Notes:**

Eileen Wilson of Alvarado passed the Subject 'A' English test at UC Berkeley. She is undecided whether to attend the coming term or not.

Miss Janet Decoto, niece of Mrs. August May, is engaged to a very fine young man in the Navy. She is the daughter of Ezra Decoto Jr.

Saenz Claudio is in the Army overseas and is a brother of Mrs. Fernandez, 1026 Maiden Lane. Mr. Claudio formerly lived in New Mexico.

A birthday party was given in honor of Mrs. Madeline Pimentel of 2025 Smith Street, Alvarado at the former Tony Mello's place.

Tony Santos, son of Mr. & Mrs. Tony Santos who resides next to the Alviso School, was a seven-day furlough this past week. He is in the Navy.

Joe Sanchez of Decoto, who is in the Army at Camp White, Oregon, will visit Alvarado the latter part of July. He is engaged to our lovely Alvarado girl, Miss Evelyn Naharro.

Anthony Pine of Alvarado has been in the Army about two weeks. He is located at Los Angeles.

Alice Menezes, Assistant Postmaster and sister Elberta are vacationing at Boulder Creek as guests of Dr. and Mrs. John Bettencourt. Elberta will stay three weeks. She will resume her studies in the fall as a sophomore at San Jose State College. Alice will come home on Sunday.

Considering that Frank Gaspar was bedridden for over two years, it is good news to hear that he was so much improved that he was able to walk up town this week. Frank lives on V Street, and for many years superintended the feeding of sugar beet pulp to Owens Packing Co. cattle near the sugar mill.

Victor Naharro, the pioneer shoe store man residing across from the Pioneer office, is much improved after two years illness. He is able to get about very well, although he is far from strong. His many friends are glad to hear of his improved health.

Clayton George, son of Frank George of the **General Petroleum** distribution agency, has graduated from a Boy Scout to a businessman. He has been hired during the school vacation by his father to drive a truck to deliver gasoline in southern Alameda County, and is doing a good job.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Dutra returned Saturday from attending the war conference of Postmasters of California held at Robergs in Lake County, Their son Robert attended also. They went horseback riding everyday and enjoyed swimming. Robert Dutra showed himself quite an expert at softball and large crowds watched him hit the ball for circuits every trip. Mother, father and son were all dressed alike in cowboy sombreros and like shirts and jeans.

Arlo Barton and wife who formerly conducted the Halfway House across from the bank six years ago are now living in Placerville. Mrs. Barton is just recuperating at her home from a serious illness, having lost her newborn baby. This news was reported by Mr. Barton when he visited Alvarado friends Friday. He also called on Lloyd Bailey of Alvarado, one of his many friends.

Believe it or not, Tony George, formerly of the firm of George Bros., distributors of **General Petroleum** products, drills for the United States army one day a week at Newark. You see, since January 1, 1943 Tony George has been a guard at Westvaco Chlorine Corp. He wanted to help win the war with defense work, so he took a job at Newark.

Manuel Vargas, 835 Watkins Street, brother of Chic Vargas, was seriously injured at the Richmond Shipyard Thursday at 2:30 pm. He stepped on a piece of iron, which gave way and caused him to fall 85 feet. He was lucky to live at all. He was rushed to the Richmond plant field hospital. We are glad to hear they have hopes for his recovery. Mrs. Vargas has suffered a severe shock, but is carrying on well, and she and her son are hopeful for Manuel's recovery. A few others who have plunged in this manner never lived to tell the story. Manuel Vargas has two brothers, Frank and George, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Goularte.

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#### **Dog Makes Good With U.S. Army:**

Frank George got news of his dog "Flash" who was accepted by the "Dogs for Defense" department of the U.S. Army. Our Alvarado distributor of General Petroleum products heard that his dog is being trained for sentry work at San Carlos in San Mateo County.

"Flash" had been sent by Mr. George to police school at San Pablo where they trained Doberman dogs, and the Army appreciated this early training. Thus they decided to continue his development along this line. Many dogs which are not previously trained are put in the sled hauling teamwork. But Frank is happy now that he encouraged "Flash" to become proficient in guard and attack tactics, as well as detective work.

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#### **News Notes:**

Arthur Silveria, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Silveria of V Street, writes to the folks that all is well with him at Camp Roberts.

Miss Roseline Daviner, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Seraphin Daviner of V Street, Alvarado, announced her engagement on graduation day.

The much-hated State Sales Tax will drop, but will not be dropped. Starting July 1<sup>st</sup> the State Sales Tax will fall from 3% to 2.5%.

Lorraine Perry of V Street Alvarado was tendered a lovely party on graduation day of Washington Union High School at her folks home of V Street.

Frank Lewis of Watkins Street is home on furlough from Camp Walden, Farragut, Idaho. His brother Adam Lewis is still at Buckley Field, Denver, CO.

Manuel Silveria of V Street was home Sunday. He is located at an Army Camp near Los Angeles. His folks are Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Silveria.

Joseph Silver of V Street, who is recuperating at his home since his operation on injured nerves says he expects to go back to work in about a month from now. He was asked to work at Holly's Tracy plant, but is undecided whether to work there as he would rather work closer to home.

The Alvarado Sanitary District Commissioners are desirous of making the local system a great success. And so they invite the property owners to help them to see that all homes ARE CONNECTED WITH THE SEWER, as required by law. The cooperation of those who have already signed has been appreciated. The eyes of the rest of the county are on the progress of the Alvarado Sanitary District, as it is know to be one of the most modern. So let us keep up the work and see EVERY HOME IS CONNECTED WITH THE SEWER. Permits for signing up for service may be secured from Frank Machado, Inspector of the District.

Wilma Martin, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Martin of the Whipple Road at Alvarado, is employed at the Oakland Post Office. We are proud of Wilma, who is a graduate of Washington High in 1941, as she has the honor of selling U.S. Defense Stamps at one of the prominent windows at the Oakland Post Office. Another daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Martin is Mildred, who will graduate from Washington High in June 1944. Joseph Martin has always been one of Alvarado's finest citizens, and has made a good school trustee. He is a prominent worker to help St. Anne's Church, and is a prominent member of the Eagles.

Manuel Perry, son of Mrs. Mary Perry of the Creek Road, will be home on a furlough next month for about a weeks stay. He is located at an Army camp in Alaska. Manuel's brother, Ernest Perry, also lives on the Creek Road.

Ramiro Machado, our popular barber at Alvarado, will move his barbershop location to the new shop built by Matt Machado next to his famous wine depot. This town social center for many men makes his location right across from the Grammar School. At present he is adjoining the former Tony Mello Café. For about 20 years Ramiro has had a steady business here.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, July 2, 1943***

#### **Summer Classes:**

Four Washington Township young people leave today for Berkeley, to enroll in summer semester classes. Jacquelyn Burtch of Newark will return as a high freshman. Henry Borghi of Decoto as a sophomore in the Naval Reserve. Margaret Williamson of Niles and Linda Hellwig of Alvarado as seniors in the Department of Political Science classes.

***The Oakland Tribune, July 4, 1943***

#### **Hawaiian Shirt:**

Winifred Santos Harper has received many interesting presents, which are typical of the Hawaiian Islands, where her husband William Harper is stationed in the Army.

Her husband sent her a complete dancer's outfit consisting of a dance skirt, halter-top and leis. Also included were a cocoanut ukulele, necklaces and silver charm bracelets.

***The Hayward Review, July 6, 1943***

**Help Needed on Observation Post:**

Alvarado has put out a call for patriotic citizens to help man the **Air Raid Observation Post** at the Grammar School.

The following are the names of Alvarado people who are being so faithful to our Observation Post. The people of Alvarado should be proud to know that they are serving our country in a worthwhile cause:

MONDAY:

CAPTAIN: **RUBY HARVEY**

06 am to 08 am: Ruth Hellwig  
08 am to 10 am: C.M. Anderson  
10 am to 02 pm: Annie Baird  
02 pm to 04 pm: **Mary Silva**  
04 pm to 06 pm: Hilda Hughes and Mervin Perry

CAPTAIN: JOE ROSE

06 pm to 08 pm: M.C. Lemos and **Bobby Lemos**  
10 pm to 02 am: Joseph A. Rose and John Silva  
02 am to 06 am: Emilio and **Marjorie Re**

TUESDAY:

CAPTAIN: **MARJORIE RE**

06 am to 10 am: Victoria Henry  
10 am to 02 pm: Emily Noia and **Marjorie Re**  
02 pm to 04 pm: Vernon Perry and Vernie Perry  
04 pm to 06 pm: Eileen Wilson

CAPTAIN: ERNIE MACHADO

06 pm to 10 pm: Stanley Lewis and A.J. Vargas  
10 pm to 02 am: John Aguiar  
02 am to 06 am: Manuel Machado and Manuel Benites Jr.

WEDNESDAY:

CAPTAIN: **ISABEL MARTIN**

06 am to 08 am: **Corinne Munger**  
08 am to 10 am: Clara Flores and Viola Dinsmore  
10 am to 02 pm: **Isabel Martin** and **Ruby Harvey**  
02 pm to 06 pm: Vivian Logan and Sally Logan

CAPTAIN: **MATT MACHADO**

06 pm to 10 pm: Blake Hill and Judy Hill  
10 pm to 02 am: Joseph Jacinto Jr.  
02 am to 06 am: **Matt Machado**

THURSDAY:

CAPTAIN: **AURORA LEWIS**

06 am to 08 am: Elaine Sallee  
08 am to 10 am: Helen Alameda  
10 am to 02 pm: Marion Hocking and Angie Vargas  
02 pm to 06 pm: **Aurora Lewis** and Helen Goularte

CAPTAIN: **M.P. ROSE**

06 pm to 10 pm: Helen and Stanley Anderson and Rose Lee  
10 pm to 02 am: **Aurora Lewis** and Joe Lewis



02 am to 06 am: **Manuel P. Rose** and Weston Emery

FRIDAY:

CAPTAIN: **MABEL RODGERS**

06 am to 08 am: **Helen Roderick** and Andy Gardetto

08 am to 10 am: Esther Gardetto and Mary Silveria

10 am to 02 pm: **Mabel Rodgers** and **Mary Borges**

02 pm to 04 pm: Mary Silva

04 pm to 06 pm: **Isabel Martin**

CAPTAIN: **MANUEL A. SILVA JR.**

06 pm to 10 pm: **Manuel Silva Jr.** and William Machado

10 pm to 02 am: Tony Roderick and **Bobby Lemos**

02 am to 06 am: Vacant at present

SATURDAY:

CAPTAIN: **MARY SILVA**

06 am to 10 am: Corinne Munger

10 am to 02 pm: Pearl Peterson and Teddy Peterson

02 pm to 04 pm: Muriel Jacinto and Rose Perry

04 pm to 06 pm: Charlotte Jung

CAPTAIN: **FRANK PINTO**

06 pm to 10 pm: Charles Baird

10 pm to 02 am: **Frank Pinto** and Clifford Rogers

02 am to 06 am: Floyd Russell

SUNDAY:

CAPTAIN: ELIZABETH WALLACE

06 am to 10 am: Glenn Wallace

10 am to 02 pm: Betty, Clara and Joseph Jacinto Sr.

02 pm to 06 pm: Bob Wasley

CAPTAIN: **BECK GARCIA**

06 pm to 10 pm: J.C. and Edith Wasley

10 pm to 02 am: **Beck Garcia** and Ramiro Machado

02 am to 06 am: Elvin Rose and Peter Pinto

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**News Notes:**

**Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Jacinto** and son and daughter visited relatives over the Fourth of July. Miss Alberta Menezes arrived home from Brookdale Saturday where she enjoyed a few weeks of vacationing in Santa Cruz.

Delegates to the SPRSI convention in Fresno were Mrs. Clara Flores, Evelyn Silva and Mamie Roderick. **Mrs. Mary Borges** of the Creek Road attended as a visitor.

15-year old Frank Pinto has been awarded the pin for 500 hours service on the Air Raid Observation post. No other person on the post has served as long.

Manuel Silveria Cardoza of V Street was home on a furlough lately. He surprised his folks as they did not expect him.

James Wasley Jr., is making a name for himself with the Navy. And is now a regulation cadet in the Naval Service.

Mrs. Nora Vargas has been ill in bed but is much improved and is up and around again.

Mrs. Helen Roderick of Creek Road has her father visiting her. He is from Decoto and has been quite ill. He is 75 years old.

Tony Perry of V Street has been busy right along at General Engineering in Alameda for about a year. Tony is going to take a couple of weeks vacation soon.

Mrs. Mary Goularte of the Fair Ranch Road was shopping in Oakland on Friday.

Having a boy of her own in the service and knowing how they live from one letter to another in their lonely stations of Army and Navy, caused **Mrs. Mabel Rodgers** to take on the big job of writing to 19 young men in the service. Her visit to the Navy camp at Idaho where her son Robert was stationed brought her in touch with many lonely hearts far away from home. Well, if Mabel with her jolly remarks cant drive the blues away form the boys we don't know who can.

One of the most efficient workers in defense work among the young ladies in the East Bay is Miss Lucille Slaviero, who is employed at the Radich & Brown Navy Construction plant at San Leandro. Her fiancé is Robert Rodgers of Alvarado, who is in the Navy studying radio work at a big Navy base near Los Angeles. This weekend Miss Slaviero enjoyed the sparkling hospitality of Robert's parents and brother on the Creek Road.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 9, 1943*

#### **Sugar:**

Holly Sugar workers are finding work at other industries in the area and many have been transferred to work in Tracy, where Holly will be processing beets that should have been destined for Alvarado. Ben Koontz, Superintendent for the Alvarado mill is working for California Conserving Co. in Hayward, helping them with some building plans. Tom Patterson of Valle Vista is working for the Pacific Bridge Co. in Alameda and Walter Jorgensen is working around his house doing many improvements he hadn't been able to get to.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 15, 1943*

#### **Promotion at Alvarado Bank Branch:**

Walter M. Oakey, who has been employed by Central Bank since 1928 was recently promoted to the official title of Assistant Cashier at the Central Bank Branch at Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 16, 1943*

#### **Clifford Rogers:**

Clifford Rogers of Alvarado is working in Hayward at the California Conserving Company with his father. Cliff will be a junior at high school when he goes back next term.

*The Hayward Review, July 22, 1943*

#### **New Arrival:**

A son was born July 20<sup>th</sup> to the wife of Tony Carlos, 981 W Street, Alvarado. He weighed 9 pounds and was given the name Richard.

*The Hayward Review, July 27, 1943*

#### **Ground Observer Corps:**

Kenneth Foster has been instructor for the Alvarado Observation Post's plane identification schools and will conduct a class at the Alvarado Grammar School Thursday at 8:00 p.m. Foster, who is the chief observer at Newark is replacing Mrs. Victoria Henry, who was the instructor at Alvarado until she went to Fresno where her husband is located.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 3, 1943*

#### **News Notes:**

Mrs. Isabel Lucas (Alvarado Grammar School teacher) was visited by Mrs. May Dutra from Centerville last Tuesday.

Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Dinsmore are the proud parents of a baby boy. They are spending a few weeks at the home of Clifford's folks, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Dinsmore.

Mrs. Angie Avilla spent four days in Oakland this past week with Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Mesquite. Mrs. Mesquite is a niece of Mrs. Avilla.

Rodney Hendricks is spending his vacation with his aunt, Mrs. Irene Freitas of C Street, Hayward. Mrs. Lorraine Silva has returned from Oregon where she spent a week with her husband Private William Silva, She is planning to return to stay with him.

Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Hendricks and Mr. & Mrs. Ray Schwartz spent last Sunday in Oakland having an enjoyable time.

Eugene Martinez, who is in the Navy, is now home on a leave. His brother, William, has gone back to camp this week.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Pimentel has been visited by Joe's brother, Johnny, who has just arrived from Honolulu on a Navy merchant ship.

Mrs. Mayme Roderick is serving a few hours at the Alvarado Observation Post. Another new observer is Clarence Flores, who is taking Mr. & Mrs. Wasley's shift while the cannery work is on. Melvin Allegre is home for a few days. Melvin is in the Marines and has been stationed in San Diego.

Mrs. Rose Machado of San Jose passed away this past week. She was the former Rose Davilla, who lived here several years ago. She was the aunt of Mrs. Isabel Menezes, Mrs. Mae Santos, Mrs. Clara Jacinto and Mrs. Genevieve Dutra.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 6, 1943*

#### **News Notes:**

Mrs. Felix Diangson was rushed to the San Jose Hospital Wednesday of this week where she was operated on for appendicitis. She is still very ill. On the day she was taken sick she had just given a pint of blood to the Red Cross and complained of feeling ill shortly after.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 13, 1943*

#### **Farm Home Department:**

Twenty-one members of the Alvarado Farm Home Department attended the annual picnic at the Hayward Memorial Park recently. Dutch Whist followed the luncheon at which Mrs. Maryetta Holeman; country farm home demonstration agent was guest. In charge of arrangement were Mrs. Mary Gastelum, Mrs. Jesse Perry, Mrs. Mary Rodrigues, Mrs. Hazel Roderick, Mrs. Bangle and Mrs. Lena Bettencourt.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 13, 1943*

#### **Birthday Club:**

Mrs. Walter Robie was hostess to the Alvarado Birthday Club at a luncheon at the International Kitchen in Niles this week.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 13, 1943*

#### **A Pioneer Passes:**

Mrs. Jemima Brannan of San Lorenzo died last month. She was born in Scotland in 1843 and was brought to Connecticut in 1847. In 1864 she followed an older brother to California and settled at Alvarado where she married William M. Brannan 1871. In 1878 the Brannan's moved to San Lorenzo where Mrs. Brannan spent the rest of life.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 15, 1943*

#### **The Haunted House:**

(From the Aunt Elsie's Children's Page of the *Oakland Tribune*)

One day June and Babs asked their mother if they could go to the haunted house. She said they could. So they packed a lunch and started.

Meanwhile Bob finds it out and decides to scare them.

When they got there they were hungry so they decided to eat. Just then they saw a bear and climbed a tree and the bear ate all their lunch.

When they got down they went into the haunted house. While they were there they saw a ghost and they ran all the way home without stopping. At supper Bob told them he was the ghost. June and Babs laughed and said they were very scared.

By: Marie Jardin, Alvarado, no age given

*The Oakland Tribune, August 15, 1943*

### **Alameda Creek:**

(This is a report from the Hayward Review's wandering reporter)

The other afternoon I was out scouting about trying to learn more about our great Southern Alameda County. I was talking to some farmers down below Alvarado and found that Alameda Creek, which runs through Niles, disappears in a gravel bed west of town, and reappears as a lot of smaller streams that finally reach the bay. All the little concrete bridges you drive over on the highway between Alvarado and Centerville cover little fingers of the Alameda Creek. Farmers like the creek water to pass over their land slowly, to deposit the silt it carries to enrich their soil. Most of that water comes from the Calaveras Dam, above Milpitas.

*The Hayward Review, August 19, 1943*

### **News Notes:**

Neighbors gathered at the home of Mrs. Clarence Pimentel, at the end of Smith Street, Friday to enjoy her hospitality.

Alvarado is not the only Holly Sugar Corp. plant, which is not working this year in California. Two others at Manteca and Hamilton City are also shut down.

A carload of lettuce and cauliflower leaves Hall Station every other day for Portland and other northwest points. It is shipped by the Alvarado Vegetable Growers and is the usual good quality, says warehouse manager Dave Caeton.

Miss Muriel Oakes, 21, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George Oakes of the "Pioneer" left this week by airplane for Mexico City where she will attend the University of Mexico, continuing her education in anthropology, which she has specialized in at U.C. Berkeley for the last three years.

Word has been received by the Pioneer that Private First Class Adam Lewis of Alvarado graduated August 17<sup>th</sup> from the Armament Department there. Adam is the son of Mrs. Mary Dutra of 940 Watkins Street, Alvarado.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 20, 1943*

### **Alvarado Fire:**

While the Ledesma family was in their home, flames started pouring from their house, and despite the heroic efforts of the Alvarado Fire Department the house was half burned. It seems that neighbors noticed the fire first and turned in the alarm. Not an awful lot of their belongings were saved. The house is owned by John Ralph.

The house is located next to the poolroom, which would have burned except for the prompt response of the firemen with their fine apparatus. A fine stream of water promptly subdued the fire. Al Cadero played an important part in operating the truck and fire hose, and so did Manuel Silva Jr., the blacksmith.

A little delay was seen in the giving of the alarm to the fire department. In the future if the telephone operator is notified directly, she will give the warning to the firemen. This is done by her authority to switch on the fire siren, which located on the top of Dinsmore's Store.

Vernon Perry noticed the fire first, and neighbors had a hard believing his attempt to tell of the flames. They'll believe him from now on. That boy knows his onions, even if he is only about 7 years old.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 20, 1943*

**News Note:**

Ronald Allen, son of Mr. & Mrs. Ray Lawrence of Hayward, is spending a vacation with his aunt and uncle, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Flores, of Alvarado.

*The Hayward Review, August 24, 1943*

**News Notes:**

Mrs. Verbie Perry of Hayward visited with **Mr. & Mrs. Emilio Re** Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Re are employees of Gorrie & Yeoman Feed Store at Hayward.

Our fine local citizen, Mrs. Diangson is home from an operation at the San Jose Hospital. We are glad to hear that she is much improved.

Eugene Pine is visiting his folks in Alvarado. He visited his sister, Mrs. Emily Noia this Sunday. He is in the U.S. Army Service at Los Angeles.

Vivian Logan, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Logan of Alvarado, attended the wedding of a classmate at San Jose State College.

The State Agricultural Dept has set a limit of 17¢ a box picked for round canning tomatoes. The pear shaped tomatoes, smaller and more difficult to pick will have a 21¢ ceiling.

Mr. & Mrs. John Machado of Union City Road returned this week from a vacation at Santa Cruz.

Bobby Rodgers, son of Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Rodgers, is stationed at Treasure Island in the Navy service now. He visited here and together with his fiancée was entertained in glorious style by Mr. & Mrs. A.E. Vargas at a lovely dinner this week. A guest at the same time was Mrs. Isabel Lucas.

An afternoon dinner was given in honor of Private William Silva of Granger Avenue on furlough from the Army Camp near Portland Oregon. Those who attended were his wife, Mrs. Lorraine Silva, and his folks Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silva. Also in attendance were Mr. & Mrs. George Goularte, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Goularte, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Goularte Sr. and the Misses Jeanette and Isabel Silveria.

Frank George, distributor of General Petroleum products, has a splendid interior-decorating job done on his office in Alvarado by Al Cadero. The carpenter work is excellent and the knotty-pine grain look reminds one of a noted drawing room. Another room was added also.

The splendid big feed firm of Hayward Poultry Producers has five Alvarado men employed by them. They are: Edward Vargas, in the service department; **Emilio Re** and Joe Pimentel as truck drivers; William Machado and M.P. Rose, floor men. Mr. Eric Ruus is manager. He lives near the Tennyson district.

In speaking to Fire Chief James Wasley this week, he is worried about the public's seeming problem of how to GIVE A FIRE ALARM. Mr. Wasley advises running to the telephone immediately and telling the Alvarado operator. She will immediately cause the fire siren on top of Dinsmore's Store to sound out the warning to the firemen, who will respond immediately as usual, and start on their way to the blaze.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 27, 1943*

**Sugar:**

To the Hayward area belongs the distinction of having the first sugar beet mill in America. The sugar mill at Alvarado was the first (**successful**) of its kind ever to be erected in the United States. It has been kept modern and is today in splendid condition.

But the war has played havoc with the beet sugar industry and local congressman are being asked by members of the California Beet Association to aid in planning now for the 1944 crop. The following plea on the behalf of the sugar beet industry has been released from San Francisco:

"Unless Washington announces its program by October 1<sup>st</sup>, there is grave danger that the whole sugar beet industry of the Nation may be jeopardized," said Gordon Lyons.

Federal regulations covering the current crop were not released until five months after the planting season, with the result that California's production was 100,000 acres below normal.  
*The Hayward Review, August 24, 1943*

#### **News Notes:**

Tom Gallagher, who was away from Alvarado and working in Oakland for about a year, is now back in Alvarado. He resides over Sam Dinsmore's Store with his mother, Mrs. Louis Cunha. Mr. & Mrs. Forbes of Oakland visited Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Jacinto recently. Mr. & Mrs. Rush of Granger Avenue are the proud parents of a baby girl. Miss Florence Hamby of Oakland, accompanied by Mr. L. Telles, visited Mr. & Mrs. William Avila of Smith Street. Mrs. Isabel Rodriguez, who operates the Beauty Shop here, tells us that blood donors are urgently needed at Niles. Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Martin have moved in town after living at home with her parents for a number of years. PFC Melvin Allegre visited his wife (nee Hilda Pinto) lately. He is stationed at Norman, Oklahoma where he is with the ground crew in the aviation department of the Marines. Wilbert Hendricks is working the past five weeks at Hall Station for the Alvarado Vegetable Growers. Ernie Machado, stationed in S.F. and working to repair ships on the docks, comes home every weekend. He is the son of Matt Machado, distributor of excellent wines. Ed Martinez of the U.S. Navy has sent news to his family that he will be home soon for a short visit. Miss Doris Martinez celebrated her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday last Sunday at her home. Mr. & Mrs. J. Silva, Mr. Ronald Rose, and Mrs. Joseph Rose visited the A.E. Vargas home on Smith Street. Mervin Christiansen, former Alvarado boy, visited friends here while on a furlough. He has been stationed in North Carolina by Uncle Sam's forces. Rich Munger visited his folks here. He is stationed at Phoenix, Arizona. He is in the Air Corps and flew over Alvarado on purpose a few weeks ago. Corporal Fred Perry and, Verbonia, were the guests of Mr. & Mrs. Emilio Re Sunday at Alvarado. Walter Fasolis is now stationed at Port Hueneme, California. Walter passed through Alvarado aboard a train a few Sundays ago.

Two new gas pumps have arrived at the Shell Gas Station owned and operated here by Mrs. Winifred Harper. The improved and larger tanks Winifred busy. She is assisted by Alberta Menezes.

Leonard Dutra celebrated his birthday Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at Alma Rock Park in San Jose. There was a linguicia barbecue and a weenie roast. His father, Frank Dutra, was the cook. Attending was Miss Lillian Silva of Hayward, Mr. & Mrs. David Silva of San Leandro, Mr. & Mrs. Philbert Dutra of Alvarado, and Mr. & Mrs. Joe Pimentel and son Melvin.

Central Bank today opened a drive to sell \$10,000,000 in war bonds, with the Liberty Bell as the theme of the campaign and every officer and staff member of the bank listed as a "salesman for Uncle Sam."

Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Serpa and daughter are now living in the Alvarado Niles Road district. Mrs. Serpa is the former Betty Medeiros. Mr. Serpa is employed at the James Graham Mfg Co. at Newark, and has been working on the victory shift at the Hunt Bros. cannery in Hayward.

*The Alvarado pioneer, September 3, 1943*

#### **Tomatoes:**

The Alvarado section will begin sending tomatoes to California Conserving Co in two weeks. The plant has been processing tomatoes from the Merced Valley for the past month.

***The Hayward Review, September 7, 1943***

**New Arrival:**

A son, named Donald Anthony, was born on August 30, in Hayward Hospital to the wife of Tony Brune of Alvarado.

***The Hayward Review, September 9, 1943***

**Alvarado School:**

The Alvarado Grammar School will open on Monday, September 20, according to Mrs. Walter Robie, clerk of the school board of trustees. Principal J. C. Wasley and other members of the faculty will return with the exception of Mrs. Ruth Davis who has resigned. Anticipated decreased enrollment will result in dropping the sixth teacher.

***The Oakland Tribune, September 12, 1943***

**Tent City:**

There has been a tent city erected in Alvarado for colored farm helpers, and it has doubled the population, but there seems to be enough work for them.

***The Hayward Review, September 15, 1943***

**News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Pimentel of Smith Street visited James Knight who has just got back from overseas, where he served his country for eight months.

Everybody buying a Victory Bond now at the Central Bank in Alvarado, or at the Alvarado Theater from E. Naharro, will be given a ticket, which will admit that person free to the Bond Night Preview on September 28<sup>th</sup>. A film from Hollywood, which has not been seen here before will be a feature. So the local citizens who make a patriotic sacrifice and in an investment in a bond will be honored by being admitted free. So, we repeat, to enjoy this BIG BOND NITE, you will have to secure a ticket from on of the two places mentioned above, the bank or the show house.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, September 17, 1943***

**Washington Township War Dead:**

The first gold star to hang in the window of a Niles home is that which replaces one of the five stars on the service flag of Ignacio and Maria Avila, of the Mexican settlement in Old Town. A telegram from the War Department has informed the parents that their son, John, the first born of their 11 children died at the age of 24 in the service in Sicily. Avila has four brothers in the service.

This is the third Washington Township boy to be killed in action, the other are: Pvt. Kenneth Santiago, 31 of Decoto, who died in the South Pacific; and Sgt. Joseph Allegre, 29, of Alvarado who died on the Alaskan Island of Attu.

Of the approximately 1,000 boys enlisted or sent from Draft Board No. 75 (Niles), only four have been listed as missing: PFC Joseph Bernardo, 32, of Centerville, tank corps at Bataan; Paul Rivers of Alvarado, U.S. Army Air Corps in the Solomons; Sgt. James Sinclair 26, of Irvington, Infantry in New Guinea; and Lieut. Douglas Rorabeck of Sunol, bombardier in the European area.

The first casualty from the township was Pvt. Ernest Azevedo of Mission San Jose, who died while in training in the United States.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, September 17, 1943***

**Classified Ad:**

USED CARS:

Motorcycle for sale. Harley Davidson '31 model.

Opposite the Sugar Mill in Alvarado.  
*The Hayward Review, September 23 1943*

#### **News Notes:**

The Alvarado Grammar School was closed the past week, as lack of many children working in the fields made a low attendance. School will reopen Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Joe Dutra and four of his companions each brought home a fine buck, a remarkable record for a group of deer hunters. Even Joe Dutra's son, Robert, has a hunting outfit, but the artillery he uses won't hurt an of the neighbors yet, still he see how daddy does it, so he is itching to go and do his stuff.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 24, 1943*

#### **Tent City:**

Last year the colored farm workers of Alameda County established a harvest workers camp at Alvarado entirely for Negroes who wished to do farm labor. There were about forty there last year and the camp earned a fine reputation for neatness and the thrifty work done by the colored hands there.

This year the number has doubled but the work has not kept pace with the increase. Last week there were too many idle days at Camp Alvarado.

*The Hayward Review, September 28, 1943*

#### **Judy Hill:**

Judy Hill, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Blake Hill has enrolled as a junior at Castilleja School for Girls at Palo Alto. She graduated from the Alvarado Grammar School and Washington Union High School.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 1, 1943*

#### **News Notes:**

Adam Lewis of Alvarado is being trained to become an aerial gunner and expects to get his 'wings' soon. He is to be transferred for six weeks training in Utah.

Mr. & Mrs. Ferdinand Paredes of the Alvarado Hotel can be proud of their three sons. Two are in the service. Fred Paredes was on furlough here this weekend from his Navy duties at Farragut Idaho. Anthony Paredes is with the Air Corps in Florida. The youngest son, Placido, is going to high school in Centerville.

"Bring'em back for sure" Joe Dutra returned last week with a nice buck from Dardanelles. Also on the trip were Anthony Vargas, Iver Paulsen, Nick Lewis, Lloyd Silva and Julius Himlig. They also returned with bucks.

Robert Dutra, of Alvarado, accompanied by his mother, Postmistress Genevieve Dutra and his Uncle Morris Davilla attended the Cole Brothers Circus in Oakland for the 3rd consecutive year. Robert returned home with a live chameleon, which he has been pinned on his lapel and which has also been scaring his girl friends away.

A week ago the Alvarado Fire Department responded to a fire in the vicinity of Valle Vista and made a good showing with eight men. This weekend a grass fire along the S.P. Co. tracks near the Holly Sugar Mill was responded to and the fire quickly put under control. The fire siren sure brought the firemen from their supper.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 1, 1943*

#### **Farm Camps:**

The terrific need of getting migratory workers to pick the ripening crops in California caused the problem to arise of how to house the more than 50,000 workers who had come lately from parts outside of California. This problem was immediately solved by men in the employ of our great



Governor, Earl Warren. They decided to erect some 20 migratory camps right away. So on the July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year the construction firm of Nelsen and Ewing of Hayward was awarded a contract to supply for the State of California some 20 migratory camps.

When we refer to these migratory camps, we mean dwellings that are comfortable and people can enjoy living in them. The contractors furnished only the buildings, but plumbing, etc., making it ready for occupancy. And where do you think these buildings were built first of all? Well, believe it or not, right here in Hayward at Nelson's Hayward Mill and Lumber at No.1 Castro Street.

These prefabricated homes were transported by the trucks to the sites. One building can be put together in a few hours, and a whole camp can be assembled in less than a week in this method. You see, the speed was necessary to compete against the ripening crops.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 8, 1943*

#### **News Notes:**

Headquarters, at European Theater of Operations, United States army: Corporal Joseph D. Peters, son of Mrs. Anna Peters, Alvarado Calif., has been promoted to the grade of Sergeant.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Pimentel of Smith Street celebrated their wedding anniversary on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> with a barbecue. A game of cards followed with prizes to the best players.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 8, 1943*

#### **Alvarado School Traffic Patrol:**

Thank to Principal James Wasley, we have herewith the names of the boys on the Traffic Patrol who guard the crossing at the main street noontime and after school. This makes for the safety of the pupils. The schoolboys on the Traffic Patrol are:

CAPTAIN: Kenneth Roderick

LIEUTENANT: Laverne Sa

#### **SERGEANTS:**

First: Joseph Lewis

Second: Ronald Silva

Third: Bob Montalbo

Fourth: Edward Peterson

Fifth: Bob Wasley

#### **OFFICERS:**

1: Richard Faria

2: Clyde Davis

3: Bradley Martinez

4: Granville Hutchinson

5: Carlos Renteria

6: Prank Picetti

7: Mervin Perry

8: Joseph Silva

9: Eugene Jardin

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 8, 1943*

#### **News Notes:**

One of our prettiest young women, Mrs. Hilda Allegre, left this last week for Oklahoma to be with her husband who is in the U.S. Marines. She expects to be with him until February.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Dutra and son are now making their home on Granger Avenue. They resided above the saloon formerly known as Mello's Saloon.

Mr. & Mrs. Graydon Spurlock and daughter Beverly are now home after a two weeks vacation at Colorado. Mr. Spurlock's brother is now home on a twenty-day leave after being in Sicily, Palermo, and many foreign fighting fronts. His tales and souvenirs are of utmost interest.

Miss Judith Ann Serpa, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Serpa, of Fair Ranch Road, celebrated her first birthday on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October. Many friends and relatives were present for the occasion and many gifts were given in her honor.

Mrs. Anna Hendricks and Miss Jeanette Goularte are employed by Dave Caeton at the Alvarado Vegetable Growers packing plant at the Hall Station. They are packing and shipping vegetables here for boys in the service.

The former Miss Doris Johnson has been recently married and is making her home at Ashland. She is employed at Friedens factory in San Leandro. Her family resided at the end of V Street a few years ago.

Friends of Robert Rodgers, who is in the Navy, destination unknown, will be glad to hear that his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Antone Rodgers, have received mail from him this past week mentioning that some mail has already reached him.

Miss Jeanette Silveira of Alvarado, who resides on Granger Avenue, is being visited by her fiancée who is in the United States Army. Jeanette and her beau have been engaged for several months now.

Miss Lorraine Alameda, another one of our charming Alvarado girls, who resides with her parents on V Street, has announced her engagement to Anthony Pine this past week. Miss Alameda graduated from Alvarado Grammar School and Washington Union High School. Mr. Pine, who is now in the U.S. Army is here on a furlough, is a graduate of the class of 1940 from Washington Union High.

Mr. & Mrs. Emilio Re of Smith Street had as guests this past week Corporal Frank Re who is stationed in Louisiana and also Miss Josephine Re and her fiancée, who is stationed at Camp Parks in the Navy.

Natividad Saucedo is serving nice sandwiches and beer at her Half Way House in Alvarado. She is giving good service and has a good trade. She is very accommodating and very appreciative of increased patronage. The assistants are very polite and cheerful and we wish them luck.

Miss Irma Borges has been proudly wearing an engagement ring from Sgt. Warren Silva, recently home on a furlough. Both are charming. Miss Borges and Sgt. Silva are both graduated from Alvarado Grammar School and Washington Union High School.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 15, 1943*

### **Frank George's Dog "Flash:"**

The splendidly trained dog "Flash" has arrived somewhere in Europe. This was the word received by Frank George from the U.S. Government regarding his dog.

Frank George is the very well known General Petroleum distributor for Southern Alameda County, with offices in Alvarado. He has a hobby of training the intelligent Doberman dogs and also the German shepherd variety. This hobby of Mr. George's paid good dividends for the Government. The Army Dogs for Defense Department uses them for sentry duty and for bringing supplies to the wounded, and this is probably what Frank George's dog will do in helping win the war.

The dogs that Frank trained were super intelligent and even now the U.S. Government has its eye on another trained dog, called Judy, also belonging to Frank.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 15, 1943*

### **Tin Can Drive:**

J.V. Goold, principal of the Washington Union High School in Centerville, chairman of the tin can drive, has asked school children to assist in collecting cans, which are to be picked up by Oakland trucks from a central dump site in each town. Town chairmen have been appointed as follows: Alvarado, J.C. Wasley; Warm Springs, Leslie H. Maffey; and Alviso, Mrs. Elsie Madruga.

Cans must be dry and clean, free of wrappers, and flattened after the tops and bottoms have been removed.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 17, 1943*

### **Chamber of Commerce:**

The boarding up of the sides of the Observation Post in school grounds temporarily (until needed again for active duty: saw action by the **Chamber** to foot the bill for the lumber.

Frank Machado presided as president of the Alvarado **Chamber of Commerce** at the meeting on Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Alvarado schoolhouse. A good turnout was there to hear Postmaster Enos of Niles explain about the need of making the War Chest Drive a success. He said he had appointed Joe Lewis as Alvarado chairman. Endorsement of the War Chest Drive was passed by the Chamber body. Mr. Enos said many towns were raising \$2,000 each in the Township. It is expected that a day's pay will be appreciated for a donation.

John Ralph's Service Flag is to be hung in the Post Office having the names of every Alvarado boy in the service and it made a big hit. It was intensely patriotic with its American Flag background. The names are written in ink at the bottom of the flag, and the wooden frame has a glass front, which will always keep the flag bright and clean.

There was hope of continued cooperation from the Scout Executive, and so the Boy Scouts will make another try of it. The **Chamber of Commerce** has quite a live sponsoring committee, and Mike Salido has undertaken the job as Scoutmaster.

Our Station agent (E.J. Wilson) was named chairman of a committee to contact the County Health Officer and ask for cooperation for a united effort with local homeowners to help exterminate the rats, which have increased in all East Bay cities.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 22, 1943*

### **News Notes:**

**Mr. & Mrs. M.E. Amaral** of the Creek Road entertained Sunday for Mrs. Amaral's father, Mr. John C. Vargas. The occasion was Mr. Vargas' birthday.

**M.E. Amaral** received word this week from SSgt. L.A. Roderick that he is in Kingman, Arizona on detached service.

Mr. & Mrs. Whipple (nee Miss Munger) visited her mother father, Mr. & Mrs. M.P. Munger of Alvarado lately.

Principal James Wasley of the Alvarado Grammar School and his corps of assistants and civic-minded housewives issued the No. 4 Ration Books the past week.

Joaquin Vargas, owner of the Vargas Furniture Store in Hayward, was recently married at the All Saints Church in Hayward. Joaquin belongs to the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce and owns property in Alvarado, where he is known especially for his courteous and continual smiling, genial personality.

Joseph Nobrega and Joe C. Alvey have filed a petition with the State Board of Equalization for an on sale beer and wine license for their establishment at the corner of V Street and Marsh Road (Levee Street ?) in downtown Alvarado.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, October 22, 1943***

### **Local Veggie Report:**

The most Cauliflower that is being packed at the Hall Station Warehouse has been from the fields of Manuel Rose, Ed Lebon and Al Caeton says David Caeton, manager of the warehouse. Broccoli and peppers are also raised here and packed at Hall's.

Sweet Spanish onions are a big crop at Wes Emery's ranch. He has been selling it at a very satisfactory price.

The largest acreage of potatoes around here was that of Ted Harvey, who had about 100 acres. Lloyd Bailey and the McKeown's had next in large amounts of potatoes.

The vegetables packed at Hall Station have been sold to the local central California market and not shipped east.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, October 29, 1943***

### **News Notes:**

A war bond will be given away to some lucky winner, the object being a worthy one, to raise funds for St. Anne's Church in Alvarado. **Frank Machado** has sold over 600 tickets already. Everybody seems glad to buy them.

James Wasley Jr., Cadet in the United States Navy and now studying dentistry at the Affiliated Colleges in S.F., looked swell in his Navy uniform while in Alvarado on a visit a few days ago. He was given a money belt by President **Frank Machado** of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce.

Frank George of Alvarado gave a wild duck dinner on Thursday evening October 28 at the Alvarado Hotel to his Mobil Gas Dealers in Southern Alameda County. The dining room of the Alvarado Hotel was used exclusively for this banquet and F. Paredes head chef, was in rare form. All said they had never tasted more delicious wild duck in their lives. The tables were attractively decorated with flowers.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, October 29, 1943***

### **Lund's Celebrate Fiftieth:**

Mr. & Mrs. Anton Lund of Hayward will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on November 11<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon with an open house. Mr. & Mrs. Lund were both born in Denmark, having resided in Alvarado and Hayward for the past fifty-two years. He is a retired blacksmith.

***The Hayward Review, November 2, 1943***

### **New Arrival:**

To Mr. & Mrs. Clarence W. Eddy of Alvarado, a son, 7 pounds 2½ ounces, born on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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### **War Chest Drive:**

The drive for the War Chest for the needy resulting from the war, as well as for men in the service, will start this Monday November 8<sup>th</sup> in the Alvarado area. Joseph Lewis has been appointed by Postmaster Enos from Niles as the Alvarado chairman. Some \$17,000 is to be raised in the Township and Alvarado is asked to do its share of around \$2,000. Joe Lewis has gone to work in an earnest manner and has a fine committee of dependable workers from various parts of Alvarado.

Mr. Lewis has named the committees as follows:

SAM DINSMORE: In charge of fraternal organization and civic bodies.

GENEVIEVE DUTRA: (Postmistress) In charge of the Business District collections.

Mrs. Joe Flores	Mrs. Ethel Borges	Mrs. Helen Alameda	Mike Salido
Miss Mamie Silveira	Mrs. Aurora Lewis	Mrs. Marjorie Re	Miss Amelia Silva
Mrs. Melvin Peterson	Mrs. Harvey Granger	Manuel Amaral	George Hocking
<b>Mrs. Felix Diangson</b>	Jesus Martinez	Joseph Rose	John A. Silva

JAMES C. WASLEY: In charge of distributing educational material.

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### **News Notes:**

This past summer Miss Hughes of Watkins Street visited up in the mountains of Mokelumne Hill, near San Andreas.

Patricia Vargas, daughter of **Mr. & Mrs. Frank Vargas** (nee **Mary Diaz**), celebrated her third birthday.

Mr. & Mrs. Russell Davis of Smith Street are parents of another baby daughter named Charleene. They have another daughter, Miss Marleene.

The Alvarado Service Club soon to be unfurled testament to the Alvarado fighting boys in the war was made possible by the work of John Ralph, who served on the committee of the Chamber body. He reports that he received cooperation from Morris Davilla for painting the frame. Also Tony Pine who fashioned the frame moulding at the planing mill, and from Miss Perry of the Grammar School staff of teacher who wrote in the names.

Mr. D. Diaz of the Union Meat Market brought up his sons and daughter here and they have married and stayed in this vicinity. Here they are:

Sig Diaz: Married Antoinette Torquemada some years ago, and they reside on the Creek Road. He works at Moore Shipyard.

Cip Diaz: He and his wife (nee Erma Machado) live on V Street.

Ray Diaz: He and his wife (Bernice Lezand) are at Phoenix, Arizona at which point he in the service.

Mary (Diaz) Vargas: Frank & Mary Vargas, live in a nice cottage near the Meat Market.

**Ray Diaz**, who is with the Medical Corps at the air base at Williams Field, Arizona, made a trip with his wife and another couple to the Roosevelt Dam, 100 miles away. Ray played on the championship service baseball team, starring in center field.

We hear reports on the Union City Duck Club members getting their limit on ducks. Surely this is one of the best clubs around here. Among those getting their limits lately were Nick Lewis, Al Searle (from Decoto), Joe Dutra, Clarence Flores and William Buchen.

We want to compliment Mrs. Frank Machado, head gardener at the Machado home on Smith Street for her lovely garden, Right now the wonderful begonias of various colors of red, pink and lemon color are truly beautiful. They are planted in front of the house.

E. Naharro, of the Alvarado Theater, show real up-to-date film features. For next Sunday here are two top-notches:

"WE'VE NEVER BEEN LICKED," an aviation romance.

"SALUDOS AMIGOS," a Walt Disney feature length.

Two interior county men made history last week. Judge Lincoln Church (born in Alvarado) who recently retired from the Alameda County Superior Court at Oakland was succeeded by the popular Ezra Decoto Jr., who was born in Decoto. Mr. Decoto is the brother of Mrs. Janet Decoto May of and Alvarado and Peter L. Decoto of Decoto.

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**Machado Garage:**

Mr. Machado of **Machado's Garage** (across from the Alvarado Theater) has many used cars for sale. Also he has good buys in auto tires and batteries and auto parts. Buy here at home; you will be surprised at his big stock. You can save money we are told.

This garage is trying to give the town of Alvarado auto repair service, so why not patronize them. Their mechanic does a fine job, we are informed. Mr. Machado's son is assisting him.

He believes in backing up the **Alvarado Chamber of Commerce** and he and his son attended the last meeting in October at the school. They sell Texaco gas and oils.

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**William Diangson:**

William Diangson of Alvarado has been making a fine record at the Brown Military academy at Pacific Beach, San Diego, California. This is the news the Academy wrote to us this week:

"On Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, Cadet Diangson was awarded the Commandant's Ribbon for conduct in the Brown Military Chapel."

His folks are very fine citizens, very patriotic and their son William comes by this wonderful leadership naturally. His parents are Mr. & **Mrs. Felix Diangson**, who are in business on Smith Street. They belong to the **Alvarado Chamber of Commerce**. Mrs. Diangson is collecting funds from local Filipinos and even before the War Chest Drive had started here, she has collected over \$100 already. She is a real fine woman and Mr. Diangson is a fine man.

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**New Owner of Gas Station:**

The gas station known as the "La Entrada" at the entrance to Alvarado from Mt. Eden where they formerly sold Richfield gas has been reopened by Mr. Machado of **Machado's Garage**.

They are selling Golden Eagle gas, and they claim to save car users money. Trucks can save 1 cent a gallon, and many are using it they say. Mr. Machado has the sole agency of Golden Eagle gas for Alvarado, and his daughter Sacramento has personal charge of the station.

Julian Yabut, now in the armed forces, once handled this gas station.

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**Alvarado Library:**

Books you will enjoy at the Alvarado Library:

Why don't more people enjoy that up-to-date Alvarado Library, a branch of the Alameda County Library. Mrs. Forbes is a fine librarian, and so accommodating. The Editor asked Mrs. Forbes for a few top-notch books she has, which are also much in demand in bigger cities. She gave us this list:

"An American Doctor's Odyssey," by Victor Helser, backed by the Rockefeller Foundation, he has probably more movements to save and prolong life than any other person.

"Keep Your Powder Dry," by Margaret Mead.

"Forgotten Waters" By Randolph Seigh.

The Moon is Down," by Steinbeck; the scene of the book is any conquered country in any time. Although the weapons and ideologues may be of the present they are only vehicles for the theme that a free people are unconquerable.

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**Girl Scouts:**

Girl Scout week the past week was observed by all the girls going to church and attending mass. They wore their uniforms too. In fact they showed their colors all week, most of them wearing it to school too.

Its leader, Mrs. Anelda Hulse, who has three daughters in the troop, gives fine leadership to the Girl Scout Troop.

Among the girls in the troop are: Artis Hulse, Anelda Hulse, Marguerite Hulse, Betty Ann Jacinto, Clarabel Silva, Jolle O'Neil, Betty Silva, Joyce Layton, Janet Layton, Madeline Hernandez, Georgia Davis, Cherry Davis, Elinor Rose, Dorothy Eudey and Barbara Diangson.

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**Mrs. Anna D. Pimentel Dies:**

Funeral services were held Tuesday for Mrs. Anna D. Pimentel, 76, of 1311 "I" St., Decoto, who died there November 5<sup>th</sup>. She was the wife of the late Enos Pimentel.

Mrs. Pimentel was the mother of Mrs. Mary Nunes and Helen Pimentel of Decoto, Tony L., William and Ernest Pimentel of Hayward, Mrs. Minnie Lawrence and William Rose of Alvarado, and the late Mrs. Margaret Lazarus of San Jose.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 9, 1943*

**Alvarado Church Bazaar:**

On Friday & Saturday nights the annual bazaar was held for the benefit of St. Anne's Church and over \$1,000 was realized. The live-wire committees and all of the parishioners united with all our local people to make it a success. Both nights of November 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> were well attended.

We heard many expressions of appreciation of the cheerful leadership of Father McLaughlin, of St. Anne's Church. A tireless worker himself, his table at the bazaar brought in almost \$200. Manuel Perry used his smile and cheerful bidding voice to interest local people as well as folks from Alameda and Oakland for his fortune wheel. This was good for between \$200 & \$300.

Frank Machado handled the tickets for the \$25 Bond, and over \$100 was realized on this. We understand he sold around 2,000 tickets. He was paid a public compliment for his outstanding work.

**Frank Roderick** won the calf, and \$65 was realized on this. The ladies who took care of the kitchen surely deserve a big vote of thanks for their painstaking labor, and wonderful refreshments. They brought in a fine sum too. Mrs. Mary Rivers, Mrs. Borges and Gertie Machado were the leasers here.

Many well-decorated booths were well patronized. Mrs. Eleanor Azevedo, Mrs. Manuel Borges, Clarence Flores, Joe Dutra, Henry Flores, Joe Goularte and wife, Mrs. Emilio Re, Tony Alexander and **Mr. & Mrs. Frank Roderick** also were hard-working members of the committee.

We understand that the \$1,000 raised by Alvarado was more than the bazaar at Centerville's Catholic Church made. Both did well, however.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 12, 1943*

**Cauliflower:**

Alvarado is at the heart of cauliflower growing area in Southern Alameda County, called the "Cauliflower center of the West Coast." Cauliflower is planted in July and August and is harvested from Thanksgiving in to April. Our biggest market is the East Coast where cauliflower is scarce this time of the year. They are shipped in rail cars from the Hall Station via iced boxcars.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 16, 1943*

**News Notes:**

Sgt. Adam Lewis, former secretary of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce, has been visiting his family here after completing basic training as an aerial gunner at Buckingham Field in Florida.

Pvt. Presciliano B. Gurrea, trainee at the Western Signal Corps Training Center in Camp Kohler, Calif., has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal. Before joining the Army Pvt. Gurrea lived in Alvarado, California.

Robert Aranda, aged 6 months, one of the twins born to Jose and Amelia Aranda in Alvarado last May died at an Oakland Hospital and was given final rites in Alvarado Thursday. Services were held at the home of the grandmother, Maria Mercado of 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Alvarado.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 19, 1943*

**News Notes:**

Mrs. Marguerite Cadero has been chosen as Associate Matron of the Orient Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Joe Lewis, Chairman of the Alvarado War Chest Drive, reports that Alvarado has about half the local quota and expects more soon.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Silveira, **Mr. & Mrs. Seraphine Daviner** of V Street, and daughter Rosalyn, who is one Alvarado's most attractive young ladies, attended the Whist Party given by the Hayward Eagles.

On Wednesday evening, Cpl. Arthur Silveira arrived at his V Street home on a furlough from Camp Ord. Just to show what good time he made coming home, we understand he made the whole distance in about two hours.

Seraphine Daviner Jr., son of **Mrs. & Mrs. S. Daviner** of V Street has returned home Jackson Lake Hospital in Oakland. He is on the way to recovery after being operated on for appendicitis, which had left him in poor health. He will soon be strong enough to resume his duties at Mare Island Navy Yard where he was a sheet metal worker.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 26, 1943*

**Anthony E. Vargas Dies:**

There wasn't a finer man in Alvarado than A.E. Vargas. Tony was interested in his hometown, Alvarado, practically his whole life. His passing is a hard blow to an equally fine citizen, his good wife, Mrs. Nora Vargas. There was a love match if ever there was one, and in recent years when both had sieges of illness, there was that devotion that we call 100 percent.

We went to that home weekly, and it was a happy home, too. Tony had been conducting business in this city and later became a fruit buyer for a large fruit concern. His smile and cheery ways were known in fraternal orders like the Eagles, and by his large number of friends all over Alameda County.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 3, 1943*

**Anthony J Vargas:**

We didn't know that Anthony J. Vargas had such a fine hobby of thoroughbred canaries until the other day, when we had the opportunity to see them. We met Tony Vargas at his father-in-law's store, A.A. (Tony) Lee. Well we got to talking about these birds and Tony invited us to see some 75 birds, all with a pedigree. He has a record of each one. Right now he is getting ready to exhibit some of birds at a big show.

The big event is the Oakland International Roller Canary Club exhibition to be held in the Pacific Building at 16<sup>th</sup> & Jefferson Streets in Oakland.



His Rollers are registered birds, which means they have pedigreed records. This will be Mr. Vargas' first entry in competition. He belongs to the International Oakland Roller Canary Club, which is sponsoring the exhibit of best birds in the West.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, December 3, 1943***

#### **News Notes:**

The Washington Township Christmas Seal Drive will be headed by Miss Mildred Nauert, Mrs. August May and **Mrs. W.S. Robie** in Alvarado.

Tony Paredes, son of Mr. & Mrs. Ferdinand Paredes of the Alvarado Hotel, is home on furlough from his camp in Florida.

**Mrs. Walter Robie** received the shocking news that her grandson, Tom Muller of Davis Cal., had been shot by the accidental discharge of a .22 rifle. He is expected to make a full recovery.

The firemen of the Alvarado Fire Dept. have been receiving lessons in the use of the resuscitator machine, which is a first aid means of often time saving lives. The Fire Commissioners deserve credit for buying this up-to-date apparatus. It cost some \$400.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, December 3, 1943***

#### **Beet Harvester:**

Ranchers of Washington Township and from surrounding territories will witness the second local demonstration of the new automated sugar beet harvester, which is expected to revolutionize the industry from a labor standpoint. The first demonstration was given two weeks ago when local beet growers saw the machine dig, top, pile, and load beets all in one operation.

Twenty of these machines and as many men can replace 500 hand-harvesters, according to Andrew Logan, agriculturist for the Holly Sugar Corporation at Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 5, 1943***

#### **Lawrence Rose Dies:**

Lawrence Rose, 38, a native of Alvarado passed away on December 7, 1943. Husband of Delphine Rose, father to Lawrence LeRoy Rose, brother of Mrs. Mabel Rogers, Mrs. Aldena Andrade, and Manuel L. Rose, all of Alvarado. Lawrence was a native of Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 7, 1943***

#### **Disturber of the Peace:**

Jose Aranda, 38, father of eight children with a ninth expected, was found guilty of disturbing the peace after a hearing at the Centerville Justice Court. The trouble arose, according to a sister-in-law's testimony when Aranda made a disturbance at her home regarding funeral arrangements for his six-month old son, one of the twins born in a barn here last May. Aranda was placed on probation for two months and ordered to provide for his family.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 12, 1943***

#### **Service Recognition:**

In recognition of the 500 hours, which she has donated to the Washington Township Rationing Board, Mrs. Blake Hill of Alvarado recently was presented with an emblematic pin by George C. Roeding Jr., member of the board.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 12, 1943***

#### **Chamber of Commerce:**

Election of officers of the **Alvarado Chamber of Commerce** was held on Thursday evening, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Odd Fellows Hall. **Frank Machado**, who has done such a wonderful job of single handedly make it what it is today, even collecting 110 memberships a year at \$2 each, declined to run for president, and suggested that some young blood be added as leader. Charles Baird nominated Mike Salido, who has shown a wonderful interest in Boy Scouting here as scoutmaster. He was elected the new president.

**Charles Baird** was elected vice-president. Baird has been a big help in the C of C and is the headman of the Scout Committee. Other officers re-elected were George Oakes, Secretary and John Menezes Treasurer.

Directors elected were John Ralph, **D. Diaz**, **Frank Machado**, Manuel Silva Jr., Matt Machado, Joe Priego and Joe Langdon. John Menezes reported that the sum of \$121.34 was still in the bank after paying \$97.95 in bills at this December meeting.

Flowers have been sent to Mrs. Nora Vargas and a sympathetic letter regarding the passing of her husband, A.E. Vargas.

Station Agent Wilson had a fine report to make regarding the big campaign to have local people cooperate in exterminating rats. Wilson told how the Agricultural inspector furnished poisoned grains free and how it had succeeded in killing many rats. Those who had used it and reported success included J.C. Wasley, **Charles Baird**, **D. Diaz** and others.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 17, 1943*

#### **News Notes:**

Supervisor George Hellwig was instrumental in getting improvements made to roads in Alvarado. The County Surveyor was brought to Alvarado lately to see the condition of the streets after the sewers had been laid down. He thought they needed fixing, and so did other Supervisor, so out local Supervisor has a word of thanks coming from every local resident because Hellwig got a \$9,000 street job done. It shows he knows local conditions.

Three more Alvarado boys left for the service this week and were given the usual money belts by the **Alvarado Chamber of Commerce**. Robert Sanchez joined the Marines and left Monday and Arnold Borges and Manuel Pine joined the Army and left Tuesday. Young Sanchez and Pine were born and raised in Alvarado and Arnold Borges was born in Newark but later moved to Alvarado.

The **Alvarado Chamber of Commerce** entertained some sixty members at a wonderful turkey dinner held on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Joe Lewis acted as toastmaster of the even. After dinner the guests repaired to the Lodge room where Joe Lewis introduced that Irish tenor deluxe, Ray Hansen. Say but he was good, he sang popular songs, Irish ballads and told of jokes that sure made them laugh. He lives in Newark and is the Southern Pacific man who is in charge of signal maintenance between Newark and Oakland. He was the hit of the evening, and years ago sang over the leading radio programs.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 17, 1943*

#### **Alvarado Chamber of Commerce:**

Just for about 30 minutes after the banquet of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce on Thursday evening, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at Odd Fellows Hall, a short business meeting was held. Frank Machado, who has done such wonderful work to single handedly make it what it was, even collecting 110 memberships in one year @ \$2.00 each; declined to run for re-election as president, and suggested that some young blood be added as leader. Charles Baird nominated Mike Salido, who has shown a wonderful interest in Boy Scouting here as scoutmaster. He was elected the new president.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 23, 1943*

#### **News Notes:**

Joseph E. Dutra of Alvarado welcomed home his brother, Cpl. John Dutra, who is at Oak Knoll Hospital recuperating from wounds received at the battle of Tarawa. The corporal will soon be awarded the Purple Heart.

Around \$1,000 has been raised in Alvarado by Joseph Lewis and his committee. The goal was the sum of \$2,000, but it was thought that it was a pretty fine showing. Some of the outstanding checks received in Alvarado were from:

Holly Sugar Co.	\$50
Leslie Salt Co.	50
Eagles	25
SPRSI	10
Chamber of Commerce	10
UPEC	2.50
IDES	2.50
Rebekahs	2.50

***The Alvarado Pioneers, December 24, 1943***

**News Notes:**

William Avila, of Smith Street who works at the Caterpillar Tractor Co., had the misfortune to injure his arm lately.

Bobby Rodgers of the U.S. Navy has been visiting his folks Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Rodgers of the Creek Road.

Joe S. Goularte, Jr., is remodeling his home on the Creek Road. He bought it recently for renting purposes.

Pvt. Ernest Foster of the U.S. Army, stationed in North Africa, was the news received by his wife, the former Carmen Vargas.

Manuel Cardoza Silveira of V Street who is the Army, visited here recently.

Walter Fasolis, of the Navy, was visiting his folks, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Gardetto.

Hubert Jacinto of the Sea Bees arrived Friday evening in Alvarado on a visit to his wife and parents, Mr. & Mrs. Jesse (Joseph Sr.) Jacinto.

The charming Miss Eleanor Silver of the Creek Road was married last Sunday at St. Anne's Church in Alvarado to Edward Perry of Irvington.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Goularte and daughter Jeanette, and Mr. & Mrs. Emilio Re enjoyed New Year's Eve as party guests of Mr. & Mrs. Serafin Noia. Another party the Goularte's and the Re's attended recently was in Oakland as guests of Mr. & Mrs. Elois Binek, formerly of Alvarado. Mrs. Binek is a sister of John Brugge here.

Alvarado pupils will again be back in classes at Washington Union High School on Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Among those from the business district are Jesse (Joseph Jr.) Jacinto, Joaquin Naharro, Stanley Lewis, David Priego, Andrew Gardetto, Laverne Diangson, Placido Paredes, Doris Martinez, Cecilia Martinez, Dorothy Eudy, Norma Bettencourt and Adrian Silva.

Mrs. Manuel Maciel of Creek Road is staying with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lewis of Alvarado while her husband is undergoing treatment at the San Jose Hospital. Among the visitors Mrs. Maciel had on Sunday were her son and her daughter-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Maciel Jr.

Mr. And Mrs. Fred Wolff called on Mrs. Nora Vargas Sunday and they were glad to find her feeling so well. The Wolff's also called on Fred's mother here, who we are sorry to hear has been sick. Mrs. Vargas has borne up wonderfully well since the sad death of her husband. Such fine neighbors as Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Goularte help make this possible as well as kindly visits by her son Edward Vargas of Hayward.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, December 31, 1943***

**Alvarado Road Improvements for War's End:**

Alvarado will receive two road enhancement projects at the conclusion of the war.

The first project is for improvements on Marsh Road south of Alvarado, which connects Alvarado with Newark and the Dumbarton Bridge.

The second project is improvement of five miles of highway of the Alvarado-Niles Road.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 31, 1943***

### **New East Shore Freeway Route Close to Being Set:**

(The East Shore Freeway, A.K.A.: New Hiway 17, and the Nimitz Freeway is today's I-880.)

Speculation has been rife the past several years as to the final routing of the proposed East Shore highway to run from Oakland to San Jose. Traffic is so congested in normal times that Oakland complains bitterly that its traffic cannot get through bottlenecks to the south.

The fear in Hayward has been that the roadway would be so far west, in the mud flats, that traffic would by-pass Hayward entirely. However it is definitely indicated that final plans calls for location of the freeway to run through the western edge of Hayward, a half mile east of the pickle factory (Hunts Bros. Cannery between "A" and Winton Sts.) and east of the present Hesperian Boulevard.

Surveyors have been busy locating the new route and getting everything in readiness for post-war building, to give idle men work. The new speedway will be six-lanes, 200 feet wide, with underpasses. It will not use the present right-of-way of Hesperian Boulevard and will join that roadway just south of Alvarado near Beard Road in the Alviso District.

*The Hayward Review, December 31, 1943*

### **War Chest Drive:**

Alvarado raised \$1,000 for the War Chest Drive. Of the sum, Leslie Salt gave \$50, Holly Sugar Corp. gave \$50, etc.

*The Hayward Review, January 6, 1944*

### **News Notes:**

Mrs. Mamie Roderick, of the Alviso district, reports that the good people of the Alviso School district raised \$672.75 for the War Chest Drive.

It is claimed that the beet-harvesting machine, demonstrated recently at Herbert Young's ranch near Alvarado, is to replace 25 hand workers and do even more efficient harvesting. It is emphasized that racial prejudice and war hatred are not involved. On the basis of economics alone, it has been proven that Japs are not necessary for the successful agricultural operations in any type of crop.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 7, 1944*

### **V. Naharro Dies:**

A pioneer of Alvarado, V. Naharro, passed away last week at the age of 68 years, having lived here in Alvarado over 30 years. Here he prospered through thrifty methods and progressive ways in his shoe store and shoe repair shop. His acquisition of much property here proved him an exceptional businessman, and with his good wife, raised a fine of children who are a credit to the community. A son, E. Naharro, owns the Alvarado Theater and the corner building block in which the theater is located. The children grew up here and have always called Alvarado their hometown. One of the Naharro daughters is Mrs. Mike Salido.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 7, 1944*

### **OPA:**

Service award certificates from the Office of Price Administration were presented to two Alvarado ladies this month in celebration of the board's second year in operation. Topping the list for the Washington Township War Price and Rationing Board was Mrs. Blake Hill of Alvarado with 940 hours of volunteer service. Second was another Alvaradan, Miss Nancy McKeown with 568 hours.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 9, 1944*

### **Fourth War Bond Drive:**

Washington Township has organized a new committee, which will assist in the fourth war loan campaign. The quota announced by L. R. Burdick is 563,000 for the township. Mrs. M. P. Munger will spearhead the drive in Alvarado. Also aiding in the drive is Jack Blacow of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 13, 1944*

**New Notes:**

Alvarado Lodge of the SPRSI is making plans to welcome the Supreme Grand President. The local president is Mrs. Mamie Roderick and Mrs. Clara Flores is secretary.

Joseph Maciel Sr., of the Creek Road, is so much improved that he is able to leave the hospital and to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Henry Garcia of Hayward.

Joe Goularte of the Creek Road is busy driving truck for Joe Cunha, the San Jose big shipper of vegetables. They get much produce from Decoto.

Stanley Lewis is one of the stage managers at productions at the High School at Centerville. By the way, Stanley tells us that his brother Joseph wrote of the Guadalcanal section some time ago that it rains nearly all the time. He is in aviation ordnance.

Clyde Lewis, residing at the end of Smith Street, had an accident at the shipyard toward the end of last week and sustained a broken arm. It seems he slipped on some oil on the floor and was thrown heavily to the floor, causing the break. He is on enforced leave.

Frank Dutra, son of Mrs. Dutra of Watkins St., Alvarado, is either in England or some nearby place with U.S. Forces. Another son, Adam Lewis, is in Texas as an Air Cadet. A third son, Joseph Lewis, graduates from **Alvarado Grammar School** this year. A fourth son is the youngest, Andrew.

The pupils of the **Alvarado Grammar School** held a paper drive the second week of December and gathered 14,320 pounds of newspapers and magazines. It averaged 100 pounds per pupil, surely a record of some kind. The collection has been sold to the Livermore Junk Co., bringing an average of \$65.00. This money will be used to help patriotic drives by the students for different causes like the Red Cross, United War Effort and U.S.O.

Election of officers for the firemen's association at the Alvarado Firehouse will take place on Wednesday evening, January 19<sup>th</sup>. The present officers are: President, James Wasley; Vice President, Anthony J. Vargas, Secretary-Treasurer, Joe. E. Lewis; and Sergeant-at-Arms, Tony Alexander.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 14, 1944*

**Farm Home Center:**

Slip-fitting is the project for the next meeting of the Alvarado Farm Home Center to be held at Washington Union High School on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. Plans will be made at this time for the annual pal's dinner to be held in February. The committee consists of Mrs. Virginia Enos, Mrs. Mary Gastelum, Mrs. Aldena Santos, Mrs. Rose Peixoto and Mrs. Edith Pfau.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 16, 1944*

**News Notes:**

Robert Rogers of the U.S. Navy is returning to the Naval Hospital for a minor operation. He has been home while convalescing from a previous operation.

Recently on leave, Cpl. Eugene Pine visited friends and relatives. When returning to Camp Haan he was promoted to Sergeant.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Silva, Jr., and Mr. & Mrs. Joe Goularte, Jr. spent Sunday at San Jose where they enjoyed a very nice dinner.

Seriously ill at home is Martin Rose of Smith street. His sickness is of the utmost grief to his friends and relatives.

Walter Fasolis was also home on liberty from the Navy, but left to go back on Sunday. His home is on Granger Avenue.

Mrs. Mamie Silveria of V Street will give a Whist Party for the St. Anne's Confraternity of Alvarado on Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Hendricks are now proud owners of a 1941 Chevrolet purchased this past week.

Dave Caeton, former warehouse manager at the Hall Station, is in business for himself, shipping at an interior township town.

A crew of men under the guidance of Wes Emery, in charge of the Alvarado packing plant of the Alvarado Vegetable Growers, is shipping a couple of carloads of the high quality local cauliflower to the Eastern markets. Every day a couple of Southern Pacific Co. cars are iced and shipped.

Fred Paredes of the U.S. Navy paid his folks a surprise visit on last Thursday evening. He has since left, possibly out to sea. His parents are owners of the prominent and modern Alvarado Hotel.

Miss Margaret Pfau, of the Creek Road, was given a party at the home of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Pfau. The young lady was five years old, with children of her age attending, also members of her family. All had a nice time.

Friends and relatives received word from Pvt. William Silva saying he was well and is stationed at Oahu in Hawaii. He wrote that he saw Pearl Harbor and has been eating pineapples and coconuts galore.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Pimentel of Smith Street are the proud parents of a baby boy born last Thursday at the Hayward Hospital. Mother and son are doing fine and she is now home with her husband and son Melvin. The new boy is named Robert Joseph.

You don't have to go out of Alvarado to buy most of the used parts you need to fix up your auto, as Machado's Garage has a good supply on hand. Mr. Machado returned from the Peralta Hospital in Oakland about three weeks ago, where he had undergone surgery. He is also assisted by his son who repairs autos. They sell tires and batteries.

The former Lillian Silva and her husband, Edward Hernandez of the Army Air Force are now at home while Hernandez is here on a furlough. Mrs. Hernandez is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Silva. A brother John, and Louise are also in the service. Johnny is stationed at Fort Ord and Louise is somewhere overseas.

J. A. Blacow, manager of the Alvarado Branch of the Central Bank, announces that the sum to be raised in the VICTORY LOAN 4<sup>TH</sup> DRIVE in Washington Township is \$565,000. Mr. Blacow has named his Alvarado committee, each in charge of their own section, as follows: **John H. Ralph**, Sam Dinsmore, Joseph A Rose, Mrs. M.P. Munger, Mrs. Pearl Peterson, and Mrs. Genevieve Dutra.

The annual meeting of the beet growers of this southern Alameda County section takes place on January 31<sup>st</sup> at the Washington Union High School at Centerville. Andrew Logan, field man for the Holly Sugar Company plant at Alvarado, is working for a bigger acreage to be planted to the beet industry if present cooperation with the government continues as in previous years.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 21, 1944*

#### **Chamber of Commerce:**

At the meeting of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce on January 20<sup>th</sup>, **Mike Salido** presided as president. There was a decision to get behind the Alvarado Troop of Boy Scouts, of which Mike Salido is Scoutmaster, and to make it grow. The committee that is in charge of Boy Scout activities is: **Charles Baird, Manuel E. Perry**, Mike Gardetto, **E.J. Wilson, Frank Machado, James Wasley, Joe E. Lewis** and **A.J. Vargas**.

Much discussion centered about the unsanitary condition of the Japanese home next to the Jap laundry on Smith Street. Although the owners are not here now, their overseers or caretakers do

not seem to have the authority to fix up this breeding place for rats, as well as sewage that runs over the lot.

Manuel E. Perry reported that there are many stray dogs about Alvarado. **Mike Salido** is going to see the Hayward pound man to seek some solution to removing some of these dogs.

**Mike Salido** collected 14 members' dues at \$2 each the week before the meeting and showed all kinds of pep. Those who have paid for 1944 are: **John Ralph, James Wasley, Charles Baird, E.J. Wilson**, A.A. (Tony) Lee, Matt Machado, William Machado, **A.J. Vargas, Joseph E. Lewis**, George Oakes, D. Diaz, Sam Dinsmore, John Menezes, Manuel A. Silva Jr., Lloyd Silva, Joseph Jacinto (Sr.), **Mike Salido, Manuel E. Perry** and Henry Miller.

Past President **Frank Machado** was unable to attend on account of sickness that evening. Frank made the Chamber what it is today and we like his cooperation.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 21, 1944*

#### **S.P.R.S.I:**

An initiation and the official visit of the grand president will occur at a meeting of the Alvarado SPRSI tomorrow night 8:00 p.m. with Mayme Roderick in charge.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 26, 1944*

#### **Classified Ad:**

HELP WANTED:

Housekeeper and cook for dairy ranch.

Cook for seven, light housework, good home, good wages; no objection to one child.

Alvarado 78, Box 178, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, January 26, 1944*

#### **News Notes:**

Mrs. Forbes, our splendid librarian at the Alvarado Library is much improved after a recent illness. She is liked by everyone.

Fire Chief James Wasley announces the **first** annual Fireman's Ball for the Alvarado Fire Department. It is scheduled for Saturday evening, February 19<sup>th</sup>.

John Silva is here on furlough, his parents being Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Enos Silva of Creek Road.

John used to live in Alvarado and is know by all.

We want to extend greetings to a very charming young lady, Miss Vivian Logan, whose engagement to a Navy man has just been announced. Miss Logan is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Andrew K. Logan, who have a lovely home on the Alvarado Centerville Road, and who represent members of one of California's longest known pioneer families.

A jolly get together of a long established social group, the well-known Birthday Club of Alvarado, took place at the home of Mrs. George Hellwig last Saturday. Those present were: Mrs. Hellwig, Mrs. August May, and **Mrs. W.S. Robie** of Alvarado; Mrs. Dora Richmond of Niles; Dora Tainton and Jennie Rutherford of Oakland (all formerly of Alvarado). A very delightful time was enjoyed.

The Southern Pacific Co. has transferred Mr. Hepburn of Port Chicago to assist Mr. Wilson at the Alvarado station. His wife and 15-year-old child are making their home at **Mrs. Robie's** home, where they have a separate apartment.

While Miles Harrington was promoted to a higher position in the Southern Pacific Co., his old job as station agent in Hayward was taken by James Rutherford (formerly of Alvarado). The Rutherford's are well known by pioneer families in the interior of the county.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 28, 1944*

#### **Card Party:**

St. Anne's confraternity will have a public card party at the S.D.E.S. Hall February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 p.m. with Mrs. Mamie Silveira as chairman.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 30, 1944*

#### **Ration Board Offers Assistance:**

Assistance to dealers and consumers rather than "snooping" is to be the motive of 14 volunteer assistants to the price panel of the Washington Township War Price and Rationing Board, district officials of the OPA said at the school of instruction conducted at the Niles Grammar School. Two volunteers from Alvarado attended the instruction session, Mrs. A. K Logan and Mrs. George Harvey.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 30, 1944*

#### **Alvarado Cauliflower:**

The Alvarado Vegetable Growers Association ship two carloads of iced cauliflower daily to Eastern markets. The ice is supplied by the Hayward Ice Company.

*The Hayward Review, February 3, 1944*

#### **News Notes**

PFC Norman Silveira is now on a few days furlough visiting his folks and relatives at Granger Avenue. He is stationed in Louisiana in the Glider Division.

Mr. & Mrs. Jardine and family are now making their home at 2085 Smith Street in one of the Varni homes. They formerly lived at the Lemos home opposite the sugar mill.

Miss Marlene Azevedo celebrated her second birthday this past week. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Azevedo of Alviso. Mrs. Azevedo is the former Eleanor Roderick.

Friends are indeed glad to see Mrs. Aileen Vargas home again after being away for a short period of time. She was really missed by her many friends who she met at the home of her father, Tony Lee. Friends will be sorry to know that she does not intend to return to work.

Mrs. Madeline Rocha is now employed by Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Andrade proprietors of the business store formerly owned by Mrs. Lena Cosso. Mrs. Rocha lives on Creek Road. By the way, the Andrade's have one of the busiest places in town.

Graydon Spurlock of Alvarado received word this week from his brother, PFC Leon Spurlock, in the Marines, now recuperating at Oak Knoll Hospital in Oakland, from injuries received at the battle of Tarawa in the South Pacific war with the Japs.

Among the Alvarado boys on this past season's Washington Union High School football team from Alvarado were Johnny Aguiar, Jesse Jacinto and young George (the son of Frank George, General Petroleum product distributor.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 4, 1944*

#### **Mrs. Madeline Woodward:**

New is received just so often from Donald Woodward, who is overseas in England, by his wife, Mrs. Madeline Woodward (nee Madeline Avila, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Avila of Alvarado)

Mr. Woodward is with the U.S. Armed Forces. He left here five or six months ago and has not seen his darling daughter, Donna, born about four months ago. He fell in love with our beautiful Alvarado girl while Madeline was busy at the same U.S. camp at her duties as a Red Cross nurse.

Another daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Avila is the charming Mrs. Tony Alexander, who round out a happy, happy family circle at the Avila home. They have a four-year-old daughter, Sharon. Mrs. Alexander is the former Mamie Avila. Tony is one of our prominent firemen.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 4, 1944*



**Sugar:**

Jeryl Frye, President of the Alameda County Farm Bureau, in an informal talk at the meeting of the board of directors of the Farm Bureau at Livermore, Thursday night, February 3, stated that despite wishes of Federal Bureaus at Washington, the sugar beet situation is not hopeful in Alameda County. And the bad situation is the fault of the local growers he feels.

Last season, he mentioned, sugar beet growers were given allotments and inducements so that they made a pretty fair investment in growing sugar beets, with hard work and careful planting. This year, officials in charge of the sugar beet production, have deferred definitely stating what Federal regulations would be for beet growers until it is now too late for many to plant crops here. And the outlook is that there may be as small a crop here as there was last year, though authorities at Washington want an increase over last year's figures.

*The Hayward Review, February 10, 1944*

**Martin Rose Dies:**

Martin Rose, 59, resident of Alvarado for 30 years was given final rites at St. Anne's Church yesterday. He died at his home after a long illness. He was the husband of Minnie Rose and the father of Elvin Rose and Mrs. Peter Pinto.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 10, 1944*

**New Highway:**

Marking the most important post-war highway improvement program so far designed for this area, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors today granted the State a 12-mile freeway in Southern Alameda County.

The freeway extends from the southern Oakland city limits near the Oakland Airport to a point between Alvarado and Centerville ([Alviso district](#)) from thence to join with a proposed new highway into San Jose, forming the completed link in the proposed super-highway from Richmond through Oakland and into San Jose.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 11, 1944*

**Mrs. Philbert Borges Dutra:**

This is almost the outstanding news of the week, where four Alvarado brothers are in the service. We were speaking to Mrs. Philbert Dutra (nee Josephine Borges), and we asked about her four brothers. Here is where they serve:

In England, Alexander Borges is in the Army Air Force, being there some nine months. At San Diego for a couple of moths now, Armand Borges is in the Infantry at Camp Callan. In Missouri is the oldest boy, Joseph Borges, going from Monterey last week. He is in the Army. Overseas is Manuel Borges who is in the Army. He has been there a couple of months.

Philbert Dutra is employed by Ted Harvey. Filbert was born and raised here.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 11, 1944*

**News Notes:**

Stanley Roderick, connected with a Naval Unit, in the War Zone somewhere in the Pacific. Edward Fantuzzi was in San Francisco and passed his physical examination and is now ready for the Army.

Another Alvarado young man who passed his physical exams for the army was Anthony Silva of the Creek road.

Frank Machado's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party was celebrated as a quiet family affair last Tuesday. Many years of health we wish you, Frank. You have done much for our town.

Rufus Lebon, son of Mrs. Margaret of the Alviso district is home on leave.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Pimentel were hosts to Johnny Pimentel who is planning to leave the states with the merchant marines. He met Robert Rodgers while overseas as their boats passed each other several months ago. They again were lucky enough to meet in town recently.

There was nothing too good for Corporal John Dutra, brother of Joseph Dutra of Alvarado. Because of his fine showing in desperate fights with the Marines at Tarawa, so they have sent him to recuperate in Colorado. He is at the Naval Hospital at Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 11, 1944*

### **Commercial Advertisement:**

INCOME TAX SERVICE

At the Office of:  
Mrs. C.M. Anderson  
Whipple Road, Alvarado  
Phone: Alvarado 45-J

Assistance with:  
Salary, Business and Farm returns  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 11, 1944*

### **Julian Yabut Killed:**

Do you remember our upright Filipino-American citizen, Julian Yabut, who used to conduct the Richfield Service Station before he was inducted into the service about a year ago? Well it seems that a few months ago while he was near his camp he was killed in an auto accident.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 11, 1944*

### **News Notes:**

George Pine of Alvarado recently married a young lady from Hayward at the Centerville Church. He was graduated from Washington High in 1941.

Melvin Fontes celebrated his ninth birthday last Friday at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Pimentel. A gathering of children attended and a nice time was had by all.

Mervyn Christensen, formerly of Alvarado, was home visiting friends and relatives from Louisiana where he is stationed.

Mrs. Rose Lee is now home at Smith Street with her family. Friends are indeed happy to see Mrs. Lee some and wish her a speedy recovery.

Tony Fields is now home on a furlough from the Army.

Mrs. Rivers has recently received word that her son, Tony, is now at the hospital in Oakland. Tony is in the Army.

Mrs. Josephine Dutra and mother are now in San Diego visiting Armand Borges who is stationed there with the U.S. Army.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 18, 1944*

### **Joseph Rose Dies:**

Joseph P. Rose, 53, passed away at his home in San Leandro. He was the husband of Mrs. Pauline Rose, and brother of Mrs. Minnie Daviner and Manuel P. Rose of Alvarado. He was a native of Alvarado and had lived in Hayward for many years.

*The Hayward Review, February 22, 1944*

### **News Notes:**

Mary Hughes is employed at the Calculator Plant in San Leandro. Others from here who work there are Bernice and Rosalie Daviner.

Isabel Pinto Martin is employed now at Plant No. 1 of Leslie Salt in Newark in the office. She formerly worked at the No. 2 plant.

Hilda Allegre, formerly Miss Pinto, is in Chicago visiting her husband Melvin Allegre in the U.S. service there.

The Birthday Club met with Mrs. May on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Those present were Mrs. Dora Richmond, Mrs. Tainton, Mrs. Willa Jane Hellwig, **Mrs. W.S. Robie** and Mrs. May. Mrs. James Wasley, who has been home with an illness, expects to return to her teaching duties at Alviso School on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 25, 1944*

### **Local Students Attending Washington Hi:**

The following students from Alvarado and Alviso attend the Washington Union High School:

#### **Alvarado:**

Placido Paredes	Betty Silva	Andy Gardetto	Angelia Leon
Florice De Vincenzi	Laverne De Vincenzi	Lawrence Samarron	Sofie Hernandez
Stanley Lewis	Cecilia Martinez	Doris Martinez	Sally Logan
Johnny Aguiar	Bonnie Scott	Joaquin Naharro	David Priego
Dorothy Eudy	Glenn Wallace	Esperanza Sanchez	Joseph Roderick
Dolores Hernandez	John Samarron	Norma Bettencourt	Jessie Jacinto
Ardis Hulse	Adrien Silva	Thelma Jean Logan	

#### **Alviso:**

Edith Perry	Norman Mello	Melvin Mello	Edward Cardoza
Janet Hermosa	Alice Berrios	Emily Soares	Millie Soares
Vivian Reina			

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 25, 1944*

### **Mrs. Robie is Proud:**

**Mrs. W.S. Robie** of Alvarado has reason to be proud of her grandchildren who live in Albany, because so many are in the service. Their parents are Mr. & Mrs. Russell Robie.

One of the children, Walter Starr Robie, is with the Marines located near La Jolla, San Diego County for a year or so. His parents went south recently to visit him.

Rosalie Robie was Hunters College in New York, but has been transferred to southern California. She is a Marine and we don't mean maybe.

*The Alvarado pioneer, February 25, 1944*

### **News Notes:**

George P. Hellwig, incumbent Supervisor of the 1<sup>st</sup> Dist of Alameda County has filed for re-election. His local sponsors include F.H. Wiegman and J. Ralph.

Mrs. August May had a prominent San Francisco woman physician visit her here a week ago.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Joyce of Alvarado have a son, Bunny Joyce, in the Air Corps ground crew who is possibly overseas by this time, it is thought.

Many of the friends of Sam Dinsmore, Jr., are making a guess that he is in the vicinity of Australia. Formerly he was stationed in the Panama Canal. He is in the Navy.

Leonard Dutra and Bob Wasley have taken over the Oakland Tribune paper route of Andy Gardetto now that he is busy attending Washington Hi.

Mr. & Mrs. James Bush had their nephew, Orval Warren, as a visitor in Sunday. Mr. Bush is employed at San Jose.

Alvarado School students are busy in a paper drive. They sell the newspapers and magazines and use the money to help worthy patriotic causes like the Red Cross.

Mrs. Ruth Hellwig, widow of our late townsman Erle Hellwig, made a trip to New Orleans with her father.

Alvarado has the following boys on the Washington High team. John Aguiar, Ernie Pine, Jesse Jacinto, John Samarron and Arthur Sa.

Charles Baird, of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce, found a group of enthusiastic men from the Alvarado Fire Dept. for his Boy Scout Troop. It seems that many of the firemen belong to the Chamber committee on Boy Scouts. Men will be asked to serve in groups, one to encourage the boys to pass tests, others to emphasize attendance and fine citizenship, etc. Charles Baird is the chairman for the Boy Scout organizing committee on the Chamber. He has announced that his committee will be composed of Anthony J. Vargas, Manuel E. Perry, George Davis, B. Wilson, Joe Dutra, James Wasley, Joe E. Lewis, Manuel Lewis, Tony Borges and Clyde Lewis.

*The Alvarado pioneer, March 3, 1944*

### **Sugar:**

Announcement in Washington yesterday of Government subsidies for sugar beet production came too late to aid Alameda County growers it is claimed here. Despite a favorable price paid of \$12.50 a ton this year's crop will not be more than 25% of normal farm officials declared.

Alameda County beet growers will receive a price substantially over the \$12.50. The tonnage price in this area will be \$10.60 with the Government and processor subsidies to be added, bringing the total to about \$13.90 a ton, 80 cents over that of last year.

While the Washington announcement of a base price of \$12.50 a ton to the grower is considered a fair price, many farmers who might have planted beets were deterred by uncertainty regarding the price ceiling which has existed for the past two months, beet growers instead say that they have turned to other crops, chiefly tomatoes, and are now unable to engage in sugar beet production.

A similar situation existed last year with the result that the Holly Sugar Mill in Alvarado, normally employing 300 men, remained closed. Local beets were shipped to Tracy for processing. While the company refused to make any announcement it was indicated that the same situation would prevail this year.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 9, 1944*

### **News Notes:**

Mrs. George Santos of the Creek Road is mourning the passing of her father, Mr. Roderick who lived next to the Alviso School.

Cpl. & Mrs. Manuel Pine are the proud parents of a daughter born this past week. Manuel was able to visit his wife and daughter as he was given a few days leave from the Army.

Emilio Re was one of the many to pass his physical last Wednesday in San Francisco. He will leave for the Navy in about 21 days.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 10, 1944*

### **Red Cross Drive:**

The annual American Red Cross drive starts March 1<sup>st</sup>. J.R. Blacow, Central Bank Manager, will head the drive for Alvarado. He has the following committee:

Miss Flora McKeown

Mrs. Helen Goularte

Mrs. Joe Priego

Mrs. Helen Alameda

Mrs. Felix Diangson

Sam Dinsmore

Joe E. Lewis

J.H. Ralph

Mrs. C.M. Anderson

Mrs. Pearl Peterson

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 10, 1944*

### **Alameda County Water District:**

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors had called for an election of two persons to the Alameda County Water District Board of Directors on an election set for March 29<sup>th</sup>. Two candidates are on the ballot: Louis S. Amaral and E.M. Grimmer.

PRECINCT 6: consisting of all of Alvarado Precinct No. 1 and Alvarado Precinct No. 2, and all that portion of Mr. Eden Precinct No. 2 lying within the boundaries of the Alameda County Water District boundaries.

Polling Place: Alvarado Grammar School, Alvarado  
Inspector: Frank Roderick  
Judge: John Dee  
Clerk: Annie Baird  
Clerk: Lenora Silva

***The Alvarado Pioneer, March 10, 1944***

### **Catherine Maciel Dies:**

Funeral services for Catherine A. Maciel, 77, who died in Alvarado on March 12<sup>th</sup>, will be held at the Chapel of the Palms. She was the wife of Manuel B. Maciel and the mother of several children including Mrs. Aurora C. Lewis of Alvarado. She was a native of Pico, the Azores.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 13, 1944***

### **Chamber of Commerce:**

Mike Salido reported that 14 more members have paid their 1944 dues. They are: Peter Pinto, Clarence Flores, Mike Gardetto, Serafin Noia, Manuel Goularte, Alvin Silvey, J.R. Blacow, Elvin Rose, Joe Flores, M.P. Munger, Tony Alexander, Manuel Andrade, Amelio Castro, and Isabel Rodrigues of the Beauty Parlor.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, March 17, 1944***

### **News Notes:**

Former Scoutmaster Anthony Silva expects to enter the service this week.

Registering for voters for the coming election will end April 6<sup>th</sup>. You can register at the General Petroleum Office or the John Ralph's store.

Aviation Cadet Sam E. Lewis of Alvarado is now stationed in Garner Field, Taft California.

Bernice Daviner is mourning the loss of her uncle, Joseph Rose, of Castro Street in Hayward.

An Alvarado man came home to visit the folks the past week. He is high ranking, but still the same fine Charlie Nauert, with a rank of Lt. Colonel in the Amphibious Corps. He came up from San Luis Obispo to visit Miss Mildred Nauert and Mr. & Mrs. Henry Heitmuller.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, March 17, 1944***

### **News Notes:**

Miss Lavern Madeiros of the Creek road has received a letter from her friend, Johnny Shestack of Indiana, now overseas. He is OK he writes.

Edward Vargas, son of Mrs. Nora Vargas, is training his 82 homing pigeons for the competition this spring of the Hayward Homing Club. Last year one of Ed's birds won the Klamath Falls to Hayward race, a distance of over 300 miles.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, March 24, 1944***

### **News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Vargas of Alvarado are the proud godparents of baby Robert Joseph Pimentel as is Mr. & Mrs. F.S. Dutra of Granger Avenue. The parents are Mr. & Mrs. Joe Pimentel.

The Alvarado Vegetable Growers has been shipping cauliflower to the Eastern market via iced cars by the fast trains of the S.P. Co., averaging two or three cars a day.

Miss Isabel Silveira was married in Alvarado on Easter Sunday. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silveira of Granger Avenue.

Mrs. M.E. Amaral's brother, Jack Vargas and wife of San Leandro, called at the Amaral home on the Creek Road this weekend.

Creek Road farmer's tomato transplants are setting well. At the end of April these plant will be set out in the fields.

SSgt. L.A. Roderick (formerly of the Creek road), son of Mr. & Mrs. Roderick here, is stationed at Carlsbad New Mexico.

3<sup>rd</sup> Class Radio Operator Robert Rodgers of the Creek Road is stationed at Treasure Island. Bob was overseas last year.

Clifford Rodgers (brother of Robert) has been voted Junior Class President at Washington High. The Birthday Club will meet with Mrs. Frances Robie in April at her home in Alvarado.

The Editor had the pleasure of seeing two well-known Alvarado ladies in Oakland Friday, as they were socially minded. They were Miss Mildred Nauert and her sister, Mrs. Oscarina Heitmuller. We know another sister, the former "Dot" Nauert. If you can find three more lovely women we wish you'd tell us. Their pioneer family was prominent and built up interior Alameda County with other early comers years ago.

The spring term starting April 3<sup>rd</sup> at San Jose State college saw local ladies return for the second half of their first year. They are Miss Eileen Wilson, daughter of our station agent Ed Wilson, and Alberta Menezes, daughter of our prominent Eagle Lodge Secretary, John Menezes.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 31, 1944*

#### **News Notes:**

Mr. James Wasley, Alvarado School Principal, attended the State Principal's Convention at Sacramento. Covering his duties was Mrs. James Wasley, teacher at the Alviso School.

Marion Ziegler, formerly of Alvarado, was wedded Sunday to Mr. John Dusterberry of Centerville, who recently graduated from Stanford University.

Our Supervisor has continued the improvement of Alvarado streets. The past week Vallejo Street has received a coating of gravel, screening and oil to make a nice smooth surface.

Mrs. Frances Robie's birthday was celebrated here at her home in Alvarado. The party also celebrated the birthday of her son, Russell, whose birthday is also in April.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 7, 1944*

#### **Utility District 40-Year Pin:**

Holder of a 40-year EBMUD ([East Bay Municipal Utility District](#)) service pin is Seraphine Daviner, who began his career with the company at the old Alvarado pumping plant where water was pumped from well in Alvarado to supply East Bay cities.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 10, 1944*

#### **Commercial Advertisement:**

TEXOLITE

SAVE ELECTRICITY FOR VITAL WAR PRODUCTION!

Do your part. Paint you dull & dreary wall with beautiful glareless Texolite.

Save your eyes for vital war work.

Now you can get Texolite from any of these paint dealers:

ALVARADO:

J.H. Ralph

*The Oakland Tribune, April 11, 1944*

#### **Girl Scouts:**

Mrs. Hulse is a very successful leader of the Alvarado Girl Scout troop at Alvarado School. She is always planning activities to keep peppy meeting going. One such meeting took place this Friday afternoon after the school hours. Court of Awards was held and then a program was enjoyed, with local Scout talent furnishing the numbers.

Miss Claribel Silva was featured in a dance. **Barbara Diangson** rendered a vocal solo. A vocal trio was given by Artis Hulse, Anelda Hulse and another local Scout. Betty Silva and Dorothy Eudy gave a vocal duet. Also Betty Jacinto and Marie Jardine favored the girls with a vocal duet.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 14, 1944*

#### **News Notes:**

We are glad to hear that our fellow townsman, Fred Harvey, is improved after his recent illness.

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The results are in for the election of directors for the Water District. Forty-eight votes were cast, 26 for Grimmer and 22 for Amaral. They were running unopposed.

A pool table has been added to the equipment of the Firemen's social room at the Alvarado Firehouse. It was donated kindly a couple of weeks ago.

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#### **Black Market:**

J. Hohener, who operates a slaughterhouse on Hesperian Boulevard near Alvarado, has been charged with selling pork on the black market. Two Alvarado men, Bernanale Ugale and Fausino Cabaran, told officials that they had visited Hohener's place last week with the intention of buying chickens, but had been convinced by Hohener to buy pork instead. They said he had no chickens and sold him five pounds of pork for \$1.95.

*The Hayward Review, April 18, 1944*

**Classified Ad:**

USED CARS:

1937 Oldsmobile Sedan, four door, \$600

1725 Smith Street, Alvarado

*The Hayward Review, April 18, 1944***Boys in the Service:**

Six more money belts have been handed out by the Chamber of Commerce for young men going into the U.S. Service.

Frank Machado reported that he had presented to Emilio Re and Anthony Silva. Mike Salido reported that he had given belts to Benny Gonzales, Ascension Ledesma and Edward Fantuzzi. Ed Lewis reported that Ed Soares of the Creek Road might have left for the army Saturday. He would also be eligible for a belt.

Frank Machado received a letter from Jack Binder from somewhere in India thanking him for the money belt and saying he wants to return to Alvarado when the war is over. He was a third trick telegraph operator at the S.P. Station here.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 21, 1944***Alvarado Junior Traffic Patrol:**

The Editor dropped in at the Alvarado Grammar School and complimented the Junior Traffic Patrol boys on the fine work they have been doing at the Bank Corner, where they assist pupils crossing the busy street after school time. They are as follows:

Captain:	Ronald Silva		
Lieutenant:	Joseph Lewis		
Sergeants:	Kenneth Rodrigues	Eugene Roderick	Clyde Davis
	George Aranda	Bob Wasley	
Officers:	Vernon Machado	Glenn Bachelor	Joaquin Preciado
	Gilbert Cicairos	Mervin Perry	Abel Villareal
	Elmer Andrade	Bradley Martinez	Frank Piccetti
Reserves:	Stanley Anderson	Harold Martinez	Robert Preciado

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 21, 1944***News Notes:**

Cyril Flores of Alvarado is somewhere in Italy. They have been doing things over there recently, it would seem by the S.F. newspapers.

Donald Flores is up at Puget Sound in the submarine service.

Mrs. Andy Anderson, of Watkins Street Alvarado, tells us that her nephew, Clifford Stone of Modesto, was injured in the heavy fighting when the Allies invaded Sicily.

Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Hubert Jacinto has been transferred to the West Coast from Virginia. He is now stationed at Point Hueneme.

Our local lad, Joseph (Jesse) Jacinto Jr. is the starting shortstop for the San Mateo Blues in the Peninsula League.

Joseph Dutra took his son Robert and his niece Betty Jacinto the circus at Hayward last Saturday. Patricia Noia enjoyed a birthday party at the home of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. S. Noia on Granger Avenue. She was five years old.

Do you remember Mrs. Otto and her three sons who used to live at the Alvarado Hotel before they moved to Hayward? Well, all three of these boys are now overseas. They are Albert, Carl and Joseph.

The Editor was glad to say hello to Mr. Eudy of Alvarado, who was such a faithful watcher at the Observation post in the early morning hours when the post was still in active operation. He says



his son-in-law and his daughter are visiting here from Chico. They like it here so well they may decide to remain permanently. We refer to Mr. & Mrs. Biehler.

Ruth Figueroa tells us that a brother, Manuel Escandon, is in the army, located at New York at present and may soon go overseas. Ruth has a son, Albert Figueroa, of Alvarado, who passed his physical exams for the Army and may leave in May. Mr. & Mrs. Figueroa resides here with their son Albert.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 21, 1944*

#### **News Notes:**

Sally Logan of Alvarado will take part in the Washington High play "June Mad." Stan Lewis and Andy Gardetto are part of the stage crew.

Richard Silva and Betty Lewis, both of Alvarado, were wed at Reno on Friday. The groom is a Navy man, being a gunner on a warship. Betty has a brother, Clyde Lewis, also of Alvarado.

Mrs. Andy Anderson of Watkins Street informs us that her nephew, Clifford Stone of Modesto, was injured in the heavy fighting when the Allies invaded Sicily.

Mr. J.R. Blacow of the Alvarado Branch of the Central Bank has two fine assistants in Walter M. Oakley II of San Leandro and Miss Mary Paniagua of Decoto.

Billy Harper, husband of Winifred Harper (nee Santos), phoned his son from Honolulu to tell his son Billy II happy birthday Saturday of last week. The party was held at the home of the grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Antone Santos of the Silver Dollar Saloon. The home was nicely decorated by Mrs. Harper and the invited guests were cousins, Betty Jacinto, Robert Dutra and David and Donald Brune.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 28, 1944*

#### **Gallon Donors:**

Ten donors at the Washington Township blood procurement center joined the gallon club at the last visit of the mobile unit, bringing the total number to a dozen. Represented from Alvarado were George Hocking and Mrs. Blake Hill.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 30, 1944*

#### **Boys Club:**

A move to establish a recreation center for Alvarado boys has been launched by the Alvarado Fireman's Association and endorsed by the Chamber of Commerce. A clubroom is being sought where pool tables and other recreational facilities can be installed and tentative plans are that members of local civic organizations will volunteer as directors. Other civic and fraternal groups to be contacted for assistance are the **Eagles**, Odd Fellows and the I.D.E.S. The committee to date includes **J. C. Wasley**, Joe E. Lewis, and M. A. Silva Jr., of the fireman, and Ed Wilson of the Chamber of Commerce.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 5, 1944*

#### **News Notes:**

Meyer Cotton is second trick operator at the Alvarado Southern Pacific Depot.

Fred Paredes is in the Navy, on an aircraft carrier. His brother Tony is with the Army in New Guinea. Their parents own the Alvarado Hotel.

The **Alvarado Eagles** have elected new officers for the coming year: They are: **James Wasley**, Past President; Joe Martin Jr., President; Frank Cardoza (Centerville), Vice President; Charles Baird, Treasurer; George Davis, Chaplain; John Menezes, Secretary; Joe P. Roderick, Conductor; A.J. Rodgers, Inside Guard; Alfred P. Silva, Outside Guard; M.F. Silva, Trustee.

Mr. & Mrs. Nick Fazio and their small daughter Rose Marie reside in the Varni cottage on the other side of the Riverside Hotel. Nick helps a wonderful industry on the Centerville Road, near W.B. Emery's home, raising fine vegetables. The firm is known the Alvarado Vegetable Producers.

The menace to health at the Japanese property on Smith Street was rectified this week when the plumbers connected it to the local Sanitary District main. It is only a few hundred feet from the school, so the sewage that used to remain on the lot is now a thing of the past.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, May 5, 1944***

### **Sugar:**

The War Food Administration has announced the following rates for labor in the beet fields, blocking and thinning, \$11 an acre or 55¢ per hour; blocking and thinning where segmented see are used, \$9.25 per acre; first hoeing \$3.50 per acre or 50¢ per hour; each subsequent hoeing \$3.50 per acre or 50¢ per hour; each subsequent hoeing or weeding \$2.50 per acre or 50¢ hour.

Blocking, thinning, hoeing and weeding, as a combined operation, \$17 per acre; topping and loading on a time basis, 65¢.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, May 5, 1944***

### **Junior Traffic Patrol:**

The Junior Traffic Patrol of the Alvarado Grammar School was entertained by the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce at a dinner at the Florence Restaurant and a picture show at the Niles Theater this week. President Mike Salido and a committee furnished the transportation.

***The Oakland Tribune, May 7, 1944***

### **Gasoline Thief:**

Deputy Sheriffs are on a hunt for a gasoline thief, whose latest loot was 60 gallons taken from the Hellwig Slaughter House in Alvarado owned by the Alameda County Supervisor George Hellwig.

Investigation last night of that theft uncovered two others within the last three days in Washington Township. Between 70 and 80 gallons of gasoline were taken from a garage storage tank on the farm of Frank S. Roderick, 58, of Newark, and 15 gallons taken from the garage in Alvarado of Manuel Machado, 56.

***The Oakland Tribune, May 8, 1944***

### **Supervisor Hellwig:**

Supervisor George Hellwig of Alvarado today issued a letter to all voters of the First Supervisorial District, calling attention to the fact that his opponent in the race is drawing support from Emeryville, which is at the opposite end of Alameda County from the district in question.

As against that type of campaign tactic, Hellwig said he is resting his campaign for re-election with friends and neighbors of the First District.

***The Oakland Tribune, May 11, 1944***

### **Licenses Issued:**

### **News Note:**

M.P. Goularte has filed to run for school trustee in the Alvarado School District.

Mrs. Helen Brownlee, a widow late of Oakland, reports that her mother, Mrs. Rosa Pimentel of Vallejo Street, is slowly but steadily improving. Mrs. Pimentel has been ill for quite some time and Mrs. Brownlee has been here taking care of her and in charge of the household for over a year a half. Mrs. Brownlee has a daughter, Kathleen, attending second grade in the Alvarado School. Also she has a sister residing here, Mrs. Marie Jardine of Smith Street. She is also a cousin to the well-known Alvaradan, Mrs. Aurora Lewis.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, May 12, 1944***

### **SPRSI:**

Officers of the Alvarado SPRSI will be installed at the Odd Fellows Hall, May 25<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 p.m. Those to be seated are: **Mayme Roderick**, President; Aurora Lewis, Vice President; Clara Flores,

Secretary; Mabel Rogers, Treasurer; Angie Vargas, Master of Ceremonies, Clara Martin, Marshal; Mary Amaral, Guard; Eleanore Azevedo, Pianist; Mary Rivers, Anna Amaral and Edith Mello, Directors.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 14, 1944*

### **Filings for School Trustees:**

These persons have filed for open positions of school trustees in our area. Alvarado: M.P.

Goularte; Alviso: **Mayme Roderick**.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 14, 1944*

### **News Notes:**

Manuel Goularte won the local Grammar School trustee election, he had no opposition.

**Mr. & Mrs. Henry Heitmuller, Mildred Nauert, Mrs. August May**, and Peter Decoto enjoyed a lovely supper on Friday night the home of Mrs. Henry May of Decoto.

The Ladies Aid Society have reorganized after two years lapse in meetings. They are going to meet at the Odd Fellows Hall with **Mrs. August May** as hostess.

An Alvarado man deserves to be proud of relatives serving in his country's Army. We refer to Neves Villalobos who has his two brothers at various places in the Armed Forces.

Chester Stanley of Livermore defeated George Hellwig of Alvarado in the election for supervisor at the election held Tuesday. Stanley garnered a remarkable win by 1,341 votes.

Doll sales for the benefit of the Children's Hospital at the Niles Salvage Shop was a huge success.

Cash donations and doll dresses were made by the following Alvaradans: John Blacow, F.C.

Harvey, Alfred Widdop, Joel Langdon, Miss Charlotte Jung, Mrs. Ann Forbes, Fred Wiegman, and

**Mr. & Mrs. Henry Heitmuller**.

On Mother's Day there was a home gathering at the Nauert home in Alvarado, that lovely pioneer home place set amidst a bower of beautiful roses and lovely trees and geraniums just opposite from our Post Office. **Miss Mildred Nauert** was surrounded by her loved ones as a delightful dinner and pleasant time was enjoyed. Attending were Mr. & Mrs. Henry Nauert and Rosalyn of Oakland, Mr. & Mrs. John Boyd of San Francisco, and **Mr. & Mrs. Henry (Oscarina Nauert) Heitmuller** of Oakland.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 19, 1944*

### **News Notes:**

Frank Cordoba, who used to live on V Street with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Cordoba, is with the Marines at San Diego.

Mrs. Wilson left Oakland two days ago to visit her husband in the Marines in SC. She is a daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Peter Cordoba. Her maiden name was Phyllis Cordoba.

Alvarado Lodge of the SPRSI held a meeting last Thursday at the Odd Fellows Hall at which they had installation of officers.

**Mrs. Nick Fazio**, who with her husband and daughter resides next to the Riverside Hotel, leaves this week for a visit with her mother in Portland.

**Mrs. Nick Fazio** and her neighbor, Mrs. Anna Hendricks, made a trip to Oakland Thursday.

Joseph S. Martin, Charles Baird and **James Wasley** have been named delegates to the Eagles Convention to be held in San Francisco on June 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.

Ray Diaz is expected home on visit from Phoenix, Arizona, with his wife probably the end of next month.

Our Alvarado dentist, Dr. E.M. Cooper, has office hours 9 to 6 at his office opposite the Central Bank.

Our friend, Domingo Pineino, who conducts a vegetable stand near Hall Station, is building a new market. Our good Filipino-American, who is a member of the C of C, says it will open in June.

Adam Lewis, whose mother is Mrs. Dutra of Watkins St., is at the University of Montana studying to be a bombardier in the Air Corps, about a six-month course.

G.W. Simpson, former conductor in charge of freight from Washington Township to Oakland, was in town to enjoy Ferd Paredes famous Coney Island Clam Chowder.

We saw Anthony Silva, former Scoutmaster in Alvarado in his new Navy uniform last week.

The restaurant and poolroom in the business block owned by Dr. Bettencourt was given a nice coat of white paint, which adds another improvement to the business section.

Washington Township's Cradle Roll of Honor for babies born since Pearl Harbor has been announced. Babies born since Pearl Harbor may obtain certificates as suitable for framing or for baby books at all banks and post offices. So far Alvarado has two war babies signed up, Sarah Sue Harvey and William Harper.

Evan Bailey, 15-year old son of Lloyd Bailey and wife of Alvarado, has been attending a school in Michigan at Bloomfield Hills, which prepares students for university. It is a high school of superb merit.

Joseph Sanchez of Decoto and our popular Alvarado young lady **Evelyn Naharro** were wed on November 24, 1943 in Reno, NV, and *The Pioneer* regrets that it did not report this prominent wedding before this.

William Diangson of Alvarado is doing well at the Brown Military Academy at Pacific Beach in southern California. He was awarded the Commandant's Ribbon for the seventh straight time and also the Scholarship for the third successive time. The exceptional thing about the Commandant's ribbon is that he is the only cadet to receive one this year. His parents are Mr. & Mrs. Felix Diangson of Smith Street. His sister Barbara Diangson is in the Alvarado Grammar School graduating class in June.

An Alvarado girl who has gone places in the realm of professional dancing is Miss Josephine Cordoba. She dances at the Hawaiian Gardens at San Jose and is featured with a splendid at this famous eating and night club of Central California

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 26, 1944*

#### **Alvarado Water:**

The first of five cathodic stations to neutralize electrolysis in pipelines of the Alameda County Water District has been completed at Alvarado recently, according to W.D. Patterson, president of the district. Disintegration of pipes because of electrolysis was discovered two years ago, at which time the cathodic program was adopted. The same system has been used effectively by the City of Oakland.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 26, 1944*

#### **Alvarado Theater:**

E. Naharro, owner of the Alvarado Theater, has beautified and remodeled the interior of his local movie theater. All new seats and rugs in the lobby and aisles make it very comfortable.

He has added new curtains on the stage. He has modernized the facilities in the rest rooms, which has helped put our town on the map. Now more people come from surrounding towns to enjoy his top-flight and late run of pictures.

**Mrs. Joe Sanchez (nee Evelyn Naharro)** officiates at the box office for her brother.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 26, 1944*

#### **New Alvarado Principal:**

The Alvarado Grammar School principalship was vacated recently by the resignation of **Mr. J.C. Wasley** and will be filled by Leslie H. Maffey, principal of the Warm Springs Grammar School for the past twenty years.

Maffey graduated from San Jose State College and taught in San Jose before coming to Warm Springs. He is the father of three children, Stanley, Student Body Association President and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. In the Cadet Corps at the Washington Union High School and two daughters, Doreen 10, and Marilyn 6.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 26, 1944*

### **Train Rerouted:**

Southern Pacific train service to and from Oakland and San Francisco had to be rerouted through Alvarado today when a fire broke out the Williams Packing shed in Decoto and burned out the railroad signal system.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 29, 1944*

### **Suicide:**

Tony Bastian, 40, Alvarado bartender, committed suicide early today by leaping from a third story window of the St. John's Hospital, San Francisco where he had been confined for the past three days.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 1, 1944*

### **Girl Scout Awards:**

Mrs. Oakes, executive of the big Hayward area of Girl Scouts paid the Alvarado Girl Scouts and their leader, Mrs. Hulse, a big compliment when she saw the list of awards given out Friday night as the largest single awards program that took place in all of southern Alameda County. Many of the girls received several awards. Those winning awards were, Betty Jacinto, Barbara Diangson, Cherrie Davis, Joyce, Layton, Janet Layton, Margaret Hulse, Clarabel Silva, Dora Ramirez, Joelle Andrada, Dolores, Sa, Georgia Davis, Madelyn Hernandez, Anelda Hulse, Dolores Santos, Betty Silva, Dorothy Eudy, Julia Picetti, Marie Jardine, Nettie Lemas, and Ardis Mae Hulse.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 2, 1944*

### **Naharro Family:**

Mrs. Manuel Silva of Alvarado sold her business property opposite the Central Bank to E. Naharro, owner of the Alvarado Theater. The business property includes the former poolroom location and also the building where Mr. Ferd Paredes used to have his restaurant years ago before he moved to his Alvarado Hotel location.

E. Naharro's mother bought the business property next to her home in the business district. On it are the places rented to the gas station and also the Half Way House. This is some of the most prominent business property in our city.

The two purchased properties by the Naharro's means that they virtually control half of the frontage on that business block. It runs from the Naharro home and former shoe store as far as Hellwig's Meat Market.

The residence next to the Alvarado Theater is being remodeled by E. Naharro, and when modernized in a month, his mother and his brother and sister will move to that location.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 2, 1944*

### **Washington Township Elementary Graduates:**

The first of 10 elementary graduations in Washington Township scheduled for the next three weeks will be held at the Alviso Grammar School Thursday night, June 8<sup>th</sup>. A total of 193 students from the 120 schools will be given their diplomas.

Alviso, June 8 <sup>th</sup> :	8 Graduates
Decoto, June 14 <sup>th</sup> :	26 Graduates
Centerville, June 14 <sup>th</sup> :	27 Graduates
Newark, June 15 <sup>th</sup> :	23 Graduates
Lincoln, June 19 <sup>th</sup> :	1 Graduate

Alvarado, June 21 <sup>st</sup> :	10 Graduates
Niles, June 22 <sup>nd</sup> :	42 Graduates
Warm Springs, June 22 <sup>nd</sup> :	9 Graduates
Mission San Jose, June 22 <sup>nd</sup> :	8 Graduates
Irvington, June 23 <sup>rd</sup> :	36 Graduates

June Meneze was the lone graduate from Lincoln Grammar School.  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 4, 1944*

**Ducks:**

The duck population in the marshland area in the vicinity of Newark, Irvington, Alvarado and Centerville has increased 125 per cent during the past year, according to reports considered by members of the Castro Valley Rod and Gun Club.

Alvin Joseph, district representative of Ducks Unlimited, said old time residents of the area inform him that ducks are more plentiful than at any time in the past fifty years. No explanation was advanced, except the possibilities that war conditions have reduced hunting and permitted ducks to multiply unhindered.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 5, 1944*

**Alviso Graduating Classes:**

Alviso:

Evangelina Alvarez, Norberto Alvarez, Joyce Harvey, Adele Ferreira, Albert Spaulding, Elden Andrade, Helen Soares and Henry Goularte.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., June 9, 1944*

**News Notes:**

Walter M. Oakey II, of Central Bank, is the chairman of Alvarado Bond Drive for the 5<sup>th</sup> War Loan Drive.

Later in the summer season the plans call for extending the uncompleted section of the sewer beyond the SP tracks to the John Varni section of homes.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 9, 1944*

**News Notes:**

Joe Otto, who used to be employed in a clerical capacity at Central Bank at Alvarado, was in town calling on friends. He expects to leave soon for some South Pacific point via the Navy.

Andy Anderson has three nephews in the service. One was injured at Anzio beachhead in Italy.

A baby boy (Gary) was born to Mr. & Mrs. Graydon Spurlock, who resides in one of the Varni cottages on Smith Street.

We asked Fred Joyce recently about his son Bunny and found out he is still in England.

An Alvarado soldier was wed today to Helen Guzman. He is the son of the well-known Chavez family who own the Anita Café.

George Andrade, son of Henry Andrade of the Whipple Road, is training with the Air Corps in Texas. He has been in the service for two years.

If he gets his fair price of \$400 Clyde Lewis of Smith Street says he will sell his 1936 4-door Ford sedan. It has a good engine, radio and the tires are in swell shape.

Edward Soares and John Aguiar have belts coming to them because they joined the service. John Ralph and Joe Roderick were asked to deliver them.

Mrs. V. Best has returned from North Idaho where she had been visiting one of her married children. Her husband is custodian of the Marsh Gun Club where prominent East Bay men shoot ducks.

At the last meeting of the **C of C** one of the matters raised was the unsightly cattle loading corral next to the depot and adjoining **Wilbert Hendrick's** property. It was stated that this corral, which has not been used since 1925, would be torn town, and members heartily endorsed this

move. Our local station agent, Ed Wilson, thought it would be an improvement to remove the corral.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 16, 1944*

### **C of C: Boys Recreation Hall:**

The matter of so many boys getting into mischief because of no recreation open to them, prompted James Wasley to suggest that the **Chamber of Commerce** go ahead full-steam and try to secure a recreation hall in Alvarado, and have it open for games of volley ball, handball and games of pool to the boys of high school age. He mentioned the need of a vigorous young man who understood boys and suggested **Wilbert Hendricks**. After unanimous support Wilbert Hendricks was asked to accept and pick his committee.

It was suggested that some large store, like the old Japanese school might be remodeled inside to fit the need. Two adults are asked to be present each night to see that things are conducted right. And the lodges are asked to contribute a certain amount a month to finance the project. A helping hand will be asked from the businessmen. As the need is great, it is thought all will contribute a little each month during the duration.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 16, 1944*

### **Classified Ad:**

BOATS, MARINE ENGINES:

Outboard, 1942 Evinrude, 4-cylinder, 5½ horsepower, perfect! \$235.

Phone: Alvarado 63

*The Oakland Tribune, June 17, 1944*

### **Alvarado Grammar School Graduation:**

Joseph Lewis gave a splendid welcome speech to the eleven Alvarado Grammar School graduates that were gathered on stage. Principal James Wasley has a right to be proud, and the whole program, which he planned last Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Vaughan Seidel, County Superintendent of Schools, gave an inspirational address to the graduates. A fine program of musical entertainment was given the Alvarado Girls Club, and the Valedictory speech was given by Laverne Sa.

Those that graduated were:

Matilda Benites	<b>Cherrie Davis</b>	<b>Barbara Diangson</b>	Joseph
Lewis			
Robert Montalbo	Elias G. Muela	Kenneth E. Roderick	Elenore M. Rose
Laverne Sa	Ronald Silva	Rena Ybarra	

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 23, 1944*

### **Alvarado Theater Bond Drive:**

The **Alvarado Theater** will hold a War Bond Premiere on Wednesday evening July 5, 1944. To gain admission it will be necessary for you to present a ticket showing that you have bought at least a \$25.00 War Bond. There will be a swell picture, possibly local singing talent.

E. Naharro, manager of the Alvarado Theater, is very public spirited and has donated the big show house for the occasion. He is cooperating with **Mr. Walter Oakey II** of the **Central Bank** here, who is the local man in charge of the drive.

The extraordinary picture "The Story of Dr. Wessell" starring Gary Cooper will be shown. This is a top-flight picture and ought to be the means of drawing a crowded house. Here is exactly how to be one of the lucky people to see this picture, and class yourself as one who helped put the drive over the top: Buy a bond of at least \$25 from the local bank or post office, and they will give you a show pass.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 23, 1944*

**News Notes:**

A baby girl was born to Mr. & Mrs. Seraphin Noia at the Providence Hospital in Oakland. Do you want a splendid singer? **Frank Machado** has for sale a male Cinnamon Canary that is 3 years old for \$3.50. Mrs. Joel Langdon of the Creek Road is mourning the loss of her brother and her father who both passed within nine days of each other. Trustees Mrs. Robie and **Frank Machado** have arranged with Orland Close of Hayward to pave the school grounds at the Alvarado School.

Miss Kathleen Brownlee celebrated her birthday with a party at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Pimentel of Vallejo Street. Guests at the party were Elizabeth and Patricia Flores, James & Beverly Bush, Beverly Ann Spurlock; Troy, Joan Russell and Stanley Anderson, Arnold Gardetto and Kathleen’s cousin, Andrew Pimentel.

The local Rebekahs will host the new district deputy in a meeting to be held at the Odd Fellows Hall on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Officers of the Alvarado Rebekahs are: Mrs. Esther Williams, Noble Grand; Margaret Williams, Vice Grand; Margaret Anderson, Treasurer; Annie Baird, Financial Secretary; Henrietta Wilhoit, Secretary; Elsa Nicholson, Conductor; and Wilma Miller, Warden.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 23, 1944*

**Girl Scouts:**

The Alvarado Girl Scouts do patriotic work for the Bond Drive by delivering leaflets. Mrs. Hulse has a fine troop of Girl Scouts, and their willingness to serve the War Bond Drive was a good example. **Mr. Oakey** of **Central Bank** had this to say: "I want to compliment those girls on their cheerfulness and thoroughness in doing a fine jobs." The girls were:

- |                         |                    |                |                      |
|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Betty Jacinto           | Madeline Hernandez | Dora Ramirez   | Marie Jardine        |
| <b>Barbara Diangson</b> | Nettie Lemos       | Georgia Davis  | <b>Cherrie Davis</b> |
| Clarabelle Silva        | Julia Picetti      | Dolores Santos | Delores Sa           |
| Geraldine Warren.       |                    |                |                      |
- The Alvarado Pioneer, June 30, 1944*

**News Notes:**

Miss Erma Borges, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Borges, is to wed Warren Silva just as soon as he comes home on his furlough from the service. Donald Flores of Alvarado, who is in the service, is home on furlough. He is wedded to a young lady from the East Bay.

Peter Pinto and Joseph F. Dutra have been added to the committee to secure a recreation hall for our young boys. Frank George, James Wasley, Wilbert Hendricks and Charles Baird are also on the committee.

Miss Laverne Madeiros of the Creek Road is now employed at Andrade’s store across from the *Pioneer*. Laverne started to work this week and she says Andrade’s store has a big stock of goods in three departments, gas and oils, groceries and drinks and refreshments. Miss Madeiros’s has news from her fiancé, Johnny Shestack, formerly of Alvarado, that he has received a promotion in the Armed Forces at Pearl Harbor.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 30, 1944*

**Auto Accident:**

Ralph Thompkins, 31, of Oakland was seriously injured when he failed to take the corner of Marsh Road two miles south of Alvarado. Mr. Thompkins car skidded 285 feet from the turn into a ditch and then rolled 45 feet before coming to a stop. Thompkins is suffering from a concussion, several broken ribs, and face lacerations.



***The Oakland Tribune, July 3, 1944***

**Rebekah's:**

Plans for a visit of the district deputy president on August 4<sup>th</sup>, were made by the Alvarado Lodge at a meeting last night. All Rebekah lodges in the bay area are invited to attend.

***The Oakland Tribune, July 3, 1944***

**News Notes:**

Corporal Raymond Diaz and wife, the former Bernice Lezand, are expected home within a few weeks from Chandler Arizona, where he is stationed.

Mrs. Angie Pine is in the southern part of the State visiting her husband now in the Armed Forces as a Corporal.

Sgt. Eugene Pine is now home visiting with friends and relatives and will act as Godfather to Mr. & Mrs. S. Noia's one-month-old daughter.

Friends and relatives are sorry to hear that Johnny Cardoza of Alviso is in the hospital overseas and is expecting to stay there some time. His brother Tony is also overseas.

The 17<sup>th</sup> birthday of Miss LaVerne Madeiros was celebrated June 8<sup>th</sup> at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Goularte who live on the Creek Road. LaVerne is a junior at Washington High.

One of the most important wedding anniversaries in the life of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Goularte of the Creek Road was celebrated this week.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, July 7, 1944***

**News Note:**

Mrs. Anna Amaral of Alvarado recently lost her brother from Oakland, Mariano Santos Mello.

***The Oakland Tribune, July 6, 1944***

**John Robert Blacow Retires:**

Approximately 50 officials and employees of Central Bank attended a dinner to honor Robert Blacow, Manager of the Alvarado Office, who will retire effective August 1<sup>st</sup>. Blacow has been associated with the bank for 40 years, having started with the old Bank of Alvarado in 1904.

***The Oakland Tribune, July 10, 1944***

**News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Goularte, niece Jennette Goularte, LaVerne Medieros and Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Silva Jr., are vacationing for a week down at Santa Cruz Beach.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, July 14, 1944***

**Blood Donors:**

Mrs. Pat Hill of Alvarado tops list of Washington Township blood donors for donating nine times. Viola Dinsmore has donated seven times. Donating five times is Joseph E. Dutra. Donating blood twice are: Mary A Silva, Mary Perez, and Johnnie Smyrl. Vernie Perry was a first time giver.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, July 14, 1944***

**J.R. (John R.) Blacow Retires:**

President Frank N. Belgrano, Jr announced the appointment of Walter M. Oakley II as manager of the Alvarado Office of the Central Bank effective as of August 1st, succeeding John R. Blacow. following a meeting of the Board of Directors of Central Bank yesterday.

Oakey, an employee of Central Bank for the past 16 years, started in the Oakland main office of the bank in 1928. In 1941 he went to the Alvarado branch and since 1943 has been Assistant Cashier and executive for Blacow.

Blacow will retire on July 31<sup>st</sup> after 40 years of banking experience, serving with the Bank of Alvarado in 1904. This bank was later merged with the Bank of Alameda County, which merged with Central Bank in 1938, so that his whole banking career was spent in one institution. We must pay tribute to the late August May of Alvarado for making the Bank of Alameda County the great

success it was from the start of his promotion of it. In this enterprise J.R. Blacow at Alvarado and his brother Robert Blacow of Niles Branch, were his two right-hand bowers.

John Blacow was born in Centerville and attended grade and high schools there. He has made his home in that city all during his career. When presented with a testimonial watch at a banquet given by 40 friends and banking associates in honor of his retirement, Blacow said: I am just a small town boy who was born and lived on Main Street all my life."

Blacow was formerly chairman of Group Six of the California State Bankers Ass'n. In Alvarado he was chairman of many War Loan Drives and also of the Red Cross drives, and when it became known that he was named chairman for Alvarado, it was a big guarantee that it would "go over the top here," the Editor says.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 14, 1944*

#### **News Note:**

Mrs. Blake Hill of Alvarado recently donated her ninth pint of blood to the Red Cross.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 16, 1944*

#### **News Notes:**

Standard Oil's **Joseph Lewis** and family are making their home on the old home place of Mrs. Lewis' folks on the Creek Road. It will be remembered that she lost one of her parents lately.

Mrs. Frances H. Robie, who resigned as Clerk of the **Board of Trustees at Alvarado**, was the longest in length of service of all the trustees in southern Alameda County, around 40 years. She has been one of the most patriotic, friendly and helpful members of our community.

In speaking to Frank Machado of the **Board of Trustees of the Alvarado School District**, he called attention to the splendid improvements, which the Board contemplates to put the building in first-class shape. The roof is to be done, the floor in the auditorium sanded, a general overhauling as new curtains, etc., will taken care of by putting the work out for bid. The prevailing hourly wages for certain types of workmen who would be involved in the renovation of the school would be: Carpenters, \$1.50; Building Laborers, \$1.00; General Laborer, \$1.00; Truck Laborers, \$1.00; Roofers, \$1.50; Roofers (foremen) \$1.75; overtime, Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays, time and a half.

The Observation Post, which is of no more use, may be sold by asking for bids on the same, so learned Mr. Machado, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Committee, which raised the money to build the tower on the school grounds. The money from the sale of same would go to the Chamber of Commerce.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 21, 1944*

#### **Classified Ad:**

Alvarado house for sale.

6 room house, \$2,600, at 1755 Smith Street, until recently rented by "Standard Oil" **Joseph Lewis**, second house from school at Alvarado. A bargain at \$2,600 cash. Apply to owner, Mrs. Joseph Goularte, 27371 Manon Avenue, Tennyson.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 21, 1944*

#### **New Trustee:**

Vaughan D. Seidel, County Superintendent of Schools, announces the appointment of George Hocking of Alvarado, to the post of Trustee of the Alvarado Elementary School District Board, to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Frances H. Robie, who just resigned. Hocking will serve with M. P. Goularte, clerk of the board, and F. E. Machado, President.

*The Hayward Review, July 22, 1944*

#### **Miss Judy Hill:**

Miss Judy Hill, from Alvarado, has returned home from Castilleja and will leave this week to spend her vacation visiting school friends at Lake Tahoe.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 23, 1944*

### **Township Post Offices:**

Two Washington Township post offices have been given advanced ratings effective this month. The Centerville Office has been designated as second class and the Mission San Jose Office has been designated as third class.

Other post offices in the township have the following ratings: Second Class: Niles and Newark. Third Class: Alvarado, Decoto and Irvington. Fourth Class: Warm Springs.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 23, 1944*

### **News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. F. Mings of Alvarado attended a goodbye party for Mr. & Mrs. A. D. Posey and children of Hayward who will be moving to their new home in Roswell, New Mexico.

*The Hayward Review, July 27, 1944*

### **The History of Washington Township:**

(John Sandoval, author of this piece in the Hayward Review, would later author the book, "The History of Washington Township")

On November 1, 1769, Gaspar de Portola sent Sgt. Ortega and a squad of men up a hill on the coastal range of California. This hill turned out to be King's Mountain and when they had climbed to a ridge they were greeted with the view of entire southern portion of San Francisco Bay from the Yoruba Buena Island to the sloughs of Alviso ([Santa Clara County](#)).

"While it is not recorded just what the conversation was on that November morning in this little band of Spanish scouts, it is easy to conjecture that they looked toward the present site of Hayward. They must have referred to it as the "contra costa" or the "other side." They must have seen the San Lorenzo Creek, lined as it still is with willows and creek trees, making its way to the bay near the site of Robert's Landing."

"And they must have seen the larger stream, emerging from what is Niles Canyon and emptying into the bay at what is now Alvarado. This watercourse, appearing green with the foliage of the trees along its bank, must have resembled a long roadway. And one of the warriors must have said, "Vista le la alameda!" For alameda in Spanish is the term used to designate such a green-bowered thoroughfare. And that creek is still referred to as Alameda Creek, and gave its name to our county."

*The Hayward Review, July 27, 1944*

### **News Notes**

Eileen Wilson, daughter of Ed Wilson, the S.P. Railroad agent, is returning to San Jose College in her second year.

Alberta Menezes returns to San Jose College as a fourth year student. She is the daughter of John Menezes, our prominent tonsorial artist.

Miss Vivian Logan, who graduated from San Jose State College last term, has accepted a teaching position at a school.

Sally Logan is attending College of the Pacific in Stockton this term, having transferred from San Jose State.

As labor is a problem, **Ted Harvey**, who grows great quantities of the famous Alvarado Burbank potatoes yearly, will only plant half the usual amount this year.

The planting of cauliflower in large quantities is being done by three members of the Alvarado Vegetable Growers; Welsey Emery, **Ted Harvey** and Gus King (on the Patterson Place).

Combining a business trip to Capitola last weekend with a visit to his aunt, was Joseph Dutra, accompanied by his wife Genevieve, also by his niece Betty Jacinto and son Robert David, who we understand the New York Yankees ball team have their eyes on for a future delivery. Great prospect.

The proposed budget for the Alvarado School District will have a routine public hearing at the schoolhouse on August 1<sup>st</sup>. The budget has been figured at \$20,425, a trifle less than last year. Trustees Frank Machado, Manuel Goularte and George Hocking are the board members.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 28, 1944*

#### **Train Kills Man:**

Manuel Ferry, 67, of Newark was killed when his auto collided with a train at the Hall Station crossing one mile south of Alvarado on the Centerville-Alvarado Hiway.

*The Hayward Review, August 3, 1944*

#### **Birthday Club:**

The Alvarado Birthday club, one of the oldest social organizations in Washington Township, organized over 50 years ago held its last meeting of the summer at the home of Mrs. Tainton, in Oakland. Mrs. Walter Robie, of Alvarado, will be the next hostess.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 6, 1944*

#### **Laverne Madeiros' Alvarado News Notes:**

A surprise birthday party took place for Jerry Pimentel who celebrated his 7<sup>th</sup> birthday. Present from Alvarado were Walter Luiz and Vernon Perry.

Johnnie Shestack, U.S. Navy fiancé of Laverne Madeiros is overseas.

Walter Fasolis is overseas in the Navy, stationed in the vicinity of New Guinea.

Pvt. Ray Bautista of Alvarado is now stationed at Camp Roberts California. Ray was inducted into the Army a new week ago.

Mrs. Montalbo and daughter Jeanette are nurses at the Fairmont Hospital in Oakland and are doing very well.

A whist party will be given for the benefits of St. Anne's Church at the SDES Hall at 2 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

Ernest (Doc) Rose, son of Joseph F. Rose of the Alviso District, was overseas about one year. He returned to his work in the oil refineries near Richmond.

Mr. Luiz is home from the San Jose Hospital and getting along nicely. Mr. & Mrs. Luiz live on the Creek road.

Manuel Andrade of the Creek Road was taken to the hospital after a few months illness.

Wire and lumber is for sale at Tony Jardine's, the last house at the end of Smith St., No. 2085.

Chicken mesh wire and redwood 2 X 4's are for sale.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Perry and son Vernon are enjoying themselves at Santa Cruz this week.

Aldina Andrade celebrated her birthday with a bang Thursday. In the afternoon a few friends arrived including Madeline Rocha, Helen Goularte, Miss Judy Ann Serpa and Miss Laverne Madeiros, who is now employed by Andrade. Also Aldina's two sons (**Elmer** and Ronald) attended.

A party was given to honor the birthdays of Mrs. Marie Davilla and Jesse Jacinto, Jr. on Tuesday at the home of **Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Dutra** of Alvarado. Mrs. Davilla was 70 years old on August 9<sup>th</sup> and Jesse Jr. was 18 on August 8<sup>th</sup>, so they celebrated their birthdays together. Mrs. Davilla has three grandchildren in the service, Hubert Jacinto in the Navy, William Harper in the Marines, and Jesse Jacinto Jr. who may join the Navy soon. Those attending the big happy event were: Alice and Alberta Menezes, Mr. & Mrs. John Menezes, Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Jacinto Sr., and daughter Betty; **Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Dutra** and son, Robert David, who by the way is to start school this year; Morris Davilla; **Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Santos** and Mrs. Winifred Harper and son Billy.

If you want your car serviced see **Elmer Andrade** at Manuel Andrade's service station here, because Elmer is a first class amateur mechanic. Young Andrade is a champion when it comes to changing a tire or to servicing cars. Good old Standard gasoline is sold, says Elmer.

On July 30<sup>th</sup> a barbecue was enjoyed in Alvarado celebrating the 79<sup>th</sup> birthday of Anthony Davilla who lives in Elmhurst. The barbecue was held at the home of **Mr. & Mrs. Antone Santos**, with **Joseph Dutra** as head chef. Mr. Santos has made a notable improvement to his home by a low, dignified brick wall at the front and side of his property.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 11, 1944*

#### **Township Music Teacher:**

Bernard Callery of Santa Clara has been engaged by several elementary schools in Washington Township to direct orchestra groups. He succeeds Dwight Thornburgh who will devote his time to music classes at Washington Union High School.

Callery is a graduate of San Jose State College and did special work in music schools in the east. He was active in the Bach Festival at Carmel and has taught in the Sacramento area. It is expected that he will instruct orchestras at Niles, Irvington, Warm Springs, Alviso and Alvarado, according to Principal L. H. Maffey of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 13, 1944*

#### **Chamber of Commerce:**

The Alvarado **Chamber of Commerce** met Thursday evening in the office of John Ralph, our storekeeper. The school building is undergoing improvements, this being the usual meeting place. Mike Salido presided as president and George Oakes as secretary. Among those present were John Ralph, **Joseph Priego, Manuel Machado, Charles Baird, Edward Wilson**, Mile Salido and George Oakes. Much for the good of the community was considered.

Two boys were reported as going into the service next week. They are Jesus Valencia and Louis Apodaca, brother of Lawrence Apodaca the contractor who is living in the Naharro cottage.

Here are eight young men to have their names added to the service flag at the **Post Office** as they enter the service now: Marsh Ledesma, Raymond Bautista, Jesse Jacinto Jr., Louis Apodaca, Jesus Valencia, Edward Leon, Sonny ....., and Bobby Hernandez.

A motion was made by **Manuel Machado**, and seconded by **Charles Baird**, to ask the Highway Patrol to assist in keeping the parked autos out of the driveways and in the front of garages in the business section in the evenings.

There is a chance that there may be a flood in the business section if a heavy winter rain is experienced by reason of the creek bed being filled up with weeds, etc., near the **Holly Sugar Corp**, and **Ed Ahern** property vicinity.

**Ed Wilson** has been asked to contact **Holly Sugar** and Adolph Oliver, who also has a piece of property near the end of the creek, about teaming with the Chamber of Commerce to clean up the creek.

**Charlie Baird** has already received word from **Peter Decoto, Ed Ahern**, and **Ed Wilson** that **Holly Sugar** will help. The Chamber of Commerce is ready to spend money if necessary to hire a man to assist in cleaning up the creek.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 18, 1944*

#### **Laverne Madeiros' Alvarado New Notes:**

On the job this week during vacation season are George Jung of Tennyson, **Andy Gardetto** and Annie Mateo. Andy has a brother Walter out in New Caledonia.

After being contacted by **Ed Wilson** about the weeds and brush in their part of the creek, **Holly Sugar** has graciously offered the help of a work crew to clean up their side of the creek. The town is in fear of a flood this year if the rains are heavy. **Mr. Jack Ahern** and **Peter Decoto** assisted very nicely a couple of years ago.

Sgt. Richard Thayer is home from the Solomon Islands after 47 months of service. He served in Bougainvillea, Guadalcanal, Liga Islands and was in Pearl Harbor at the time of the bombing. He is visiting with his father who works at the Holly Sugar Mill here, and his sister, Mrs. Pauline Ward.

One of the biggest improvements to the business section this past week was the installation of a concrete sidewalk (replacing the wooden planks) in front of **Joseph Priego** corner business property on Levee Street. The front and side of his entailed quite an expense. He is one of the local men who attended the **Chamber of Commerce** meeting this week.

Having put in a big year farming as well as handling his fine Mobilgas Service Station at Alvarado, Joel Langdon decided he needed a vacation. So from August 20<sup>th</sup> to August 29<sup>th</sup> you find him away from his Alvarado station.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 18, 1944*

#### **News Notes:**

A ten-pound son was born to Mr. & Mrs. John Roderick of the Creek Road on August 18<sup>th</sup>. John Homberger is the new conductor on the daily Southern Pacific freight train, which comes through Alvarado.

Peggy Wasley, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Wasley of Alvarado, will teach in the Bakersfield schools this year.

Miss Vivian Logan, also a graduate of San Jose State College, is to teach the primary grade at one of the big Martinez grammar schools.

Manuel Andrade, the storekeeper, has been ill for a few days. His wife and **Miss Medeiros** have kept the business going. Manuel is up and around now.

Frank Machado, one of our school trustees at the Alvarado Grammar School was taken to the Peralta Hospital in Oakland Sunday. He is much improved already.

Bill Rose of the Creek Road is quite ill at the San Jose Hospital. He was found alone after an all-night illness by Aldina Andrade, his niece.

Dennis Pimentel celebrated his fourth birthday Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pimentel, and the brother of Jerry Pimentel.

Clifford Serpa is spending the week at Russian River with another friend of his. He is the brother-in-law of **Miss LaVerne Madeiros**.

Washington Union High School will start on September 11<sup>th</sup> and probably run half schedule to let students aid in fruit. Students attending from Alvarado are: Norma Bettencourt, Placey Paredes, David Priego, Betty Silva, **Andy Gardetto**, Esperansa Saucedo and **Laverne Madeiros**.

Emilio Re, who was at a Navy Station on the Eastern Coast, is now back in Alvarado attending a Navy school in San Francisco. He is able to make the trip daily from Alvarado. His wife, Mrs. Re (nee Marjorie Goularte) is naturally happy to have hubby back, if only for while.

Postmaster Genevieve Dutra is giving helpful information for the sending of Christmas packages overseas, along lines suggested by the **Postmaster General**. "Save strong string and box material and start to plan shopping," the Postmaster General advises Americans in announcing the rules for mailing of Christmas gifts for Army and Navy personnel overseas. Packages must be mailed between September 15<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 18, 1944*

#### **Alvarado School:**

Alvarado Grammar School was recently inspected for earthquake safety and judged to be This "satisfactory." Of all the schools in the township only Newark's was judged below standard.  
*The Oakland Tribune, August 20, 1944*

### **Frank Machado Dies:**

The Editor still feels stunned by the death of Frank E. Machado of Alvarado, after a short illness, because he probably lost his best friend in this part of Washington Township. There would have been no Chamber of Commerce without him, because he single handedly, as its president for many years past, put the body on its feet. And we should know, because as secretary we worked shoulder to shoulder with him.

Without the Chamber of commerce there would not have been a modern \$45,000 sanitary disposal system or a modern red brick firehouse and fire truck with a possible combined value of \$40,000.

His leadership was in a class by itself. And his work in patriotic drives and for his beloved St. Anne's Church are surely written on records not seen by human eyes. He went to his Maker a grand man, fearless in all he did, and with a love of home that made his family life something for the community to admire.

Mr. Machado was a hometown man, having lived in this section all his life. He resided for many years on the Creek Road. Of recent years he occupied a prominent home on Smith Street. He and his wife, and his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Perry and their son Vernie were a happy family. We must not forget that he was also trustee of the **Alvarado Grammar School**, taking more interest than almost any trustee in this section of the Township.

The deceased was the husband of Louise Machado, the father of Veronica Perry and the brother of Mrs. Anna Roderick and Minnie Perry, all of Alvarado. The pallbearers were Joe Avila, **Dan Riley**, Manuel Goularte, Joseph Goularte, Manuel Borges and Frank Roderick.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 25, 1944*

### **Alvarado Elementary School:**

**Alvarado Elementary School** is to start the new term on Monday September 11<sup>th</sup>. The Trustees are Manuel P. Goularte, Clerk of the Board; George H. Hocking, and the late **Frank E. Machado**, who we sorely miss because he practically started all the recent improvements at the local school. The Editor saw the finished job and thinks the plans of Machado and his associate trustees was a complete one in repairs, cleaning and renovations.

This year's staff the Alvarado school will be: Leslie H. Maffey, Principal; and teachers Miss Charlotte (Jung) Young, Miss Hilda Hughes, Mrs. Isabel Ferry Lucas, and **Charles Baird**, Custodian.

There are many improvements made to the school, which will make it something that any modern city can proud of. The auditorium, halls, and Mrs. Lucas' room are sanded and refinished. Other floors are newly cleaned and polished, a new roof on the school, the nurses examination room has been changed to a teacher rooms and has been newly decorated. The old auditorium kitchen has been changed to the health room, and redecorated. Floors in both these rooms has been sanded and laid with lovely linoleum.

The Principal's office was very nicely redecorated. Holes in the yard have been filled and an over-all seal coat applied. The grounds were cleared and improved. Shrubs were trimmed and many new ones are to be added. Flower and shrub landscaping is to be done by an expert. Ventilation is now provided under the auditorium kitchen floor and under the office floor.

The baseball and football field were scraped and leveled. The playground apparatus and backstops were painted. Holes in the driveway were filled and seal coat applied. Much other carpenter work of repairs and improvement were made.

**Charles Baird** has had the assistance of **Daniel Riley** most of the summer vacation in this work of renovation.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 25, 1944*

**News Notes:**

Miss Mary Paniagua, who is employed at Central Bank in Alvarado, has been named chairman of the committee of Decoto Recreation Council to Help Youth.

Petitions were circulated naming Clarence Flores and Peter Pinto to the Sanitary Board from the Alvarado section. Jesse Jacinto (Sr.) was named as assessor.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 25, 1944*

**Sugar:**

Following a long campaign to secure an early announcement of Government price support in time for fall planting, Gordon Lyons, secretary of the California Beet Growers Association writes local beet man that such has been at last accomplished. The price support for the year will give California growers an average of \$13.50 per ton in 1945, the same as for 1944.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 27, 1944*

**Alviso Grammar School Students:**

Language Arts: E. Lunney Ryan, Teacher

<u>Student Name:</u>	<u>Age:</u>	<u>Parent Name:</u>
Joseph Abreu		
Accinelli, Miss Catherine	6	John Accinelli
Miss Sandra Bechthold	5	Albert Bechthold
Miss Patricia Bettencourt	5	Mrs. Mary C. Bettencourt
Miss Beverly Bigby	9	Mrs. Goldie Bigby
Miss Joanne Castro	7	John Castro
Miss Rina Ciarlo	8	Mrs. Emily Ciarlo
Remo Cerruti	5	Mrs. Florence Cerruti
Dino Ciarlo	5	Mrs. Emily Ciarlo
Miss Margaret Corchero	5	Remundo Reina
Miss Wanda Cotter	5	L.G. Cotter
Joseph Dias Jr.	7	Mrs. Mary Dias
Bill Emery	8	Wes Emery
Miss Bernice Espinola	8	Mrs. Elaine S. Clower
Miss Linda Hermosa	5	Vincent Hermosa
Bobby Orsetti	4	Alfred Orsetti
Donald Osborn	4	Gordon Osborn
Johnny Perry	7	Mrs. Rita Perry
Eddie Shannon	8	Richard Shannon
Miss Peggy Shannon	6	Richard Shannon
Miss Glenda Silva	6	Victor Silva
Leroy Soito	7	
Sylvio Tachella	4	Mike Tachella
Miss Derry Sudbury	6	Raymond Sudberry
Miss Newannah Sudberry	7	C.D. Sudberry
Miss Augustavia Hannah		
Dwane Potts		
Jimmie Bratton		

*Alviso School Class Listing, August 28, 1944*



**Man's Throat Slashed:**

Hayward Sheriff's are searching for an unidentified Negro who slashed a three-inch cut on the neck of Herman B. Davis of Baumberg. Davis told the deputies he went into Alvarado Sunday afternoon. In one of the taverns he met a group of Negroes whom he took to Russell City. When he started for home one of the men knocked him down, cut his throat, and took his wallet containing \$80. Davis was taken to Fairmont Hospital where he took six stitches to his throat.

*The Hayward Review, August 29, 1944*

**News Notes:**

Manuel Perry has been named as the new trustee for the Alvarado Grammar School to replace the late Frank Machado.

Our fellow townsman, Ed Richmond, who moved to Centerville to be near his work, visits us each month with the water bills.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 1, 1944*

**Minnie Lawrence Dies:**

Mrs. Minnie Lawrence, 72, wife of the late Manuel Lawrence and mother to several children in the Bay Area, died Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. She was a sister to William Rose of Alvarado. Mrs. Lawrence was a native of Decoto.

*The Hayward Review, September 7, 1944*

**Baseball:**

Alvarado baseball players from aged twelve to eighteen are playing baseball under the team name of the Alvarado "Bat Busters." They have practiced at the local ball grounds and rounded out a pretty fair team. In this day of working parents too often the boys and girls have no guidance to steer them into recreational pursuits such as ball games.

On Sunday afternoon starting at 1 o'clock at the school grounds Decoto and Alvarado boys will be playing. Let's accompany the boys over there and root for the local boys. **Manuel Priego** is the manager of the team. Here is the line-up:

Vernie Machado	Centerfield
Dave Priego	Short Stop
Willie Diangson	First Base
Joe Villalobos	Pitcher
<b>Manuel Priego</b>	Second Base
Johnny Samarron	Third Base
Ernie Pine	Left Field
Alden Chammnes	Right Field
Larry Samarron	Catcher

Subs:

Placey Paredes	Mervin Perry	Andy Gardetto	Abel Villareal
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*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 8, 1944*

**Classified Ad:**

HELP WANTED:

Permanent position with pleasant working conditions and a chance to learn the banking business.

See Mr. Oakey

Central Bank

Alvarado Branch

Alvarado California

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 8, 1944*

**News Notes:**

**Leonard Dutra** celebrated his birthday Sunday at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Russell Davis of Smith Street.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Pimentel and their two sons enjoyed a barbecue dinner at the home of Dan Nelson of Hayward. **Leonard Dutra** and Melvin Pimentel went horse back riding that day.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 8, 1944*

### **Children's Hospital:**

Miss Mildred Nauert will be hostess to Toyon Branch of the Children's Hospital of the Eastbay at her home here Monday at 1:30 p.m. This is the first fall meeting following the summer adjournment for the summer and plans for the year's activities will be made.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 10, 1944*

### **News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Goularte, Laverne Madeiros, and Mr. Mrs. Manuel Andrade, attended the Ice Follies in San Francisco.

Our librarian, Mrs. Forbes, has been ill of recent weeks and her place has been supplied by a substitute.

Stanley Roderick, who has been away with the U.S. Fleet in the South Pacific operations against the Japs, called on Alvarado relatives this week. He is on a 30-day leave.

Mr. & Mr. Fazio of Granger Street have visitors from Portland Oregon.

Anthony Vargas, son-in-law of A.A. (Tony) Lee was elected the new Fire Chief to take the place of James Wasley who resigned.

Clayton George, son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank George, of the Nursery Road, is the center for the football team at Washington Union High School. Lately Clayton bought a V-8 coupe and his mechanical ability caused him to put this machine in swell condition. With the top down he really feels he has a Rolls Royce deluxe.

Donald J. Flores, of Alvarado California, is one of 52 men sent to Colgate University for training in the newly established Naval academic Refresher Unit (V-7), which opened this week as one of three in the U.S. Mrs. Helen K. Flores is his wife. Donald is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Flores of Alvarado.

Master Robert David Dutra, son of Joseph E and Genevieve Dutra, celebrated his sixth birthday on Sunday, September 10, 1944 with a party at the home of his parents. Those who attended the outdoor party from Alvarado were: Larry Hughes, Oscar Hughes Jr., David Brune, William Harper II, Donald Brune and Miss Betty Anne Jacinto. Vernon Perry was unable to attend due to a sore throat.

Mrs. Frank Dutra of Alvarado was taken ill a week ago Sunday at the movie and was taken home, where she has been in bed for over a week. Her two sisters, Mrs. Beatrice Quintal of Hayward and Mrs. Russell Davis of Smith Street, have both been taking care of her. A cheerful message was that her brother, PFC Clarence Silva will be home soon on furlough and would stay for a while on a visit to his family here.

Manuel H. Silva, son of Mr. & Mrs. Manuel F. Silva of the Creek Road is home on a 10-day furlough. Manuel has been two years in the Air Corps of the Army on our east and west coasts. His brother Joseph is in the Colorado Springs unit of the Army Air Corps. Still another brother, Anthony, is with the Navy at Norfolk, VA. The father at one time conducted the Mobilgas station here at Alvarado.

The Alvarado Grammar School will continue to follow the practice of allowing the children to be excused for religious study at local churches on Tuesdays. The Catholic Children attend Catechism at St. Anne's Church from 9 to 10 a.m. for grades 1 through 6. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. is for grades 6 through 8. The Protestant children attend at the Presbyterian Church west of Levee Street in old Union City.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 15, 1944*

**Raymond Lawrence Dies:**

Raymond Norbert Lawrence, 38, husband of Evelyn Lawrence, died in Hayward on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Raymond was father of Ronald Lawrence and son of the late Minnie and Manuel Lawrence. He was a native of Alvarado.

*The Hayward Review, September 17, 1944*

**Sanitary District:**

Voting was light for the election of Washington Township sanitary commissioners. The three elected from Alvarado are: Peter J. Pinto (who replaces the late Tony Vargas), Clarence Flores, and Joseph J. Jacinto.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 19, 1944*

**Tavern Owner Arrested:**

Natividad Saucedo, owner of the "Half Way House," an Alvarado Tavern, was arrested for serving liquor on an election day yesterday. Alvarado citizens held a sanitary sewer board election yesterday and tavern owners were ordered to keep their establishments closed. Saucedo was given a citation for selling beer.

*The Hayward Review, September 19, 1944*

**War Casualty:**

Sgt. Joseph D. Peters, son of Mrs. Anna Peters of Alvarado, was reported killed in the Asiatic area of combat. His name appears on a list of 2,460 casualties released by the War Department today.

*The Hayward Review, September 19, 1944*

**News Notes:**

Charles Baird has been named as Assistant Fire Chief for the Alvarado Fire Department. Walter Oakey, of the Central Bank, has expressed an interest in joining the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce. Mike Salido is ready to sign him up.

During the unfortunate illness of Librarian Mrs. Forbes, Miss Madelyn Woodward is substituting there. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Avila of Alvarado.

September 28<sup>th</sup> is the last day to register voters in Alvarado. They can register at either John Ralph's Store or the General Petroleum Corp. office here in Alvarado.

Ray Diaz of Alvarado plays on the army baseball team at Phoenix in Arizona.

Mrs. Mamie Silveira is in charge of the Whist Party set for October 1<sup>st</sup> as a benefit for St. Anne's Church in Alvarado.

John Green from Lake County will take charge of the Peninsula Gun Club during the duck-hunting season. The club is on the old Leslie Salt Co. pond near Alvarado.

Supt. Hughes of the Southern Pacific says that the railroad will tear down the old cattle corrals adjoining the Hendricks property and will put up new fences in their place.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 22, 1944*

**Alvarado Grammar School:**

The student of the Alvarado Elementary School has been working as hard they can in forming a Boys Club and Girls Club.

The President of the Boys Club is Bradley Martinez, Vice-President is Glenn Bachelor, Secretary is Clyde Davis, and the Treasurer is Henry (Dick) Andrade. The first meeting of the Boys Club was held September 12<sup>th</sup>. Bradley Martinez and Vernon Machado were chosen team captain for the month. Bradley appointed Gilbert Cicairos as his B Team captain and Vernon chose Teddy Peterson as his B Team captain.

The President of the Girls Club is Clarabelle Silva, Vice President Joelle O'Neil, and Secretary Dolores Sa. Their first meeting was held on September 13<sup>th</sup>. The captains of the teams are Clarabelle Silva and Frances Roderick.

The members of Vernon's team are:

Vernon Machado	Clyde Davis	Joe Leon	Glenn Bachelor
Stanley Anderson	Mervin Perry	Elmer Andrade	Richard Faria
Thoedosio Oalsio	Teddy Peterson	Joe Silva	Gilbert Faria
Benito Garcia			

The members of Bradley's team are:

Bradley Martinez	Carlos Renteria	Henry Andrade	John Ledesma
Herbert Smith	Gilbert Cicairos	Harold Martinez	George Aranda
Felix Ybarra	Bobby Wasley	Abel Villareal	Leonard Dutra

The member's of Clarabelle's team are:

Clarabelle Silva	Dolores Sa	Joelle O'Neil	Betty Jacinto
Georgia Davis	Eleanor Soares	Marie Jardine	Olivia Aranda
Elizabeth Flores			

The member's of Frances' team are:

Frances Roderick	Dolores Santos	Geraldine Warren	Selina Rigmaiden
Madeline Hernandez	Carol Hocking	Erneline Ybarra	Nettie Lemos

The school will have a student body, which will be elected next week.

By: Clarabelle Silva, Temporary Student Body Reporter.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 22, 1944*

### **Sanitary District:**

At the election held Monday at the Alvarado schoolhouse, the tabulation of the vote there showed that Joseph Jacinto (Sr.) has been elected Assessor for the Sanitary District. This office was formerly held by Fred Wiegman, who after doing a fine job in helping organize the District expressed the desire to retire. Mr. Jacinto had qualified for the election recently when the signatures were secured to his petition. Peter Pinto was a good selection for the new Director of the Sanitary District. Clarence Flores, another fine local citizen, was re-elected to the Board of Directors.

Dan Riley was named Inspector to check on the pumps at the booster station on V Street daily, as well as seeing the disposal plant lower down V Street is performing its usual excellent work. Joseph Dutra is secretary of the board.

In speaking to Joseph Dutra, the secretary of the Sanitary District, he tells us they have the funds ready to make an extension of the sewer to serve the Varni cottages on the other side of the S.P. tracks.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 22, 1944*

### **Birthday Party:**

Jo Anne Silva, granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Logan of Alvarado, celebrated her seventh birthday on September 28<sup>th</sup> at her parent's home in Hayward.

*The Hayward Review, September 29, 1944*

### **Girl Scouts:**

Mrs. Pauline Oakes and Mrs. Rosalyn Dennis, organizational chairmen for the Girl Scouts visited the Alvarado and Alviso Schools Thursday assisting the organization of troops there.

*The Hayward Review, September 29, 1944*

### **Parents Warned:**

Eight Alvarado parents appeared before the district attorney this week to show cause why they should not be prosecuted for not sending their children to school.

*The Hayward Review, September 29, 1944*

### **Alvarado School:**

Two athletic clubs have been organized among pupils of the Alvarado Grammar School under the direction of the new principal Leslie H. Maffey, and a student body association is expected to be organized this week.

The officer's of the girls club has been chosen as follows: Clarabelle Silva, President; Joelle O'Neill, Vice President; Delores Sa, Secretary. Officers of the boys club are: Bradley Martinez, President; Glenn Bacheler, Vice President; Clyde Davis, Secretary; and Henry (Dick) Andrade, Treasurer.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 1, 1944*

### **News Note:**

Mrs. August May will be hostess to the Toyon Branch of the Children's Hospital of the Eastbay at her home in Alvarado on Monday at 1:00 p.m.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 4, 1944*

### **Alvarado-Niles Road to be Improved:**

The possibility that the Niles-Alvarado Creek Road may become a four-lane highway in view of the fact that it will be one of the main feeder road connecting with the Eastshore freeway was commented on here this week by Wallace B. Boggs, country surveyor, at a meeting of the Niles Chamber of Commerce.

If the Niles-Alvarado Road should become a four-lane highway it would be divided with a central strip of from four to eight feet and if it remains a two-lane road it will be modernized and probably raised in portions now subject to winter floods. It will connect traffic from Niles Canyon with the freeway somewhere near Alvarado.

Another survey is to be made is that along Marsh Creek between Alvarado and Newark to eliminate the annual closing in the winter flood season.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 6, 1944*

### **New Notes:**

William Jiminez was visiting in Alvarado with folks. He is located at Fort Bliss, Texas, with the Anti-Aircraft Division.

An Alvarado young man was visiting his folks here recently. He was B. Gonzales of Camp Beale where he is with the field Artillery.

Edwin Whitburn of the main office of Central Bank at Oakland has been sent to the Alvarado Branch to assist Manager Walter Oakey II. He is equally as progressive a man and has taken quite a liking to the people of the valley. Miss Mary Paniagua of Decoto is another assistant there.

The only Eagle Lodge in Washington Township is in Alvarado. On Monday night, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, the following new members were inducted: Eugene J. Bathe, Newark; Edward L. Perry, Irvington; Louis Muller, Alvarado; Frank P. Olivera, Newark; and Frank Cunha, Irvington.

The War Chest drive in Washington Township is underway and is headed by E. Enos, purchasing agent of Leslie Salt. He has chosen Wilbert Hendricks and chairman and Frank George to assist him. Two other Alvarado men on the committee are Gregory Perry and Mike Salido.

*The Alvarado pioneer, October 6, 1944*

### **Soil Conservation Plans:**

Efforts to promote the stock raising industry in Southern Alameda County, with particular attention to greater usage of semi-arid hill lands, was under way today as a new feature of the county agricultural association. In line with the new program, A. B. Hill of Alvarado has been retained by the committee as range supervisor. He will specialize in promoting rangeland conservation.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 8, 1944*

#### **New Arrival:**

To the wife of Melvin Allegre, Alvarado, a daughter, September 27<sup>th</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 9, 1944*

#### **Woman Stabbed:**

A 17 year-old Alvarado youth who allegedly stabbed Annie Guerra, 21, because of jealousy, was certified to the juvenile court in Oakland after charges of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to commit murder. The youth, a tomato picker on an Alvarado ranch, is charged with stabbing Miss Guerra, a prune picker in Warm Springs, in the chest with a pocket knife.

*The Hayward Review, October 9, 1944*

#### **News Notes:**

**Leslie Maffey**, our school principal, is taking an interest in the rejuvenated **Alvarado Chamber of Commerce**.

Fred Paredes, son of Mr. & Mrs. Ferd Paredes of the Alvarado Hotel, is home on furlough from the Navy. Fred is a cook aboard an aircraft carrier.

The Pioneer salutes Fred Wiegman as the real "father of the Alvarado Fire House." As Alvarado's Fire Commissioner Fred Wiegman steered the construction of the firehouse to completion. The Chamber of Commerce officers started the crusade for a Fire House but without the personal guidance of Mr. Wiegman, we would not have gotten to first base.

Frank George solicited funds from Alvarado businessmen for the War Chest Drive. People in the residential district are responding too, reports Wilbert Hendricks. Joe Langdon is collecting from the Creek Road folks.

Madeline Woodward, acting Librarian in place of Mrs. Forbes gives us the following news. The Library is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on Monday and Wednesday evening from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Some members of the **Chamber** were going to suggest to ask the caretaker of the Jap laundry with the collapsed wing, to kindly clean up this eyesore, which extends out over the sidewalk almost.

Our friend, **Ferdinand Paredes** of the **Alvarado Hotel**, was giving away bass to all his friends last week, after a very successful fishing trip to the region adjoining the Carquinez waters known as Black Boy.

Mr. Widdock, the very genial retired employee of the East Bay Water Co., who is well known in Alvarado, called on his friends here Friday. He owns a couple of houses on Watkins Street. He later left for his cottage on the coast at Half Moon Bay. For 20 years when the water pumping station was busy on Union City Road, Widdock had charge of the pumping station.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 13, 1944*

#### **Alvarado School News:**

##### General School News:

The school enrollment has grown so much that the County Board of Education gave Vaughn Seidel our County School superintendent, the right to grant our school sufficient money from the county emergency fund to enable our principal and out school board of trustees to hire two more

teachers, Mrs. Pearle Petersen for the school grade and Mrs. Laverne Stivers Dickerson for the third grade.

Our principal is **Leslie Maffey**. The members of the school board are: Manuel P. Goularte, clerk of the board; George Hocking and Manuel Perry. Mr. Perry was appointed by Vaughn Seidel to take the place on the school board of his father-in-law, Frank Machado, whose recent loss has been keenly felt by the school district.

We now have a fully organized student body. The following students were elected to office: President, Dolores Sa; Vice President, Dolores Santos; Treasurer, Clarabelle Silva; Secretary, Leonard Dutra; Reports, Betty Ann Jacinto; athletic Monitor, Vernon Machado. The student body council representatives are: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Joelle O'Neil; 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Henry (Dick) Andrade; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Gilbert Cicairos; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Vernon Perry; and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Dan Scott.

The very first business transaction by the new president was to appoint a committee to take over charge of the annual paper drive. Vernon Machado was appointed chairman of the committee. Prizes will be given to the room getting the best average in amount of paper per pupil, and for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> largest amounts brought in by one individual student. The drive will end on Friday, October 20, 1944

By: Betty Ann Jacinto, student Body report

#### Girls Club News:

As you already know, we have two baseball teams, the "Smackers" with Clarabelle Silva as captain and the "Wackers" with Frances Roderick as captain. The Smackers won both of the playoff games by scores of 13-4 and 21-20.

The members of Clarabelle's Smackers are:

Clarabelle Silva	Delores Sa	Joelle O'Neil	Georgia Davis
Betty Jacinto	Marie Jardine	Elizabeth Flores	Olivia Aranda
Lucita Perez	Bertha Prado	Juanita Villegas	

The members of Frances' losing team are:

Frances Roderick	Dolores Santos	Geraldine Warren	Consuelo Saucedo
Madeline Hernandez	Selina Rigmaiden	Nettie Lemas	Carol Hocking
Phyllis Faria	Ernestine Ybarra	Evelyn Muela	Molly Soto
Dora Ramirez			

The losers must now chip in and give the winners a party. We are glad to say that the Wackers have been good sports even though they did lose. The side is very evenly matched and this makes the games very interesting.

By: Frances Roderick, Girls Club Reporter

#### Boys Club News:

The two sides for the Boys Club monthly competition are evenly matched. In the total number of points of the games we have played so far, Vernon Machado's Lions are ahead by only one point, 74-73. The Wildcats, with Bradley Martinez as captain are battling hard to get the lead. At the end of the month they want to be ones to get the party, not give it.

On October 10<sup>th</sup> we played Decoto in a touch-tackle football game on our ground. Decoto won 12-0. The boys on the Decoto team were good sports. We enjoyed playing them and hope for a return game.

The line-up for the Alvarado team was as follows:

Center: Teddy Petersen	Right Guard: Teodosio Olasio	Right Tackle: Joseph Silva
Right End: Gilbert Cicairos	Left Guard: Gilbert Villareal	Left Tackle: Leonard Dutra

Left End: Vernon Machado                      Quarterback: Bradley Martinez                      Right Half: Abel Villareal  
 Left Half: Benito Garcia                      Fullback: John Ledesma  
 Subs: Bobby Wasley, Louis Alvarado, Glenn Bachelor, Clyde Davis and Carlos Renteria  
 By; George Aranda, Boys Club Reporter, Pro Tem

Junior Traffic Patrol Squad:

This year our Junior Traffic Squad has been completely reorganized. The members are as follows:

Captain:	Vernon Machado			
1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut.	Bradley Martinez			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut.	Gilbert Cicairos			
Sergeants:	George Aranda	Richard Faria	Bob Wasley	Eugene Jardin
	Carlos Renteria	Abel Villareal		
Officers:	Elmer Andrade	Henry Andrade	Teodosio Olasio	George Cicairos
	Donald Faria	Mike Leon	Harold Martinez	John Ledesma
Reserves:	Melvin Pimentel	Tommy Gualco	Ralph Villareal	Freeland Smith
	Gilbert Villareal			

We are learning to drill and march to and from our duties. We are being sponsored by the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The typewritten news we received from the school compares favorably with the news sent to us by the largest grammar and high schools of Washington Township. The stores are well worded and the typing is double-spaced. Putting the news into words as these students have done is the first successful step toward a journalistic career and clear-cut public speaking. The Chamber of Commerce commends these efforts.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 14, 1944*

**Auto Accident:**

John Hohmer of Alvarado was involved in an accident on the Alvarado-Centerville Road Sunday evening when he collided with a car driven by Howard Bradbury of Newark. Bradbury made a left turn and did not see the on-coming Hohmer vehicle.

*The Hayward Review, October 16, 1944*

**Drunk:**

Jesus Sapan, of Alvarado, was taken into custody at the Half Way House in Alvarado Tuesday night by sheriffs on charges of drunkenness. They had been called to the café when a fight was reported to be in progress there.

*The Hayward Review, October 18, 1944*

**News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph E. Dutra attended a dinner at the Hotel Leamington on Thursday sponsored by the Women's Democratic Club of Alameda County.

Jesse Jacinto Jr. is attending the Naval School at San Diego rang his pop up on the telephone on his dad's birthday.

Wilbert Hendricks, who is the chairman of the Alvarado drive for funds as part of the Washington Township drive, has appointed **Mrs. Diangson** as one of the local committee workers. Mrs. Diangson has done a wonderful job in collecting funds from the Filipino colony. The Alvarado chairman is more than proud of this fine contribution to show the patriotism of our loyal Filipino Americans.



Two dances are being arranged for October 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at the local SDES Hall, under the auspices of **Mrs. Diangson** and the Filipino community, where there will be funds raised for the War Chest Drive. Mrs. Diangson would like the Filipino community to raise \$700 for the Drive.

Willa Jane Hellwig of Alvarado brought big honors to Alvarado last week at the Grand State Convention held in the Civic Auditorium in San Francisco. She headed the installation of officer of the Grand Chapter, acting as Grand Marshal, in her usual charming and genuinely friendly way. As the past State president of the O.E.S. she was at ease before the some 6,000 delegates and visiting members. Joining her from Alvarado at the convention was Mrs. Marguerite Cadero, Associate Matron of the Orient Chapter of Centerville.

The Chamber of Commerce is calling on landowners to clean up the creek before the flood season starts. Chamber secretary Oakes has been asked to write to Adolf Oliver, Peter Decoto, Jack Ahern and the Holly Sugar Corp and other to kindly attend a meeting to discuss the cleanup of the Alameda Creek.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 20, 1944*

### **Favors Proposition 9:**

Proposition 9 is receiving renewed interest following a recent address by Principal L. H. Maffey of Alvarado Grammar School, where he stated his position favoring Proposition 9, which provides increased state financial aid for elementary school districts.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 22, 1944*

### **Classified Ad:**

DOMESTIC HELP:

WANTED: White woman for housekeeping on dairy ranch; cook for seven; modern conveniences, close in, no objections to one child.

Post Office Box 178, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, October 23, 1944*

### **Loss of "A" Stamps:**

Joaquin Naharro, of Alvarado, lost the use of his "A" ration card for 90 days for speeding. This means that he cannot buy gas for 90 days.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 27, 1944*

### **News Note:**

Miss Linda Jan Hellwig has announced her engagement to Ensign Kenneth H. Rankin, of the U.S.N.R.

PFC Warren Mannis is visiting his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Russell of V Street this week. Russell is employed at the Calif. Packing Corp., in Alameda.

Miss Mary Paniagua of Decoto who is employed by our local bank is planning a Halloween special for the children of Decoto on October 31<sup>st</sup>. They will give a costume party, with free cookies and refreshments and games to please all. Miss Paniagua is the chairman.

Miss Claire Joanne Pimentel celebrated her birthday at her home in the company of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence J. Pimentel of Smith Street. Attending from Alvarado was her grandmother, Mrs. Aldena Goularte; and her godmother, Mrs. Marjorie Re. Her godfather, Emilio Re could not attend as he is somewhere in New Guinea. Unable to attend was Mr. & Mrs. Frank Goularte of Creek Road, her uncle, Joe Roderick; and Jeanette Goularte.

Our friend, young Gallagher, who lives above Sam Dinsmore's store, has bum luck with his dreams. Instead of a beautiful blonde or brunette, he has been battling a person who appears to be very real. It was so real that he save he had to save his life and put up a battle. As he awoke he had hit the monster for a win, but his arm was broken. He had hit the door an awful wallop.

We really are sorry that young Gallagher is laid up for a few months with his arm in a plaster cast.

On Wednesday afternoon after school at the Alvarado Grammar School, the Girl Scouts will meet with Mrs. Hulse, their leader. As she has moved to Tennyson she is anxious to get some lady to take over her troop that has prospered wonderfully under her guidance. So on November 1<sup>st</sup> if some mother is interested she will find a very fine bunch of girls to work with.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 27, 1944*

**News Note:**

Carl Bonhum of Alvarado attended a rabbit dinner in honor of August Day, merchant marine seaman, who has returned to the U.S. after one year abroad.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 27, 1944*

**Dairymen Honored:**

Several dairymen in Southern Alameda County will soon receive National Honor Roll Certificates recognizing their achievement in developing a herd of cows to a high yearly average of production. Their achievement is based on records of dairies taken by the Alameda County Cow Testing Association; the certificates are given by the National Dairy Association. Those who received awards in our area were: The Zwissig Brothers, Decoto; the Andrada Brothers, Alvarado; Joseph Horat, Russell City; Joseph Holdener, Russell City; Louis Camenzind, Clawiter Road; and Frank Horat of Centerville.

*The Hayward Review, October 28, 1944*

**Classified Ad:**

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE:

Three pool tables, complete, in good condition, price \$550; two juke boxes, \$275 and \$300; outboard motor, 41 HP, rebuilt, \$125.

Phone Alvarado 1, Helen Marquez.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 31, 1944*

**News Notes:**

**Miss Mary Paniagua** observed her 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary the Alvarado Branch of **Central Bank**. She is a well-known Decoto girl.

The Southern Alameda County Progressive Club met on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> at their clubhouse at Frank P. George's house on Nursery Road.

The recent registration of voters in the Alvarado area did a good job in making it possible for many people to vote Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. More power to the civic-minded activity of Miss May Fontes of the General Petroleum Company and Mrs. Mamie Roderick at Ralph's store.

Swiss night will be observed by the Alvarado Aerie of Eagles Monday night with visitors from neighboring communities. Joe Bauhoffer and Carl Reichmuth will be in charge of the program. Swiss entertainment will make up the program after which a large class of Swiss residents of Washington Township are expected to be initiated.

On Thursday evening November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Chamber of Commerce committee investigating the job of how much it would cost to clean up the end of Alameda Creek here made its report. Messrs. Adolph Oliver, Peter Decoto, Joe Avila and Jack Ahern did a conscientious job and figured about \$250 would be the cost of dragging the creek bed. These gentlemen started the ball rolling, offering \$25 each to start the sum to be raised.

Mary Bernice Luiz, a very charming young lady who resides on the Creek Road, has been employed at the **Central Bank** at Alvarado the past two weeks. It is shown by her progress so far under teaching by Manager Walter Oakey and **Miss Mary Paniagua**, that she will learn the

banking business from A to Z. Her folks are Joe Luiz Jr. and Julia Luiz and she graduated from Washington Union High School in 1944.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, November 3, 1944***

#### **Alvarado School Girls Club News:**

On Friday, October 13, the Girls Club of the Alvarado Elementary School appointed a Constitution committee to draw up a constitution for the club. The first thing the girls set forth in their constitution was the purpose of the Girls Club, namely: To work for the highest standards of the Alvarado School, so that our school can and will lead in all the best things.

Because the elected treasurer and news report were elected to two positions we had another election. Dolores Santos was elected treasurer and Georgia Davis was chosen news reporter.

On Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, we had a base ball game with the girls from Warm Spring School. They defeated us by the big score of 35 to 8. They were very good payers. We hope some day to have a return game. We hope we do better next time.

At a meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup>, the girls voted to do their best and be good sport at all times and endeavor to make friends with the other girls who were coming to play us that day. All the girls kept their promise and everything went off fine. All had a good time and everyone made friends. The girls from Warm Springs surely were good sports.

BY: Georgia Davis, Girls Club Athletic Reporter.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, November 3, 1944***

#### **Washington Township Country Club:**

William S. Rice of Oakland, nationally known artist, will address the Country Club of Washington Township at its meeting Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Andrew Logan, Alvarado pianist, will furnish music for the program arranged by Mrs. John R. Sutton and Mrs. R. L. Pond. Hostesses for the afternoon will be Mesdames H. F. Chadbourne, R. W. Emerson, George Goodale, T. C. Wilson, Harvey Granger and C. T. Hygelund.

***The Oakland Tribune, November 5, 1944***

#### **Pistol Packin' Mama:**

Pistol Packin' Mama was reborn in Alvarado this weekend when Jennie Czupek, brandishing what appeared to be either a .22 caliber or a .32 caliber nickel plated gun, shot up the town in good old fashioned western style. Jennie is the cook for the Railroad section hands in Alvarado.

Picked up by sheriff's deputies on charges of drunkenness and for carrying a gun, Jennie was sentenced to five days in jail or a \$10 fine by Judge Silva on Monday on the drunkenness charge. She pleaded not guilty to carrying the gun and will be tried at a later date.

According to witnesses, Jennie entered the Alvarado Hotel at about 8:15 p.m. Sunday and stayed about half an hour. During that time she drove a Mexican out of the door at the point of her gun. She then went down to the Silver Dollar Saloon and fired a shot out the door. Her brief but eventful evening in town was cut short when deputy sheriff's arrested her.

***The Hayward Review, November 7, 1944***

#### **Garbage Dumper:**

Sheriff's issued a citation to Mrs. F. J. O'Brien, San Lorenzo Village, who admitted dumping garbage on the west side of Marsh Road, near Alvarado on Sunday. Mrs. O'Brien was traced by letters addressed to her, which were found in the garbage.

***The Hayward Review, November 8, 1944***

#### **News Notes:**

President Roosevelt wins by a landslide, Washington Township and Alvarado going strong for the current president.

President **Joseph Martin** of the Alvarado Eagles says Joe Perry has joined the lodge. Fire Chief Anthony J. Vargas reports that everything is progressing nicely at the firehouse. New member added recently were Peter Pinto, Elvin Rose, William Machado and Joe Avila. Miss May Fontes, of the General Petroleum Company, is mourning the passing of her father in Centerville. He suffered a stroke on Wednesday and death followed almost immediately. Richard Munger came over from Las Vegas with his wife to visit his folks. He married Miss Robinson of Las Vegas a few months ago. Young Munger is in the Army aviation there.

The Alvarado Grammar School will be privileged to see an indoor circus live on stage at the school auditorium on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Acts will include clowns, fine dog acts and even a 22-year-old horse performing on the stage.

In the War Chest Drive Joel Langdon can't be beat. On the Creek Road where he lives he called on every house and got a 100 per cent contribution, so the Creek Road made the best showing of any part of Alvarado with over \$130 collected. Mrs. Felix Diangson did a fine job among our patriotic Filipino-Americans, collecting \$120. She and her husband conduct that fine Café and pool hall on Smith Street in Alvarado. A full report will be made next week.

Wilma Martin of Whipple Road recently wed William Silva of Niles who is currently in the Navy. Her parents are **Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Martin**. She is currently employed at the Maritime Commission in Oakland. Her sister, Mildred Martin is employed in the Bond Department at the Oakland Post Office. Both girls commute their Alvarado home on Whipple road via Peerless bus daily.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 10, 1944*

#### **Mrs. Mary Rivers:**

Step up Mrs. Mary Rivers and take a bow as one of Alvarado's most worthwhile and patriotic citizens, says the Editor. And why? Well because she is such a stout hearted and energetic person.

She lost her son (Paul Rivers) when he was reported missing almost two ago by the Canadian air Corps. And here is what you call faith. Do you know what she told the Editor? You'll see, maybe my boy will come yet. Ain't that courage, which many a younger couldn't portray.

Then she has kept on her fine work in the Red Cross in the Township. And she has worked hard for St. Anne's Church. She even sold us a chance on a War Bond for the benefit of the fine local church.

And to top it off this smiling lady of some 65 summers has lately adopted a little girl from the Catholic Charities organization of San Francisco. She is Annabelle Velard. You're indeed a lucky girl Annabelle to get such a fine home. Why don't more folks follow such a noble example?

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 10, 1944*

#### **Alvarado Boys Club News:**

The Alvarado A and B Football team played the Warm Springs A and B teams on October 24<sup>th</sup>. The A team score was Warm Springs 18 Alvarado 0. The B team played to a scoreless tie.

Our Football teams played the Centerville teams on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The A team lost 30 to 12 and the B team lost 12 to 0.

The end of the month of October founds Vernon's Lions leading in the daily games competition with a total score of 212 against Bradley's Wildcats 182. Bradley's Wildcats had to give the Lions a party. A grand time was had by all, both winners and losers. Captain Bradley's teams committee arranged 5 boxing bouts as entertainment and afterwards put on a swell feed of ice cream, soda pop, and potato chips.

In the regular Boys Club meeting of November 1<sup>st</sup>, the boys chose Richard Faria as the sergeant-at-arms to take the place of Herbert Smith who moved away. The two new captains for the month of November are Abel Villareal and Teddy Petersen. Teddy Petersen's team name is "Teddy's Air Devils." Abel's side chose the name of "Black Cobras." The "Black Cobras" say they do not agree with the "Air Devils" when they say they are the best team.

On Teddy Petersen's team are:

Bradley Martinez	Vernon Machado	Benito Garcia	Richard Faria
Raymond Moreno	Clyde Davis	Joseph Silva	Glenn Bachelor
Gilbert Faria	Leonard Dutra	Eugene Jardine	Mervin Perry
Henry "Dick" Andrade	Stanley Anderson	Elmer Andrade	Bobby Wasley

On Abel Villareal's Team are:

John Ledesma	Carlos Renteria	Gilbert Cicairos	Gilbert Villareal
Teodosio Olasio	Louis Alvarado	George Aranda	Joe Leon
George Apodaca	Robert Preciado	Harold Martinez	Joaquin Preciado
Leroy Alvarado	Felix Ybarra	Vernon Machado	Arlen Amaral

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 10, 1944*

### **Chamber of Commerce:**

A record attendance is expected at Thursday night's joint meeting with the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce and the Washington Township Planning Committee at the grammar school. Among the projects to be discussed is better town street lighting, zoning of the township, a proposed Southern Alameda County sanitary district, and an effort to locate an airport in this area. President Mike Salido will preside and the public is invited.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 12, 1944*

### **Alameda County Guards:**

It is the confirmed belief of our State Adjutant General and other military authorities that the time has come when California must give new attention to its State Guard. An Alameda County battalion of the guard should have at least 700 members and be drawn from all cities and towns in Alameda County. The purpose of the guard is to provide community protective forces throughout the state at a time when the younger men are in the regular armed forces. Enlistment would be open to all men between the ages of 18 and 64. No man who joins the guard would be asked to serve outside his county without his consent.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 13, 1944*

### **Classified Ad:**

MEN WANTED:

95 acres of land, 30 acres available for farming; \$100 a month for eight months; \$125 a month for four months; five room house, no rent charge, located at Alvarado.

Write: Box M52547, Tribune

*The Oakland Tribune, November 17, 1944*

### **News Notes:**

Peggy Wasley, who has been doing splendidly at teaching in Bakersfield schools, expects to visit her folks on Thanksgiving.

A young man, who went through our Alvarado school and is a big figure in the war zone, is Robert Ziegler. He is Flight Surgeon connected with the Air Corps. We remember how James Wasley always predicted a big outstanding future for this boy, and his words of advice to Robert were filled with wisdom.

Walter Oakey of the Alvarado Branch of Central Bank will lead the 6<sup>th</sup> War Bond Drive for the Alvarado area. Louis Amaral will be the leader for the Alviso district.

The digging of a ditch to lay the sewer pipe extending below the S.P. Co. tracks is well under way.

The Teachers Institute for Elementary School teachers was held at Hayward, so Alvarado pupils had a few days vacation this week.

Manuel Perry of Smith Street is one man who realizes what a big flood would do to our business section in case of a very heavy downpour this winter. He told the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce that he would give \$10 to help clean up the creek end in Alvarado. Manuel Goularte of the Alvarado school Board is also willing to aid, and has a couple of dollars ready to help.

Stanley Roderick of the Coast Guard, and Jimmy Perry, a key man at the Richmond Shipyards, made a visit to their aunt, Mrs. Frank Machado here this weekend. The M.E. Perry's were in on the cordial greeting also.

At the monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of Alvarado Grammar School, Charles Baird handed in his resignation as the school custodian. Charles has been there a long time and many people, including our Chamber of Commerce, are indebted to Mr. Baird for many courtesies. And we shall miss him, but we wish him well in any new field of endeavor he has in view. William Avila, who lives across the street from the School, has been named to replace Charles. The board could not have made a better choice.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 17, 1944*

#### **News Notes:**

Mrs. Margaret Cadero of Alvarado will succeed Mrs. Anna Bradford as Matron of the Orient Chapter of the O.E.S. of Centerville.

Bids will be taken to for a new annex to the Alvarado Firehouse. The new annex will be used as an office and clubroom.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 24, 1944*

#### **New Arrival:**

To the wife of Alvin (Elvin?) A. Rose of Alvarado, a son born on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 25, 1944*

#### **Poster & Essay Contest:**

Eight of the ten elementary schools in Washington Township are participating in the poster and essay contest sponsored by the community service committee of the Washington Township Rationing Board as a part of an educational campaign against inflation. Entries have been received from Alvarado, Decoto, Centerville, Niles, Newark, Irvington, Warm Springs and Lincoln schools. Judges are now picking winners; the two top prizes will be \$25 war bonds. Each school participating will also be given a prize of war stamps. Money for the prizes if being contributed by organizations in the township.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 26, 1944*

#### **Centerville Eastern Star:**

Anna Bradford and William Beck, matron and patron of the Orient Chapter of the Eastern Star, entertained officers of the chapter at a recent meeting held in Centerville. Mrs. Bradford will preside on her last meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Margaret Cadero of Alvarado is succeeding her in office.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 26, 1944*

#### **Rebekah's:**

Election of officers will be held by the Alvarado Rebekah Lodge, at the Odd Fellows Hall in Alvarado on Friday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be presided over by the noble grand Mrs. Esther Williams. Mrs. Wilma Miller and Mrs. Thelma Ripping will be in charge of the refreshments.

*The Hayward Review, November 28, 1944*

#### **Custodian Resigns:**

Charles Baird, custodian at the Alvarado Grammar School for the past seven years has resigned his position to a government position in the Fort Winfield Scott Fire Department at San Francisco.  
*The Oakland Tribune, November 30, 1944*

**Sugar:**

The sugar industry in Southern Alameda County has asked the Post War Planning Commission for aid in revitalizing the sugar beet industry in this area stating acreage now is only one-fifth as much as before the war and that 400 acres of beets now are rotting in the ground because the fields are too soft to use machinery for harvesting as planned and it is not possible to obtain help. It has been suggested that an effort be made to obtain Mexican labor and to have the **Alvarado Sugar Mill** reopened.

*The Hayward Review, December 1, 1944*

**News Notes:**

**The Riverside Hotel** has been acquired by a newcomer, **Mrs. Estelle Rigmaiden** and now has rooms for rent.

Wilbert Hendricks, chairman for the Alvarado District of the War Chest Drive, reports that Alvarado went over the top on their local drive with over \$1,000.

Teddy Petersen of the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and Henry "Dick" Andrade of the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade in Alvarado won prizes in the Washington Township Rationing Board essay contest.

Trucks haul sugar beets to the **Holly Sugar Mill** at Alvarado and loaded on cars for process at Tracy and Spreckles plants of the same company. Seventeen carloads are shipped via Southern Pacific railroad from Alvarado daily. The growers will harvest local beets to about December 10<sup>th</sup> is good weather keeps up. The local sugar mill has not operated the past two seasons, but it looks like they may start next season.

The biggest thing since we don't know when has been started in Alvarado, we mean that there are three teams selling War Bonds in competition that should prove to be the hottest thing in history. They have chosen for their names, the MARINES, led by that fine workers and able leader, Mrs. Mary Rivers; the NAVY, captained by the lady we all know for her pleasant smile and capable leadership, Mrs. Mayme Roderick; and the ARMY, led by our good friend and Postmaster who should take the objective by sheer personality, Genevieve Dutra.

We are very sorry to report that Mrs. Frances Robie, our local Alvarado civic leader, is in a hospital at San Jose. She fell and fractured her hip, taking a spill while walking in her yard during wet weather.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 1, 1944*

**Commercial Advertisement:**

Rooms \$5 and \$7 a week, furnished.

**RIVERSIDE HOTEL**

**Mrs. Estelle Rigmaiden**, Prop.

Alvarado California

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 1, 1944*

**Legal Notice:**

To whom it may concern:

Notice is hereby given that 15 days after the date posted the undersigned proposed to sell alcoholic beverages at these premises described below:

1457 Smith Street, Alvarado

Applicant:

Enos Delgado

Penfilio Delgado

Lawrence Delgado

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 1, 1944*

**Mary Costa McConkey Dies:**

Mary Costa McConkey, 58, died December 4<sup>th</sup> in Irvington. She leaves several children. She was a native of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 6, 1944*

**Alvarado School News:**

In the paper drive we collected five and half tons, but this year one ton of tarpaper was refused by the paper companies because they are not taking that any more. However, we made \$46.00, which went into the student body treasury. The student body also made \$24.00 on the Raymond Circus that we sponsored at the school.

The children of the school are trying to buy a Jeep by purchasing a sufficient amount of War Stamps and Bonds. If 90 per cent of the students buy some war stamps or bonds during any month, we are entitled to fly the U.S. Treasury-Man Flag. We are sorry to say that we did not make it during November as only 60 per cent of the children bought stamps.

The Constitution committee is working hard to make a Constitution for our student body. The members of this committee are: Frances Roderick, chairman; Dolores Sa, Glenn Bachelor, Clyde Davis, Nettie Lemos, and George Aranda, members.

The Alvarado School Student Body wishes to thank the Mt. Eden School for the use of their moving picture projector while ours was being repaired. We hope we can return the favor sometime, not that we wish them any bad luck with theirs.

We saw the following films, "Christopher Columbus," "Jamestown," "Lest we Forget," "Bits of China," "Interdependence," (it show how all the world depends on someone else for something; "Fundamentals of Football," and "President Roosevelt." We also saw two cartoon films.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 8, 1944*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

On this coming Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, the **Alvarado Chamber of Commerce** is to meet at the Grammar School. Great interest is being shown in the meetings and the interest of such men as Principal **Leslie Maffey** and Banker **Walter Oakey** has helped to encourage our local standbys to promote fine things for our town. And the outstanding work of our Blacksmith **M.A. Silva, Jr.** in collecting funds to clean the creek leads all efforts. Another man who secured great aid from Holly' Sugar Co. in cleaning up their half of the creek was station agent Ed Wilson.

Leslie Maffey called attention to the fine work of the Junior Traffic Patrol in guarding our intersection when school is dismissed. He wondered whether the Chamber wanted to treat them again as last year. This will be considered Thursday.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 15, 1944*

**Alvarado Eagles:**

Our local blacksmith, **Manuel Silva, Jr.** makes records fly by himself alright. Last March he sold 105 tickets here for the Alvarado Firemen's dance. That beat everybody's efforts. And this week he went on a one-man rampage and came up with 15 men signed up to join the Alvarado Aerie of Eagles on Monday evening. The new members are:

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|----------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| M. Machado     | Enos Delgado    | George Roderick                  | Jack Soares     |
| Frank Isola    | Martin Phillips | <b>Leslie Maffey</b> , Principal | Bill Machado    |
| Lloyd R. Silva | Nick Fazio      | Henry Dutra                      | Manuel Ferreira |
| Henry Martin   | M. Santos       | <b>Walter Oakey</b> , Banker     |                 |

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 15, 1944*

**Oranges For Sale:**



Right here in Alvarado is a local man who has an honest to goodness buy, 10 POUNDS OF OROVILLE ORANGES FOR 80¢! This man is your Mobiloil Service Station man, **Joel H. Langdon**. You know this folks, Joel is as square a man as you can find, so if he guarantees you fine oranges, you can be sure you are going to be satisfied.

We bought one of his first arrivals of Oroville Oranges and we thought they were juicy and sweet. In fact, with bigger truckloads coming in, your will have to get your order in early, because good oranges are hard to get as such a reasonable price, there are no tiny oranges in the mesh bag you buy them in, and there are no thick, tough skins. So they will go fast, we pass this along for what it is worth.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 15, 1944*

**Creek Cleanup:**

Our blacksmith is probably our liveliest citizen in Alvarado today. Lots of members had talked about the need of collecting of funds to clean up debris from the Alameda Creek bed, as advocated by this newspaper and the **Alvarado Chamber of Commerce**. But everyone was too busy with other patriotic drives it seems. So it remained for our blacksmith, **M.A. Silva, Jr.**, to make up his mind that the chance of flooding his property as well as the town needed action. So he got busy and secured \$190. Some of thee growers had already pledged to the Chamber, but no one got busy until Silva this week took our breath away by his business like work. Here is what he collected:

M.A. Silva, Jr.,	\$25	D. Diaz, Union Meat	\$5	Adolph Oliver	\$25
Fred Wiegman	\$25	Weston Emery	\$5	<b>Joel H. Langdon</b>	\$10
Manuel E. Amaral	\$10	Clarence Flores	\$5	Matt Machado	\$15
Sam Dinsmore	\$10	Felix Diangson	\$5	William Avila	\$25
Mrs. August May	\$25	Manuel Andrade	\$5	Miss Lottie Jung	\$ 5
John Ralph	\$ 5				

The **Chamber of Commerce** has also pledged to add \$25 to the fund.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 15, 1944*

**Classified Ad:**

DOMESTIC HELP:

General housekeeper on dairy ranch, cook for six, good home for woman with school-age child, modern conveniences.

P. O. Box 178, Alvarado

*(Editor's Note: The requirement of "White Woman" in previous ads has been dropped.)*

*The Oakland Tribune, December 18, 1944*

**War Bond Drive:**

Nearly \$30,000 in bond sales for the sixth war loan is credited to the women's committee headed by Mayme Roderick, local chairman for the war finance committee. The drive will continue through December under three captains representing the various services. The other two captains in our area are Mrs. Genevieve Dutra and Mrs. Mary Rivers.

*The Hayward Review, December 23, 1944*

**Fire House:**

An agreement between the County of Alameda and Andrew T. Haus, architect has been reached for certain improvements to the Fire House at Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 23, 1944*

**Auto Accident:**

Teodorico Manzano of Alvarado was slightly injured when the auto he was driving collided head on with one driven by Ruben Rueb of Richmond on Levee Street in Alvarado.

*The Hayward Review, December 26, 1944*

**John Vargas Dies:**

John C. Vargas, a retired farmer from San Leandro, died in Oakland on December 26<sup>th</sup>. He was the father of Mrs. Alberta Amaral and grandfather to Arlen Amaral both of Alvarado.

*The Hayward Review, December 29, 1944*

**News Notes:**

Ferdinand Paredes of the Alvarado Hotel is back from the hospital at San Jose, where had a hernia operation. Ferd was a wonderful patient. He says he should have had the rupture taken care of 18 years ago. He went into the hospital "under his own power" and told the doctor to get out his knife and sewing kit any time. Already he's making those famous hamburgers.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 29, 1944*

**Auto Stolen:**

Two Camp Parks Seabees were held in the city jail for investigation of auto theft today after the highway patrol said they stole two automobiles and wrecked the first one of them before being arrested in San Jose.

Patrolmen said the pair stole the first car in Oakland and drove it to Alvarado where the car skidded, struck a pole, and crashed into a ditch. They abandoned that vehicle and took one belonging to Mrs. Ethel Lambert, of Watkins Street in Alvarado. The pair was arrested in San Jose while driving Mrs. Lambert's car.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 18, 1945*

**Boy Scouts:**

The Boy Scout committee appointed at the January meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, the sponsoring body, will meet with the chairman, Walter Oakey at Central Bank Monday night, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Ben Lamkin, field executive for the Oakland Area Council, will be present.

Assisting Oakey on the committee are Leslie Maffey, local school principal; Mike Salido, past president of the Chamber of Commerce; Charles Baird, Ed Wilson, Manuel Perry, Joe E. Lewis, Mike Gardetto, Tony Vargas and Manuel Silva Jr. Mike Salido is the Scoutmaster.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 27, 1945*

**Rebekah's:**

A joint public installation of officers of the Niles and Alvarado Rebekah's was held at the Odd Fellows Hall in Alvarado on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

Alvarado officers installed were: Noble Grand, Wilma Miller; Vice-Grand, Thelma Ripping; Recording Secretary, Henrietta Wilhoft; Financial Secretary, Anna Baird; Treasurer, Margaret Anderson; Conductress, Elsa Mikkelson; Supporter to the Noble Grand, Grace Reinking; Supporters to the Vice-Grand, Christine Hygelund and Lillie Christensen; Chaplain, Catherine Anderson and Musician, Leda Brown.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 28, 1945*

**William H. Marshall Dies:**

Funeral arrangements were completed today for William H. Marshall, 42, agent for *The Tribune* at Valle Vista for the past 28 years.

Mr. Marshall had served two terms as Noble Grand for the Crusade Lodge, IOOF, at Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 28, 1945*

**Tax Collectors:**

Deputy collectors of Internal Revenue have been assigned to Alameda County cities and communities in the jurisdiction of the Oakland Division office to assist taxpayers in preparation

and filing of their income tax returns for the March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. The agents will be in Alvarado on February 16<sup>th</sup> at the Central Bank Branch in downtown Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, February 11, 1945***

### **Garbage:**

Paul G. Salas, of Alvarado pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 for dumping garbage on the Alvarado-Centerville Hiway.

***The Oakland Tribune, February 12, 1945***

### **Woman Slashed:**

Deputy sheriffs are searching today for an unknown knife-wielder who late Saturday night slashed at Mrs. Nellie De La Cruz of Alvarado, sending her to Fairmont Hospital with a severe cut on her right hand. De La Cruz told sheriff deputies she was in the act of closing her establishment at 1235 V Street, when a man unknown to her requested some beer. When she refused, saying, "it was too late," the man slashed at her with a knife. The man was described as of medium height, lightweight, and of Mexican descent.

***The Hayward Review, February 12, 1945***

### **New Arrival:**

Mr. & Mrs. Ventura Leon of Alvarado became the parents of an eight pound eight ounce baby boy on February 17<sup>th</sup>. He has been named Jesse.

***The Hayward Review, February 21, 1945***

### **Sugar:**

Jeryl Frye of the agricultural committee reported on the current sugar beet problem confronting farmers in the area. A shortage of manpower and low prices has cut beet acreage in the area. The matter was brought to the attention of the committee because of the definite opening of the Sugar Mill in Alvarado and its potential source of supply.

***The Hayward Review, February 21, 1945***

### **Red Cross:**

With a quota of \$16,715, an increase of 30 percent over last year, the Washington Township Branch of the Oakland Chapter of the Red Cross will begin a two-week's drive for the annual war fund on March 1<sup>st</sup>, under the leadership of Robert Blacow.

The local town chairman for Alvarado is Walter Oakey and for Alviso is Mrs. Mayme Roderick.

***The Oakland Tribune, February 25, 1945***

### **News Note:**

Township-wide committees have been named for a public card party to be given by the Washington Union High School PTA to raise money for athletic equipment. The affair will be given at the high school gymnasium Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m., with an anticipated attendance of over 500 persons. Leslie H. Maffey will represent Alvarado on the township committee.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 4, 1945***

### **Wounded in Action:**

The War Department released the names of 10 men wounded in action from the Oakland area; from our area was the name of Pvt. Albert G. Escandon, son of Mrs. Ruth Figueroa, Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 9, 1945***

### **Commercial Advertising:**

YOUR RED CROSS MUST HAVE FUNDS

*The Tide of Victory is Rolling on...*

But the tide of casualties is rolling on too. This year, more than ever, American fighting men need the help the Red Cross gives...more wounded, many different battle fronts, more prisoners, more families of service men needing help. So...give generously to the

Red Cross. Your gift will help to ease the burden of someone who is giving everything he has for you. Keep the Red Cross at the side of your fighting men!

CENTRAL BANK

Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, March 25, 1945*

**Knifing:**

Julio Pena, 29, 1926 Maiden Lane, Alvarado, and a woman companion, Rafaela Saenz, 34, of the same address, had been previously detained in the city jail by the sheriff's office and booked on investigation of assault. With the filing of charges against Pena, a complaint charging vagrancy was lodged against Saenz.

The two were involved in a fight that took place at their Maiden Lane address, and Pena is specifically charged with knifing Juan Martinez, 48 of 1051 Watkins Street, Alvarado. Martinez received a deep gouge in his right cheek, which took four stitches to close.

*The Hayward Review, March 26, 1945*

**Death of President Roosevelt:**

Several south county events were cancelled because of the death of President Roosevelt. An Institute for Cafeteria Employees and Supervisors of the Alameda County Schools, to have been held at the Washington Union High School tomorrow, was postponed today after the news of the death of the president.

In Alvarado, a baseball game between Niles and Alvarado grammar schools was called to a halt in the third inning when the news was received on the school grounds.

A dance planned at the Washington Union High School for tonight was cancelled and schools closed early today following special programs honoring the president.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 13, 1945*

**Service Station Denied Gasoline:**

A suspension from using gasoline as long as it is rationed has been imposed against Manuel B. Machado, 1144 Marsh Road, Alvarado, for an inventory shortage of 2,202 gallons at his service station, the OPA announced today.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 1, 1945*

**Mobilgas:**

Mobilgas and Mobiloil are big in Alvarado. The wholesale dealership for Mobilgas in Alvarado flies under the banner of General Petroleum Corp., Frank George, Wholesale Agent.

The Mobilgas service station in Alvarado is operated by Joel Langdon.

*The Hayward Review, May 2, 1945*

**Country Club of Washington Township:**

Younger and comparatively new-to-club-work members were elected this week at the annual business meeting of the Country Club of Washington Township, indicating a new policy on the part of the club to promote such members into positions of leadership.

Mrs. Robert Moore of Centerville was chosen President; Mrs. William E. Trenouth of Irvington, Vice President; Mrs. James S. Emerson of Centerville, Secretary; Mrs. George Harvey of Alvarado, Financial Secretary; Mrs. D. A. Fitzgerald, a "fourth timer." Re-elected Treasurer. New Directors are: Mrs. E. H. Hirsch, retiring president, and Mrs. Agnes Nihil, with Mrs. E. E. Dias also on the board.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 6, 1945*

**Commercial Advertisement:**

*Let's Put the 7<sup>th</sup> War Loan Over the Top Now!*

Now is the time to really pour it on, to give our fighting men every help, because make no mistake, the Jap is set to give us a harder fight than the Germans did.

Don't under estimate the Japs. They're tough. There are 4,000,000 of them in the army now, and 2,000,000 more in reserve. They are prepared to waste 10,000,000 lives and take 50 years *just to hold on to what they have!* And remember, fighting in the Pacific is rugged, rougher than in Europe.

That makes it more imperative than ever that we meet the call of the Seventh War Loan fully and quickly. So do your part...now!

Buy War Bonds at  
Central Bank  
Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, May 17, 1945*

**Bank Robber Sent to State Hospital:**

W. C. (Larry) Fitzgerald, 52, Alvarado bank robber sent to San Quentin Prison 24 years ago for his part in the hold-up of The Bank of Alvarado, has been transferred to the Mendocino State Hospital and routine parole action on his case has been suspended.

Fitzgerald, who was given a life sentence for first-degree robbery under an old California law, figured in a sensational bank hold-up at Alvarado in October of 1920, in which \$24,000 was taken and bank President August May was shot and wounded.

Fitzgerald, a former prizefighter, was captured later in southern California after a wild chase to within 15 miles of the Mexican border, in which officers also picked up his brother.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 22, 1945*

**News Note:**

Matt Machado of Alvarado attended a birthday party in Hayward for John Gomes.

*The Hayward Review, May 22, 1945*

**Elementary School Graduates:**

The schedule for elementary school graduating classes for Washington Township are as follows:

Centerville	June 1 <sup>st</sup>	17 Graduates
Alviso	June 6 <sup>th</sup>	8 Graduates
Alvarado	June 7 <sup>th</sup>	13 Graduates
Newark	June 7 <sup>th</sup>	28 Graduates
Irvington	June 8 <sup>th</sup>	32 Graduates
Lincoln	June 11 <sup>th</sup>	1 Graduate
Warm Springs	June 13 <sup>th</sup>	13 Graduates
Mission San Jose	June 14 <sup>th</sup>	14 Graduates
Niles	June 14 <sup>th</sup>	34 Graduates
Decoto	June 15 <sup>th</sup>	30 Graduates

*The Oakland Tribune, May 27, 1945*

**Alvarado School Activities:**

Graduation of the Eighth Grade students will take place tonight at 8 o'clock, in the school auditorium. Two one act plays will be presented. They are: "Paul Loses the Ration Book," and "Mistletoe and Moonlight."

The cast of characters for "Paul Loses the Ration Book" are: Joseph Silva, Dolores Santos, Teddy Peterson, Clyde Davis, Geraldine Warren, Eleanor Soares, Frances Roderick and Glenn Bachelor.

The cast of characters for "Mistletoe and Moonlight" are: Abel Villareal, Tommy Gellerman, Madeline Hernandez, Betty Jacinto, Florence Cheng, Gilbert Faria, Leonard Dutra and Bradley Martinez.

Graduating will be: Florence Cheng, Clyde Davis, Leonard Dutra, Gilbert Faria, Tommy Gellerman, Bradley Martinez, Teddy Peterson, Frances Roderick, Dolores Santos, Joseph Silva, Eleanor Soares, Abel Villareal and Geraldine Warren.

On May 8th we had a VE-Day (Victory in Europe) program. Patriotic songs were sung, and Arnold Gardetto played "Taps." The principal highlights of World War II were reviewed, discussions were held on what students could do to help finish the war to a successful conclusion for the allies, and finally we listened to recordings of speeches of King George of England, Winston Churchill, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and finally President Truman's VE-Day speech.

Miss Hughes, who has been ill, came back to school. She teaches the Fourth Grade. Due to a needed change of climate Miss Hughes is leaving Alvarado at the end of the school year. She has accepted a position as Third Grade teacher in the Lathrop School near Stockton. We wish her well in her new position. We will miss her cheery disposition.

On May 11<sup>th</sup> the Eight Grade spent the day at Washington Union High School getting acquainted with the various classes and activities which go on at the high school, which the majority of the Eight Grader's will attend next year.

During the summer, the school board, consisting of George Hocking, Manuel P. Goularte, Manuel Perry and after June 1<sup>st</sup> Wilbert Hendricks, are endeavor to establish a cafeteria for the school children, and paint the school, inside and outside.

*The Hayward Review, June 7, 1945*

#### **News Notes:**

Walter Oakey and Mrs. Mayme Roderick will head the 7<sup>th</sup> War Bond Drive in Alvarado.

Funeral services were held for William Bettencourt who died June 8<sup>th</sup> at the age of 41. He was the son of Mrs. Lena Bettencourt of the Alviso district.

A parade of army equipment including a tank destroyer and a scout car manned by servicemen and escorted by representatives of the Sheriff's office and the California State Highway Patrol will in Alvarado for a street show at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

An attempt is being made by the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce to complete the servicemen's roll of honor located at the Post office. Families of all Alvarado men in the Armed Forces are asked to report names to John Ralph or Wilbert Hendricks.

The women's committee for the War Loan Drive in Washington Township has announced the first report of the standings in the war baby popularity contest where votes are bond dollars. More than \$30,000 in E Bonds is credited to the contest. So far the leader is Arthur Steele of Mission San Jose with \$5,500. From Alvarado are Judy Serpa, Marlene Azevedo, and Walter Diangson

A special thanks to the Alvarado Orchestra, which did a swell job at the graduation ceremony on June 7<sup>th</sup>. The orchestra director is Mr. Bernard Callery. The orchestra consisted of:

Eleanor Soares, Violin

**Clyde Davis**, Saxophone

Arnold Gardetto, Trumpet

Delores Santos, Clarinet

**Gilbert Cicairos**, Violin

Frances Roderick, Saxophone

**Joseph Silva**, Trumpet

Arlen Amaral, Drums

Geraldine Warren, Viola

Elmer Andrade, Trumpet

Mervin Perry, Trombone

Madelyn Hernandez, Clarinet

**Teddy Peterson**, Drums  
Doreen Maffey, Piano

**Betty Jacinto**, Bells

Georgia Davis, Triangle

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 15, 1945*

### **Alvarado Girls Club News:**

Our Girls Club has \$1.44 in the treasury. Dolores Santos is the treasurer.

Our club elected new officers for the next term as follows:

**Betty Jacinto**, President      Marie Jardine, Vice President      Nettie Lemos, Secretary  
Selina Rigmaiden, Treasurer      Betty S. Cheng, News Reporter      Connie Saucedo, Captain

**Madelyn Hernandez**, Captain

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 15, 1945*

### **Alvarado Boys Club News:**

We played a baseball game with Decoto. The score was 11 to 3 in their favor. The line-up for Alvarado was as follows:

Abel Villareal, Catcher      John Ledesma, Pitcher      **Teddy Peterson**, 1<sup>st</sup> Base  
Bradley Martinez, 2<sup>nd</sup> Base      Carlos Renteria, Short Stop      Vernon Machado, Left Field  
**Tommy Gellerman**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Base      Raymond Moreno, Center Field      **Joe Silva**, Right Field

Last week the Alvarado Wildcats journeyed to Centerville to play their last league game with the High school freshman. Although we lost 6 to 5, the team played one of the best games of the season. The high school coach said that Alvarado was one of the toughest teams they had played, getting more hits than any other team. The line-up was the same except for **Clyde Davis** who played in place of **Tommy Gellerman**.

This week the Alvarado Wildcats traveled to Warm Spring to play a B team baseball game. Alvarado won the game by a score of 7 to 3. The big surprise of the game was the fine pitching of **Gilbert Cicairos** and the splendid batting of Robert Preciado. Henry "Dick" Andrade played a bang up game at shortstop. The Wildcat's B team played the best game of the season. The line-up was as follows:

Gilbert Villareal, Catcher      **Gilbert Cicairos**, Pitcher      **Mervin Perry**, 1<sup>st</sup> Base  
Richard Faria, 3<sup>rd</sup> Base      **Glenn Bachelor**, Shortstop      **Dick Andrade**, Left Field  
Teodosio Olasio, Left Field      Cruz Rosendos, Center Field      **Robert Preciado**, Right Field

Both teams are to be congratulated on their splendid show of sportsmanship, which made the game doubly enjoyable for both sides. The team members chose **Gilbert Cicairos** team captain for the day. **Glenn Bachelor** was equipment manager and did a fine job checking the material in and out and seeing that all bats, balls, and gloves were returned to the school.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 15, 1945*

### **News Note:**

New members of the Country Club of Washington Township were honored at a meeting held recently. New members from Alvarado were: Mrs. Fred Joyce, Mrs. George Harvey and Miss Mildred Nauert.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 11, 1945*

### **Boy Scouts:**

The Alvarado Scout Committee made plans for a Court of Honor and participation in the Southern Division weekend camp at Livermore this week, according to Walter Oakey, chairman. The Court of Honor will be at the school here on June 28 at 8:00 p.m. There will be motion pictures and accordion numbers by Edward Petersen. Petersen will also entertain the boys at the Los Mochos Camp in Livermore.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 17, 1945*

### **Jap Balloon Scare:**

Testimony to the fact that residents of this area are alert to the possibility of attack via the Jap balloon method was evinced yesterday when sheriff's deputies were called upon to what might have been two Jap balloons.

Henry Andrade of Fair Ranch, near Alvarado, reported to the Hayward substation yesterday morning that he had found something resembling a balloon in Cull Canyon. An investigation revealed that it was a meteorological balloon with a smashed instrument box.

*The Hayward Review, June 21, 1945*

### **News Notes:**

Marcelino Ledesma who was wounded at Okinawa, is at Mare Island Hospital, was able to call on friends for a visit last week.

Former Principal James Wasley has a fine graduating class at the Tennyson School.

Alvarado Girl Scouts are getting organized with a new Scout leader we hear. Betty Jacinto tells us the girls have kept together after their last leader moved away after doing such a fine job.

This last week after graduating from Washington High, Clayton George, son of **Mr. & Mrs. Frank George** of Nursery Road joined the Merchant Marine.

Clifford Rodgers, another Alvarado boy who recently graduated from Washington High, also joined the Merchant Marine.

Buy your war bond at one of three places, the Alvarado Theater, Central Bank or the Alvarado Post Office and get a ticket free to enjoy a wonderful new film on Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at the Alvarado Theater. So says the Manager E. Naharro of the theater who is cooperating with **Walter Oakey** who is the Alvarado Bond chairman. The picture is the famous "Patrick the Great" featuring Donald O'Connor and Peggy Ryan.

George's Appliance Store in Alvarado has done a splendid business since **Frank George** opened this store a few months ago. The big items that are moving fast are the water heaters. You would be surprised at the amount of electric appliances, heaters, etc., during the spring season that Office Manager May Fontes noted on the records.

On Thursday night of last week the Alvarado troop of Boy Scouts enjoyed a wiener roast on their newly created campsite on the Alvarado Creek. Mr. Joseph Dutra has been instructing them on outdoor activities, of which, camping, fire building, tracking and cooking are an important part.

Our genial Alvarado man, Joe Perez, is now the man who is handling the General Petroleum Service Station at Alvarado. Joe is giving splendid grease jobs for autos, so try him out. He has taken over the station formerly conducted by Joel Langdon who bought a 10-acre orange orchard near Oroville, and has moved away from the community. We wish the Langdon's the best of luck. This service station is leased from General Petroleum corp., and is supervised by **Frank George**, distributor of General Petroleum products in southern Alameda County.

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce will sell the Observation Post tower now located on the Alvarado School grounds. Bids will be received by the President, **Walter Oakey**, and opened on the next meeting, Thursday 19, 1945. The right to reject bids remains with the Chamber of Commerce. The successful purchaser must remove said lumber, etc.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 22, 1945*

### **Alvarado Eagles:**

Secretary John Menezes reports that the Alvarado Aerie of Eagles is making records of getting new members above the quota asked of them. On May 21<sup>st</sup> officer put on the initiatory ceremony, when the following new members joined: George Pacheco of Alvarado, Leonard Silva of Alvarado, Clarence Peyton of Centerville, and William D. Hurd of Centerville.



New officers were installed: John H. Holland, President; Serafin Caldeira, Vice President; Clarence Rose, Chaplain; C. Marshand, Conductor; John Menezes, Secretary, Charles Baird, Treasurer; Alfred Perry, Inside Guard; M.P. Rose, Outside Trustee.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 22, 1945*

### **Slaughtering Cattle Without a Permit:**

Cattle slaughtering at the John Hohener Ranch near Alvarado, was the object of complaints filed yesterday afternoon with Assistant District Attorney Joseph Scehnone by G. E. Reiner of the State Agriculture Department. The complaint charges Hohener with violations of the state agricultural code in slaughtering cattle on the premises with federal and state inspection and of disposing of the hides.

*The Hayward Review, June 23, 1945*

### **Sugar:**

The Holly Sugar mill in Alvarado will resume processing in August for the first time since the war started. About 300 people will be employed.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 24, 1945*

### **Slaughtering Cattle Without a Permit:**

"Black market" operators are selling meat "not fit for hogs" to nightclubs and restaurants in the Hayward area. This was the testimony of Dr. G. E. Reiner, supervising veterinary meat inspector of the State Agriculture Department today in the state's case against John Hohener, Alvarado Rancher, charged with violations on three counts of the state agricultural code.

Describing the conditions at the Hohener Ranch as "very unsanitary", Dr. Reiner stated that investigators checking the premises last Thursday found the diseased liver of a slaughtered animal "so badly abscessed that consumption of the meat by humans could have very easily resulted in fatalities."

When questioned, Hohener told the investigators he had killed a diseased bull Wednesday evening and fed the meat to the hogs, but when no remains of the meat could be found among the hog pens, he admitted that the meat had been sold, but refused to release the names of the purchasers. Further investigation revealed portions of the diseased liver of the animal.

*The Hayward Review, June 27 1945*

### **News Notes:**

Isabel Rodrigues, the operator of the Alvarado Beauty Parlor is a progressive lady. She has been having improvements made at he Smith Street business.

Mrs. Marguerite Cadero, worthy matron of the Orient Chapter of Eastern Star, returned Thursday from a weeks' visit with relatives in Bakersfield.

The Alvarado Eagles has initiated 71 new members this past term, thus they have doubled their membership under the fine leadership of Joseph Martin.

The six graduates from Alvarado at Washington Union High recently were: **Norman Andrade**, Mary E. Cheng, Doris E. Martinez, Clifford L. Rodgers and Agnes M. Silva.

Frank A. Lewis, 20, has arrived at the Naval Training Station at Norfolk, Virginia to train for duties aboard a new destroyer of the Atlantic fleet.

Adam Lewis, 21, is an aviation cadet in the Army Armed Forces.

The splendid paint job on the front and interior of the Alvarado Post Office is a credit to the owner of the property and the efforts of our charming Postmaster, Mrs. Genevieve Dutra, in securing the improvements.

Alvarado folks at the Senior Ball at Washington Union High School were: Norma Bettencourt, Ronnie Silva, **Norman Andrade**, Ernie Andrade, Stanley Lewis, Frank Pinto, Bobby Montalbo, Jeanette Goularte, Doris Martinez, Marjorie Re, Joanna Martinez, Joe Lewis, Grace Maciel, Andy Gardetto, Dave Priego and Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Manuel.

The Martinez brothers of Alvarado have met in the south Pacific for the third time. The first time they met was during Easter Week and it was a few days after Bill Martinez' birthday. Gene and Bill Martinez have expressed themselves as being "happy" during their visits with each other on Bill's ship, the U.S.S. West Virginia. They are both on ships and in the South Pacific at this date.

A cafeteria at Alvarado School is a project that the trustees discussed at the last trustee meeting. Although it may not be ready in time, it is a step that is needed and the start is to be commended. The principal, Mr. Maffey, has been very progressive this past term and has cooperated with trustees, faculty and pupils.

Southern Pacific Co. has a second trick operator handling the night telegraph station at our important Alvarado Southern Pacific Co. depot. He is Roy Freeman, of Elmhurst, a very genial and conscientious man.

Alvarado teachers that will be missing in the coming year will be Mrs. Laverne Dickerson, who was listed as a substitute teacher, and Miss Hughes, who will make a change elsewhere for a change of climate; we are told, to benefit her health.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 29, 1945*

### **Marcelino Ledesma:**

Why not write a letter to an Alvarado boy who fought for you and I and was injured. His address at this writing is: Marcelino C. Ledesma, 39149549 2304<sup>th</sup> General Hospital, APO 246, Unit 4, care of Postmaster, San Francisco.

Angel C. Ledesma, his brother writes, to all of Marcelino's friends:

Marcelino C. Ledesma, a son of Alvarado, informs all his friends that he was wounded in action at Okinawa and would appreciate it very much if all his friends would write him. He fought in the battle of Leyte, where he and some comrades knocked out three Jap tanks. He also fought in the central part of the Marianas, and then was in the battle of Okinawa. Make him feel better by writing to him will you? Thanks for mentioning the Pioneer.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 29, 1945*

### **Eagles:**

Bonds purchased during the Seventh War Loan drive will serve as admission tickets to the dance to be given Tuesday night at the Swiss Park in Newark under the auspices of the Alvarado Aerie of Eagles. Jack Holland is Chairman.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 1, 1945*

### **Alvarado Boy Scouts:**

Three boys were given tenderfoot rank by the Alvarado Troop at a Court of Honor held this week and six were raised to second-class.

New Scouts are Gilbert Cicairos, Clyde Davis and Tom Gellerman. Those raised to second-class are Joe Lewis, Vernon Machado, Glenn Bacheler, Carlos Renteria, Richard Faria and Ted Peterson.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 1, 1945*

### **Red Cross Worker in Italy:**

Experiences as a Red Cross worker in the Italian war zone are described by Gwendolyn Millet in letters home to her parents in Centerville California. Among her many experiences she shared with her parents are the names of two local boys who are fighting in Italy, Jack Parry of Niles and Bob Ziegler of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 1, 1945*

### **Battery Charge:**

Reynaldo Lopez of Alvarado was fined \$25 by Judge Jacob Harder Jr., this morning when he entered a plea of guilty to a battery charge brought by his wife.

*The Hayward Review, July 5, 1945*

**Annual Party & Fair in Niles:**

The gardens of the A. W. Gorman home in Niles was the Mecca this afternoon for guests of Toyon Branch of the Children's Hospital, entertaining at its annual garden party and fair. More than a hundred guests usually attend the gathering.

Mrs. August May, Mrs. W.S. Robie and Miss Mildred Nauert of Alvarado gathered articles for the while elephant sale.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 14, 1945*

**Classified Ad:**

HELP WANTED:

Housekeeper, cook for seven, on berry ranch, no objection to school age children, modern conveniences.

Whipple Road, Alvarado, P. O. Box 178

*(Editor's Note: This ad continues to evolve, originally it wanted a white woman with one child, then a woman with one school aged child and now a woman with school aged children.)*

*The Oakland Tribune, July 15, 1945*

**New Arrival:**

To the wife of Carlos Perez Santos of Alvarado, June 27<sup>th</sup>, a son.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 17, 1945*

**New Arrival:**

To the wife of Anthony Joaquin Vargas of Alvarado, July 1<sup>st</sup>, a daughter.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 17, 1945*

**Washington Township War Chest:**

The budget for the 1945 Washington Township War Chest will be set at a meeting of the executive committee at the Niles Justice Court Friday night at 8:00 p.m. Among local members of the executive committee are Wilbert Hendricks of Alvarado, David Janeiro of Decoto and Mayme Roderick of Alviso.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 22, 1945*

**Classified Ad:**

HELP WANTED:

Stenographer: Experienced, permanent position in Alvarado.

Call: Alvarado 16.

*The Hayward Review, July 26, 1945*

**Lawrence Leal:**

Lawrence J. Leal, formerly of Alvarado, has been promoted to Staff Sergeant. Lawrence is the husband of Mrs. L. J. Leal, Monte Bello, Calif. He is presently assigned with the Ogden Air Technical Service Command, Ogden, Utah.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 31, 1945*

**Frank Soito Dies:**

Frank Soito, 53, native of Alvarado died at an Oakland Hospital after a brief illness. He was the brother of Mrs. Margaret Lebon and Arthur Soito of the Alviso district and Alfred Soito of Newark.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 2, 1945*

**Serviceman to Return Home:**

Names of Oakland area servicemen scheduled to arrive in New York yesterday aboard the S.S. Hermitage. Heading for home is T-5 William E. Pope from Alvarado California.

***The Oakland Tribune, August 3, 1945***

**Classified Ad:**

HELP WANTED:

Wanted: Office girl, age 25 to 35. Must be an experienced typist. Salary according to experience and ability.

Call Mr. Gordon, Alvarado 88, Alvarado Vegetable Growers.

***The Hayward Review, August 4, 1945***

**Alvarado Farm Center:**

The annual picnic of the Alvarado Farm Center will be an all-day affair at Alum Rock Park at San Jose on Wednesday; Mrs. Mary Gastelum is in charge of arrangements. The center was host recently at the Alameda County Farm Home Department solarium at Camp Shoemaker Hospital. Eight members arranged a program and refreshments for boys in the ward, which is sponsored by the county group.

***The Oakland Tribune, August 5, 1945***

**USS West Virginia:**

Six Eastbay men are on duty aboard the Battleship USS West Virginia now fighting in the Pacific theater of war. The large Navy vessel is the only one its type which took part in every major landing operation against the Japanese in the last six months of the war.

Aboard this ship from Alvarado is Seaman 1c William A. Martinez.

***The Oakland Tribune, August 8, 1945***

**Selling Liquor to Minor:**

Nellie De La Cruz, operator of Anita's Place in Alvarado, was fined \$75 after pleading guilty to a charge of selling beer to a minor. The minor, an 18-year old boy, was warned and given a suspended sentence.

***The Hayward Review, August 11, 1945***

**Classified Ad:**

MOTORCYCLES:

1930 Harley Davidson "74", good condition

2085 Smith Street, Alvarado, California

***The Oakland Tribune, August 21, 1945***

**Classified Ad:**

BOATS, MARINE ENGINES:

14-foot runabout, 17.3 horsepower, Alto battery ignition, any reasonable offer accepted.

Two miles south of Alvarado, turn right at the first tank on Marsh Road.

***The Oakland Tribune, August 21, 1945***

**Commercial Ad:**

Holly Sugar Corporation

An Essential Industry

Needs

Men and Women

For the Operation Season

To Start Soon

Openings for Experienced  
& Inexperienced Men & Women

Process Operators, Welders,

Mechanics, Oilers,

Clerical Workers

## Laboratory Workers

Some permanent positions still  
To be filled. Room & Board  
Available at plant for male workers  
Wages and working conditions  
Are excellent.

Apply At:  
Plant Office, Alvarado, California  
*The Oakland Tribune, August 23, 1945*

### **School Openings:**

School will be opening for classes in the next several weeks. All grammar school principals will be back. The Lincoln School will close this year due to insufficient students. There will be a joint meeting of the Alviso, Centerville and Newark schools to discuss the apportionment of the present student body at Lincoln.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 26, 1945*

### **Marriage License:**

Leonard Francis Silva, 25, Alvarado  
Kathleen Sheridan Esslinger, 27, Hayward  
*The Oakland Tribune, August 30, 1945*

### **Eagles:**

[\(From a Board of Supervisor's meeting held August 14, 1945\)](#)

An application to the Board of Supervisor's, Alameda County, from the Alvarado Aerie of Eagles, No. 1695; for a permit to conduct a dance on August 18, 1945 in the S.D.E.S. Hall in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 2, 1945*

### **Mrs. Emily Hendricks Dies:**

Mrs. Emily Dias Hendricks, widow of the late Enos Hendricks, died on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Hendricks is the mother of Wilbert Hendricks and the grandmother of Rodney Hendricks, both of Alvarado.

*The Hayward Review, September 10, 1945*

### **Rebekah's:**

Mrs. Wilma D. Miller, Noble Grand of the Alvarado Rebekah's welcomed Mrs. Ivy Cull of Niles, Deputy President of District No. 53 of the California Rebekah Lodge.

*The Hayward Review, September 12, 1945*

### **Two More Die at Hall Station:**

Orville Smith, 43 and his brother Jess Smith, 38, of Irvington were both killed when their truck carrying a load of fruit and vegetables, was struck by a Southern Pacific freight train at the Hall Station crossing one mile south of Alvarado. Riding in the back of truck were three hitchhiking sailors who jumped from the truck before the impact. One of the sailors received leg and possible internal injuries. The other two sailors escaped relatively unharmed.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 17, 1945*

### **Frank Silva Dies:**

**Frank Antone Silva**, 76, husband of the late **Louisa Silva**, died Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>. Father to **Manuel A. Silva**, **Frank A. Silva**, and **Joseph W. Silva**, all of Alvarado. He was a native of Fayal, the Azores.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 21, 1945*

### **Louisa Silva Dies:**

**Louisa Silva**, 74, wife of the late **Frank Silva**, died September 17<sup>th</sup>. Mother to **Manuel A. Silva**, **Frank A. Silva**, and **Joseph W. Silva**, all of Alvarado. She was a native of Fayal, the Azores.  
*The Oakland Tribune, September 21, 1945*

**Classified Ad:**

MOTORCYCLE WANTED:

Will pay \$40 for a 1930 to 1935 Harley Davidson "74" Transmission.

E. G. Jardin, 2085 Smith Street, Alvarado. California

*The Oakland Tribune, September 22, 1945*

**Robert T. Anderson Dies:**

Died in San Jose on September 27<sup>th</sup>, Robert T. Anderson, native of Alvarado and resident of Centerville.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 28, 1945*

**Hayward City Water:**

The Hayward City Council took under advisement the consideration of bids for improvement to the pipeline for the new well at Alvarado, after three bids for construction has been submitted.

*The Hayward Review, October 2, 1945*

**News Notes:**

Joining the ranks of the young married couples are Hugh V. Ramm of Berkeley and **Miss Jeanette Silveira** of Alvarado. Jeanette is the daughter of **Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silveira** of Granger Avenue.

Matt Machado has a fine supply of dry and sweet wines for sale at his place of business on Smith Street, near the Firehouse. Mat says the prices are very reasonable, with a big supply on hand. Why not buy at home from a man anxious to please you, and who donates for flood control improvement and many church and fraternal benefits, and the father of outstanding children raised here?

Mrs. Isabel Hernandez (nee Isabel Silveira) has given birth to a son on August 28<sup>th</sup>. The grandparents are **Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silveira** of Granger Avenue. The Godparents are Jeanette Ramm (the former **Jeanette Silveira**) and her brother, Norman Silveira, who is a paratrooper with the 11<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division, somewhere in Japan.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 5, 1945*

**Old Timer Dies:**

Michael Palitka, 86, native of Estonia who had sailed the seven sea with merchant vessels, served as a mate on the old steamer, Pyramid, from Alvarado to San Francisco and ended his working years at watchman at a Newark salt plant, died Monday at the San Jose Hospital.

"Mike" was never one to talk, fellow employees said, but chance remarks remembered and pieced together indicate there could have been a story of adventure worth recording. Little is known of him except that he came to this county about 40 years ago, worked for various salt companies and was operating the Pyramid hauling salt from Alvarado to San Francisco or up the river to Sacramento for about 30 years.

When Mike became too old for his job on the Pyramid, he became watchman at the Leslie Salt plant and six years ago retired. There are no known survivors.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 5, 1945*

**Alvarado School News (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades):**

On September 13<sup>th</sup> we had a meeting of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Club. Glenn Bachelor, president, opened the meeting. He called for nomination of officers. The following were elected.

President	Vernon Machado
Vice President	Glenn Bachelor
Secretary	Nettie Lemos
Treasurer	Henry "Dick" Andrade
News Reporter	Betty Ann Jacinto
Sergeant-at-Arms	Leslie Maffey (Principal)

President Vernon Machado called upon the new to make acceptance speeches.

President Machado then suggested that we have a Judge and Jury. We elected Richard Faria as judge and Robert Jones, Madeline Hernandez, Henry Andrade, Betty Jacinto and Glenn Bachelor as jurors.

Nettie Lemos suggested that we elect someone to hold the English box. Marie Jardin was elected.

We voted our dues at 10¢ a month and to have a meeting of the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades Club every two weeks.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 5, 1945*

**William Martinez Tells of South Pacific:**

William A. Martinez, S 1-C, son of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Martinez who is aboard the battleship West Virginia, sent home the following, showing a patriotic part in active fighting for our Alvarado boy in the South Pacific.

The battleship West Virginia damaged to severely by the Japanese attack of December 7, 1941 that she sank in her Pearl Harbor berth steamed proudly into Tokyo Bay in the naval force taking over Japan's greatest industrial area.

Crewmen crowded on the decks to see the Japanese home island, which has been their goal since the West Virginia returned to the Pacific was at the heart of the Japanese empire, with Mt. Fujiyama's cloud shrouded peak looming in the distance.

For the West Virginia this was a glorious moment; a grand reward for a year of bitter during which she had participated in every major island invasion in the northward drive toward Japan. On the bridge was Captain Raymond W. Halsinger, USN, who has commanded the warship since late April. The West Virginia's executive officer is Commander John E. Fitzgibbon, USN.

Also aboard was Rear-Admiral Ingram C. Sowell, USN, who commands a division of battleships in Vice Admiral Jesse B. Oldendorf's squadron. The West Virginia was been Admiral Sowell's flagship since the start of the Luzon invasion. With him is his staff headed by Captain George B.J. Stalling, USN.

The West Virginia is one of the U.S. Fleet's "old" battleships, commissioned on December 1, 1923. She bore the brunt of the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor. Two bombs and at least six torpedoes struck her, leaving her a flaming wreck as she settle to the bottom

Patched up with what plates were available, the West Virginia was raised and she steamed back under her own power to a West Coast Navy Yard. Battered and torn, she seemed suited only for the scrap heap. But the modern genius of our shipyards made a different story. Stripped to her main deck, the ship was rebuilt and she emerged from the yard practically a vessel, equipped with the most modern weapons of warfare

Following a brief shakedown cruise off the West Coast, she set a westerly course under the Command of Captain J.W. Wiley, USN, to seek revenge upon the enemy that had so nearly ended their existence. On this trip there was one memorable occasion, the ceremonies in conjunction

with crossing the Equator. Just out of range of enemy forces, pollywogs by the hundreds were initiated into the mysteries of that deep in the salty presence of King Neptune and his royal party.

The West Virginia's first chance for vengeance came with the opening of the Philippines campaign. Flying the same colors she had up on December 7, 1941, she led the column of battleships into Leyte Gulf and poured salvo after salvo into the Japanese forces before our troops went ashore. Here she shot down her first enemy plane, on the starboard beam.

But with the Leyte beachheads secured, and enemy threat was developing. Hoping to catch our forces off balance, a Japanese fleet was talking the beachhead. This was the setting for the famous battle of the Surigao Straits.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, October 5, 1945***

### **Young Girl Stabbed:**

Benny Schubert, 17, Alvarado tomato picker, will be arraigned Monday morning in the Centerville Justice Court of Judge Allen G. Norris on a felony charge of assault with a deadly weapon, with intent to commit murder.

Schubert was arrested Friday afternoon by sheriff's deputies on a complaint of Annie Guerra, 21, prune picker at Warm Springs, who accused him of stabbing her in the chest with a pocket knife during an argument over another man.

***The Oakland Tribune, October 7, 1945***

### **Alvarado Student Body:**

Vernon Machado has been elected President of the Seventh & Eighth Grade Club at the Alvarado Elementary School. Other officers are Glenn Bachelor, Vice President; Nettie Lemas, Secretary; Henry Andrade, Treasurer; Betty Ann Jacinto, Reporter; and Principal Leslie H. Maffey, Sgt at Arms.

***The Oakland Tribune, October 7, 1945***

### **Alvarado Seaman:**

Storekeeper 3c, Harry E. Doran, Alvarado, is with the fleet tanker, Escombia, in the Western Caroline's, the U.S. Naval Department disclosed today.

***The Oakland Tribune, October 10, 1945***

### **News Notes:**

Ernie Machado, son of Mr. Matt Machado of Alvarado, is at Okinawa where the big hurricane hit washing 150 U.S. small vessels up on the beach. Heavy winds caused much destruction.

Frank P. George received word that his son Clayton on a merchant marine vessel in the Japanese group of island is expected to reach a southern California port next week.

Fire Chief Anthony Vargas reports that Thursday evening will be Ladies Night, when the local firemen will entertain in their modern social room at the firehouse.

Miss Bernice Luiz, at the central Bank branch at Alvarado, is engaged to a recently returned local service man, Mr. Dutra.

Nutritional authorities have for many years urged more milk and dairy products in the American diet. Now that the war is over and the war requirements for dairy products have been somewhat reduced, the dairy industry is better prepared than ever to provide adequate milk to meet nutritional needs. The farmer can best meet the challenge of consumer needs if he produces high quality milk on an efficient basis.

The need for salvage fats has not slackened since V-J Day. The Office of Price Administration (OPA) has increased the rate of turned in salvage fat from two red points to four red points per pound and can be exchanged at the butcher shop when the fats are turned in.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, October 12, 1945***



**Legal Notice:**

To whom it may concern:

Notice is hereby given that fifteen days after the date posted, the undersigned proposes to sell alcoholic beverages at these premises, described as follows:

Smith & Levee Street, Alvarado California  
On Sale Wine and Beer

Name of applicant:

Natividad Saucedo

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 12, 1945*

**Missing Mexican Workers:**

Probably half of an estimated 4,000 Mexican nationals are "missing" in California since they were brought here to aid farmers in producing and harvesting war crops and have funneled into Alameda and Contra Costa Counties and are now being rounded up by the U. S. Immigration Service in the two county area. The disclosure came in the wake of new "raids" in the Alvarado and Centerville areas of Southern Alameda County in which more than 10 Mexican nationals were taken into custody for deportation.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 18, 1945*

**School Pupil Increase:**

With the end of World War II local schools were expecting a drop in attendance as people were expected to go back to the Mid-West. All local schools posted a net gain. Alvarado Grammar School posted a gain of 50 pupils. Last year at this time Alvarado Grammar School had an enrollment of 174, this year it is up to 224.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 18, 1945*

**News Notes:**

Sally Sa from Alvarado is employed in the office of Burdette Williams' packinghouse.

Chamber President Walter Oakey named a nominating committee to suggest two names for every office. John Menezes is the chairman and assisted by John Ralph, Joseph Jacinto, D. Diaz and Manuel Silva, Jr.

The Alvarado Vegetable Growers is actively back donating to the War Chest Drive. The growers in the association are: T.P. Harvey, George Harvey, M.S. Abreu, Andrew Logan, Ralph Logan, Al Caeton, Manuel Rose, Wes Emery, Wallace McKeown and A. Morrill King. The manager of the association is Ben Gordon.

Manuel Duarte, son of Henry Duarte, returned to Alvarado after service in the Italian campaign with the Army. It didn't take Manuel long to get engaged after arriving home. And he picked a very charming young lady as his fiancé. She is Frances Luiz, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Luiz. Miss Luiz is employed at the Central Bank in Alvarado.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 19, 1945*

**Rebekah's:**

The Alvarado Rebekah Lodge will hold its regular monthly meeting on Friday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, with Mrs. Wilma D. Miller, Noble Grand presiding. There will be a second nomination of officers. Mrs. Esther Williams and Mrs. Helen Klements will have charge of refreshments.

*The Hayward Review, October 29, 1945*

**Mobilgas:**

Joe Perez now operates the Mobil Gas Station on Levee Street in Alvarado.

*The Hayward Review, November 2, 1945*

**Sugar:**

From 50 to 80 per cent of the sugar beet crop around Alvarado is being successfully harvested by machinery according to bulletin released by Gordon Lyons, Secretary of the California Beet Growers Association.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 2, 1945*

**Halloween Scrubbing:**

Walter Oakey, President of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce. Has a "plan" to end all plans of the younger set to indulge in Halloween depredations, following a check-up of damages.

Oakley would have an ordinance or State law authorizing a school worker's brigade to operate November 1<sup>st</sup> in the removal of all soap, paint, shoe polish, dye and tomato stains from all public buildings. "If the kids weren't responsible, they'd see to it that it wasn't done here," says Mr.

Oakey.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 3, 1945*

**Local Boys on Furlough:**

The Harper brothers S/Sgt William Harper and T/Sgt. Ronald Harper are spending brief leaves in this vicinity. Each of the brothers was wounded in the South Pacific, and both are undergoing treatment at Army Hospitals.

S/Sgt William Harper who on a seven-day furlough from DeWitt Hospital at Auburn, is visiting with his wife at Alvarado, while T/Sgt Ronald Harper is on a 30-day leave from Birmingham Hospital in Van Nuys, is also staying in Alvarado.

*The Hayward Review, November 10, 1945*

**News Notes:**

**Mr. & Mrs. John Kahli** have moved to Alvarado and occupy a home next to Joe Martin on the Whipple Road. Mr. Kahli works at the Chemical Works in Newark.

At the meeting of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce on Thursday evening the committee to see merchants and ask them to place Christmas Trees in front of their store reported that the merchants were willing to do so. Mrs. Charles Baird and Mrs. Isabelle Mondragon were on the committee.

A fine job of clearing up the debris at the end of Alameda Creek, which threatens floods in heavy rains, was done by Frank Andrade Jr. with his bulldozer. A good \$500 job was done. Most of the money was raised by subscriptions donated by growers whose property adjoined the local stream.

Manuel Escandon of 1405 Horner Street, opposite the Silver Dollar Café (and Saloon), Alvarado, is now in civilian life after three years of service in the Army. One and a half years was spent in Italy in that campaign against the Nazis, and he has been honored by being presented with the Bronze Star and has three battle stars. Manuel has a sister in Decoto, Rosie Lozano, and another sister, Ruth Figueroa, at the home place at 1405 Horner Street Alvarado.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 16, 1945*

**Alvarado School Boys Club Meeting:**

The meeting of the Boys Club was called to order by President Vernon Machado. The purpose was to choose a new Sergeant-at-Arms. Glenn Bachelor was elected. We also chose a new team captain and sides.

Vernon Machado and Benito Garcia were elected as team captains. Vernon's team is called "Fleet City" and Benito's team is known as the "Trojans."

We had a football game with Newark. The A team beat them 6 to 0. The B team whipped Newark 42 to 0. We also had a game with Irvington. The A team won 6 to 0. The B team score was 0 to 0.

By: Gilbert Cicairos, News report  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 16, 1945*

**Classified Ad:**

NEW OIL HEATER FOR SALE:

Used only 3 months. Superflame costing \$71.00, a bargain at only \$50.

Write: **John Kahli**

RFD Niles, Box 444

Presently living in the Alvarado district on Whipple Road next to Joe Martin, past the Sugar Mill.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 16, 1945*

**Township School Pupil Increases:**

The table below shows the Increases/(Decreases) in school enrollment this year over last year for the ten schools in Washington Township.

School	Attendance	Inc (Dec)
Alvarado	224	50
Alviso	91	6
Centerville	235	20
Decoto	420	40
Irvington	240	0
Mission San Jose	65	(10)
Newark	243	30
Niles	371	41
Warm Springs	92	15
Washington High	569	44
	2,550	236

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 16, 1945*

**Shell Service Station:**

MEET YOUR NEW SHELL MAN

A mechanic with 10 years experience,  
 Who can help you with care for your car.

SHELL SERVICE STATION

Ready as usual to serve with that  
 fine Shell Gasoline

E.E. Bedell for a Grease Job

ALVARADO – On highway at East entrance of town

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 16, 1945*

**Centerville Undefeated:**

The Centerville Elementary School's tag football team has completed an undefeated season with wins over Alvarado, Niles, Irvington, Newark and Decoto teams.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 19, 1945*

**Alvarado School student News:**

At our first meeting the following students were nominated for Student Body Officers.

President:	Henry "Dick" Andrade	Betty Jacinto
Vice-President:	Vernon Machado	Hannah Fontes
	Gilbert Cicairos	Carlos Renteria
Secretary:	Betty Jacinto	Madeline Hernandez
	Henry "Dick" Andrade	Betty Cheng
Treasurer:	Henry "Dick" Andrade	Madeline Hernandez
	Betty Jacinto	Betty Cheng
	Cruz Rosendos	
News Reporter:	Nettie Lemos	Selina Rigmaiden
	Connie Saucedo	
Sgt At Arms:	Dan Scott	Carlos Renteria
	John Ledesma	Gilbert Cicairos
Athletic Monitor:	Gilbert Villareal	Glenn Bachelor
	Joaquin Preciado	Rodney Hendricks
Yell Leader:	Glenn Bachelor	Nettie Lemos
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Rep:	Tommy Gualco	Melvin Fontes
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Rep:	Stanley Anderson	Vernon Perry
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Rep:	Gilbert Cicairos	Raymond Morrow
	Joe Leon	Arlen Amaral
	Carlos Renteria	
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Rep:	Richard Faria	Glenn Bachelor

At the election the following were chosen:

President:	Henry "Dick" Andrade
Vice President:	Vernon Machado
Secretary:	Betty Jacinto
Treasurer:	Madeline Hernandez
News Reporter:	Connie Saucedo
Yell Leader:	Glenn Bachelor
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Rep:	Tommy Gualco
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Rep:	Vernon Perry
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Rep:	Gilbert Cicairos
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Rep:	Richard Faria

BY: Connie Saucedo, Student Body News Reporter.  
***The Alvarado Pioneer, November 23, 1945***

**Alvarado Theater:**

VICTORY BOND SHOW:  
 Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

Admission is free to all bond purchasers.  
 Buy your Bonds now and secure tickets at the Alvarado Branch of Central Bank.  
 Or you may buy your Bonds at the Alvarado Post Office or the Alvarado Theater.

See Bob Hope and Virginia Mayo in Samuel Goldwin's "The Princess and the Pirate."  
 Also starring Walter Slezak, Walter Brennan and Victor McLaglen  
***The Alvarado Pioneer, November 23, 1945***

**Ernie Machado Writes Home:**

Says Alvarado young man, Ernie Machado:  
 Dear Dad, Bell, Elsie and Dennie:

Hope that all of you are in the very best of health. As for me, I am fine. I guess by now all of you have about the big typhoon that hit the island. It was the worst one since twenty years. The wind got up to 150 miles and hour on the southern part of the island, but only 110 here. We are sheltered between hills and that sure helps a lot.

Ninety thousand are homeless, without tents, clothing, etc. After the typhoon, our commanding officer let us use what wood left to build ourselves huts. We made a house and if this one ever goes down it is time to get the hell of this island.

I lost all my gear except a pair of pants that I saved and the gear that I was during the typhoon. I put in a claim for a new sea bag, O hope we get the hell out of here, as I don't want to go through another typhoon.

The two head yeomen are leaving for the States Monday. They sent most of their gear home and saved just enough gear to take on the plane. If we happen to get two yeomen in, then it will be my turn to leave for the States. I hate to think of being put in charge of the office. That is going to be some job.

How is everything at Home? It has been over a week since I received any mail and probably another week or so before I receive any. You probably won't hear from me either, but that is because they aren't sending any mail out of the island until facilities are put up to handle the mail.

The weather today is swell. The sea is out and it is warm. Doesn't seem as if we had a typhoon here. I think we are about the only ones who didn't get too much stuff ruined. Very few tents were damaged. The one I was in came down.

Hope Dennie is all right. I'll have to close, haven't much time. Write soon and God bless and watch over all. Ernie

***The Alvarado Pioneer, November 23, 1945***

**Legal Notice:**

To whom it may concern:

Notice is hereby given that fifteen days after the date posted, the undersigned proposes to sell alcoholic beverages at these premises, described as follows:

"V" Street, Alvarado

On Sale Beer and Wine

By: Mike Salido

***The Alvarado Pioneer, November 23, 1945***

**Commercial Advertisement:**

JOE PEREZ

Alvarado

Mobilgas Service Station

Be sure your starter is in working condition, let us check your battery.

WE SELL AND RECHARGE BATTERIES

***The Alvarado Pioneer, November 23, 1945***

**Flood Control:**

For the first time in many winters residents of Alvarado have been relieved of the threat of floods in streets and homes of the town, a recent report of the flood committee indicated at a meeting of

the **Chamber of Commerce**. Completion of the cleaning of the slough at the mouth of the Alameda Creek was marked by a vote to pay Frank Andrade, local dairyman, \$500 instead of \$447, which had been appropriated for the project by the chamber.

Andrade was voted the bonus in view of the excellent job he has done and was also given a vote of thanks for his efforts beyond the requirements of obligations in dredging a quarter mile of the slough east of town. The channel was widened 50 feet and free flows of the waters to the Bay will remove all danger of floods in the town, chamber members said.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 25, 1945*

### **Street Decorations:**

The Alvarado **Chamber of Commerce** voted at a recent meeting to appropriate funds for street decorations during the Christmas season. This is the first group in Washington Township to sponsor a town-wide decoration program. Merchants interviewed during the past month by Mrs. Annie Baird and Mrs. Isabelle Mondragon indicated they would cooperate in decorating their stores, the women reported. President Walter Oakey appointed Leslie Maffey, principal of the local grammar school to supervise overhead street decorations if highway authorities grant permission for them.

The Christmas season will officially open here December 5<sup>th</sup> or upon the arrival of trees and holiday decorations. The program was adopted by the California State Chamber of Commerce with the idea of offering a festive welcome to Alvarado's returning servicemen.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 25, 1945*

### **Auto Accident:**

Mae D. Silva, 32, of Alvarado, received minor cuts and abrasions of the cheek last night when her car collided with that of Agrello Carroll, 18, of San Jose. The former is alleged to have made a left turn in front of Carroll at an intersection on the Decoto Road.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 29, 1945*

### **News Note:**

George Pacheco of the Creek Road is remodeling home, which give him a modern residence. All the appliances for the home were bought from and are being installed by the George Appliance Store in Alvarado.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 1, 1945*

### **Flash:**

The Office of the Quartermaster General, a branch of the War Department, wrote to Frank George of Alvarado this week reporting on his dog "Flash" who is reported to be overseas. In response to a letter by Frank to the War Dept. they wrote: "In further response to your letter covering your dog, FLASH, Brand No. 27T, enclosed is a copy of the Dog Record Card showing Flash's assignment.

"At the present time he is still overseas with the 40<sup>th</sup> War Dog platoon. However, this office has no information when that platoon will be returned to this country. Thank you again for your generous contribution of your dog to serve in the war effort. He is performing his duties in a satisfactory manner."

JOHN J. GRIMES, Major, QM Ass't.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 1, 1945*

### **Alvarado Girls Club News:**

The Girls Club is getting along fine with their club. Officers for our Girls Club are:

President:	Betty Jacinto
Vice-President:	Marie Jardine
Secretary:	Nettie Lemos

Treasurer: Betty Cheng  
 News Reporter: Selina Rigmaiden  
 Yell Leader: Sara Ramirez  
 Captains: Connie Saucedo Madeline Hernandez

Connie Saucedo is captain of the A team, and Madeline Hernandez is captain of the team.

**A Team Players:**

Ernestine Ybarra, Catcher	Connie Saucedo, Pitcher	Sara Ramirez, First Base
Evelyn Muela, Second Base	Marie Jardine, Third Base	Doris Jones, Right Short
Esther Renteria, Left Short	Julia Pleitha, Outfield	Betty Cheng, Outfield
Olivia Andrada, Outfield	Carol Hocking, Outfield	

**B Team Player:**

Selina Rigmaiden, Catcher	Madeline Hernandez, Pitcher	Betty Jacinto, First Base
Georgia Davis, Second Base	Nettie Lemos, Third Base	Hannah Fontes, Short Stop
Elizabeth Flores, Short Stop	Emilda Dominguez, Outfield	Phyllis Faria, Outfield

We have \$10.36 in the Treasury. The Girls Club sent Mrs. Andrade a get-well card and a handkerchief.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, December 1, 1945***

**Returning Serviceman:**

Eugene J. Martinez, S. M. 2c; son of Mrs. Gertrude Martinez of Alvarado, is returning from the Pacific aboard the USS Faerisle.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 3, 1945***

**Classified Ads:**

RENTAL WANTED:

Permanent residents, young couple needs 3-room furnished or unfurnished house or apartment by last of December, close in.

***The Hayward Review, December 5, 1945***

**News Note:**

George Paul Oakes, recently discharged from the U.S. Navy and son of Mr. & Mrs. George Oakes of the Alvarado Pioneer newspaper, spoke to the lions Club members yesterday on his experience immediately following the signing of the peace treaty with Japan when he went to Tokyo. Oakes served in Admiral Halsey's fleet and was aboard the USS Oakland when the treaty was signed.

***The Hayward Review, December 6, 1945***

**Hayward Youth on Crime Spree:**

James Moniz, 18, of Hayward, described by police as "sullen," is in custody after a two-week crime spree that covered 13 separate crimes from San Jose to Oakland, including one in Alvarado. Moniz entered the store of John H. Ralph, 1080 Levee Street, brandishing a gun, though stating it was "only a paper gun." Mr. Ralph then beat the youth on the head and chased him out of the store. Moniz escaped in his car and nothing was stolen.

***The Hayward Review, December 7, 1945***

**News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Hendricks celebrated their 12<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a fine dinner in Oakland. Joining them were Mr. & Mrs. Frank Goularte and Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rocha from Alvarado. Paul Paniagua of Decoto, Manager of the Cottage Bakery, announces that he has a bakery delivery route for Alvarado. He has bread, pies, cakes and a full line of pastries.

The annual Christmas Seal drive in Alvarado will be headed by Miss Mildred Nauert and assisted by Mrs. August May and Mrs. W.S. Robie.

Joe Perez, proprietor of the local Mobilgas Service Station advises everyone to check their battery. Joe also sells and recharges batteries at his service station.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 7, 1945*

**Commercial Advertisement:**

SHOP AT:  
George's Appliance and  
Variety Store

981 Levee Street Alvarado

Celebrating our first anniversary  
GIFTS – TOYS – LAMPS  
APPLIANCES  
HOUSEHOLD ARTICLES

Water Heaters – Wall Furnaces – Floor Furnaces  
Circulating Heaters – Floor & Table Lamps

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 7, 1945*

**Rebekah's:**

New officers were elected for the Alvarado Rebekah Lodge when they met in Alvarado Hall Friday with Mrs. Wilma D. Miller presiding. The following members will assume office:

Mrs. Wilma D. Miller, Noble Grand, relieving Mrs. Petra Gronley; Mrs. Katherine Anderson, Vice Grand; Mrs. Henrietta Wilhoft, Secretary; Mrs. Anna Baird, Financial Secretary; Mrs. Margaret Anderson, Treasurer; Mrs. Esther Williams, Chaplain; Mrs. Helen Klements, Conductress; Mrs. Elsa Mikkelson, Warden; Mrs. Leda Brown, Musician; Mrs. Grace Reinking, and Mrs. Lillie Christensen, Right and Left Supporters of the Noble Grand.

*The Hayward Review, December 11, 1945*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

There is a desire to create interest in the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce by arranging competition for almost every office. Ballots have been sent out and will be counted the regular meeting on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Odd Fellows Hall, Alvarado. Excellent refreshments will be served and good speaker and music secured. The nominating committee sent out this communication:

This is your ballot for the 1946 officers of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce as presented by the following committee: Domaso Diaz, Sam Dinsmore, Frank George, Jesse Jacinto, Leslie Maffey, John Menezes and John Ralph.

Please mark you ballot and mail to George Oakes, Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Alvarado, or you may bring it with you to the meeting at the Odd Fellows Hall, Thursday evening, December 20, 1945.

President:	Joe Lewis	Leslie Maffey	Manuel Silva, Jr.
1 <sup>st</sup> VP:	<b>Sam Dinsmore</b> Manuel Perry	Mike Gardetto	Frank P. George
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP:	Manuel P. Goularte Tony Vargas	George Hocking	Tony Lee
Secretary:	Joe Dutra	George Oakes	Walter Oakey
Directors: (Vote for 5)	William Avila	Tony Alexander	Charles Baird



Tony Brune  
John Kelly  
Elvin Rose

Domaso Diaz  
Joe Martin  
Ed Wilson

Jesse Jacinto  
**John Ralph**

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 14, 1945*

### **Alvarado Boys Club News:**

We had a meeting last Tuesday and elected officers of the Boys Club. The following were elected:

President: **Vernon Machado**  
Vice-President: Richard Faria  
Secretary: Carlos Renteria  
Treasurer: Henry "Dick" Andrade  
Reporter: Gilbert Cicairos  
Team Captains: Vernon Machado Richard Faria

Vernon's team name is the "All Americans" and Richard's team name is the "Air Cadets."

#### All Americans:

<b>Vernon Machado</b>	Carlos Renteria	Glenn Bachelor	<b>Harold Martinez</b>
Mike Leon	Gilbert Villareal	Rogelio Barrera	Ralph Villareal
George Cicairos	Manuel Aranda	<b>Stanley Anderson</b>	Dan Scott
Eddie Mateo	Tommy Gualco	John Ledesma	Robert Jones
<b>George Apodaca</b>	Salvador Dominguez		

#### Air Cadets:

Richard Faria	Gilbert Cicairos	Cruz Rosendez	Henry "Dick" Andrade
Mervin Perry	Teodosio Olasio	Raymond Moreno	Joaquin Preciado
Elmer Andrade	<b>Robert Preciado</b>	Rodolfo Barrera	Vernon Perry
Frank Corrales	Donald Faria	Benito Garcia	Johnny Munoz
Arlen Amaral	Joe Leon	Albert Corales	

BY: Gilbert Cicairos, Boys Club Reporter

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 14, 1945*

### **Alvarado School Russian Program:**

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade News, by Carol Hocking News Reporter

President **Vernon Perry** opened the meeting. **Stanley Anderson** read the minutes of the last meeting. Nominations were opened for News Reporter. Carol Hocking was elected. Then we talked about a new Sergeant-at-arms. We nominated candidates and then elected Lucy Perez.

We decided that we would have a little broadcast in the school auditorium about a study of Russia. The chairman is **George Apodaca**. The announcer is Elizabeth Flores. The speaker on the foods of Russia is **Harold Martinez**. The speaker on the way Russian live is Felix Ybarra. The speaker on the Russians work is Carol Hocking. The speaker on Russian education is Julia Picetti. The speaker of Russian recreation is **Robert Preciado**. The speaker on Russia's natural resources is **Vernon Perry**. The speaker on the crops of Russia is **Stanley Anderson**. **Harold Martinez** is going to make a microphone.

The treasurer gave her report. There is \$1.15 in the Treasury. **Stanley Anderson** made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Elizabeth Flores seconded the motion.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 14, 1945*

### **News Notes:**

Buy Christmas trees early. **John Ralph**, **Sam Dinsmore** and Ed Bedell (Shell Station) all have a fine supply of trees. Be a good booster for Alvarado and leave your money in town.

Melvin Allegre is at San Pedro waiting for his discharge. He has been overseas for two years. He is the husband of Hilda Allegre (nee Miss Pinto).

Newcomers to town are Mr. & Mrs. Roy Wiand and daughter Francis Kay. Mr. Wiand has replaced our good friend Mr. Eudy at the stockyard and will occupy his home. Mr. Eudy will soon move to Hamilton City to work in the Holly Sugar Mill there.

William Harper, who has been seeing service overseas in the South Pacific, and more recently transferred to DeWitt Hospital in auburn, Ca. is home on Christmas leave until January 11<sup>th</sup>. Then he will report back to DeWitt Hospital. He and his good wife (the former Miss Winifred Santos) have a small son Billy Harper III.

H.A. Jacinto recently received a discharge from the U.S. Navy SeaBees. He has been overseas for two years, in that time he has been on Guam and Okinawa. At Guam he was the manager of the team that won the Softball Championship.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 14, 1945*

### **Five-Inch Grasshopper:**

The finding of a five-inch grasshopper at Alvarado scared the pants off of agriculturists. Was nature going to make them bigger? Would they be hungrier and more destructive than the ordinary type? And where was this going to stop? How would anybody know that grasshoppers the size elephants wouldn't some day come zooming in out of the south? Nothing came of it, however. The 5-incher died and he must have been the last of his line because none have been seen here since. But he sure scared the pants off everybody for a while and made us pull the covers over our head at night.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 14, 1945*

### **Leonard Rose Marries:**

The marriage of Miss Evelyn Brown, of Warm Springs to Sgt. Leonard E. Rose of Alvarado, will take place Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. Joseph's Church in Mission San Jose. Miss Brown is the daughter of Warm Springs Postmaster & Mrs. Joe Brown. Leonard Rose is the son of Mrs. J. C. Oliveira. Mr. Rose spent 27 months overseas and expects to be discharged in May.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 17, 1945*

### **Hayward Basketball Tournament:**

Two hundred and seven boys representing 16 elementary schools in the Southern Alameda County section will be competing in the first annual boys basketball tournament co-sponsored by the Hayward Area Park and Recreation Department and the Alameda County Schools. The tournament will get underway Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. All games will be played at the Bret Harte School Gymnasium.

The Alvarado Grammar School Team will be comprised of:

Vernon Machado, Robert Jones, Carlos Renteria, Gilbert Cicairos, Henry Andrade, Glenn Bacheler, Gilbert Villareal, Mervin Perry, Joaquin Preciado, Cruz Rosendos, Benito Garcia, and Salvador Dominguez.

*The Hayward Review, December 20, 1945*

### **Classified Ads:**

PETS FOR SALE:

Canaries, rollers: First quality; prizewinners, Glock strain.

Alquire Road across from Sugar Mill gate, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, December 24, 1945*

### **News Notes:**

Mrs. Rebecca Logan of Alvarado was the dinner guest of the Allen G. Norris' of Centerville. We were glad to meet M.A. Freitas, who resides at Machado's Corners.

Clarence and Manuel Dutra are busy trucking at Alvarado. Their address is P.O. Box 175, Alvarado. They do tractor work too and are reached by phoning Alvarado 31J.

Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Harper and son are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. Harper's folks in Glendale, Calif.

On Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, Melvin Allegre will receive his discharge from the United States Marine Corp.

Emilio Re is at Camp Shoemaker and expects to get his discharge soon.

Mrs. Martinez is very happy and the reason is that her three sons are all home at once. Edward and Gene are going to receive their discharges very soon. But William is home only on a short leave.

At the former Bailey Warehouse near Hall Station on the Alvarado-Centerville Highway, Carl Salmon is selling the famous Alvarado Burbank potatoes. Sacks of fine onions and squash are also sold at reasonable prices.

Henry Miller Dry Cleaning service has added an office in Alvarado where Mrs. Flores receives clothes and sees that they get fast treatment and they are ready in a few days for the customer to pickup in Alvarado.

Mike McKeague is living in Alvarado after a busy time as a Navy aviator in the war. He has medals and service ribbons galore, but his modesty does not permit him to tell of his exploits. We met him at Jacinto's Grocery Store on Monday.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 28, 1945*

#### **Commercial Advertisement:**

##### The Milk Bottle Shortage Is Critical!

Bring any and all of your deposit milk bottles to Holland's Food in Centerville.

5¢ will be paid for each bottle. And, in addition, an S&H Green Stamp will be given for every two bottles returned. Many children cannot get milk because unused bottles are collecting dust. Do your part to help alleviate this critical shortage.

HOLLAND FOOD

Centerville

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 28, 1945*

#### **Alvarado Boys Club News:**

The Alvarado School is entering the Hayward area basketball tournament. The members of the squad are:

Vernon Machado	Gilbert Cicairos	Carlos Renteria
Glenn Bachelor	Robert Jones	Benito Garcia
Salvador Dominguez	Joaquin Preciado	Cruz Rosendez
Mervin Perry	Henry "Dick" Andrade	Gilbert Villareal

We played Mr. Eden School in football twice. The scores were:

Alvarado 13, Mt. Eden 7

Alvarado 8, Mt. Eden 0

BY: Gilbert Cicairos, Reporter

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 28, 1945*

#### **Classified Ad:**

LOST & FOUND:

Strayed, an English Cocker Spaniel. Smoky blue in color, answers to the name "Smokey."

Return to:

Bob Rodgers

Creek Road, Alvarado

Phone Alvarado 80

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 28, 1945*

**Legal Notice:**

To Whom It May Concern:

Notice is hereby given that fifteen days after the date posted, the undersigned proposes to sell alcoholic beverages at the these premises, described as follows:

1090 Levee Street  
Alvarado, California  
On Sale Beer & Wine

Applicants: James Nevis and Frank Moirao

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 28, 1945*

**Manuel Bettencourt:**

(From the "Knaves" section of the "Oakland Tribune")

A mile or so east of Alvarado beside what is known as Creek Road, which links Alvarado and Niles, dwells Manuel B. Bettencourt. There is nothing pretentious about this man who lives quietly on his 20-acre farm. Eph L. Musick says that it was on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 92 years ago today; the patriarch of Washington Township was born on the island of Fayal in the Azores. He left when he was a boy and sailed a whaling ship for a few years. Deserting his ship on the East Coast, he migrated to California more than three quarters of a century ago. He worked for 50¢ a day cutting wood on the Patterson Ranch near Newark. When asked if his employer was one of the Patterson brothers now living in that area, he replied he worked for the father of those old timers (the Patterson Boys). He acquired a small ranch in Newark and raised three sons and a daughter, that small ranch is still in his possession. When seen at his Alvarado home several weeks ago, Mr. Bettencourt, the "nonagenarian" was still able to get about and "roll his own."

*The Oakland Tribune, December 30, 1945*

**News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Perry (nee Eleanor Silva) and son Denny made a holiday visit at her parent's home (Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Silva) on the Creek Road Alvarado.

We met Joe Herzog, who resides in Alvarado, at his place of work in Paul Hockinson's Garage in Centerville.

O.C. Brown, of Salem Oregon, visited with Ross Brown, agricultural teacher at Washington High. He is the field man for the West Washington Beet Seed Co. He has contacted Andrew Logan in using some of their seed for growing beets for local growers. Mr. Logan is the superintendent for the Holly Sugar Company at Alvarado.

The California Pine Box Co. at Hall Station, Alvarado, manufacturers of boxes and crates used by growers in the township for Cauliflower, lettuce and produce, etc., have enjoyed such an increase in business that they are working on a double shift, says Ray Soares.

Anthony Silva, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Silva, of the Creek Road, is serving on a minesweeper in the South Pacific. His brother Joseph is in Florida in the Army Post Office Department at West Palm Beach.

Manuel Silva, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Silva of the Creek Road, Alvarado, who went to Washington High School years ago, has been discharged from the service back in Nebraska. After visiting his folks he went to Bakersfield where he expects to be employed.

Agnes Silva, graduate of Alvarado Grammar School and Washington Union High School, is the very capable stenographer and secretary for Attorney Edward Quaresma at his splendid law office at Niles. Mr. Quaresma was formerly president of the Alvarado Eagles. Miss Silva resides on the Creek Road with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Silva.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 4, 1946*

### **News Notes:**

Manuel Silveira, who used to live on V Street, Alvarado, has returned home from 21 months of active service in Germany.

Angie Silva of Centerville, the daughter of Mrs. Marianna Silva, is residing in Alvarado temporarily.

Mal Soito of the Alviso district has leased the Machado's Corner Union Oil Station from May B. Silva.

In the U.S. Service over in China is Seraphine Daviner Jr., the son of Mr. & Mrs. Serpahine Daviner of V Street Alvarado. Young Daviner got to China before the Thanksgiving season. As soon as Anthony Pine is out of the service he will wed Lorraine Alameda, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Alameda of V Street Alvarado.

Norman Silveira, son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silveira of Alvarado, has swung down in a parachute from a plane many a time in action while with his Airborne Division in the Philippines.

Walter Gardetto, in the Navy Air Service, is based at Seattle, is home on furlough. Sometimes he is known as Walter Fasolis by us.

Joseph Silva, son of Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Silva of the Creek Road, came home last Monday on a 30-day furlough from Miami, Florida.

Miss Bernice Luiz, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Luiz of the Alviso district, was wedded to **Manuel Dutra** of Alvarado at Reno last weekend. Bernice is employed at the Alvarado Branch of Central Bank.

Everett Alameda, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Alameda of V Street, Alvarado, was with the 91<sup>st</sup> Division, which lost 75 per cent of its men in the terrible African and Italian campaign of the U.S. Army.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 11, 1946*

### **Alvarado Vegetable Growers News:**

Ben Gordon, superintendent of the warehouse of the Alvarado Vegetable Growers at Hall Station, left on a business trip.

Al Caeton's son-in-law, Ray Dickinson is a new employee here. By the way Al Caeton, who used to work for Mr. T.P. Harvey, has purchased the "Bear Cat Inn" at Centerville.

Tony Souza, another employee of the AVG Assoc. formerly lived in Irvington, but now resides in Mission San Jose.

Clarence Souza, of Decoto, is employed as field foreman for Wes Emery.

While visiting with the boys during lunch time we met another fine worker, Manuel Perry, whom they says is one of the best car loaders in the district. He resides in Centerville where he owns three homes.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 11, 1946*

### **Home Over the Holidays:**

Some Alvarado Boys out of the service, most of whom were seen over the holidays were:

Albert Borges	Daniel Lezand	Anthony Fields	Cyril Flores
<b>Manuel Dutra</b>	Leonard Silva	Louis Silva	Donald Flores
Fred Joyce Jr.	Sam Dinsmore	Edward Martinez	Manuel Andrade
Ernest Alameda	Fred Paredes		

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 11, 1946*

### **New Arrival:**

To the wife of Fred G. Bigbey, Alvarado, a girl.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 11, 1946*

### **Basketball Tournament:**

**Alvarado** drew a tough opponent in Centerville and eventually was worn down in a 23 – 12 loss in the Hayward Basketball tournament. High scorer for Alvarado was **Renteria** with 9 points, while **Andrade** scored 2 points and **Ledesma** 1 point.

*The Hayward Review, January 14, 1946*

#### **Alvarado School Basketball Game:**

Centerville Grammar School defeated **Alvarado Grammar School** in a tournament ball game 23-12. The score was tied 8-8 at the half, but Centerville pulled away late in the game.

Alvarado Players:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
C. Rosendos	0
A. Corrales	0
S. Dominguez	0
T. Olasio	0
J. Ledesma	1
C. Renteria	9
G. Bacheler	0
G. Villareal	0
H. Andrade	2

*The Hayward Review, January 14, 1946*

#### **Child Welfare Club:**

The Child Welfare Club of Washington Township will meet at the home of Mrs. A. B. Hill on Monday January 21<sup>st</sup>; at 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Robert Moore of Niles will be the co-hostess.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 15, 1946*

#### **Service Pin:**

Joseph E. Lewis of Alvarado has been awarded a gold pin by Standard Oil of California for his 30 years of continuous service with the oil company.

*The Hayward Review, January 15, 1946*

#### **Auto Accident:**

Jesus Zapien of Alvarado, who was struck by a car Sunday night, was reported still in critical condition at Fairmont Hospital today.

*The Hayward Review, January 18, 1946*

#### **Alessio Isola Dies:**

Alessio Isola, 54, of Alvarado passed away recently. Husband of Margherita Isola, father of Frank Isola, and a long time farmer on Lowry Road.

*The Hayward Review, January 18, 1946*

#### **Joseph Enos Silva Dies:**

Joseph E. Silva, 61, of Alvarado California passed on. He was the husband of Amelia Silva, father of T-Sgt. John E. Silva, of Louis Silva and Clarabelle Silva.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 18, 1946*

#### **Raymon Moreno Dies:**

Raymon Moreno of Alvarado, aged 16 years, was laid to rest at Goleta. He was the son of Mr. & Mrs. Juan Moreno. The funeral was held in the residence in Alvarado Thursday morning.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 18, 1946*

#### **News Notes:**

Mrs. Joseph Silva of V Street, Alvarado, is clerking at Manuel Andrade's Store next to the *Pioneer* office.

Last Monday Joseph J. Correia of Newark was initiated into the Alvarado Eagles says Secretary John Menezes.

A fine young man about three years old had a swell birthday this week. He is Danny Rose, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Elvin Rose of Granger Avenue. Another son is Dickie who is 6 months old.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Borges of Granger Avenue had four sons in the war. A daughter, Mrs. Filbert Dutra (nee Josephine Borges) tells us that one of her brothers, Joe Linhares has been discharged. Two are still in the service, but one died overseas six months ago. Alexander Borges is in England in the Army; Arnold Borges is at Camp Beale, being home some two months ago. The brother who died in July 1945, in Luzon was Manuel Borges.

We met Manuel Rodrigues of the Alvarado-Niles Road, and he told us of his brother Ernie Rodrigues being just discharged from the Army. Another brother, Alfred, is in the Navy; and still another John is in the Army. The father, John Rodrigues, lives on the Alvarado Niles Road.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 18, 1946*

### **Alvarado Fire Department:**

The Alvarado Fire Department will hold its annual ball on Saturday evening, February 2, 1946, at the Newark Pavilion, at Newark. So announces Fire Chief Anthony Vargas, who has a committee working diligently for the success of the affair. Judging from the advance sale of tickets by the busy committee of firemen, there will be another full house at the Pavilion at Newark again this year.

The Members of the Alvarado Fire Department are:

Anthony J. Vargas, Fire Chief; Charles Baird, Ass't Chief; **Manuel Silva**, Lieutenant;

Joseph Avila	Joe Goularte	Clarence Flores	Peter Pinto
Wilbert Hendricks	Manuel Perry	Joseph Dutra	Elvin Rose
William Machado	Manuel Goularte	Edward Martini	Tony Alexander
<b>Felix Diangson</b>	A.J. Cadero		

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 25, 1946*

### **Chamber of Commerce:**

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce voted to file papers of incorporation at the January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting at which new officers were installed.

Other projects adopted at the first session under the president, Joe Lewis, included appropriation of funds to install a town bulletin board, purchase cap for the Junior Traffic Patrol and distribution of 500 leaflets printed by the *Pioneer* describing the town assets.

Lewis appointed several committees. They were:

By Laws:	Leslie Maffey	George Oakes	Walter Oakey
Membership:	<b>Manuel Silva</b>		
Publicity:	George Oakes		
Sgt.-at-Arms:	William Avila		
Emergency:	<b>Manuel Silva</b>	Ed Wilson	<b>Felix Diangson</b> Joe Avila

Attorney E.A. Quaresma, Niles attorney, who offered his services free to handle the incorporation papers, was voted an honorary membership in the Chamber.

The matter of rat control presented by L.J. Stevenson of Berkeley, who has done good rat control at Niles was referred to the next meeting, with plan of having a committee work on it for the possible control of rats at Alvarado.

Storekeeper Sam Dinsmore, one of the newly elected vice-presidents, was present and showed a big interest in the meeting.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 25, 1946*

**Henry Dutra Mourns:**

Henry Dutra, of Alvarado, is mourning the passing of his brother, Manuel Dutra Mello of Alameda who passed away January 14<sup>th</sup>. Clarence Dutra of Alvarado was one of the pallbearers.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 25, 1946*

**Basketball Tournament:**

The Alvarado Grammar School basketball team defeated San Lorenzo Village 17 -7 in a Southern Alameda County Basketball Tournament game held at Bret Harte.

Alvarado Players:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
C. Rosendos	0
A. Corrales	0
G. Cicairos	4
T. Olacio	0
J. Ledesma	5
V. Machado	4
J. Preciado	0
G. Villareal	0
H. Andrade	0
R. Jones	4

*The Hayward Review, January 28, 1946*

**Homebound Serviceman:**

Pvt. Santiago B. Machalis, of Alvarado, is due to arrive Friday in San Francisco aboard the troop ship Langfitte from Manila, The Philippines.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 29, 1946*

**News Note:**

Carmen Paz of Alvarado will be among four prizewinners who will read their essays over radio station KLX next Saturday at 1:45 p.m. Miss Paz was a local winner in the recent Victory Essay Contest presented by the Latham Foundation. Mr. Leslie H. Maffey, principal of the Alvarado Grammar School will be the program chairman.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 29, 1946*

**Basketball Tournament:**

The Championship final and consolation game in the Boy's Invitational Basketball Tournament being held at Bret Harte Gymnasium will take place this Saturday evening. In the championship game Bret Harte will face Ashland for trophy. In the consolation game **Alvarado Grammar School** will face Sunset.

Ashland is expected to win the championship game and Alvarado is expected to win the consolation game. Alvarado will have a tough scrap on their hands and are relying on Gilbert Villareal and Vernon Machado, with strong support from Robert Jones and Gilbert Cicairos.

*The Hayward Review, February 1, 1946*

**Peerless Stages:**

Peerless Stages announces new schedules for its bus line. They offer additional service from Oakland to San Jose, Santa Cruz and Palo Alto. Included now are six round trip stops servicing Mt. Eden and Alvarado.

*The Hayward Review, February 1, 1946*

**News Note:**

The Alvarado Eagles held a discussion on the possibility of purchasing the Odd Fellows Hall in Alvarado. The Eagles plan to remodel and repair the building quite extensively.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 1, 1946*

**Alvarado Girls Club News:**



The **Alvarado Grammar School** Girls Club is getting along fine. We have chosen new officer. Betty Jacinto is still our president. The other officers are:

Vice-President: Lorraine McLean  
Secretary: Selina Rigmaiden  
Treasurer: Doris Jones  
News Reporter: Evelyn Muela  
Yell Leader: Georgia Davis

The A team Captain is Connie Saucedo, the B team captain is Nettie Lemos, the C team captain is Carol Hocking, and the D team captain is Emilda Dominguez.

We had a ball game with Newark Thursday. We played three games, two 21-point games and one 15-point game. Alvarado won all three.

The B team gave the A team a party. We have two teams, A team and B team. We play against each other. Whenever we get to the total score, the losing team has to treat the winning team.

We had a nice time at the party. We had soda pop, ice cream and cookies and played different games. We had some bottles of soda left over and we decided to sell the soda in little cups to the other school children, but the basketball teams offered to buy them instead.

Since Lucita, our vice president moved, we had to elect a new vice president. She is Lorraine McLean.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, February 1, 1946***

#### **New Arrival:**

Mr. & Mrs. Henry J. Bielar of 1036 W Street, Alvarado, a boy, James Frederick, seven pounds 12 ounces.

***The Hayward Review, February 2, 1946***

#### **Sugar Beet Meeting:**

Washington Township growers will attend the annual meeting of the California Beet Growers Association at the San Jose Civic Auditorium next Friday at 10 a.m. The agenda for the meeting includes election of directors-at-large, amendment of the by-laws, discussion of the Federal sugar program, a proposed sugar beet industry research program and a discussion of the outlook of the industry.

***The Oakland Tribune, February 3, 1946***

#### **Holy Ghost:**

For the first time since 1941 the S.D.E.S. Lodge will have its Holy Ghost Festival this year. Arrangements for the celebration set for May 19<sup>th</sup> are being made by Frank G. Roderick, Manuel Martin Jr., John Menezes, A. A. Lee, M. F. Machado, Joe Lezand, and Martin Phillips.

***The Oakland Tribune, February 3, 1946***

#### **Marriage License:**

Manuel Benites, 23, Alvarado

Alice Alvarez, 18, Newark

***The Oakland Tribune, February 3, 1946***

#### **Della Perry Silva Dies:**

In Decoto, February 1, 1946, Della Perry Silva, beloved wife of Joe P. Silva. She was a native of Alvarado, age 58.

***The Oakland Tribune, February 4, 1946***

#### **Essay Contest:**

Carman Paz of Alvarado Grammar School was part of a small, select group of pupils from Alameda County who read their prize-winning essays over the air on Radio Station KLX. Carman took part in entering the "Victory Essay" competition sponsored by the Latham Foundation for the promotion of Humane Education.

*The Hayward Review, February 6, 1946*

#### **News Notes:**

The Holy Ghost festival, which was discontinued during the World War, will be revived this year and will as usual be one of the township's largest celebrations.

Mrs. Forbes, librarian of the Alvarado Library, is improved in health, but still not able to leave her home, which she makes with her sister, Mrs. Frances Robie.

President Joe Lewis of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce reports the next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at the Odd Fellows Hall.

Last Saturday, Mae Silva of Alvarado was wedded to Howard Conley, a Navy man stationed at Moffett Field. Mr. & Mrs. Tony Dutra of Alvarado gave the new couple a supper.

Tony Rivers, son of Mrs. Mary Rivers of V street, is among the latest group of men to return to the U.S. for demobilization. He was with the 27<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in Okinawa.

Genevieve Dutra, Postmaster of Alvarado, was elected vice-president of the County Postmasters Association at a recent meeting.

Seaman 2c Harold Caldeira of Newark, nephew of Madeline Rocha of Alvarado, came home on a 10 days leaves last week.

Joe Holdener of Russell City visited Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rocha in Alvarado last Saturday.

Willa Jane Hellwig, past Grand Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star of California, has been ill in a hospital in southern California, but is now recuperating at the home of a relative down south. Her husband, our prominent Alvarado townsman George Hellwig expects her to be ready to return home in a month or so.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 8, 1946*

#### **Commercial Advertisement:**

CHEVRON STATION

With Standard Oil Products

AT ALVARADO

Has lately been

Repainted for your service

MANUEL ANDRADE

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 8, 1946*

#### **Alvarado School News, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades:**

On February 4<sup>th</sup> the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee held another meeting and had a new voting. The elections resulted as follows:

President:	Tommy Gualco	
Vice-President:	Kathleen Brownlee	
Sgt-At-Arms:	George Cicairos	
Secretary:	Rodney Hendricks	
Yell Leader:	Anita Apodaca	Raul Villareal
Treasurer:	Mike Leon	

The club committee will have a party every two months. The first party will be on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 8, 1946*

#### **Helen Amaral Dies:**

Helen Alice Amaral, 52, died in Hayward on February 6<sup>th</sup>. She was the beloved wife of Louis Amaral. She was the daughter of Mrs. Adeline Martin of Alvarado, sister of Manuel Martin, Mamie Silva, Amelia Silva and Joseph Martin of Alvarado. Mrs. Amaral was a native of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 8, 1946*

**Classified Ad:**

SITUATION WANTED:

Garden, handwork or laundry work wanted by Japanese man.

1517 Smith Street, Alvarado. Telephone 5-5J

*The Hayward Review, February 11, 1946*

**Doctor Returns Home:**

Dr. R. O. McGowen, recently discharged after serving two years in the Army Air Force, has returned to reside with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. F. M. Best of Alvarado. Dr. McGowen, who served in the continental U.S., will open his practice in Castro Valley.

*The Hayward Review, February 12, 1946*

**A Soldier Comes Home:**

Reports from the Associated Press and the San Francisco Port of Embarkation listed local area residents.

Listed aboard the transport John Land scheduled to arrive Saturday in San Francisco from Manila en route to Camp Beale is First Lieutenant Richard H. Munger of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 14, 1946*

**Building Bee Held By Manuel Perry:**

Manuel Pinto, whose orchestra attracts big crowds to Café Alabam at San Lorenzo Junction, is going to have an enlarged shoe repair shop at Alvarado because his landlord, Manuel Perry, thought up a new idea for fast construction. It was simply that he accepted the offer of a large number of friends to gather and put up an addition over the weekend. They, like Manuel, and most all the Alvarado boys concerned either work with Manuel at Graham Bros. or adjoining salt companies, all in Newark. Yes sir, when the editor saw the first class crew Sunday, we observed some were hanging onto the roof hammering nails in shingles, and some were hanging out windows like trapeze performers. Some ten were giving that little 10 X 20 addition a bad time. And all are socialites, politicians and bandmasters, etc., in the sugar mill city. Here they are:

Joe Cardoza of Morton Salt Co. is one of the key men down there.

Manuel Goularte, student of the higher things in education, is school trustee of the Alvarado School District, and employee of the Graham Bros. in a leading capacity in his department.

Peter Pinto, who knows the last word in accordion playing, and was weaned away from his \$1,200 accordion for the day, was there.

Elvin Rose, big executive with the Standard Trailers, no doubt will rise very high in the firm.

Joe Goularte, one of the real big growers on the Creek Road managed to get his long trilbies around the roof while shingling, so that he was hanging out in space on one leg most of the time. Good looking guy that feller.

Clarence Flores, one of our city fathers, who has his mind on sanitary matters, fire department and other big league stuff hereabouts, has worked at Leslie Salt Co. since, "heck, he was a pup."

Even Manuel Pinto, who does the shoe repair work in this metropolis, was working on the addition. He will add a stock of shoes, and that was one reason he asked landlord Manuel Perry for more room

While the men working on the addition in Perry's side yard, the wives of most of the helpers were brewing coffee to rush out to the husbands, along with bandages and iodine for injuries. In fact,

you can't make us believe those fellers work that hard on their job. They wouldn't get "out on the limb" in the angles we saw them for pay.

By the way, Mrs. Manuel Perry and mother, Mrs. Frank Machado, served a fine noontime meal for all. Boy! Everybody was as busy as cranberry merchants.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 15, 1946*

### **News Notes:**

James Perry of Alvarado is in business in Hayward as the Hayward Rug and Upholstery Cleaners. He is the manager and is well and favorably known in Alvarado where he was and raised.

**Joe Avila** says the excavating of the lower part of the Alameda Creek here, lowered the creek bed by one and one-half feet. This was one reason for the faster runoff and the fact that the creek was only half full of water this year, so far.

Andy Gardetto's five-piece orchestra played at the Sophomore Dance at the Washington Union High School on Friday night. It was the Valentine Dance.

It was **Joe Avila's** turn to be on duty as fireman at the Alvarado Firehouse Sunday.

George Hellwig went to Los Angeles recently to visit his sick wife, Mrs. Willa Jane Hellwig.

John Kallu, who with his wife, reside next door to Joseph Martin, Jr., is employed at Westvaco, Newark.

Ernie Machado, who is in the Navy at Mare Island, was a recent visitor of his father, **Matt Machado**, Smith St. Café owner and a man the Editor is glad to call a friend.

Donald Woodward, who returned from the service a few months ago, and son-in-law of **Joe Avila**, has a splendid position at the Government Hospital near Oakland at Oak Knoll.

Frank Gutierrez went bass fishing a few day ago with his brother-in-law Frank Perez. They are neighbors on 19<sup>th</sup> Street in Alvarado.

Addie Kelly, who conducts Kelly Café on Watkins Street, is undergoing treatment in a hospital in Los Angeles. Her sister Emma is getting along fine now here having been quite ill a couple of years ago. By the way, Addie Kelly's husband, our friend Jim, went to San Francisco this weekend to take part in a wedding Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silveira of Granger Street had their son and son-in-law come out of the service within recent months. First the son-in-law, William Silva, arrived a couple of months ago. He and his wife are staying at the Silveira home while William recovers from the nerve trying experiences. Four weeks ago Norman Silveira got his discharge. He is now going to school, and is studying to be a cabinet-maker. Two daughters are married. We refer to Mr. And Mrs. Raymond (nee Jeanette Silveira) and Mr. & Mrs. Frank Arcano (nee Isabel Silveira) of Alvarado.

Lieut. James Wasley, Jr., who is a full-fledged dentist after finishing his Naval V-12 program at the Affiliated Colleges in San Francisco, has been transferred to Camp Shoemaker. He drops in on the folks occasionally at the family home in Alvarado. Principal James Wasley (former Alvarado Grammar School Principal) of Tennyson School has made an outstanding record of handling an overcrowded school attendance, and plans are now going forth for a structure to house some six new classrooms. Mrs. James Wasley is on of the well-known teachers of nearby Alviso School.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 15, 1946*

### **Holy Ghost Festival:**

The SDES Society is going to hold a Holy Ghost Festival in Alvarado this year. The committee is being lead by Frank Goularte. The festival will be held at the SDES Hall on Watkins street on May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. The officers and directs are:

President:	Frank Goularte
Vice-President:	Manuel Martin
Secretary:	John Menezes
Treasurer:	Tony Lee

Directors: **Matt Machado**  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 15, 1946*

Martin Phillips

Joe Lezand

### **Sugar:**

Holly Sugar Co. will have a longer run at Alvarado this year, gauging by the larger tonnage of sugar beets expected from growers not only in Alameda County, but also from nearby sections. Andrew Logan, field superintendent, has cooperated with the farmers in the plans for planting of beets and he says there will be about 6,000 acres planted to beets this year. Last year there was only about 5,000 acres. Arranging for the planting soon Mr. Logan is assisted by John Whipple and Allen Smith.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 15, 1946*

### **Alvarado Boys Club News:**

The Alvarado Boys Club elected new officers. They are as follows:

President:	Vernon Machado
Vice-President:	Yoshio Hisaoka
Secretary:	Gilbert Villareal
Sgt-Ast-Arms:	Johnny Ledesma
News Reporter:	Sal Dominguez
Manager:	Vernon Machado

We chose team captains. They were Johnny Ledesma and Robert Jones.

We played Sunset School in the finals of the consolation tournament Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at Bret Harte School in Hayward. The final score was Alvarado 19, Sunset 2. We won a pennant.

BY: Sal Dominguez, Boys Club Reporter

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 15, 1946*

### **Child Welfare Club:**

The Child Welfare Club of Washington Township will meet Monday at the home of Mrs. Ted Harvey of Alvarado with Mrs. Edward Groves as co-hostess at the dessert affair scheduled for 1.30 p.m.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 17, 1946*

### **News Notes:**

Manuel A Braga, Box 167, Alvarado California, was recently discharged from the service.

Mrs. August May's talented niece, the skating beauty of Berkeley, Marcella May Willis, is going back to Chicago with her skating partner to take part in a musical skating extravaganza.

Miss Flora McKeown is touring Mexico with a party of Centerville Friends, among who are Mr. & Mrs. John Stevenson, recent newlyweds of Centerville.

Sgt. Joseph A Brune, son of Mrs. Mary Brune of Alvarado, was honorably discharged from the armed forces today at the Camp Beale Separation Center. During his 36 months of service, Sgt. Brune has earned 54 discharge points and was awarded several battle ribbons.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 22, 1946*

### **Classified Ad:**

WANTED:

12 Cuban gamecocks

Tsutsui, 1517 Smith Street, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, March 4, 1946*

### **Alvarado Volleyball Team:**

Alvarado Grammar School has entered a volleyball team in the Hayward Recreation and the Alameda County Volleyball tournament to be held at Bret Harte School.

The members of the Alvarado team are: John Ledesma, Vernon Machado, Robert Jones, Carlos Renteria, Gilbert Cicairos, Salvador Dominguez, Henry Andrade, Gilbert Villareal, Glenn Bacheler, Joaquin Preciado, Albert Corrales, Yoshio Hisaoka, Cruz Rosendos, Teodosio Olacio, and Elmer Andrade.

*The Hayward Review, March 7, 1946*

### **Flash Discharged:**

An Alvarado dog got his honorable discharge from the Army and is back in Alvarado with his Owner Frank P. George, distributor of General Petroleum products. He came home via the Southern Pacific. Station Agent Ed Wilson notified the owner that Flash had arrived and Frank's brother, Tony George, had the honor calling for him on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

The dog arrived from Virginia after having landed there from overseas duty on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Flash looked as beautiful as ever if admire a noble animal. He was a year and half with the 40<sup>th</sup> Infantry doing scout duty. He has an honorable discharge, as fine as any soldier. The dog got all excited when he first saw Frank, and his master immediately put him through his line of tricks, showing that Flash had lost none of his cunning.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 8, 1946*

### **News Notes:**

Bob Hernandez is now stationed at Mare Island. He was on leave for 30 days but at the present comes home every other day. He will be stationed at Mare Island until the 14<sup>th</sup> of March.

John Aguiar is home for a while. He is stationed near San Francisco, but is awaiting orders to leave.

Peter Rivers of V Street will marry Mamie Bernard on Easter Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Benites (nee Alice Alvarez) are making their home in Baumberg. They were married in the Centerville Catholic Church.

Rufus Serrato, ex-Navy man, and Dolores Rios were married two weeks ago. Both were formerly from Alvarado. They are now living in Oakland.

Domingo Cicairos arrived two weeks ago after vacationing four months in Mexico.

Isabel Mondragon arrived a few days ago from her two months vacation in Mexico. Isabel runs the Beauty Salon on Smith Street.

Many friends regret to hear of the illness of Mrs. Sam Dinsmore who has been missed for a month or so from her accustomed place assisting at Dinsmore's Store in Alvarado. She is undergoing treatment up north and her husband has been keeping in close touch with her, besides handling his big business at Alvarado. Too much credit cannot be given their son, Sam Dinsmore Jr. for his conscientious work in assisting them at the store.

Raymond Serrato and Ramon Moura have been visiting lately in Alvarado. Raymond Serrato is home on furlough, he now lives in Oakland, but used to live in Alvarado. Ramon has been discharged but he is going to re-enlist in the Army for a year. He also used to live in Alvarado.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 8, 1946*

### **Sugar:**

The Alvarado sugar refinery may become a "pilot" plant to test a theory of east coast scientists that more sugar can be produced without increasing the size of sugar beet and cane crops.

The new process, known as "ion exchange," which the scientists claim will filter sugar out of beets and cane more efficiently than the present refining method, was announced last night in New York, according to the Associated Press. Here, it was learned that the American Cyanamid Company, which conducted preliminary experiments with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Louisiana State University, is negotiating with the Holly Sugar Corp. to install the pilot plant at the Holly refinery at Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 10, 1946*

**News Note:**

Mrs. Leonora Pacheco attended a bridal shower in Valle Vista for Miss Virginia Coleman.  
*The Hayward Review, March 19, 1946*

**Burglary:**

Ramiro Machado, Smith Street, Alvarado reported a burglary of his home between 8 and 10 p.m. Sunday night. \$80 was stolen from a box he kept in his bedroom.  
*The Hayward Review, March 20, 1946*

**Classified Ad:**

SITUATIONS WANTED:

Experienced Japanese man desires garden work. \$1.25 per hour.  
 Phone: Alvarado 55-J.

*The Hayward Review, March 22, 1946*

**Alvarado School News:**

Playing in the Bret Harte school gymnasium in Hayward, the Alvarado Grammar School boys won the championship of the tournament on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Entering the tournament with Ashland, Castro Valley, Centerville, Sunset, San Lorenzo and Warm Springs, the Alvarado boys defeated three schools:

Alvarado 15-15; Sunset 8,7

Alvarado 15-15; Warm Springs 4-7

Alvarado 15-15; Castro Valley 4-13

Having elected new team captains, Gilbert Cicairos and Carlos Renteria, the following boys played in the tournament:

Johnny Ledesma  
 Teodosio Olasio  
 Robert Jones

Vernon Machado  
 Benito Garcia Jr.  
 Joaquin Preciado

Gilbert Cicairos  
 Frank Garcia

Henry "Dick" Andrade  
 Cruz Rosendez  
 Glenn Bachelor

Carlos Renteria  
 Gilbert Villareal  
 Mervin Perry

Sal Dominguez  
 Albert Corrales

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 22, 1946*

**News Notes:**

Mrs. George Hellwig of Alvarado, who was ill down in Southern California for several months, was able to accompany her husband home a few weeks ago. She is now as fine as new.

Hubert Jacinto, out of the Navy, is working for John Santos, who is the agent for Chrysler autos. Hubert was raised in Alvarado.

Junior Jacinto, with the Navy up at Swan Island, Oregon, sent a wire of congratulations to brother Hubert on his birthday last week.

Raymond Diaz, son of D. Diaz of the Union Meat Market of Alvarado, arrived in New York some weeks ago after a perilous trip from London. He is living on the Creek Road where his brother Sig used to live. Sig bought a home in Decoto for his family and has moved there.

Lorraine Alameda, daughter of Mrs. Helen Alameda, will wed Anthony Pine of Alvarado sometime before Easter.

Miss Agnes Silva, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Silva of Alvarado has announced her engagement to Leroy Gomes.

Joe Priego has rented his corner store in Alvarado to P.M. Garcia, who will put in a grocery store. The former saloon has moved out. Joe Armada has the poolroom next to the store.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 22, 1946*

**Flora McKeown:**

"The next vacation I take will be spent some place in California." Thus spoke Miss Flora McKeown of Alvarado, who returned via air last week from a trip to Mexico, Guatemala and the Yucatan, in the company of three other companions, Mr. & Mrs. John Stevenson and Harry Stevenson.

You can gather from Miss McKeown's above remark that the trip to Mexico wasn't too successful. "The accommodations are not good at all," said Miss McKeown. "You see, there are 20,000 tourists going through Mexico every day. With the increase in the number of tourists, you get a corresponding decrease in the quality of service."

"For instance," she continued, "in many hotels the water is turned on for only a couple every day from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. And it was always cold! After traveling for several hours and looking forward to some good hot water it was most distressing."

However, Miss McKeown added that part of their trip was very enjoyable indeed. The trip into Guatemala, for example, where they had delicious fresh strawberries and other lush fresh fruits and vegetables. The party also felt that the Mayan ruins in Guatemala were well worth seeing. This was Miss McKeown's second trip to Mexico.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 22, 1946*

**Classified Ad:**

SITUATIONS WANTED:

Experienced American-Japanese lady desires house, washing and ironing work. \$1.00 per hour. Phone: Alvarado 55-J.

*The Hayward Review, March 22, 1946*

**Union Meat Market Sold:**

Mr. & Mrs. **John Novo** have purchased the **Union Meat Market** and grocery store from **D. Diaz**, one of the pioneer storekeepers of Alvarado. There is a fine trade there, and Mr. & Mrs. Novo are well known Townspeople and should deserve continuation of said business. Mr. Novo was formerly employed by the Leslie Salt Company. His wife is also well known; during the labor shortage she helped the war effort by working at the foundry at Newark.

Mr. Diaz will take things easy as he has carried on his business for many years, and has taken a great deal of interest in the betterment of the community, and has perhaps one of the best attendance records of anybody in the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 29, 1946*

**Alvarado School Improvements:**

The way those three trustees at the **Alvarado Elementary School** are working day and night for the welfare of the school was noticed as the Editor called at the school on Tuesday. **Manuel Goularte**, clerk of the board, was planning the cafeteria soon to be put in operation. He was ably assisted by William Avila, custodian. He said Griffin of Irvington has bolstered the foundation of the auditorium. He had also built a new cement step and walk leading into the side of the auditorium from Alvarado Street.

A new cement incinerator was built in the back of the grounds to burn paper.

The lawns at the side and the front of the building have been improved by William Avila's adding the proper fertilizer purchased by the trustees. By the way, means of remodeling the auditorium are of permanent value, and all the trustees, Manuel Goularte, **George Hocking** and Wilbert Hendricks, have combined to accomplish it.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 29, 1946*

**Alvarado School Student Assembly:**



Called to order by Vernon Perry, the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the **Alvarado Elementary School** assembly got under way with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting by Secretary Emilda Dominguez and a report by Treasurer Elizabeth Flores. There is \$1.31 in the treasury.

We discussed the culmination unit and Harold Martinez made a motion that we nominate only three people. George Apodaca was named chairman of the unit, Robert Preciado is chairman of the floor committee; others are: Rudolpho Barrera, Manuel Aranda, Ralph Labrado, Salvador Barrera, Teodosio Olasio and Harold Martinez.

Stanley Anderson suggested that we a judge and jury to punish offenders of good manners. George Apodaca, Teodosio Olasio, Felix Ybarra, Emilda Dominguez, and Alice Moreno were appointed to the jury with Harold Martinez clerk. The students decided upon the sentencing for infractions to be: We decided that talking would be punished with 50 lines, for chewing gum the penalty would be 200 lines and for swearing the punishment would be 500 lines. If the president, judge or jury commits any offense, the penalty is double the regular amount.

Juanita Walsh was made chairman of the room committee. Those on Juanita's committee were Elizabeth Flores, Fumiyo Hisaoka, Vernon Perry and Stanley Anderson.

In our kite contest last Friday at the school, Manuel Aranda, Rejulio Barrera and Rudolpho Barrera won prizes for the prettiest ones, and Robert Preciado had the highest kite. Harold Martinez had the smallest one. Everyone who entered the contest received an award.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 29, 1946*

#### **New Notes:**

**Manuel Goularte**, Clerk of the **Alvarado School** Trustees, who has been ill for six week with arthritis, will return to his job at the Foundry in Newark next Monday.

Donald Flores is studying pharmacy in San Francisco. Cyril Flores is at Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo, following up on an aeronautical engineering course.

Edward Vargas, who makes his home with his mother, Mrs. Nora Vargas, is back at work after being ill for two month a bad wisdom tooth.

A real news story is at Henry Andrada's dairy at Alvarado where triplets were born to a cow. Three calves is something new around here.

Mrs. Lenore Pacheco of Alvarado attended a bridal shower honoring Mrs. Guy Thomason of Valle Vista.

Anthony Pine and Lorraine Alameda of Alvarado will be married on April 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Anne's Church in Alvarado.

Fred Wolfe of San Leandro called on his mother in Alvarado last weekend. He moved with his family to Morgan Hill recently. Mrs. Helen Wolfe had her niece and her husband visit her recently from Hanford.

Manuel Pinto Jr., who conducts Pinto's Orchestra, announces that his engagement has been completed at Club Alabam near Ashland, and is now available for any orchestra engagement for dances, parties, etc. His phone is Alvarado 45M.

When you go into the Alvarado Post Office you admire the darling little two-months old Pekinese owned by the Postmaster Mrs. Genevieve Dutra. The little miss is called "Ming Toy," doubtless of the Chinese blue origin among dogs. Tucked away in a little basket she is the mascot of Genevieve and Alice Menezes, and the admiration of the customers.

Mr. & Mrs. Munger of Alvarado raised an interesting family. Richard Munger is studying watch making at Las Vegas. He was in the service with the Air Corps. John Munger, who has been living in Hayward with his wife (former Harriet Jones) is moving to El Cerrito so they can nearer his work in Richmond. Milton is busy at a testing laboratory at Mare Island. He is married and lives in

Berkeley. Their daughter, Mrs. Margaret Whipple and husband are going to live at the Whipple Ranch near the Masonic Home.

Joe Perez, service station operator handling Mobilgas at Alvarado, has an intriguing sign has for the public reading, "Five gallons of gas free if I fail to check your oil OR check you tires." See if you can put "one over on Joe." He may forget.

**George Hocking**, whose term of office expires, is up for re-election. People should tell George that he is appreciated and remember folks; these are giving a lot of time to the school for no pay. The least we can do is thank them. The County superintendent of School picked a good man in George Hocking. **Manuel Goularte** tells us he thinks George has done well.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 29, 1946*

**Commercial Ad:**

JOHN NOVO Buys **UNION MEAT MARKET**  
From **D. Diaz**

Choice Meats and Groceries

**John Novo**, formerly of LESLIE SALT CO.  
Invites Friends and Neighbors to Call at His New Store  
PHONE ALVARADO 63 LEVEE STREET, ALVARADO  
Store will later be called BI-RITE MARKET

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 29, 1946*

**Rebekah's:**

District Deputy Mrs. Ivy Cull of Niles will make her official visit to the Alvarado Rebekah Lodge at their regular meeting Friday evening. The meeting will be conducted by Noble Grand Mrs. Wilma D. Miller, assisted by Vice Grand Katherine Anderson

*The Hayward Review, April 2, 1946*

**League Softball to Start:**

The Hayward Recreation Area and the Alameda County Schools will start the elementary school softball league. Alvarado will play in the southern division.

*The Hayward Review, April 3, 1946*

**Alvarado Girls Club:**

We had a game of volleyball with Centerville on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. The line-up was as follows:  
Connie Saucedo Selina Rigmaiden Marion Ichimoto **Evelyn Muela**  
Sara Ramirez **Betty Jacinto** Doris Jones

Alvarado, 19-21-21, Centerville, 21-19-9

The Alvarado girl's team is going to enter the Volleyball Tournament. The players will be as listed above. We will play with different schools. At the end of the tournament we will see which school won the most games.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 5, 1946*

**News Notes:**

Dave Priego of Alvarado and Cora Perez of Niles put on a jitterbug exhibition at the Washington High Junior Class annual assembly.

Mae Fontes of Alvarado has been named on of the Deputy Registrars for Washington Township.

Seven local elementary schools will join together for a music festival at the Irvington School on Monday April 8<sup>th</sup>. Representing Alvarado will be the following musicians:

Arlen Amaral Glenn Bachelor Georgia Davis Elizabeth Flores

Hannah Fontes  
Carol Hocking  
Mervin Perry

Arnold Gardetto  
**Betty Jacinto**  
Vernon Perry

Tommy Gualco  
Lorraine McLean  
Melvin Pimentel

Madeline Hernandez  
**Evelyn Muela**  
Dora Ramirez

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 5, 1946*

### **Housing Costs Rise:**

Clearly indicating that low-cost housing goals are far from achievement, a report today by the San Francisco office of the Federal Housing Administration reveals that 50 per cent of the priorities issued to date are for homes costing more than \$8,500. Only 12 per cent are in the lower brackets, costing \$6,500 or less.

The report covers operations of the office for all of Northern California up to last weekend. The \$8,500 to \$9,500 home is the most popular, with 27 per cent in that price range. Second place is held by the \$9,500 to \$10,000 group, at 23.5 per cent, while the \$7,500 to \$8,500 class is a close third at 23 per cent.

Homes costing from \$6,500 to \$7,500 make up 14.5 per cent of the total. Only 7 per cent is in the \$5,500 to \$6,500 bracket, once set as the desirable maximum, while those in the \$5,000 to \$5,500 class comprise only 3 per cent, and those homes under \$5,000, only 2 per cent.

Under customary financing practices, an applicant must show an income of approximately \$175 a month to obtain a \$5,500 loan. The requirement jumps to around \$250 a month for \$7,500, nearly \$300 a month for \$8,500, and at least \$350 a month for a \$10,000 loan.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 11, 1946*

### **New Notes:**

Anthony Rivers was wed to the former Miss Mary Bernard. Peter Pinto, of Alvarado, acted as one of the ushers.

The Washington Township Apricot Festival will sponsor a queen contest. In Alvarado you can buy tickets for your favorite queen at George's Appliance and Variety Store. Two of the three queen entries reported by Frank George's festival office at Alvarado are: Betty Jane Silva, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Silva of V Street, and Dorothy Jean Eudy, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. H.L. Eudy.

John Accinelli, son of the prominent rancher on Lowry Road, was wed to Kathleen Shipman of Texas. Best man was Nick Fazio of Alvarado, with Mrs. Fazio as matron of honor. The bride was given away by Mrs. Remigo Cerruti, to the march played by Velma Lewis on the organ. Silvio Tachella and Emil Cerruti were the altar boys. The reception was later held at the home of bridesmaid's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Accinelli.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 12, 1946*

### **Hayward Parade:**

Governor Earl Warren led a parade in Hayward to celebrate the opening of Hayward's Airport before a throng of 30,000 people. Spanish music floated over the crowd as the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce display passed, with Gregory Perry in charge, showing a model of Alameda County's first courthouse built in 1853, also a flag draped car represented the Alvarado Fire Dept.

*The Hayward Review, April 15, 1946*

### **Governor Warren:**

John Ralph has been named as a campaign leader in the Alvarado district to re-elect Earl Warren as California State Governor.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 18, 1946*

### **Commercial Advertisement:**

JOE HERZOG  
Of Alvarado

HAS OPENED A GARAGE  
And General Repair Shop  
Clutch and Brake Work

Taking Over the  
A.A. BETTENCOURT  
Tractor Garage

Across the street from the  
ALVISO SCHOOL

Post Office Address:  
Newark R.F.D. Box 168

Residence:  
1226 Alvarado Street  
Alvarado.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 19, 1946*

**News Notes:**

Mrs. L.E. Bailey, of Alvarado, hosted the latest meeting of the Child Welfare Club of Washington Township at her home. Mrs. Blake Hill of Alvarado is the vice president of the club. Ed Martinez Jr., of Alvarado, was host to his Father-in-law and mother, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Cruz, his sister-in-law Adeline Cruz and friends last Sunday at his farm home.

Father McLaughlin of St. Anne's Catholic Church of Alvarado has announced the following Holy Week services: Good Friday, afternoon devotions from 2 to 3 p.m. and evening devotions at 8 p.m. Holy Saturday, confessions 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Easter Sunday, High Mass 8 a.m., Low Mass 10 a.m.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 19, 1946*

**Andrew Moffett Dies:**

Andrew Moffett, 61 years old, born and raised in Alvarado and charter member of the Alvarado Eagles was buried Tuesday at Cypress Cemetery in Decoto. The son of William and Minnie Moffett, who came to Alvarado from Rhode Island, he had been residing with his sister Ethel Galindo of Island for the past three years. He died April 13<sup>th</sup> in Oakland hospital.

Moffett is survived by his sisters, Margaret Bishop of El Sobrante, and Mrs. Jane Foster of Redwood City, formerly of Newark. Two brothers, Frank and William Moffett preceded him in death.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 19, 1946*

**Commercial Advertisement:**

New vacuum tube equipment will speed long distance calls. Long distance expansion program is in full swing.

At dozens of places up and down the Pacific Coast we're going ahead with new vacuum tube equipment, which boosts the number of telephone calls wires can carry. This is just part of our unprecedented long distance expansion program now under way.

For the phenomenal development in this part of the country has resulted in tremendously increased number of toll and long distance calls. But we're working full speed ahead to install the additional facilities we need to provide a better and faster long distance service than ever before.

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company

ALVARADO OFFICE: Smith Street at Dinsmore's Store  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 19, 1946*

**Mrs. Wilhelmina Brugge Dies:**

Mrs. Wilhelmina Brugge died in Oakland on April 24<sup>th</sup>. She is the wife of the late John Brugge, former pound master for Alvarado. She was 81.  
*The Hayward Review, April 26, 1946*

**Alvarado Boys Club:**

As guests of the University of California, the **Alvarado Elementary School** Junior Traffic Patrol will march in the track meet between UC Berkeley and College of the Pacific, Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. 24 Alvarado boys will participate in the marching at the U.S. Stadium, view the contest, and then picnic in the afternoon.

Following are the boys of the prize-winning patrol who will participate:

Captain:	Vernon Machado		
1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut:	Gilbert Cicairos		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut:	Carlos Renteria		
1 <sup>st</sup> Sgt:	Teodosio Olasio		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sgt:	Harold Martinez		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sgt:	George Cicairos		
4 <sup>th</sup> Sgt:	Mike Leon		
5 <sup>th</sup> Sgt:	Cruz Rosendos		
6 <sup>th</sup> Sgt:	Elmer Andrade		
Officers:	Joaquin Preciado	Tommy Gualco	Raul Villareal
	Stanley Anderson	Mervin Perry	Rodney Hendricks
	Manuel Aranda	George Apodaca	Yoshio Hisaoka
	Robert Preciado	Felix Ybarra	Antoine Rigmaiden
Reserves:	Henry "Dick" Andrade	Rudolpho Barrera	Glenn Bachelor
	Arnold Gardetto	Frank Garcia	

Last Tuesday night all the boys went to the movies as the guest of E. Naharro, Alvarado Theater owner who treats them annually.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 26, 1946*

**New Beauty Shop in Town:**

After having worked for four years at the Oakland army Air Base as a spray painter, Julia Flores Cuellar is now back in her own business, that of a beauty parlor operator in Alvarado, across the street from the bank on Levee Street.

A graduate of a beauty college in Texas and instructor in beauty culture in here won school there; Mrs. Cuellar has had 19 years experience in her line. She possesses a California State owner's and operator's licenses, she said, with modern equipment in her new shop. Newly decorated and painted a blue bird color, it presents a rather cheerful appearance, and it is predicted that she will be kept busy.

Mrs. Cuellar came to Alvarado from Oakland to visit a friend, Nettie Saucedo of the "Halfway House." She and her husband liked the town so well that they decided to settle here. Three weeks ago they found a house for rent. In their family are four schoolgirls and two little babies.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 26, 1946*

**Alvarado School Election:**

On Friday May 19<sup>th</sup> there will be an election held for a seat on the Alvarado Grammar School Board of Trustees.

Polling Place: **Alvarado Grammar School**

Inspector: Mabel Rodgers

Judge: Mrs. A.J. Cadero

Judge: Mrs. Isabel Menezes

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 26, 1946*

### **News Note:**

*The Pioneer* Editorial of April 26<sup>th</sup> chides our Board of Supervisors for not upping the pay on our rural librarians. The Librarian at Alvarado for example, who serves three days a week, makes \$30 a month, or about 50¢ an hour.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 26, 1946*

### **Holy Ghost:**

On last Sunday we had the honor of seeing a very faithful committee working at eh SDES Hall and grounds in Alvarado getting things ready for the annual celebration of the Holy Ghost on Saturday and Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

Really, we were proud of our fellow townsmen. President Frank Goularte appointed **Manuel Goularte** to take charge of the improvements and Manuel surely had magnificent cooperation from some 18 gathered together. They included:

Manuel Goularte

Martin Phillips

John Aguiar

Elvin Rose

Seraphine Noia

A.A. (Tony) Lee

George Hocking

Norman Silveira

Manuel Pinto

John A. Silva

Frank Silveira

Ray Freitas

Frank Goularte

Frank Gaspar

Manuel Rose

**Peter Pinto**

Henry Dutra

The benches were improved and a bandstand built, and the place where the barbecue is held alongside the SDES Hall will be a splendid arrangement. Even overhead the diner's outdoors, **Wilbert Hendricks** had arranged palms to cover the upright and lend plenty of shade.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, Mary 3, 1946*

### **News Notes:**

Alvarado School softball team on last week played Warm Springs. The A team of Alvarado winning 18 to 5 and their B team 23-5. The pitcher for Alvarado was John Ledesma.

Ray Wiand from Wyoming has charge of the feeding of the Hereford stock at the feed yards near Holly's Sugar Mill in Alvarado.

W.C. Kitchings "The Raleigh Man" (who delivered Raleigh products to rural farms in Alvarado in his van) had bought a home on Fremont Avenue and will move from his South Main home.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Pimentel attended a wedding of friends in Richmond recently.

Last Saturday nigh a surprise birthday party was given to Mrs. Joe Fontes at the Berkeley home of Mrs. Ollie Halzo, Madeline Pimentel's sister.

The three Martinez brothers, Ed, Bill and Gene are working at Frieden calculator Co. in San Leandro. Ed & Bill work in assembly and Gene works in the plating department.

Walt Gardetto, Coxswain tug master at Mare Island, is in charge of one of twenty tugs, which guide the ships and barges through the docks. He is due to be discharged from the Navy June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Carl Agundez of Decoto (formerly of Alvarado) plans on going to Santa Ana around the 1<sup>st</sup> of May to visit his intended, Miss Helen Mae Gallardo.

Beatrice Frates of the Alvarado-Niles Road hosted a surprise birthday luncheon for her sister, Mrs. Clara Rose. Also attending from Alvarado were Mrs. Frances L. Silva and Mrs. Emma Faria and daughter Phyllis.

At a recent meeting of the Alvarado Firemen's Association the following officers were elected for the Association:

President: Manuel Silva Jr.  
Vice-President: **Peter Pinto**  
Secy-Treas: **Wilbert Hendricks**  
Sgt-At-Arms: Joe Goularte **Manuel Goularte**

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 3, 1946*

### **Holy Ghost:**

The first post-war Holy Ghost festival at Alvarado has been scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, according to John Menezes, Secretary. Fire works on Saturday night, a parade of queens and their courts from neighboring fiestas, dancing and auctions are being planned.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 5, 1946*

### **Roderick Church Dies:**

Roderick W. Church, former Oakland City Clerk and brother of Superior Court Judge Lincoln S. Church, died in Stockton Saturday at the age of 91. Mr. Church was born in Alvarado in 1855, the son of August M. Church, who in 1852 became partners with Henry Smith in the building that was to become the first county seat for Alameda County.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 6, 1946*

### **Gas Fire Injures Alvarado Man:**

An attempt to start a stalled automobile by pouring priming gasoline into the carburetor last night sent Victor Olacio to Hayward Hospital with second and third degree burns about the right arm, hand and chest. Sheriff's deputies said the youth's automobile ran out of fuel near Pleasanton and would not start after the tank was refilled. He poured gasoline into the carburetor, and in doing so spilled some on the hot exhaust manifold, igniting the fuel.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 6, 1946*

### **Rebekah's:**

Delegates of the Alvarado Rebekah's Lodge who will attend the assembly of Rebekah Lodges in Santa Cruz, May 13<sup>th</sup> to May 16<sup>th</sup> are Leda Brown of Newark and Thelma Ripping of Oakland.

*The Hayward Review, May 7, 1946*

### **News Notes:**

The Alvarado school softball team played at Niles last Friday, with Niles taking a 10 to 7 victory.

Stanley Roderick has been asked to play in Naharro's Alvarado Theater baseball team in case a hardball league playing Sundays is formed in the township. Gregory Perry and Joseph Jacinto, mastermind manager of the former Leslie Salt teams, will furnish the mastermind stuff for the team.

St. Anne's Confraternity of St. Anne's Church in Alvarado will hold a food sale Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m., May 11<sup>th</sup>, at Ralph's Food Store. Ladies participating in the event are Mrs. Gregory Perry, Mrs. Mary Rivers and Mrs. Frank Roderick.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 10, 1946*

### **Leonard Dutra:**

Leonard J. Dutra of Alvarado, who was operated on May 6<sup>th</sup>, is staying at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Vierra in Hayward. Dutra, son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank S. Dutra of Alvarado, will return home in a week.

*The Hayward Review, May 13, 1946*

### **News Notes:**

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring Betty Silva of Alvarado as the Township Apricot Queen.

Mr. & Mrs. William Silva of Granger avenue celebrated their 5<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. She was the former Miss Lorraine Silveira.

Mr. & Mrs. Emilio Re are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 17, 1946*

### **Alvarado Girls Club News:**

We have started our Volleyball Tournament. Our first game was with Centerville. We played three games and Alvarado won all three. Our second game was played with Irvington. We played two games and Alvarado won both. The third game we played was with Warm Springs, we played three games, and we won all three. The fourth game was with Newark, and we all three games. Our next game is with Decoto, Monday May 13<sup>th</sup>.

BY: Evelyn Muela, New Reporter.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 17, 1946*

### **Peter Brown Dies:**

Peter Brown, 45, died in San Jose on May 17<sup>th</sup>, beloved husband of Irma Brown and father to Carol and Georgia Brown. He was a native of Alvarado and a resident in the Alviso District.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 19, 1946*

### **Classified Ad:**

REALTY – ELSEWHERE:

Alvarado, service station, repair shop and house; doing fine business, established 12 years. Located on Highway 17.

Telephone; **HA**yward 2422R.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 23, 1946*

### **National Railroad Strike:**

Governor Earl Warren said the nation's rail strike is hitting hardest in California where perishable commodities are spoiling because of lack of transportation to eastern markets. T. O. Morrison, county advisor at Hayward, said southern Alameda County agricultural producers are facing a daily loss of \$14,890 because of the rail stoppage. He said that in Alvarado alone, five carloads of lettuce valued at \$5,200 were being shipped by rail daily.

In the Salinas area, growers are losing \$200,000 a day. The growers in the Salinas area ship between 200 and 250 carloads of lettuce a day to eastern markets.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 24, 1946*

### **News Note:**

(From a meeting of the Board of Supervisors held May 16<sup>th</sup>)

The application of the Sociedade Divino Espirito Santo, Inc., for a permit to parade in Alvarado on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> and application to conduct a fireworks display in Alvarado on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> was presented to the board and approved.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 26, 1946*

### **Eagles:**

Serafine Caldeira of Alvarado will be installed as President of the Eagles, succeeding Jack Holland of Centerville. Other new officers: Clarence Rose, Vice-President; Walter W. Texeira, Chaplain; John Menezes, Secretary; C. W. Baird, Treasurer; Arthur Soito, Conductor; Clifford Serpa and Frank Cunha, Guards; Joe E. Lewis, Trustee; and Dr. W. L. McWhirter, Physician. State convention delegates are: Clarence Rose, Arthur Soito and M. F. Silva with C. W. Baird, Frank Delgado and W. J. Gordon as alternates.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 26, 1946*

### **News Notes:**

Manuel Frates, who spent most of his life at his former home on the Creek Road, passed away recently.



Anthony Silva, son of Mr. & Mrs. M.F. Silva of the Creek road, came home from Camp Shoemaker. He served with the Navy in the South Seas.

Frank Flores Jr. of Alvarado is expected home from Okinawa in the south Pacific where he has been stationed for a year. He lives at home with Frank Flores.

The little son of Mr. & Mrs. Lawrenzo Robles of Alvarado, 131 Smith St., will be christened on July 7<sup>th</sup>. A party will be given at the IDES Hall at Alvarado.

Former **Alvarado Grammar School** teacher, Miss Celeste Bunker, has retired from teaching at the Niles Grammar School.

Mr. & Mrs. Seraphine Caldeira of Alvarado went to San Jose with several other couples to the Balconoids Dance.

**Marlene Andrade**, the small queen of Alvarado, Jo-Anne Castro and Joyce Caldeira, the queen's side maids marched in Milpitas last Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Perry and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Frank Machado of Smith Street was served a lovely dinner of Holy Ghost Sunday. Alvarado guests included Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Goularte of the Creek Road, Clifford Serpa and daughter Judy and Mrs. Mary Faria of the Alviso district.

Robert C. Lemos, a student formerly of **Alvarado Grammar School** and the Washington Union High school, is visiting his parents Mr. & Mrs. Manuel C. Lemos. The Lemos family resides on the Creek Road in the Alvarado area.

Adam Lewis, who was discharged from the service in November, is located in San Jose. He is manager of a grocery store. His brother Frank is out of the Navy and is now married and living in Hayward. Another brother, Joseph Lewis is finishing up his high school studies and after school is John Ralph's assistant at the Alvarado store. Joe makes his home with his mother and stepfather, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Dutra of Watkins Street Alvarado.

Henry Dutra purchased John Souza's place on the Creek Road, comprising a home and 8 acres a few months ago. Henry sold his place in San Lorenzo comprising a home and a couple of acres, and is now a resident of the Creek Road.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 31, 1946*

### **Township Music Festival:**

The Township Music Festival was a big success. It was held in Irvington and comprised several schools in the Township. **Alvarado Grammar School** presented the "Minuet in Song and Dance."

Mrs. Nyla Connolly, Director:

<b>Marlene Andrade</b>	Sadako Kurotori	Tommy Gualco	Kathleen Brownlee
Judy Rontal	Eddie Mateo	Natalie Cicairos	Melvin Pimentel
Ann Wada	<b>Elaine Hocking</b>	Arnold Gardetto	Dan Scott

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 31, 1946*

### **George Hocking:**

George Hocking and wife, who reside in a lovely white, modern home on the Creek Road, have two daughters who are pupils at **Alvarado Grammar School**. Mr. Hocking, by the way, is a trustee much interested in the welfare of that same school.

But he has other interests in the community at large. We refer to the work he is doing to improve the exterior and interior of St. James Episcopal Church at Centerville. You see George is part of the Bishop's Committee, which handles the contemplated improvements. Also on that committee from Alvarado are Mrs. Harvey Granger and Mrs. L.E. Bailey.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 31, 1946*

### **Alvarado Grammar School Graduation:**

The **Alvarado Grammar School** graduation program will be held Thursday night, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m.

The Orchestra will perform the following numbers: "Clipper Ship, U.S.A. March & Air Brigade March," and the Emerald Waltz. Orchestra members are:

Drums:	<b>Glenn Bachelor</b>
Saxophone:	<b>Evelyn Muela</b>
Bells:	<b>Elizabeth Ann Jacinto</b>
Saxophone:	<b>Madeline Hernandez</b>
Clarinet:	Hannah Fontes
Piano:	<b>Lorraine McLain</b>
Mellphone:	Tommy Gualco
Trumpet:	<b>Vernon Perry</b>
Bass Drum:	<b>Arlen Amaral</b>
Trumpet:	<b>Arnold Gardetto</b>
Piano:	<b>Georgia Davis</b>

A short play will be presented, "A Gentleman In The Making." The Characters are:

Mrs. Henshaw:	<b>Madeline Hernandez</b>
Mr. Henshaw:	<b>John Ledesma</b>
Connie Henshaw:	<b>Georgia Davis</b>
John Henshaw:	<b>Glenn Bachelor</b>
Joe Needham:	<b>Henry "Dick" Andrade</b>
Bud Bright:	<b>Vernon Machado</b>
Helen Taylor:	<b>Elizabeth Jacinto</b>
Leslie Slack:	Yoshio Hisaoka
Bill Watson:	<b>Gilbert Villareal</b>

**Arnold Gardetto** will render a trumpet solo with **Miss Elizabeth Flores** accompanying on the piano.

A Short Skit will be presented, "Imagine That." The Characters are:

Mother:	Dora Regalado
Girl:	Doris Jones
Harold:	Joaquin Preciado
Fanny:	Sara Ramirez
Sheriff:	Robert Jones
Sambo:	Joe Leon
First Porter:	Gilbert Cicairos
Second Porter:	Elmer Andrade
Ticket Girl:	<b>Evelyn Muela</b>
Telegraph Girl:	<b>Marion Ichimoto</b>
Newstand Girl:	Adela Paz
Lunch Counter Girl:	<b>Anna Paz</b>
Station Announcer:	Albert Corrales

A short play will be presented, "The Orange Colored Necktie." The Characters are:

Egbert Hawkshaw:	Carlos Renteria
Mrs. Hawkshaw:	Connie Saucedo
Marjory Hawkshaw:	Marie Jardine
Norah:	Selina Rigmaiden
Solomon:	<b>Mervin Perry</b>
Aunt Freda Goodwin:	Annabel Velarde
Messenger Boy:	<b>Arnold (Arlen) Amaral</b>

Presentation of Graduates:

<b>Lorraine E. McClain</b>	<b>Georgia S. Davis</b>	<b>Madeline A. Hernandez</b>
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**Anna E. Paz**  
**Elizabeth A. Jacinto**  
**John C. Ledesma**  
**Vernon M. Machado**

**Marion K. Ichimoto**  
**Glenn E. Bachelor**  
**Robert L. Jones**  
**Henry (Dick) Andrade**

**Lelizea Adela Paz**  
Salvador Dominguez  
**Gilbert A. Villareal**  
**Yoshio Hisaoka**

Award of Graduates Diplomas: Mr. George Hocking, President of the School Board

Scholarship Awards: Mr. Manuel Goularte, Clerk of the School Board  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 7, 1946*

### **Alvarado School News:**

BY: Carol Hocking

**Vernon Perry** opened the meeting. Secretary **Emilda Dominguez** read the minutes of the last meeting they were corrected and approved. The treasurer gave a report. There was \$2.99 in the treasury.

We called the meeting to discuss the party. **Rejulio Barrera** made a motion to have a party. Mrs. Lucas said everybody had to bring money or they could not come. **Vernon Perry** said we could bring from 10¢ up. Stanley Anderson was chosen as chairman of the party. The committee members are **Elizabeth Flores, Vernon Perry, Rejulio Barrera and Emilda Dominguez.**

Juanita Walsh made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carol Hocking seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 7, 1946*

### **News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. Eudy of Alvarado are moving to Hamilton City, being employed by the Holly Sugar Company there. All their friends regret to see them go.

**Joseph Jacinto** was among those having a workout in baseball last Sunday at the Alvarado School grounds.

Mr. & Mrs. Seraphine Caldeira of Alvarado and Mr. & Mrs. John Castro of Alviso spent last Thursday at Halfmoon Bay.

Mr. & Mrs. James Prince of Oakland came to visit Mr. & Mrs. Antone Castro of Alviso last Sunday. Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Mello formerly of Alviso came from San Jose to visit their grandparents of Alviso.

Dave Priego of Alvarado has been elected as yell leader at Washington Union High School for the junior class.

Peerless Stage Lines has announced that there will be 9 scheduled routes from Centerville to Alvarado daily.

Former president of the Alvarado Eagles, attorney E.A. Quaresma, has been elected Judge for Niles Court No.1 over Allen Norris. Alvarado went for Quaresma 208 to 91.

Hardball will again be played in Alvarado as Ed Naharro has bought baseball uniforms for a hometown team. This should put his Alvarado Theater on the map with the publicity they will get. Their first game will be against Melrose and will be played on the **Alvarado Grammar School** ball field. Their ace pitcher is Joseph Sanchez. He used to be the king of the pitchers in the Army Camp up in Oregon. Captain is "John McGraw" Jacinto, sometimes known as **Joe Jacinto**, well-known storekeeper in Alvarado. The coach is that hustling promoter and former home-run king, Gregory Perry.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 7, 1946*

### **Marriage License:**

LEWIS – BETTENCOURT, Joseph Jr., Alvarado and Barbara Ann, Centerville.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 10, 1946*

### **Rebekah's:**

Greeted by a large delegation the president of Rebekah Assembly, IOOF California, made her official visit Friday evening to the Alvarado Rebekah Lodge presided over by Noble Grand Wilma D. Miller. During the business meeting Leda Brown gave a comprehensive report on the assembly.  
*The Hayward Review, June 11, 1946*

### **Local Schools to Graduate Students:**

This year's graduates for the Alvarado and Alviso Grammar Schools are:

#### **ALVARADO:**

Lorraine McClain, Georgia Davis, Madeline Hernandez, Ann Paz, Marion Ichemoto, Letizia Paz, Elizabeth Jacinto, Glenn Bachelor, Salvador Dominguez, John Ledesma, Robert Jones, Gilbert Villareal, Vernon Machado, Henry (Dick) Andrade, Jr., Yoshio Hisaoka.

#### **ALVISO:**

Not available.

*The Township Register, Niles Calif., June 14, 1946*

### **Sports Award:**

Vaughn Seidel, Superintendent of Schools for Alameda County, presented several pentathlon  
*The Township Register, Niles Calif., June 14, 1946*

### **Filipino Independence Day:**

A Philippine Independence Day celebration, marking the last milestone of the Filipino's struggles for political freedom, has been planned by the Filipino Community of Northeastern Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, in conjunction with the independence day celebration with the United States on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

The daylong celebration, featuring an outdoor barbeque, will be climaxed by an evening program, highlighted by music and speeches at the Portuguese Hall in Alvarado.

Named to head committees in charge of plans for the event was A. Regalado, Mrs. Felix Diangson, Mrs. Pacifico Sarabia, A. Delfin, Alex Biete, Frank M. Bolima, Frank Machalis and Mrs. Don Agraviador.

Entertainment included in the program will be a piano selection by Miss Faustina Regalado, a hula-hula dance by little Cristina, vocal solo selections by Crispin De La Cruz, noted radio singer, and Miss Darlene Agraviador, a piano selection by Miss Bobby Diangson and the American and Filipino National Anthems led by Miss Diangson.

*The Hayward Review, June 20, 1946*

### **Classified Ad:**

FOR SALE MISCELLANEOUS:

1942 Harley-Davidson motorcycle, 74 Overhead.

W. F. Scott, One half mile east of Alvarado

*The Hayward Review, June 20, 1946*

### **News Notes**

Ellen Marie Hall of Irvington is the Washington Township Apricot Festival Queen. Betty Silva of Alvarado was second runner-up.

Entered in the Apricot Festival Parade from Alvarado were, **Alvarado C of C** float, **Eagles of Alvarado** decorated car, and the **Alvarado Firemen** float.

There will be an Apricot Festival coronation ball held on Saturday at 9:00 p.m. and at 10:30 p.m. the Pinto Bros. Orchestra will supply the music for the ball.

Mr. Clifford Serpa, and daughter Judy Ann, motored to Fleishacker Zoo to see the animals.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pimentel and family and Mrs. Manuel Rodrigues of Centerville motored to Merced last Sunday visiting relatives.

Joe Lewis Jr. wedded Miss Barbara Bettencourt from Centerville and are now honeymooning somewhere up north.

A special rate is given to young ladies of school age of \$3.00 for a permanent by Julia's Beauty Shop opposite the bank. This is no catch! She is reliable, and is reporting business is increasing. The Alvarado Vegetable Growers Association has expressed a desire to enter an exhibit of quality vegetables raised here in the Alameda County Fair at Pleasanton.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Goularte and Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Maciel of the Creek Road have just returned from a very enjoyable trip North. They drove as far as Portland and visited the Oregon Caves on the way up and came back along the coast Highway 101. They especially enjoyed the rhododendrons and azaleas in full bloom along the highways.

Joe Perez, Mobilgas station service man is sponsoring the Alvarado Junior Baseball team that belongs to a league in which young boys comprise the teams. They play hardball baseball games each Sunday. Frank Gutierrez is the manager of the team.

That baseball team using the regulation hardball baseball must be good, as they won another game, one June 9<sup>th</sup>, and another June 16<sup>th</sup>. Joe Sanchez of Alvarado, brother-in-law of Ed Naharro, is one of the pitchers. Harold Alameda of the High School team at Centerville is another. They play on the Alvarado School grounds. The manager is Greg Perry and team captain is Jesse Jacinto Sr.

**Manuel Andrade**, who conducts a store at Alvarado, also sells Standard Oil Products. He has lately been progressive and added a grease rack. The air compression equipment raises the car nicely to the desired height at its location adjoining the store.

Alvarado boosters and sponsors of the Washington Township Apricot festival are: Sam Dinsmore, Frank P. George, **Manuel Andrade**, John H. Ralph, A.A. (Tony) Lee, General Petroleum Company, **Alvarado Eagles**, **Alvarado Chamber of Commerce**, and the **Alvarado Firemen**.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 21, 1946*

#### **SPRSI:**

The annual visit of the Grand President of the SPRSI will take place at the Odd Fellows Hall on Thursday evening June 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be installation of officers and the initiation of eleven new members. Three new members were taken in during March and the lodge is very strong in membership and finances. The new officers are:

President:	<b>Aurora Lewis</b>		
Vice President:	Clara Martin		
Treasurer:	Angie Vargas		
Secretary:	Clara Flores		
Past President:	Mamie Roderick		
Conductor:	Mary Perry		
Marshal:	Mary Silva		
Guard:	May Santos		
Directors:	Mary Rivers	Helen Goularte	Helen Alameda

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 21, 1946*

#### **Chamber of Commerce:**

President Joseph Lewis arranged a wonderful musical and vocal program on Ladies Night on Thursday evening, June 20<sup>th</sup>, and there was a big turnout to enjoy it. After a business meeting planning for the town's welfare, the following program was rendered:

- 1) Miss Dominguez sang like an opera star, accompanied by the Pinto Bros. Orchestra.
- 2) Eileen Wilson played some delightful piano numbers.
- 3) Ray Hansen, radio singer of the golden tenor voice, brought down the house with his jolly songs and lovely ballads. He was accompanied by Eileen Wilson

- 4) Andy Gardetto, sax; Walter Gardetto, accordion; and little brother Arnold Gardetto, trumpet; were great in their trios and duets.
- 5) Betty Jacinto played the piano very pleasingly.
- 6) **George Oakes** and Ray Hansen enthusiastically sang vocal duets with a lot of "barbershop" harmony thrown in.

At the lovely decorated tables in the banquet room after the program, **Mrs. Joseph Lewis** and her committee of Mrs. Baird, Mrs. Gardetto, Mrs. Manuel Martin and other ladies, served excellent coffee, ice cream, cake, sandwiches.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 21, 1946*

#### **Philippine Independence Day to be Celebrated:**

The Filipino Community of Northeast Alameda County and Contra Costa are going to have their PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY Celebration on July 4<sup>th</sup> in Alvarado, which is a bog honor for thousands that will gather here.

The **Alvarado Chamber of Commerce** realized its importance by naming a committee on Thursday night's meeting at the Odd Fellows Hall to cooperate in every way and especially decorate the business section with the aid of the businessmen on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

A big program and dance will be held at the SDES Hall at Alvarado, when the Mayor of Hayward and other councilmen from there will be the honored guests.

Mrs. Bolima of Mr. Eden; and Frank Macahilas and D. Carrillo, businessmen of Alvarado, appeared before the Chamber of Commerce and were aided by **Editor Oakes** and others.

The Chamber of Commerce has suggested a parade for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in which all classes joining and show our debt of gratitude to the fine work of the Filipino-Americans, who helped fight alongside out boys overseas, and at home did a fine job in raising food in the fields, buying War Bonds, helping the Red Cross, etc.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 21, 1946*

#### **East Shore Freeway:**

Work will begin on the East Shore Freeway. Work was halted by the war when the ramps were completed to the Oakland-San Francisco Bay Bridge. Work will begin on the dual level overpasses between the Oakland Army Terminal and the city of Oakland. Phase one will be through the city of Oakland, then overland to San Leandro, extend past San Lorenzo Village, through Hayward and then onto Alvarado on its way to San Jose.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 22, 1946*

#### **Auto-Pedestrian:**

Tiofilo Alvarado, 55, Route 17, Alvarado was taken to Fairmont Hospital with a scalp laceration after he apparently stepped in front of an automobile driven by Graciano Annya, 1156 Maiden Lane, Alvarado. The driver was not cited.

*The Hayward Review, June 25, 1946*

#### **News Note:**

Miss Eileen Wilson will play the wedding march at the wedding of Miss Fern Zenke, Hayward, to William Hughes of Los Angeles.

*The Hayward Review, June 26, 1946*

#### **4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration:**

The United States Independence Day of July 4<sup>th</sup> will also be the day of celebration of independence of the Philippines. Truly they have something to be happy over, by wresting control to their homeland from the invader during the recent war. And the United States was right

alongside of the Filipinos. And next 4<sup>th</sup> of July we will be right alongside of them again when the people of Alvarado help our Filipino Americans celebrate.

Joseph Lewis, president of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce, had a live wire committee gathering money from Alvarado merchants to decorate the stores and business streets, particularly some streamers across the streets.

The Filipino community at the last Chamber of Commerce asked this decoration, and cooperation was promised, and a committee has been holding meetings with those in charge of the big celebration on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

A short parade of Alvarado citizens and members of the Filipino community may march from the business section to the SDES Hall to the start the affair off right.

This Filipino organization represents members in two counties, Contra Costa and northeastern Alameda County. The program is to begin at 6 o'clock on the evening of July 4<sup>th</sup> at the SDES Hall on Watkins Street, Alvarado. Hayward Mayor John Harry will deliver an address; Councilman William Wilson will be there and Attorney Lester Foley of Hayward will also speak. Pacifico Saragia, prominent Filipino leader, and Frank M. Bolima, former president of the Filipino community of San Francisco.

With reverence toward the occasion, still there will be fine entertainment, including songs and dances by Filipino artists and musicians, followed by a dance for all. The Chamber of Commerce had a fine singer at last meeting in Ray Hansen of Newark, and he has been invited to be one of their main singers and entertainers. Miss Eileen Wilson of Alvarado will accompany Hansen on the piano.

Felix Diangson, one of the best known leaders of the Filipino American group is working hard to achieve a great success for this 4<sup>th</sup> of July, when some 4,000 will celebrate in Alvarado. Father Julio A. Martins of All Saints Church, Hayward, will give the invocation. Mrs. Felix Diangson will make an address.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 28, 1946*

### **Baseball:**

On Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup>, at the Alvarado School grounds at 2 p.m., Alvarado's fastball team is to play a colored team from Alameda. This fast aggregation is known as the Alameda Tigers. The Naharro's Alvarado Theater team is not choosing any set-ups, but taking all the fast aggregations around the bay. Alvarado has three pitchers, Stewart, Shanks and Alameda (the latter is from Centerville).

Jesse Jacinto Jr. came in from the Navy this weekend and his dad (team manager) will use this speedy shortstop in the lineup. His brother Hubert will play also.

Turn out and boost for the home team. The Editor saw last Sunday's game with the Chapel of the Oaks of Oakland, and although our team lost, they were tied 1-1 in about the seventh inning. This shows how tight our boys played against the Oaklanders, who lose mighty few games.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 28, 1946*

### **News Notes:**

Joe Perez' Service is the name of the new Alvarado Junior Baseball team when it plays at Hayward on July 4<sup>th</sup> at 12 o'clock. The game will be played at the Sunset School, which is near the Hayward Airport. Going from Alvarado along Hesperian Blvd., the motorist turns right at the second block after A Street. It is two blocks from Hesperian Blvd. Frank Gutierrez is the Manager of the players and most of them are players from Alvarado School, with a few like Dave Priego from the Washington Union High School. The leaguer will see a regular schedule for the many ball teams in the Hayward League. Perez deserves credit for getting uniforms for the players.

History was made recently at Alvarado when the telephone office, which has been at Dinsmore's Store over 40 years, was moved to Mr. & Mrs. Munger's home a half block away on Watkins Street. Mrs. Munger is in charge of the office and her assistant operators are doing very nicely.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 28, 1946*

#### **Silvio Tachella Dies:**

Silvio Tachella died in Hayward on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Aged 7, Silvio was the son of Mr. & Mrs. Michele Tachella of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 3, 1946*

#### **New Notes:**

The officials of the Washington Township Apricot Festival take this means of thanking **Jess Jacinto** of Alvarado for his aid and support to the Festival.

Eleanor Graham is now associated with the Alvarado Vegetable Growers at Hall Station. Her husband is in the Army.

Last Thursday at noon, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, the Joe Perez' Service Baseball Team of Alvarado beat the Castro Valley team in the Hayward Area Junior Baseball League. The score was 13-2. Johnny Ledesma did the pitching.

Turn out to the ball games each Sunday, you will always see Alvarado put up a good team, as Captain **Joseph Jacinto** has a fine bunch of players. Last Sunday they beat the Alameda Colored Team 13 to 3. This afternoon they are to play on the Alvarado School ground as usual, meeting the fast Veterans of Foreign Wars No. 1010 of Oakland. Gregory Perry, manager, looks for a fine game. Ed Naharro is pleased with his ball team.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 5, 1946*

#### **Filipino 4<sup>th</sup> of July:**

The many thousands of Filipino Americans from Northeastern Alameda County and Contra Costa County who gathered to celebrate the independence of the Philippines, saw that Alvarado people were WITH THEM 100 PER CENT. They saw President of the **Chamber of Commerce** Joseph Lewis and hundreds of Alvarado people present to show their good will toward the Filipino Americans and their contribution toward helping to win the recent World War.

There was such fine leadership shown by **Frank Bolima** of Mt. Eden and other of Alvarado like Frank Macahilas, D. Carrillo and others, that Alvarado was given the place of celebrating the Fourth, winning the honor over many bigger cities. The Chamber of Commerce rallied the businessmen to get \$225 together to make gay streamers over the streets and impress passers-by with the importance of our community.

The democratic spirit of helpfulness was shown by four members of the Hayward City Council being present and making speeches over the public address system to the assemblage. They were Mayor John Harry, William Wilson, Jack Holland and Art Phillips. Attorney Major Lester Foley, of Hayward, made a stirring speech. Rev. Julio A. Martins of All Saints church, Hayward, gave a marvelous invocation, commending the Filipinos for achieving their independence as the early Colonists did in this country in 1776.

Alex Biete acted as Master of Ceremonies in a splendid manner, giving the welcoming address. Miss Faustina Regalado followed with a piano selection. A 4-year-old little hula dancer, Little Critina, won the hearts of everyone. A vocal solo was given by Miss Dardene Agraviador. A stirring speech was given by Pacifico Sarabo of the Philippines.

Mrs. Felix Diangson of Alvarado, with as great a charm as we ever saw, gave a wonderful speech so complimentary to the accomplishments of her dear people. She is the former president of this Filipino Community of the two counties.



Crispin Dela Cruz, noted radio singer, really was a second Bing Crosby. **Frank M. Bolima** of Mt. Eden gave one of the most important speeches, on "The Birth of a Nation." He is the former president of the Filipino Community of San Francisco.

Barbara Diangson sang very sweetly and was accompanied by her brother, William Diangson. They are the son and daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Felix Diangson. The United States National anthem was then sung, followed by the Philippine anthem, led by Barbara Diangson.

Member of the **Alvarado Chamber of Commerce** and invited guests sat down to a wonderful banquet at the SDES Hall about 3 o'clock, and it was a wonderful banquet indeed. The program started about 6:30. after the public joined in dancing with their hosts.

Editor George Oakes paid a compliment to the large turnout of Alvarado people on this occasion to show their appreciation of the loyal efforts of the Filipino Americans.

Veterans of Bataan and other places were introduced: Capt. E.L. Torres Jr., Lt. Jose Alcid, Lt. Nick Franco, Lt. Antonio Franco, Lt. Cesar Delfino and Lt. Jose Gomes.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 5, 1946*

#### **Alvarado School Reports Gain:**

Alvarado Grammar School reported a gain of 35 pupils this year, which is in line with gains seen in suburban schools throughout Alameda County, while city schools in the county showed a slight decrease.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 11, 1946*

#### **Alvarado Junior Baseball Team:**

Joe Perez' Service Team defeated the Hale Hardware team from Hayward 15-13. The Alvarado line-up was:

Catcher:	Yoshio Hisaoka
Left Field:	Vernon Machado
Pitcher:	John Ledesma
First Base:	Pete Paredes
Third Base:	Dave Priego
Right Field:	Joaquin Preciado
Shortstop:	Yukio Hisaoka
Centerfield:	Tommy Hashimoto
Second Base:	Carlos Renteria

#### **SUBS:**

Left Field:	Bradley Martinez
First Base:	Mervin Perry
Pitcher:	Tamotsu Nishioka
Center Field:	Gilbert Cicairos
Right Field:	Joe Silva

*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 12, 1946*

#### **News Notes:**

Clerk Manuel Goularte and **Principal Maffey** were down at Frick's at Niles Wednesday of last week buying a power lawn mower for the Alvarado School. Power equipment like this is hard to get.

The SPRSI delegates to San Francisco are Mrs. Aurora Lewis, Angie Vargas, Mrs. Mamie Roderick, and Secretary Mrs. Flores

The Alvarado Theater baseball club took care of the Veterans 1010 Club of Emeryville 5 to 3.

Miss Alberta Menezes of Alvarado has been selected to teach this year at the Centerville Elementary School. She has recently been graduated from San Jose State College.

**Principal Leslie Maffey** announces that a new teacher, Nathan Click of Albany has been engaged as a teacher at the Alvarado School. He will teach the Seventh Grade. A new lady teacher will be engaged to take Mrs. Petersen's place as she and her husband and son moved to Nevada where they have bought a ranch. Mrs. Connolly, who filled in as an extra last year, will not be back at the school this coming year.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 12, 1946*

#### **Merchants Chip In to Decorate Alvarado on the 4<sup>th</sup>:**

Money collected by Joe Lewis, Charles Baird, **John Ralph** and Manuel Silva to decorate Alvarado was received from the following merchants. It was 100%%

Manuel Andrade  
E. Castro – Tavern  
Manila Rest. & Pool Room  
Half Way House  
E. Castro – Restaurant  
Joe Sanchez – Do-Nut Shop  
Alvarado Liquor Store  
Hellwig Meat Co.  
Bataan Barber Shop  
M.C. Pinto – Shoe Shop  
Alvarado Beauty Shop  
Manuel A. Silva, Jr.  
Alvarado Pioneer

Joe Perez  
**John H. Ralph**  
Union Service Station  
Richfield Service Station  
Jess Jacinto  
Alvarado Pool Hall  
Genevieve Dutra  
Ed Bedell – Shell Station  
A.A. Lee  
T. Matsumoto  
Addie Kelly  
Matt Machado  
Central Bank

Frank George  
Manuel B. Machado  
Mike Salido  
E. Naharro – Alvarado Theater  
Pablo M. Garcia – Fish Market  
John Menezes – Barber Shop  
Alvarado Fire Department  
Bi-Rite Market – John Novo  
Sam Dinsmore  
Felix Diangson  
Charlie's Place – John Silva  
Alvarado Hotel  
Silver Dollar

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#### **Washington Township Heritage:**

Suggestions for the Pageant for the Mission San Jose, June 1947. Suggested for the statewide celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Mission San Jose de Guadalupe:

First: Coming of the three Fathers from Santa Clara Mission, accompanied by ten soldiers, in costume, and Indian guides.

Second: Padres and Indians erecting a great cross and preparing for the first religious ceremony.

Third: Dedication of the church building, 1808, and a native festival at the close of the season. A Cross made of sheaves of wheat. Father Doran and his fine Indian Orchestra in the dedication.

Fourth: Trading with the whalers. The Fathers going to the embarcadero at Alvarado to trade with the shrewd Yankee Whalers, driven in their great two-wheeled cat "volante" drawn by six white mules, accompanied by their Indian satellites. Showing the extent of accomplishments both in converting the Indians and in the produce they had to offer.

Fifth: The procession usually attendant on a bullfight, or some great religious celebration or both. Specifically showing the methods of travel by the two-wheeled carts, usually accompanied by mounted horsemen, eager to display their horsemanship.

Sixth: The coming of the first American. Messenger arriving with a letter to the Padre asking permission to come to the Mission from Jedediah Smith, who had lost his way. Also, the coming of John March and his imprisonment on suspicion.

Seventh:

The discovery of gold, procession of miners from the Alvarado ferry with their laden burros, up through the Mission to the Stockton Pass. They only road at that time into the interior valleys. Their return and reckless gambling away of their gold.

Eighth: The first American farmers, the breaking up of the great rancheros. Oxen, horses and wagons loaded with hay, grain, fruits, etc. The coming of buggies of various types to replace the old ox carts.

Ninth: The carrying of the mail in the old fashioned Concord coaches. Passengers in costume of the time. Perhaps Joaquin Murietta might stage a hold-up.

Tenth: The coming of the iron horse, the railroad that succeeded the mail coach. A miniature train of some kind full of costumed people. Could be a scene of great excitement. School children with books, soldiers, etc.

Eleventh: The old-time gas buggy; the high-wheeled bicycle, as well as fire fighting apparatus.

Twelfth: Developments of sports in schools, boy scouts and vester choirs representing the churches. Organization of the Native Sons and Daughters.

Perhaps, in its proper place, the Fremont adventure, he came through the Mission, and the raising of the Bear Flag.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 12, 1946*

#### **News Note:**

A young man reported as "AWOL" from the U.S. Army since September 7, 1944, Private Bennie Perez Gonzalez was arrested yesterday in Alvarado where he was working in a tomato field and turned over to the Military Police. Deputy sheriff's assisted in the arrest after the FBI reported that he was staying with his brother, Ignacio Gonzalez, on Maiden Lane in Alvarado.

*The Hayward Review, July 19, 1946*

#### **Baseball:**

After winning four out of their first five games, the Alvarado Theater baseball team was defeated last Sunday by the Cazbar Club of Hayward 14 to 3. This coming Sunday promises an exciting game as Alvarado plays the Puerto Rican Club of Oakland at Alvarado at 2:15. Here are the batting averages for the team so far this year:

Dutra, J.	3B	.430
Jacinto, J.	SS	.430
Silva, J.	CF	.380
Chapman, R.	3B	.370
Stewart, S.	P	.357
Shestack, J.	P	.310
Jacinto, H.	2B	.307
Roderick, S.	1B	.307
Perry, J.	CF	.333
Marshall, B.	LF	.260
Sanchez, J.	P	.200
Alameda, H.	P	.154

*The Alvarado Pioneer, Jul 19, 1946*

#### **Alvarado Girls Club:**

A Girls Social Club was organized at Alvarado on Wednesday evening. The meeting was held at the home of Emily Dominguez at Alvarado. They named the new club MISS PAN AMERICA. Officers elected were: Emily Dominguez; President; Angie Leon, Vice-President; Hope Saucedo, Secretary; Irene Ramirez, Treasurer; and Tillie Benitez, News Reporter.

The rest of the members are: Angie Aranda, Josephine Aranda, Madeline Hernandez, Julia Marino, Sarah Ramirez, Connie Saucedo, Jennie Villegas, and Socorro Rodriguez.

The purpose of the club is to help a needy situation in the case of a family member or family. Membership age is from 14 years up and a resident of Alvarado.

The first social activity will be a picnic at Alum Rock Park near San Jose. The next meeting will be at the home of Hope Saucedo. This is a noble and wise object, to join together so many splendid Americans, many of whose parents came from great republics to the south of the United States.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, Jul 19, 1946***

#### **News Notes:**

Frank George, wholesale distributor of General Petroleum Products, has doubled the business of the Mobilgas organization since the first of the year. Frank will be looking at expanding his present plant or perhaps install a new modern plant at a near site in the Township.

The Alvarado Junior Baseball Club known as Perez' Service Station ball team won from San Lorenzo by a score of 19 to 0 last Sunday. The outstanding twirler, John Ledesma, was in perfect form, hurling a no-hit, no-run game. The heavy hitters were Dave Priego and Placie Paredes. Both are hitting around .840 mark.

The home of Mr. & Mrs. A.B. Hill at Alvarado looks fine in its new paint job or cream color. The same painter painted the McKeown home, also of Alvarado. Mrs. Hill gives him a big boost for his fine work.

Judy Hill, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A.B. Hill, is visiting in the Hawaiian Islands, following her return from Radcliff College at Cambridge, Massachusetts. Her folks took airplane passage back east to being Judy home for the summer vacation. They flew home also, arriving June 21<sup>st</sup>. They visited Boston and New York.

Richard Silva, brother-in-law of Clyde Lewis who resides in one of the Varni homes in Alvarado, is mending at a San Jose hospital after a two month fight against death following his tragic motorcycle accident in Hayward. This Decoto boy (husband of Betty Lewis) was mixed up in a collision with an auto near the Hayward Plunge. His motorcycle was demolished, and how he escaped instant death is a mystery. As it was he hovered between life and death a long while. Both legs were broken, and he suffered internal injuries. Part of the time he was at the Navy hospital. The *Pioneer* is glad to hear of his improvement, along with a great many friends from Decoto, which has been his home.

Final rites of Frank Escandon, 36 years old, were held July 12<sup>th</sup> from his residence in Alvarado. A veteran of WWII, he saw service in France. He is the son of the late Mariano and Dominga Escandon. He is survived by his sisters, Ruth Figueroa, Rosie Lozano and Jivita Aguilar; and by his brothers Manuel and Albert Escandon. He was a brother-in-law to Cruz Figueroa, Guadalupe Lozano, and Rudolpho Aguilar.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, Jul 19, 1946***

#### **Auto Accident:**

Sam Anderson, of the Riverside Hotel in Alvarado, was injured in a three-car crash on Hesperian Boulevard near Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, July 22, 1946***

#### **Rancher Fined for Illegal Butchering:**

Found guilty of operating an establishment for slaughtering animals without federal, state, or county inspection, John Hohener of Alvarado was fined \$150. Hohener was charged with technically selling the dressed carcass of a swine for human consumption without a federal

inspection stamp. During the hearing he contended he was helping out a friend and that he did not operate a slaughterhouse.

*The Hayward Review, July 25, 1946*

#### **News Notes:**

The Joe Perez Service Junior Baseball team won a game forfeited by the Hayward Electric team, who has since left the league.

The Alvarado Theater baseball club lost to the Puerto Rican Club of Oakland 8 to 3.

Mr. & Mrs. Seraphine Caldeira of Alvarado went to San Francisco with some of their friends and took in a show.

Little Joyce Caldeira, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. S. Caldeira of Alvarado spent her week with her friend Jo-Anne Castro of Alviso.

Melvin Mello who has been stationed in Japan for over a year will be expecting a discharge this coming fall. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Mello of Alviso.

Miss Dolores Pine of Alviso is very ill in the hospital in Oakland. We hope and pray for her recovery very soon.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 26, 1946*

#### **News Notes:**

The Alvarado Theater defeated the Alameda Naval Supply Deposit 9 to 5. Jesse Jacinto went 4-5 and Joe Dutra went 2-5.

Wilbert Andrade and Delores Medeiros of Alviso spent Sunday at Alum Rock Park.

Mrs. Clyde Lewis and children of Alvarado spent Thursday afternoon and evening visiting Ms. Josephine Bettencourt of Thornton Avenue Centerville.

Elizabeth Ann Humphreys, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W.C. Humphreys of Oakland was married recently in Reno, Nevada to F. Kenneth Norton of New York. Elizabeth Ann's mother was the former Ann Lowrie of Alvarado. Mrs. John Ralph, who passed away some years ago, was Elizabeth's aunt.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 2, 1946*

#### **The Davilla's Mourn:**

Funeral services for Rose Nunes were conducted Wednesday morning from the Chapel of the Palms. Mrs. Nunes was 84 years old. She is survived by a brother, Antone Davilla, a sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Davilla, and by four nieces, Mrs. Isabel Menezes, Mrs. Clara Jacinto, Mrs. Genevieve Dutra and Mrs. May Santos, all of Alvarado.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 2, 1946*

#### **George Hellwig Hurt:**

An angry bull, charging into a chute, injured former Alameda County Supervisor George Hellwig, 70, so seriously that he had to undergo an operation today at San Jose Hospital. Hellwig suffered a fractured left hip when the bull struck a gate, which knocked Hellwig down. He was helping employees separate cattle at his slaughterhouse when the accident occurred. Hellwig lives on Canal Street (Marston Ave.), in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 5, 1946*

#### **Victor LaGrave Dies:**

Victor A. La Grave, 67, of Hayward passed away on Saturday. Mr. La Grave was a former partner with George Hellwig of Alvarado in the meat packing business. At their height La Grave & Hellwig owned butcher shops throughout Washington Township and Hayward.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 14, 1946*

#### **Judy Hill Returns:**

Miss Judy Hill has returned from a six-week's visit with friends in Hawaii and will leave in September for Radcliff, where she will enroll as a sophomore.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 14, 1946*

**Navy Releases Bay Area Men:**

The following Bay Area men have received honorable discharges will be released from U.S. Navy at the U.S. Naval Separation Center at Shoemaker:

**Classified Ad:**

HELP WANTED:

Cook Wanted:

At Alvarado School

Cafeteria, Anyone wishing same may contact:

M.P. Goularte

1821 Smith Street

Alvarado, Calif.

Phone: Alvarado 32W

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 16, 1946*

Y3c Frank E. Pinto, Alvarado, Calif.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 17, 1946*

**New Arrival:**

In Hayward, August 17, 1946 to Mr. & Mrs. M. J. Andrade, a son.

*The Hayward Review, August 20, 1946*

**News Notes:**

The Alvarado Theater baseball team slammed the Benicia Topper 12 to 1. Great fielding by Jesse Jacinto, Hubert Jacinto and Bob Rose saved several runs. James Perry and Jesse Jacinto showed some batting prowess driving in five runs between them. B. Marshall went 3-4 and drove in three runs.

Remember that Henry Miller Cleaning Service has a dry cleaning branch open in Alvarado at 1050 Levee Street.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lewis of the Creek Road had a birthday celebration for Grandfather Manuel Maciel on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, which was celebrated at the International Kitchen.

Joe Herzog of Alvarado and his family spent last weekend deer hunting. He reported lots of does and fawns and very hot weather.

Jack Soares of Alvarado and George King of Niles went to see the "Oaks" play.

Mrs. Emma Faria of Alvarado was given a nice baby shower.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Sanchez (nee Naharro) of Alvarado have a son who was four months old on August 4<sup>th</sup>. He is Victor Sanchez. The young son grabs a baseball like his father who is a star baseball pitcher.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 23, 1946*

**Classified Ad:**

THEATRES:

Alvarado Theatre: E. Naharro, Owner and Mgr.

1115 Marsh Road, Alvarado. Phone: Alvarado 77

We show only the best movies.

*The Hayward Review, August 24, 1946*

**Classified Ad:**

AUTOMOBILE REPAIRING:

Machado Garage: Manuel P. Machado, Proprietor. Complete auto repair, accessories.

Tractor and truck repairs, 24 Hour Service.

Alvarado-Centerville Hiway, Alvarado

Phone: 22-8J

*The Hayward Review, August 24, 1946*

**Classified Ad:**

CLEANERS &amp; DYERS:

Henry Miller Dry Cleaners:

1050 Levee Street, Alvarado

Pick up &amp; Delivery Service

*The Hayward Review, August 28, 1946***Classified Ad:**

BILLIARD PARLORS:

NEW MANILA INN &amp; POOL ROOM

1045 Levee Street, Alvarado, Phone: Alvarado 74

Billiard Parlor and Restaurant

*The Hayward Review, August 28, 1946***Classified Ad:**

GROCERIES &amp; MARKETS:

Bi-Rite Markets; John Novo Proprietor, 1026 Levee Street, Alvarado

A complete line of fresh meats and groceries. Also beer and wine.

Phone: Alvarado 63

*The Hayward Review, August 28, 1946***Classified Ad:**

GROCERIES &amp; MARKETS:

Groceries and general merchandise.

T. Matsumoto, 1471 Smith Street, Phone: Alvarado 55-J

*The Hayward Review, August 28, 1946***Classified Ad:**

HOTELS:

Riverside Hotel, Mrs. Estelle Rigmaiden, owner.

1050 Granger Road, Alvarado, Phone: Alvarado 38

*The Hayward Review, August 28, 1946***Sanitary District:**

The present members of the Sanitary Board at Alvarado, feeling that they had pioneered the Alvarado Sanitary District, have expressed the desire for others to carry on. So already they feel that those to take their places will carry on in a 100 percent manner. The new board members who have filed for election on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> are F.W. Joyce, Sr., Manuel P. Goularte and Elvin Rose.

Joseph J. Jacinto (incumbent Sanitary Assessor) is going to remain on the job. At the election of Sept. 16 the wish of the voters will no doubt be to return this group of men who have duly filed for office. Clarence Flores, **Joseph Dutra** and Peter Pinto have carried on the duties like former members who helped formulate the original board.

Secretary of the board **Joseph Dutra**, in particular, has been a tower of strength handling all the details and records. The District Attorney's office has always said his work met the highest legal requirements.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 30, 1946***News Notes:**

**Joe Dutra** has left the employ of Leslie Salt Co. after 14 years and has joined up with L&V Trucking out of Centerville. Joe is now on duty as the weigh-master.

The Alvarado Theater lost to the Fairfax Merchants 14 - 5 as six of the Alvarado players failed to show for the game.

The Alvarado County Branch Library now has books written in Spanish. You are invited to come in and borrow them. Aldora Pinto, Alvarado Librarian

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Best of Alvarado spent the evening Saturday playing Pinochle with Mr. & Mrs. R.G. Laybourn of Irvington.

Mr. & Mrs. Al Cadero of Alvarado were guests of the R.G. Laybourn's Sunday Evening.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 30, 1946*

**Classified Ad:**

FOR SALE:

1 Deep Well Pump unit complete,  
consisting of a 5 inch Kimball pump,  
10 horsepower Fairbanks Morse gas engine,  
all for \$225.

Can be seen at 396 Alvarado-Niles Road (Creek Road)

J.E. Lewis

P.O. Box 90

Alvarado

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 30, 1946*

**Alviso Grammar School Students:**

4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grades: Marie M. Dutra, Teacher

<u>Student Name:</u>	<u>Age:</u>	<u>Parent Name:</u>
Joseph Abreu	10	Manuel Abreu
Richard Andrade	11	William Andrade
Miss Anita Bailey	10	L.E. Bailey
Jimmie Bettencourt	10	Anthony Bettencourt
Miss Patricia Bettencourt	8	Anthony Bettencourt
Howard Bigby	12	David Bigby
Miss Beverly Bigby	11	Fred Bigby
Miss Joanne Castro	10	John Castro
Piero Cerruti	11	Remigo Cerruti
Remo Cerruti	8	Remigo Cerruti
Miss Rina Ciarlo	9	Severino Ciarlo
Joey Dias Jr.	10	Joe S. Dias
Bill Emery	11	Weston Emery
Miss Joan Garcia	12	Mrs. Melinda Vega
Bobbie Greene	11	M. Macedo
Miss Linda Hermosa	8	Vincent Hermosa
Miss Delores Herrera	11	Mrs. A.A. Bettencourt
Michael Logan	11	John Logan
Walter Luiz	11	Joe A. Luiz
Miss Fay McLelland	13	Harvey McLelland
Kenneth Mello Jr.	10	Kenneth Mello
Miss Shirley Mello	10	Mrs. Manuel Mello
Leon Mings	10	Frank Mings
Miss Ann Pederson	12	Florian Pederson
Jerry Pimentel	11	Frank Pimentel
Miss Margaret Reina	8	Mrs. Ramona Reina
Miss Wynemia Sudbury	11	C.D. Sudbury
Jimmie Bratton	10	Earl Bratton
Miss Betty Bratton	12	Earl Bratton
Miss Gloria Espinola	8	Mrs. W.J. Espinola
Miss Melba Jones	11	Arthur Jones

*Alviso School Class Listing, September 2, 1946*

**Mrs. Elfreda Lund Dies:**



Mrs. Viola Dinsmore of Alvarado is mourning the loss of her mother, Mrs. Elfreda Lund of Hayward who passed away September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*The Hayward Review, September 4, 1946*

**Classified Ad:**

HELP WANTED:

HOLLY SUGAR CORPORATION

Needs 100 men to begin operations

September 16<sup>th</sup>

7 Days per week, good pay.

APPLY AT: Plant Office in Alvarado.

*The Hayward Review, September 12, 1946*

**News Notes:**

Mrs. A.B. Hill of Alvarado announces that the luncheon committee of the Washington Township Country Club will meet at the clubhouse on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Joe Sanchez and Gregory Perry of Alvarado enjoyed a nice trip to Lake County.

Ed Naharro says he will get his Alvarado Theater Baseball Club on the regular playing schedule of the Tribune League next year.

The Joe Perez Service Team beat Decoto last Sunday to become champions of the Hayward Junior League. He Sunday before Decoto had won, which tied the two teams. Both had lost just one game. Congratulations Joe Perez and manager Frank Gutierrez.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 13, 1946*

**Alvarado School Cafeteria:**

The cafeteria of the Alvarado Grammar School is coming along nicely and its opening for the first time in the history of the school took place with the opening of school. The construction of tables, and the fitting up of a first class kitchen in the former nurses room in the front part of the auditorium.

There is a first class water heater, large stove from Wedgewood, an electric washing machine, refrigerator, and any number of devices purchased by the trustees. The trustees Manuel Goularte, George Hocking, and Wilbert Hendricks, deserve credit for much time given to establishing this cafeteria to keep our school abreast of other schools.

William Avila deserves a boost for the job he has done in keeping up the lawns, making building repairs inside and outside as needed, etc. Principal Leslie Maffey is getting his teachers and classroom work all planned out and has done a remarkable job.

The painting of the cafeteria table and the interior parts of the school has been done by Joe F. Rose of Irvington. The floors have also been painted.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 13, 1946*

**Classified Ad:**

MISCELLANEOUS:

Contractor for plowing, harvesting, planting and pruning trees.

Richard Rigmaiden

Riverside Hotel, 1050 Granger Road, Alvarado

Phone: Alvarado 38

*The Hayward Review, September 17, 1946*

**Helen Morgan Dies:**

Funeral services were held today for Helen S. Morgan, 50, who died in her home Sunday in

Piedmont. Born in Alvarado, Mrs. Morgan was the daughter of the Farley B. Granger Sr., pioneer

Alvarado farmer and entrepreneur. She leaves her husband and three brothers, Farley B. Jr., Clarence L. and Harry Granger.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 17, 1946*

### **Baseball:**

The Fairfax Baseball Club from Oakland did not have a complete team last Sunday, so the Alvarado Theater team loaned the visitors four men and played a hot 12-inning game that ended in a tie. The Alvarado team fielded the following players:

Catcher:	Clarence Soito
Pitcher:	Charles Stewart
First Base:	Stan Roderick
Second Base:	Hubert Jacinto
Short Stop:	Jess Jacinto Jr.
Third Base:	R. Chapman
Left Field:	Vernon Machado
Center Field:	Jack Silva
Right Field:	Joe Sanchez

On Sunday afternoon at the Alvarado School Grounds the Alvarado Theater will take on a hot team from San Leandro. They are the FIRE WORKS Club who have never been defeated this season.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 20, 1946*

### **Alvarado School 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade News:**

We started our first meeting by electing the following officers:

President:	George Apodaca	
Vice-President:	Raul Villareal	
Secretary:	Elizabeth Flores	
Treasurer:	Carol Hocking	
Sgt-At-Arms:	Fumiyo Hisaoka	
News Reporter:	<b>Vernon Perry</b>	
Judge:	Harold Martinez	
Jury:	Esther Renteria	<b>Vernon Perry</b>
	Raul Villareal	Yoshio Kamiji
District Attorney:	Felix Ybarra	
Ass't District Attorney:	Stanley Anderson	

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 20, 1946*

### **Alvarado Boys Club:**

We had our meeting of the year and elected the following officers:

President:	Carlos Renteria	
Vice-President:	Joaquin Preciado	
Secretary:	Joe Leon	
Treasurer:	Elmer Andrade	
News Reporter:	<b>Vernon Perry</b>	
Sgt-At-Arms:	Gilbert Cicairos	
Team Captains:	Joaquin Preciado	Mervin Perry

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 20, 1946*

### **News Notes:**

The new directors elected to the Alvarado Sanitary District are F.W. Joyce Sr., Manuel Goularte and Elvin Rose.

Rose Obedoza of Alvarado (near the Hall Station) has a guest from the Midwest, Dorothy Madison.

September 26<sup>th</sup> is the last day to register for the upcoming elections. In Alvarado you can register with May Fontes at the George Bros. Service Station.

Robert David Dutra, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph E. Dutra, celebrated his eighth birthday on September 8<sup>th</sup> with a cowboy "Round-up Party" at the home of his parents. The young guests, twelve in all, were dressed in full cowboy regalia, two of them having beautiful sets of chaps, Robert David wearing a pair of soft brown doe-skin chaps and Glen Lewis with a pair of beautifully marked white goat fur.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 20, 1946*

#### **News Notes:**

Miss Barbara Diangson, Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Felix Diangson of Smith Street, has departed for the coming semester at Brown's School for Girls in Glendale, Calif.

William Diangson will enter San Jose State this week. William has made a very fine record at the San Diego Military School where he has been in attendance for some time.

Postmaster Genevieve Dutra paid \$10.00 a plate to hear and meet Lt. Col. James Roosevelt and Will Rogers at a dinner at the Hotel Leamington.

**Mr. & Mrs. Joe Maciel** motored to Hayward last Friday evening to attend the wedding at All Saints Church of her nephew, Elwood Baptiste.

Mrs. Aurora Lewis and **Mrs. Tessie Maciel** spent last Wednesday at the Cousins Club at Hayward and report having a very good time.

Arnold Borges, son of Mrs. Marie Borges of Alvarado, has just won the rating of Private First Class at Fort Lawton, Washington.

**Mr. & Mrs. Joe Goularte** and **Mr. & Mrs. Joe Maciel** of Alvarado spent a very pleasant day at the Santa Clara County Fair at San Jose last week.

Reminder: Spare Stamp No. 49, which has been good for five pounds of sugar, will be invalid after September 30<sup>th</sup>. Spare Stamp No. 51 will be good for five pounds of sugar through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Centerville Lions Club honored the returned veterans who were sons or guests of members at the meeting of the club at the International Kitchen. From Alvarado they honored: Anthony J. Silva and Joseph Silva.

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce at its recent meeting authorized investigation of work necessary to be done with regard to flood control. President Joe Lewis appointed Manuel A. Silva Jr., Manuel B Azevedo and Pete Decoto to arrange for dredging the channel of the Alameda Creek if necessary in preparation for possible flood conditions this winter.

Judy Ann Serpa, who lives with **Mr. & Mrs. Joe Goularte** in Alvarado, is evidently quite a popular young miss, One day she has a lovely time visiting all of her aunts in Hayward. Another day she has a nice time visiting in Watsonville and a third day she is visiting in San Mateo. She accompanied Mr. & Mrs. Frank Goularte on the Watsonville visit and **Mrs. Tessie Maciel** and Mrs. Helen Goularte to San Mateo.

When Milton Munger Jr. of Alvarado completes his course of study in the east regarding how to condition ships of the U.S. Fleet, which are temporarily out of commission, he will be the leading authority of this department on the West Coast. Milton is a graduate of Washington Union High School and is the son of Mr. & Mrs. M.P. Munger of Alvarado. The young Munger is currently witnessing experiments in this technology at Penn State University.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 27, 1946*

#### **Harvey Granger Mourns:**

Harvey Granger, a trustee of the Decoto Grammar School, who resides on the Alvarado Creek Road, has the sympathy of his many friends because of the recent passing of his sister, Helen Granger Morgan of Piedmont.

Both Harvey Granger and Mrs. Helen Morgan were the children of Mr. & Mrs. Farley Granger Jr. (Mrs. Farley Granger Jr. was the former Miss Sue Harvey). Both Harvey Granger and Helen Granger Morgan were born in Alvarado and had their first schooling in the Alvarado Grammar School. It was in 1912 that the Granger family moved to the Broadmoor District of San Leandro where the children grew up and finished their education in the public schools. It was in 1934 that Harvey Granger moved back to Alvarado and established his home on the Creek Road and became interested in civic matters of the community.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 27, 1946*

#### **Alvarado Man Injured:**

George Aranda, 16, of Maiden Lane, Alvarado; Louis Minjares, 15, of Arf Ave., Baumberg; and James Haywood, of Baumberg Ave., Baumberg, received minor injuries when the truck they were riding skidded and turned over on Marsh Road near Alvarado. Haywood was driving.

*The Hayward Review, September 30, 1946*

#### **Classified Ad:**

1940 Hudson convertible, Carlson top, all extras, good condition.

Phone: Alvarado 80, after 6 p.m.

*The Hayward Review, September 30, 1946*

#### **Classified Ad:**

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE:

55 acres, Alvarado vegetable land, good duck pond; price \$500 per acre. 7 acres vegetable land, ideal for bulbs, irrigation well, two family ranch building; price: \$12,000.

Charlie Wauhab, Realtor, Centerville.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 3, 1946*

#### **Marriage License:**

Hioshoshi Yamamoto, 25, Elk Grove

Yukiko Hisaoka, 24, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, October 3, 1946*

#### **Baseball:**

The Alvarado Theater defeated the previously unbeaten Golden Gate Fire Cracker team from San Leandro by a score of 6 to 0. On the mound for Alvarado was Harold Alameda. The Alvarado boys followed that up with a loss to the Cazbar Club at Elmhurst, 3 to 2. Alvarado was strengthened some with the return of Harold Faria in left field and Herb Straub in right field.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 4, 1946*

#### **Classified Ad:**

FOR SALE:

Turbine "A" Drain Pump

4-inch suction, 85-foot depth; vertical motor

\$200.00

See: Henry Flores

Creek Road, Alvarado

Or Write: Box 400, Niles RFD

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 4, 1946*

#### **News Note:**

Gene Clifford of the Irvington Branch of the Central Bank was transferred to the Alvarado Branch. He will assist Manager Bill Katzer.

Edward E. Bedell has given notice of his intention to sell his stock in trade at the Shell Station in Alvarado to Ronald Harper of Foothill Blvd. Hayward.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Goularte and Mr. & Mrs. Joe Maciel of the Creek Road spent a very enjoyable weekend visiting the Lodi Grape Festival recently.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 4, 1946*

**Classified Ad:****COUNTRY LAND:**

Six acres, 5-room modern house and barn, chickens and rabbits. Owner Tom Vargas. One half mile south of Alvarado, right hand side of the San Jose Hiway.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 5, 1946*

**Sugar:**

Sugar beet growers will get no increase for the 1946 crop as a result of the recent advance \$1.50 per 100 pounds in the wholesale price of refined sugar which became official on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

This is the statement of Gordon Lyons, executive secretary of the California Beet Growers Association in a recent bulletin to growers in which he also urges careful bookkeeping in view of the changing picture for sugar beets anticipated for the next few years.

When prices for other crops break, as is expected next year, "there will be a scramble for beet acreage which will be limited not only by Government quota restrictions but by the factory capacity of the company that buys your beets," Lyons told growers.

He requests growers to "examine your position now and see if it would give you satisfactory beet acreage under conditions that prevailed in 1941 when total grower requests for acreage beet acreage were more than 50 per cent higher than was allotted here in California that year."

*The Oakland Tribune, October 6, 1946*

**Surprise Shower:**

"So surprised she couldn't speak."

That was the way Marguerite Anderson felt when she was honored by the Alvarado Rebekah Lodge with a miscellaneous bridal shower, according to reports. The party was held Friday evening after a short business meeting over which Noble Grand Wilma D. Miller presided. Mrs. Katherine Anderson and Marguerite were on the refreshment committee. Appointed to serve on the committee for November were Anne Baird and Grace Reinking.

*The Hayward Review, October 7, 1946*

**Baseball:**

The Hayward All-Stars blasted the Alvarado Theater nine 17-4 in yesterday's game played at the Bret Harte field.

*The Hayward Review, October 7, 1946*

**Marriage License:**

Goularte - Pimentel; Joseph Goularte and Lorraine Pimentel, both of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 9, 1946*

**Carol Hocking's Alvarado News Notes:**

Mrs. Joseph (Mary) Gastelum of Newark has accepted the position of cook at the **Alvarado Grammar School** cafeteria. It is hoped that the cafeteria will open in October.

Mrs. Lloyd Silva of Hayward, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Maciel of the Creek Road of Alvarado, attended a surprise birthday party in her honor at the home of her sister, Mrs. Walter Texeira in Centerville.

The old IOOF Hall in Alvarado, which the Eagles Lodge has been trying to purchase for so long, has at last passed to the ownership of that lodge. The building has a long and colorful history, and has been a landmark in Alvarado for many years.

Mr. & Mrs. Ivan Best and their daughter, Marjorie, recently of San Lorenzo Village, moved to Alvarado October 5<sup>th</sup> and are now occupying a home on Vallejo Street. Mr. Best is the son of Frank Best of Alvarado. They were assisted in their arduous task of moving by Mr. & Mrs. Evan Cole and daughters Nancy, 10 years old, and 1 year old Bonnie Ellen, themselves former residents of Alvarado. Marjorie will enter the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade at the Alvarado Grammar School.

On Monday Mrs. Henry Andrade walked into Mrs. Lucas' schoolroom and told Mrs. Lucas that Marlene, her nine-year old daughter was in the hospital with appendicitis. We understand that Marlene is doing nicely after undergoing an operation. She is now at home and we hope that she will soon be back at school once more.

The **Alvarado Grammar School** recently received some new sound equipment from the Visual Aid Department of the Alameda County Schools. It consists of a 16MM Bell & Howell sound projector plus a library of films.

Miss Judy Ann Serpa celebrated her 4<sup>th</sup> birthday with a party on October 5<sup>th</sup> at Mr. & Mrs. Goularte's residence. Attending from Alvarado were Patty Vargas, Jeanette Perry and Ronald Andrade, Francis, Rosemarie and Franklin Alvarez of the Creek Road; Perry Pimentel wanted to attend but had to stay home on account of an illness.

Mrs. Mary Amaral, Mrs. Mae Santos and Mrs. Helen P. Goularte of Alvarado, and Mrs. Anna Rodrigues of Centerville motored to Tracy last Sunday to visit the SPRSI lodge there. All reported having a grand time.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, October 11, 1946***

#### **Alvarado Grammar School News:**

BY: Kathleen Brownlee – 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Officers

President:	Arnold Gardetto
Vice-President:	Frank Corrales
Security:	Jeanny Cheng
Treasurer:	Joyce Ann Caldeira
Sgt-At-Arms:	Elaine Hocking
News Reporter:	Kathleen Brownlee

BY: Vernon Perry – Alvarado Boys Club

The Alvarado A and B teams played a football game against Centerville. The Alvarado A team beat Centerville 24 – 12. The stars of the A team were Carlos Renteria and Gilbert Cicairos. They work very well together. The game with Centerville was not a tournament game. It was just a practice game.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, October 11, 1946***

#### **Annie Garcia Dies:**

Annie Dorothy Garcia, wife of Antone C. Garcia of Cherry Lane, Niles, passed away October 10<sup>th</sup> at the age of 63. She was a sister to Manuel and Frank Duarte. She was a native of Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, October 11, 1946***

#### **Polling Places:**

Alvarado Precinct No. 1:

Polling Place: I.O.O.F Hall, Second Floor, Vallejo Street

Inspector: Marguerite Cadero; Judge: Isabel Menezes; Clerks: A.J. Vargas, Annie L. Baird.

Alvarado Precinct No.2:

Polling Place: Alviso School, Alvarado.

Inspector: Mayme Roderick; Judge: Mabel M. Rogers; Clerks: Geraldine Cunha, Mary M. Amaral.

***The Oakland Tribune, October 16, 1946***

**Auto Accident:**

Asuncion Ledesma, 29, Alvarado, was cited for driving without a license at 5:00 p.m. yesterday after a collision between his truck and a car driven by Manuel B. Vierra, 59, of Hayward.

*The Hayward Review, October 17, 1946*

**Carol Hocking's Alvarado News Notes:**

Alvarado School Principal Leslie Maffey and Nathan Click, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher were accepted as members of the Washington Township Men's Club at the last meeting.

Mrs. George J. Vargas, better known to her friends as Angie, is still among those present helping to keep the Holly Sugar Mill going. She is the first assistant to the beet laboratory technician.

People from Alvarado who saw the pet parade, sponsored by the Hayward Lion's Club: Mrs. Henry Andrade and daughter Marlene; Mrs. D.M. Allegre and Gary Allegre; Mrs. Melvin Silva and daughter, Myrna Jean; Mrs. Manuel Faria and daughter Phyllis and son Donald, and Elaine Hocking. We also saw a former resident, Nancy May Cole who now lives in Hayward.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 18, 1946*

**Alvarado Grammar School Cafeteria Menu:**

The lunchroom at the **Alvarado Grammar School** will open October 21<sup>st</sup>. The menu for the first week is as follows:

Monday: Italian noodles with hamburger, peas, carrots, bread and margarine, ice cream and milk.

Tuesday: Meatballs, gravy, potatoes, stewed tomatoes, bread and margarine, peaches, milk

Wednesday: Wienies, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, bread & margarine, pudding, milk.

Thursday: Hamburger and gravy, mashed potatoes, bread & margarine, ice cream and milk.

Friday: Tuna Casserole with potato chips, string beans, roll & margarine, applesauce and milk.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 18, 1946*

**Alvarado School News:**

BY: Vernon Perry, Alvarado Boys Club:

The **Alvarado Grammar School** Boys Club had a meeting to discuss a football game with Decoto. They are going to play six-man football. The game will take place on Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup>.

BY: Evelyn Muela, Girls Club Report:

We have elected new officers. They are:

President: Connie Saucedo

Vice-President: Elizabeth Flores

Secretary: Dora Ramirez

Treasurer: Sara Ramirez

News Reporter: Evelyn Muela

Sgt-At-Arms: Selina Rigmaiden

We had a game with Irvington Thursday, Oct. 10<sup>nt</sup>. The players were:

Selina Rigmaiden	Sara Ramirez	Doris Jones	Connie Saucedo
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Evelyn Muela	Ruth Togomi	Betty Cheng	Nettie Lemos
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Marie Jardine			
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The scores was as follows:

Alvarado	21	Irvington	1
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Alvarado	21	Irvington	6
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Alvarado	21	Irvington	12
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*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 18, 1946*

**Carol Hocking's Alvarado News Notes:**

I see Manuel and Aldora Pinto with their sons Mervin and Richard driving in their new Studebaker.

Mr. William Avila, custodian of the Alvarado Grammar School, expects to undergo a minor operation this week at the Alameda hospital.

Mr. Callery announces that the members of his orchestra at the Alvarado Grammar School from Mr. Maffey's room are: Arlen Amaral, Selina Rigmaiden, Evelyn Muela, Mervin Perry and Elmer Andrade. The members from Mr. Click's room are: Vernon Perry, Tommy Gualco, Harold Martinez, Emilda Dominguez, Ronald Caeton, Melvin Pimentel, Elizabeth Flores and **Carol Hocking**. The members from Mrs. Lucas's room are: Kathleen Brownlee, Marjorie Best, Arnold Gardetto and Beverly Spurlock.

The **Alvarado Grammar School** cafeteria opened on schedule October 21<sup>st</sup>. One hundred and fifty-five meals were served. Your reporter can vouch for the quality and quantity of the food. The Alvarado Grammar School would appreciate volunteers to help out in the cafeteria.

They would also appreciate donations of fruit and vegetables from those who do not need them, the school is giving the children a very fine lunch at a very low price and the only way that can be accomplished is to have help from the district.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 25, 1946*

### **Anthony Benites:**

Anthony Benites of Alvarado, who was in the Field Artillery during war and was discharged from the service about five months ago, is going into business for himself. He has opened the Alviso Highway Garage near Baker Road on the Alvarado-Centerville Highway.

This young man used to be employed by his father, Manuel Machado of the garage in Alvarado. But since there is so much auto garage work these days, he wisely went into business for himself in the Alviso district.

The building housing the garage has been remodeled and is well located in the center of a large agricultural district where autos and tractors can be repaired by Mr. Benites.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 25, 1946*

### **News Notes:**

Morris Davilla and another young man are giving out that smiling service at the Silver Dollar Café. Morris has many friends who enjoy his splendid liquid refreshments.

Manager Jesse Jacinto says that with the rains coming on, the Alvarado Theater Baseball team will play no more games until next season. They won two-thirds of their games this year.

Holly Sugar is working three shifts a day, seven days a week. Superintendent Earl Browning and his crew are handling a big output of sugar from sugar beets. Long lines of railroad cars delivering beets make it an important business.

Frank P. George of Alvarado, who has a son studying radio at a school on the East Coast, is going to meet him Saturday, as he is coming home on furlough. He will be transferred to a government school of radio at Pittsburgh in Contra Costa County. Clayton is doing mighty well we understand.

Nora Vargas has had a nice cottage built for herself in the rear of her home on Smith Street and she will move into it to allow her son Edward and his new bride-to-be to occupy her big home. In a few weeks Edward will be married in Reno.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 25, 1946*

### **Classified Ad:**

FOR SALE – REAL ESTATE:

Five-room partly furnished old-style home.

10<sup>th</sup> St. & Benson Road, Alvarado, Calif.

Open 1 – 4 p.m.

*The Hayward Review, October 26, 1946*



**News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. George Lucas of Alvarado visited Mrs. Lucas' mother and sister in San Jose last Sunday.

Claire Joanne Roderick, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Roderick of Seventh Street, celebrated her fourth birthday on Wednesday.

This term Alberta Menezes of Alvarado will teach the Third Grade at Centerville School.

The 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grades at the Alvarado Grammar School received "Tonettes" for the class to play early in the month of October. "Tonettes" are a small instrument eight inches long. They are fingered like a saxophone.

The Alvarado Pioneer, November 1, 1946

**Carlos Chavez Dies:**

Funeral services for Carlos Chavez, 20, of Alvarado are pending at the Chapel of the Palms, Centerville. Chavez, who lived on Alvarado-Centerville Hiway, was an Army veteran and died after a brief illness.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 5, 1946*

**Carol Hocking's Alvarado News Notes:**

Mrs. Mike Gardetto will take up her new duties as helper to Mrs. Mary Gastelum in the **Alvarado Grammar School** cafeteria on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Tony Alexander, in his annual role as chaperone, took fifteen youngsters in tow on Halloween evening. He did a good job of keeping them out of mischief. Among them were: Sharon Alexander, Phyllis Faria, Beverly Spurlock, Marjorie Best, Kathleen Brownlee, Myrna Jean Dutra, Elizabeth and Patricia Flores, Elaine and **Carol Hocking**, George Harvey, Vernon Perry, Stanley Anderson, Andrew Pimentel and Felix Ybarra.

On the afternoon of October 31<sup>st</sup> Leslie Maffey and Nathan Click chaperoned a Halloween party in the **Alvarado Grammar School** auditorium. The grades attending were the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades. They played several games, bobbed for apples and danced. Ice cream, cookies and soda water were served for refreshments.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 8, 1946*

**News Notes:**

Clayton George, son of **Mr. & Mrs. Frank George** of Alvarado, is enjoying a few days at home visiting his parents and meeting old friends.

The annual bazaar for the benefit of St. Anne's Church will be held on Friday and Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in the IDES Hall, Alvarado. Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Mayme Roderick, the committee, consisting of Mrs. Mary Rivers, Mrs. Henry Flores, Mrs. Joseph Dutra and the ladies of St. Anne's congregation have secured a large number of attractive articles.

**Frank P. George** attended the big "Safe Driving" convention meeting in San Francisco Thursday of last week, called by the General Petroleum Company in the interests of calling attention to the need of safer driving.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 8, 1946*

**Marriage License:**

Lawrence Telles, Alvarado

Florence Bailey, San Leandro

*The Oakland Tribune, November 8, 1946*

**New Arrival:**

Born to Mr. & Mrs. Manuel E. Vargas of Alvarado, a son on November 9<sup>th</sup>, weighing eight pounds and 8 ounces.

*The Hayward Review, November 12, 1946*

### **News Notes:**

Al Caeton, manager of the packinghouse at the **Alvarado Vegetable Growers Assoc.** at Hall station bagged himself a 750-pound elk. **Harvey Granger and Ted Harvey** were part of his party.

In a separate hunting party were Ed Vierra, Nick Lewis and Joe Dutra. No word was received on their hunting success.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 15, 1946*

### **Tamaye Kurotori Dies:**

The little Japanese mother, Tamaye Kurotori, who lived on Smith Street in Alvarado and died there on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October, was not buried until Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

The funeral was delayed because the son, Harry was in far-away Japan serving with the intelligence department of the occupational forces in Tokyo under General McArthur. This son is the only child of Mr. & Mrs. Sanosuke Kurotori, and plans to return to his work with General McArthur.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 15, 1946*

### **Alvarado Vegetable Growers Association:**

In speaking to **Al Caeton** of the **Alvarado Vegetable Growers** warehouse at Hall Station, he said that in two weeks the new cauliflower will be shipped strong to the Eastern market by Southern Pacific fast freight in well-iced cars.

You can talk about other towns shipping vegetables easy, but let us tell you that one of the heaviest is the Alvarado Vegetable Growers. Thirteen growers are combined to ship quality cauliflower, lettuce and celery, some to eastern markets and some to Central California markets.

Here are some figures that Al Caeton of the warehouse gave us. Lettuce is the biggest crops with 810 boxcars shipped by Southern Pacific this past season and that is followed by 400 boxcars of cauliflower. This all clears though Ed Wilson, the Southern Pacific station agent at Alvarado.

The growers shipping from the Alvarado and Alviso district are:

<b>T.P. Harvey</b>	<b>Al Caeton</b>	George Harvey	<b>Harvey Granger</b>
Dick Kennedy	M.P. Rose	Roy Gomes	Herbert Young
Gunther Ripke	Walter McKeown	Wes Emery	Gus King
M.S. Abreu			

Officers of the Association are:

President:	T.P. Harvey
Vice-President:	Al Caeton
Secretary:	George Harvey
Office Manager:	Ralph Chapman

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 15, 1946*

### **New Township Hospital:**

Plans for a tax-supported hospital between Niles and Hayward have been accorded the endorsement of the Alvarado Farm Home Center, according to announcement today from officers of the center. An outline of the proposed hospital plan was presented at the last meeting of the center by Mrs. Joe Williams of Castro Valley.

Mrs. Martha Faria, Mrs. Mary George, Mrs. A. V. Rose and Mrs. Mary Rodrigues were named to a committee to contact other organizations in the interest of the hospital project.

***The Hayward Review, November 20, 1946***

**John P. Roderick Dies:**

John P. Roderick of Alvarado passed away on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Emily Roderick, his wife survives him as well as his sons, John P. Roderick, Joseph P. Roderick, Lawrence A. Roderick and Anthony J. Roderick, all of Alvarado. He also leaves a dear sister, Mrs. Frances Gomes of Alvarado and brothers and sisters in Fayal, the Azores.

***The Oakland Tribune, November 21, 1946***

**Alvarado School News:**

The members of the Alvarado School Board declared that, starting December 2, 1946, no family sending the children to the Alvarado School shall have to pay more than 30¢ a day for the school children from one family eating their lunches in the cafeteria. This means that you will have to pay 15¢ a day for each child only up to the first two children. The rest of the children from the same family are given their lunches free.

A magician's show was given at the Alvarado School on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, for the benefit of the school student body. It was not only a good show, but also it netted a nice sum for the treasury. Admission was charged of 15¢ for children and 25¢ for adults.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, November 22, 1946***

**Carol Hocking's Alvarado News Notes:**

The **Alvarado Grammar School** showed free moving pictures Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> to acquaint the public with the audio-visual aid program presented through Mr. Seidel's office. The were as follows: "Our Shrinking World," "Of Men and Wings," "Trees and Homes," and "Football Parade."

The "Trees and Homes" picture in Technicolor was through the courtesy of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, November 22, 1946***

**News Notes:**

Miss Celeste Bunker, former teacher at the **Alvarado Grammar School**, has retired from the Niles Grammar School after 25 years of service.

Mr. & Mrs. "Sonny" Santos and daughter Judy of Alvarado spent last week with "Sonny's" parents in the Mission.

The University of California Alumni Club of Washington Township met recently at the International Kitchen. The first meeting of this club met on the evening of December 22, 1894 at the home of J. Shinn of Niles. The following list indicates the original attendees from Alvarado of that meeting and the year they entered U.C. Berkeley: Emil Burr, 1894; and J. Atkinson, 1882.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, November 22, 1946***

**Mary Santos Dies:**

Mary Santos, beloved mother of George Santos of Alvarado, passed away in Alvarado on November 21<sup>st</sup>. She was 77 years of age and a native of Decoto but lived most of her life in Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, November 24, 1946***

**Anthony Lawrence Dies:**

Anthony Joseph Lawrence, of 1406 96<sup>th</sup> Ave., Oakland, beloved husband of the late Mary E. Lawrence, died November 25<sup>th</sup>. He was 75 years of age and was a native of Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, November 27, 1946***

**Carol Hocking's Alvarado News Notes:**

The sixth and seventh Grades if the Alvarado Grammar School gave a hobby show on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Some of the displays were: A dollhouse and scrapbooks displayed by Phyllis Faria, a toothpick engineering an airplane and pictures displayed by Ronald Caeton, Army cars of molded clay and pictures were displayed by Vernon Perry, a homemade belt and a stamp collection by Annie Wada, needlework was shown by Alice Moreno, Ships, Army cars and pictures were displayed by Stanley Anderson, story book dolls were displayed by Elizabeth Flores and **Carol Hocking**.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 29, 1946*

#### **F.M. Silva Dies:**

Frank Martin Silva, 68 years old, residing at 1457 Smith Street in Alvarado passed away last Friday morning. Mr. Silva leaves his wife, Maria C. Silva and three brothers, John & Manuel Silva of Alvarado and Joseph Silva of San Anselmo.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 29, 1946*

#### **Service Station:**

Julius Inman of Hayward California will sell his service station, stock and equipment located in Alvarado to Charles Marquand on December 4, 1946.  
*The Oakland Tribune, November 30, 1946*

#### **Marriage License:**

Ray Clifford Wiand, of Alvarado  
Muriel Cecile Puffer, of Alvarado  
*The Oakland Tribune, November 30, 1946*

#### **Community Chest:**

Washington Township's first Community Chest Drive was started this week with a budget of \$6,150. Heading the drive for Alvarado will be F.W. Katzer.  
*The Oakland Tribune, December 5, 1946*

#### **Carol Hocking's Alvarado News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. M.E. Amaral gave a party for their son, Arlen, on November 30 to celebrate his twelfth birthday. The guests that attended were: Gary Allegre, Elmer Andrade, Rodney Hendricks, Vernon Perry, Betty Cheng, Marie Jardine and Elaine and **Carol Hocking**. Elizabeth Flores would have attended had she not been ill.

Mrs. & Mrs. Leslie Maffey took a trip to Taft on Friday November 29<sup>th</sup> and returned on Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup>.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 6, 1946*

#### **News Notes:**

Junior Red Crossers at Alvarado School packed twelve gift boxes to be sent overseas as Christmas presents to students in the war devastated areas, according to an announcement this week by Oakland Junior Red Cross officials. These boxes contain items which are considered necessities in the United States but which are hard to get in post-war Europe.

PFC Clayton George who spent his furlough with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Frank George of Alvarado, is due to arrive in Manila most any day now. Clayton had been in training in the radio department of the service at Fort Monmouth from some time before he was given the furlough, which was preliminary to his transfer to Manila.

Alvarado Vegetable Growers are proud to give the names of the following workers that do excellent work at the packing shed. We have two swell bosses, Al Caeton and Tony Reis. Mary Goularte is an excellent forelady. All of us love her. The names of the persons working in the packing shed are:

Reatha Bigby	Thomas Alvarado	Eva Dutra	Loretta Teague
Kathrin Teague	Victoria Benitez	Eloise Martinez	Jennie Aranda

Kate Alvarado	Alice Martinez	Alfred Martinez	Shirley Martinez
Connie Salaz	Frances Bentos	Louis Perres	Patricia Rodriguez
Jesse Rodriguez	Bruno Mones	D. Mones	Jesus Orozco
Perphidia Delegado	Simon Salaz	Bob Gilmore	Paul Salaz
Ray Dickinson	Clarence Souza	Leonard Dutra	Joe Bettencourt

***The Alvarado Pioneer, December 6, 1946***

**Marriage License:**

Joseph Perry Roderick, Alvarado  
 Marie Joanne Pimentel, Alvarado  
***The Oakland Tribune, December 10, 1946***

**Carol Hocking's Alvarado News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. George Lucas went to visit Mrs. Lucas' mother and sister in San Jose last Sunday. Mrs. Mary J. Click from Wenatchee, WA. and Mr. & Mrs. John S. Hoffman from Seattle are coming soon to visit Mr. & Mrs. N.E. Click of Alvarado.

Mr. Click, Alvarado teacher, got lost in the fog. On Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Click was out supervising Physical Education on the far side of the field. The dense fog cut off his vision from the school. So he could not tell when Physical Education was over. Mr. Maffey had to send messengers to call them in.

Mr. Click's of the sixth and seventh grades of the Alvarado School entertained the student body of the Alvarado Grammar School on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December. The entertainment consisted of "Jingle Bells," Little Brown Jug," and "Canoe Voyage" played on the Tonettes. Melvin Pimentel and Ronald Caeton played "Row, Row, Row," "Three Blind Mice," and "Old Black Joe" on the their Tonettes. Elizabeth Flores and Vernon Perry played "Five Minutes More." Elizabeth played on the saxophone and Vernon played the piano.  
***The Alvarado Pioneer, December 13, 1946***

**News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. Hubert A. Jacinto are the proud parents of a baby boy born November 27<sup>th</sup>, they have named him Hubert Wayne.  
 Emilio Re of Alvarado is now the "field man" for Faria Brothers of Ashland who handle the Allis Chalmers farm machinery. These San Lorenzo men are doing a splendid business.  
 Gregory Perry will handle the Alvarado Theater baseball team next season.

At Alvarado across from the Post Office (behind the bank and directly across the street from the Nauert home) a puddle of water has collected many winters. Now the fine work of the County employees has made a cement catch basin to collect the runoff. This will drain nicely.

Eight new members were taken into the Alvarado Aerie of Eagle on Monday. President Seraphine Caldeira and Secretary John Menezes report the new members are:

Manuel E. Benites, Centerville	Walter Fasolis, Alvarado	Alfred Lebon, Newark
William Martinez, Alvarado	Ernest A. Machado, Alvarado	Joseph A Brune, Alvarado
Harold Cardoza, Alvarado	Manuel S. Souza Jr., Niles	

A well-known Alvarado young man, Edward Fantuzzi, who was in the service, who returned some time ago, has wedded an Alviso young lady, Anita Orsetti. She is the sister of Bruno Orsetti. Fantuzzi was a live wire booster for the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce years ago.  
***The Alvarado Pioneer, December 13, 1946***

**Mary A. Caldeira Dies:**

Mary A. Caldeira, beloved wife of the late Frank Caldeira, loving mother of Mrs. Helen Roderick and grandmother John Roderick III. She was a native of San Ramon and 65 years old.  
***The Oakland Tribune, December 16, 1946***

**Browns Ink Jacinto:**

Jesse Jacinto Jr., 20, former Washington Union High School athlete has been signed by the St. Louis Browns of the American League as a shortstop and will leave in February for six weeks training at San Antonio, Texas.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 18, 1946*

**Filipino's Mark Holiday:**

Alex Biete, President of the Filipino Community of Northeastern Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, announced today that the community would observe Rizal Day commemoration on December 30, with a celebration at Mt. Eden School Auditorium.

The national holiday is observed in the Philippines in memory of the martyrdom of Dr. Jose Rizal, who met death before a Spanish firing squad in 1896 for his defense of human rights and decent government, Biete said. A committee from the community was appointed to arrange the celebration at a meeting held in Alvarado on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

*The Hayward Review, December 19, 1946*

**Classified Ad:**

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE:

Antique furniture, piano and miscellaneous for sale.

195 Benson Road & 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Alvarado Calif., Private owner

*The Oakland Tribune, December 19, 1946*

**News Notes**

Mrs. Walter Robie of Alvarado is having an old fashioned Christmas for her family, with 20 persons scheduled to sit down at the table. Her daughter and family, the F.A. Muller's of Newark, and their son, Fred Muller and his family from Davis; Russell Robie and family, including two sons returned from the service, and Mrs. Anna Forbes from Valle Vista, sister of Mrs. Robie.

There is now another "Toni" Davilla in Alvarado in the person of a daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Morris (Morris of Korse) Davilla. Morris, an only son, named the baby after his father, Tony Davilla, an Alvarado pioneer who is now 82 and residing in a rest home in San Jose.

Mr. & Mrs. Norman Rasmussen and son Robert from Oslo, Norway, have obtained tickets from Oslo to California. Mrs. Rasmussen is a cousin of Mrs. George Lucas of Alvarado. They have been gone from the States since 1933.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 20, 1946*

**Four Generations Attend Party:**

Six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren will be included in the Christmas dinner party at the home of Mrs. Walter Robie, resident of this community for 40 years and a school trustee for 35 years. The children are Russell Robie of Albany and Mrs. Evangeline Muller of Newark.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 25, 1946*

**John Andrade Dies:**

John Andrade, 61, prominent rancher and life long resident of Washington Township and an Alvarado native, died of a heart attack at his home near Machado's corners will be given final rites tomorrow. He is survived by eight brothers and sisters among whom is Henry Andrade of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 26, 1946*

**Alvarado School Girl News:**

We had a game with Russell City on Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup>; the score was Alvarado 35, Russell City 4. The players were:

Catcher: Sara Ramirez

Pitcher:	Selina Rigmaiden
First Base:	Doris Jones
Second Base:	Evelyn Muela
Third Base:	Nettie Lemos
Short Stop:	Ruth Togami
Buck Short:	Betty Cheng
Right Field:	Ernestine Ybarra
Left Field:	Josephine Aranda
Center Field:	Marie Jardine

We had a party December 12<sup>th</sup>. The losing team treated the winning team. The winning team captain was Selina Rigmaiden. The losing team captain was Marie Jardine. We have elected new captains. The 1<sup>st</sup> A team captain is Connie Saucedo, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> A team captain is Selina Rigmaiden. The 1<sup>st</sup> team B captain is Rita Cicairos, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> B team captain is Kathleen Brownlee.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, December 27, 1946***

### **Alvarado Firemen Treat Their Families to Turkey Dinner:**

The Alvarado Firemen's Association were hosts to their wives and families at a turkey dinner and dance held at the firehouse on Smith Street on Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup>. The men took care of all the arrangements including cooking, decorating and entertainment. The wives were not allowed to do a single thing but eat and enjoy themselves.

The members are all very capable with Joe E. Dutra, who is known for his culinary abilities, as head of the kitchen committee and such amiable helpers as Manuel Silva Jr., and Clarence Flores, not forgetting the Fire Chief, Anthony Vargas and Peter Pinto and Elvin Rose, all cooperating on entertainment, Wilbert Hendricks, Charles Baird, Tony Alexander, Joe Avila and Joe Dutra in decorating and organization, it's no wonder the event was a success.

Those who attended were: Fire Chief Anthony J. Vargas and wife, Mr. & Mrs. A.A. Lee, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Dutra, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel E. Perry and son Vernon, Mrs. Louise Machado, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Flores and daughters Patricia and Elizabeth, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Alexander and daughter Sharon, Mr. & Mrs. George Hocking and Carol and Elaine, Mr. & Mrs. Elvin Rose and son Danny, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Pinto and daughter Elaine, Mr. & Mrs. M.P. Goularte, Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Hendricks and son Rodney, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Machado, Mr. Jose Avila, Mr. John Ralph, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Joyce, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Silva Jr., and Mr. & Mrs. Antone Rogers.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, December 27, 1946***

### **Marriage License:**

Clarence Dutra, Alvarado  
Elinor Soares, San Jose

***The Oakland Tribune, January 3, 1947***

### **Marriage License:**

Gabriel Martinez, Hayward  
Evangeline Rodriguez, Alvarado

***The Oakland Tribune, January 4, 1947***

### **New VFW:**

A new Veterans of Foreign Wars post named in honor of Paul Edwards Rivers, first serviceman from the community of Alvarado to lose his life in WWII, will be instituted in the Eagles Hall in Alvarado, Wednesday. The new unit, Paul Edward Rivers Post No. 7906 will be instituted and installed by T. A. MacDonald, Department Auditor, Department of California Veteran of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Paul was the youngest of nine children left to the care of Mrs. Mary Rivers when their father died twenty-six years ago. Prominent in student affairs, athletics and dramatics at Washington Union High School, Paul enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in July 1941, and won his pilot's wings before transferring to the Marine Corps in May 1942.

He went overseas immediately and was reported missing in action during the Solomon Islands ([Guadalcanal](#)) campaign in August (1942). He was "presumed dead" in a Government letter of February 19, 1945, and was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart.

While in high school, Paul served as President of his class in his junior and senior years, as Vice President of the Future Farmers of America, President of the Boy's Club and a member of the Student Council. He was a star football and baseball player and active in dramatics and public speaking. He graduated in 1939.

Edward M. Martinez of Alvarado, adjutant of the post has announced that Mrs. Mary Rivers, mother of Paul Rivers, will be the honored guest at the installation ceremonies.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 5, 1947*

**VFW:**

A group of members from the Hayward post and its auxiliary will attend the public institution and installation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Paul Rivers Post No. 7906 of Alvarado on Wednesday, at the Eagles Hall in Alvarado.  
*The Hayward Review, January 7, 1947*

**VFW:**

Three members of the Alvarado VFW attended the meeting of Post 1882 Veterans of Foreign Wars last night in the Memorial building. The Alvarado members were: Norman Silveira, Senior Vice Commander; Ernest Machado, Post Quartermaster; and Edward Martinez.  
*The Hayward Review, January 11, 1947*

**Infant Dies:**

Martha Santos, aged three months, died of pneumonia at Highland Hospital three weeks after her twin brother, Martin, succumbed to the same ailment and was given final rites yesterday from the Chapel of the Palms. Burial was in the Holy Sepulcher Cemetery. The baby is survived by her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Carlos Santos of 1014 Maiden Lane Alvarado and five other brothers and sisters.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 28, 1947*

**Junior Patrols Celebrate:**

"Hot dogs and cokes for all, with seconds for some" climaxed a gathering of more than 300 members of the Junior Patrols from 15 Southern Alameda County Schools Saturday afternoon.

The party, held at Hayward High School, also featured movies and preliminary discussion of plans to hold a giant spring review of all Junior Patrols in the southern half of the county.

Alvarado was represented by a group of 25 boys who enjoyed themselves immensely.  
*The Hayward Review, February 3, 1947*

**New Arrival:**

Born in Hayward, February 4<sup>th</sup> to Mr. & Mrs. A. Oropeza of Alvarado, a daughter 8 pounds six ounces.  
*The Hayward Review, February 6, 1947*

**Rebekah's:**

There will be a meeting of the Rebekah's tonight.  
*The Hayward Review, February 6, 1947*



**News Note:**

Hope Saucedo has applied for a dance permit to be held at the I.D.E.S. Hall in Alvarado on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 10, 1947*

**Marriage License:**

George Andrade, Alvarado

Leonora Oliveira, Hayward

*The Oakland Tribune, February 15, 1947*

**New Arrival:**

Born in Hayward, February 16<sup>th</sup> to Mr. & Mrs. Frank R. Gutierrez of Alvarado, a son, Robert Allen weighing seven pounds 4 ounces.

*The Hayward Review, February 19, 1947*

**SPRSI:**

Celebrating the 48<sup>th</sup> birthday of SPRSI, Council No. 8 of Hayward, one of the largest branches in the state, held a banquet at the Green Shutters Hotel Tuesday night with the Supreme President, Mrs. Mary Oliver of San Diego, paying an official visit. Candidates were initiated. Branches from Niles, Alvarado, San Leandro and San Lorenzo were represented at the affair, which drew more than 100 people.

*The Hayward Review, February 20, 1947*

**Eagles Lady Auxiliary:**

Mrs. Jack Holland of Centerville has been appointed chairman of the committee to form a ladies auxiliary of the Alvarado Aerie of Eagles. Thirty of the required 50 persons have been enrolled.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 23, 1947*

**News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Burns of Alvarado spent a pleasant evening at the Moose Club in Hayward.

*The Hayward Review, February 25, 1947*

**News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. George Pacheco and son of Alvarado joined approximately 125 persons to help celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Ben Moura of Hayward.

*The Hayward Review, February 28, 1947*

**VFW Auxiliary to Be Formed:**

An auxiliary to the post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 7906, is being formed; it was announced after the regular meeting held at the Eagles Hall, Alvarado, Wednesday night. Commander Ed Martinez presided at the meeting.

Committee reports were made by Ernie Machado, chairman of the athletic committee, and J. Jacinto, chairman of the post colors committee, who reported on ticket sales. VFW caps are being ordered for the members, it was also announced.

*The Hayward Review, March 3, 1947*

**Stolen Rabbits:**

Tom Vargas, 49, of Alvarado reported to the sheriff's department that three rabbits were stolen from his property this morning. The rabbits were worth \$7 according to Mr. Vargas.

*The Daily Review, March 10, 1947*

**Miss Celeste Bunker Dies:**

Miss Celeste Bunker, former veteran teacher at Niles and Alvarado Grammar Schools died at Providence Hospital yesterday. A native of Placer County, she taught school in Auburn until 1906 when she moved to teach at Alvarado Grammar School. In 1922 she joined the faculty at Niles Grammar School.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 11, 1947*

**John Binasca Dies:**

John B. Binasco of Alvarado, age 48 years, died March 13, 1947 in San Francisco. He was the son of the late Pasquale and Virginia Binasco. He was a partner in the Alvarado Vegetable Produce Company.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 14, 1947*

**Alvarado Boys Win Basketball Tourney:**

Alvarado's Grammar School boy's basketball team will fly the championship pennant of the boy's invitational tournament for the coming year. They defeated Bret Harte 11 to 9 in the finals for the championship of the Alameda County Schools and Hayward Recreational District tournament.

On the Alvarado team were: Carlos Renteria, Cruz Cinicerros, Gilbert Cicairos, Joaquin Preciado, Rojello Barrera, Teodosio Olacio and Frank Garcia.

*The Daily Review, March 17, 1947*

**VFW Dance:**

A dance at the Newark Pavilion will be held April 26<sup>th</sup>, under the sponsorship of the Alvarado VFW Paul Rivers Post No. 7906. Roy Baptiste and his All-Veteran orchestra have been selected to play.

*The Daily Review, March 18, 1947*

**Classified Ad:**

HELP WANTED:

Young ambitious male (20 – 30 years old) as timekeeper for the Holly Sugar Corp. Good pay, advancement. Must be good typist, understand figures.

Phone: W. H. Schmidt, Alvarado 16

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 24, 1947*

**News Note:**

Mrs. John Logan of Alvarado is the newly elected chairman of the Pleasanton Assembly, Order of Rainbow Girls.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 24, 1947*

**Antone E. Amaral Dies:**

Antone E. Amaral of Decoto died March 25<sup>th</sup> at age 45. He was the husband of Constance Amaral, also of Decoto. He was the son of Mary M. Amaral of Alvarado and brother to Joseph Amaral, Manuel Amaral, Susie Davis and Edith Pfau, all of Alvarado. He was past president of the Alvarado Eagles, No. 1695.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 25, 1947*

**New Arrival:**

In Hayward March 21<sup>st</sup>, born to Mr. & Mrs. A. G. Avendano, 1017 W St., Alvarado, a daughter, Maria Adelaide, 6 pounds 13 ounces.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 25, 1947*

**Volleyball Tournament:**

The Hayward Rec Dept. and Alameda County Schools is scheduling their annual volleyball tournament. So far, only last year's champions, Alvarado, along with Centerville and Ashland have signed up to play.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 25, 1947*

**DDT:**

The Alvarado Gun Club has reported using DDT kerosene spray on the marshes in August of 1946 west of town in the flooded areas around their club. The keeper reported that he observed a marked reduction in "sick ducks." "We do not have any idea as to the reason for this observation, but it might be worth investigation by wildlife conservation agencies. Mosquitoes are transmitters

of bird malarias, and certain virus infections of birds, but whether these infections were involved is not known," the report says.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 27, 1947*

### **Home Ransacked:**

An unidentified burglar last night broke into the home of Andrew K. Logan, 52, of Alvarado, gaining entrance by cutting a hole in the screen sometime between 6 and 9 p.m. The burglar ransacked the house, tearing blankets off beds, and strewing the contents of dresser drawers about the room.

He made off with a .45 caliber pistol, a moving picture camera, a box of .22 shells and lady's ring. He also pillaged the icebox and took some uncooked hamburger and some cooked ham, which Mr. Logan described as "moldy."

*The Daily Review, March 27, 1947*

### **Home Farm Department:**

The Alvarado Home Farm Department will have a dessert luncheon at the Centerville Elementary School, Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30 p. m.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 31, 1947*

### **VFW:**

At the regular meeting of the Paul Edward Rivers Post, No. 7906, of the Alvarado VFW, held last week, members voted that present post officers would retain their offices for the coming year.

Dividends were paid out for investment held by the post to Manuel Cunha of San Leandro, Josephine Muniz of San Lorenzo, and Muriel Jacinto and Madeline Avila of Alvarado.

Arrangements for installation ceremonies for the ladies auxiliary were made, and the meeting will be held at the Eagle's Hall in Alvarado on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 31, 1947*

### **Alvarado Volleyball Champions:**

The Alvarado boy's volleyball team took the Washington Township Section Championship in the Hayward Rec and Alameda County Schools Tournament held at Bret Harte School in Castro Valley.

Coached by Leslie H. Maffey, School Principal, the team consisted of: Carlos Renteria, Gilbert Cicairos, Frank Garcia, Cruz Ciniceros, Albert Corrales, Mervin Perry, Mario Gonzalez, Rojello Barrera, Teodosio Olacio, Joe Leong, Joaquin Preciado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 31, 1947*

### **Selling Hot Goods:**

Two out of town men were nabbed in Alvarado for selling hot goods out of the back of their car. The two men are being held for theft of an interstate shipment. The men were trying to sell shirts, overalls, children's underwear and other articles. Both men have extensive criminal records. One man was from Fresno and the other from San Francisco.

*The Daily Review, April 9, 1947*

### **News Note:**

Cherrie Davis of Alvarado is one of 16 contestants for the title of queen of the Mission San Jose Sesquicentennial celebration.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 10, 1947*

### **Burglary at Duck Club:**

Albert C. Collins, 20, of Hayward, was held to answer to the Superior Court after a preliminary hearing on a burglary charge before Judge Allen G. Norris at the Centerville Justice Court yesterday. A companion, aged 17, jointly charged with Collins, was certified to the Juvenile Court.

Collins and the younger boy allegedly entered the Sunset Duck Club on Marsh Road at Alvarado, smashed one door and pried open a steel liquor cabinet and took eight bottles of liquor.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 11, 1947*

#### **New VFW Officers:**

The officers for the coming year for the Alvarado VFW, Paul Rivers Post, No. 7906 are: Eugene Martinez, Commander; Norman Silveira, Sr. Vice Commander; Walter Fasolis, Jr. Vice Commander, John Aguiar, Chaplain; Ed Martinez, Adjutant; Ernest Machado, Quartermaster; Joe Barrera, Quartermaster Sergeant; Dr. Joseph Brune, Post Surgeon; William Martinez, Judge Advocate; and Salvador Paniagua, Officer of the Day.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 14, 1947*

#### **Dry Year:**

Facing what may be one of their driest years, the residents of Hayward are 20 per cent closer to water rationing than at this same time last year. The water level at Hayward's main well is almost 22 feet lower than it was last year. Winter recovery of the underground water was not reached until November this year instead of the usual October. Rainfall this past six months is 25 per cent below normal. Making matters worse is the Holly Sugar Mill in Alvarado will begin processing this year in May rather than in the fall as they have done in past years. The sugar refinery is one of the largest users of water in the county and they pump it from their wells in Alvarado, drawing on the same supply Hayward uses. And farmers, faced by the lack of rainfall, will attempt to pump more for irrigation.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 15, 1947*

#### **Auto Accident:**

Alexander Chavez, 26 of Alvarado struck the motorcycle driven by Manuel Monte at Niles Road ([Mission Boulevard](#)) and "F" Street in Decoto. While Chavez was attending Mr. Monte a car struck Monte and Chavez sending them both to the hospital.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 25, 1947*

#### **Fire Works Permit:**

An application from Sociedadado Davino Espirito Santo, Inc. (S.D.E.S.) for a permit to conduct a dance in the I.D.E.S. Hall in Alvarado on May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> and an application from the S.D.E.S. for a permit to conduct a fire works display in Alvarado on May 3<sup>rd</sup> were presented to the board.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 26, 1947*

#### **Mrs. Bertha Meyers Dies:**

Mrs. Bertha Meyers (nee May) will be laid to rest today. Mrs. Meyers moved from Alvarado to Alameda 53 years ago. Mrs. Meyers is survived by several children and a brother, George May of San Jose.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 9, 1947*

#### **Alvaradan Hurt in Car Crash:**

Irene Ramirez, 18, of Alvarado, was treated at Fairmont Hospital for lacerations of the face after a two-car collision on Hesperian Boulevard just north of Alvarado early yesterday morning. She was riding in a car driven by Leo G. Ramirez Jr., also of Alvarado. The other driver was from Oakland.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 19, 1947*

#### **Youth Day:**

Youth Day festivities will begin at the Sunset School playground at 9:30 a.m. Saturday with a baseball game between the Bret Harte and Alvarado elementary schools to decide the champion in the elementary schools invitational tournament. Following the championship game Ashland will play Livermore for the consolation title. The games will be followed by a parade to the Hayward Airport.

*The Daily Review, May 23, 1947*

#### **Mission San Jose Parade:**

Rain showers failed to put a damper on the parade and festivities held in Mission San Jose to honor the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Mission San Jose. The parade featured floats, marching bands and mounted units from throughout the township.

The best historical entry went to the Mission San Jose Fire Department for their float of a model of the Mission. The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce came in second with a replica of the first County Courthouse at Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 1, 1947*

### **Local School Graduations:**

ALVARADO:

Arlen Amaral, Elmer Andrade, Ardith Andrew, Andrew Armendariz, Joseph Aranda, Rogelio Barrera, Betty Cheng, Gilbert Cicairos, Marie Jardin, Doris Jones, Cruz Cisneros, Albert Corrales, Nettie Lemas, Joe Leon, Evelyn Muela, Teodosio Olacio, Mervyn Perry, Joaquin Preciado, Dora Ramirez, Sara Ramirez, Carlos Renteria, Selina Rigmaiden, Connie Saucedo, Ruth Tomagi, Juanita Villegas, Juanita Walsh and Ernestine Ybarra.

ALVISO:

Robert Peeks, Bernadine Abreu, Donald Emery, Margaret Lebon, Joey Orocchi, Billy Baker, Shirley Priester and Elias Novo.

*The Township Register, Niles Calif., June 6, 1947*

### **License to Marry:**

Thomas Villasanans, Hayward

Angelina Aranda, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, June 11, 1947*

### **Man Sentenced to Prison:**

A San Francisco man was sentenced to two years in prison for knowingly receiving stolen property from an interstate shipment. Armando Nedder, 27, was one of two men arrested for selling stolen goods out of the back their automobile in Alvarado on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 12, 1947*

### **Hayward Wedding:**

Miss Ardis Mae Hulse of Tennyson and Ernest Eugene Pine of Alvarado will wed in a formal ceremony on Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Hayward.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 18, 1947*

### **Classified Ad:**

REALTY ELSEWHERE:

Manufacturing truck bodies, trailers, and farm machinery; welding equipment, blacksmith equipment; also woodworking machinery; large stock of steel and lumber, etc. Large steel building, property and home included, located on main roadway one half mile north of Alvarado alongside railroad tracks in Alameda County, \$45,000 cash.

Contact: Alvin Silvey, Alvarado, California.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 22, 1947*

### **Joseph Gomes Dies:**

Joseph S. Gomes of Alvarado, 80, died here on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Loving husband of Frances, devoted father of Mrs. Evelyn Rose of Alvarado, Mrs. Mamie Roderick of Alviso District, and grandfather of Joseph Rose of Alvarado. He was a native of Fayal the Azores.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 22, 1947*

### **Miss Judy Hill:**

Miss Judy Hill, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Blake Hill of Alvarado, is leaving today to join three schoolmates from Radcliffe College for a month's visit at Ranier National Park in the state of Washington.

***The Oakland Tribune, June 26, 1947***

**News Note:**

The Country Club of Washington Township has brought district recognition two years ago and State recognition a year ago this spring for their accomplishments during World War II. War work wasn't a matter of uniforms and prestige to these women, many of them "saw service" at the controls of a tractor.

Serving as a director of the board for country club during the war years was Miss Nancy McKeown of Alvarado. Elected as Financial Secretary this year was Mrs. George Harvey of Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, June 28, 1947***

**Independence Day Celebration:**

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce is cooperating with Filipino residents in a barbeque and celebration of the first anniversary of Philippine Independence Day to open at noon.

***The Oakland Tribune, June 29, 1947***

**VFW:**

Plans were formulated at the Veterans Memorial Building at Niles Monday evening for a free picnic to be held September 7<sup>th</sup> at the Dublin Canyon Park, by a joint committee of Hayward, Alvarado and Niles posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

***The Hayward Daily Review, July 3, 1947***

**Sugar:**

This summer the Alvarado Sugar Mill has been processing beets early from the Imperial Valley, the wastewater created by the plant is not usually a problem, but when they process early it runs into mosquito season. The water ends up in the marshes and it breeds tremendous amounts of mosquitoes. This water could be treated or flushed into the bay but the salt companies object to the impurities in the water and the fact that the water will dilute the salt in the evaporation ponds. This is a tremendous problem with a not so easy answer.

***The Daily Review, July 16, 1947***

**Mosquito Abatement:**

A check of subterranean vaults used by utility companies that was sprayed with DDT in June 1946 shows no mosquito breeding to any of the vaults, and it is possible that spraying every other year will be sufficient, says the report. Similarly, street inlets, (catch basins) have been sprayed, and the experience in 1946 indicates they will not need to be sprayed this year.

"This is certainly an improvement over the situation before DDT was available, when we had to respray at least once a month during the summer," the report observes.

***The Daily Review, July 16, 1947***

**Classified Ad:**

FOR SALE REAL ESTATE:

10½ acres near Alvarado, about \$1,000 an acre.

Johnnie White Co., Hayward California

***The Hayward Daily Review, July 30, 1947***

**Hayward Man Killed:**

Charles Millard Hurst, 33, of Hayward, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon when his car overturned near Alvarado, pinning him beneath the wreckage. Hurst had just been discharged from his duties the Holly Sugar Mill in Alvarado and was returning home with his paycheck when the accident occurred.

***The Hayward Daily review, July 31, 1947***

**Sugar:**

Charles W. Williams recently appointed Western sales manager for the Holly Sugar Corp. with a branch at Alvarado, has announced that plans are underway for an extensive sales and advertising program along with expanding production, which includes the opening of the most modern beet sugar factory in the world in the Imperial Valley this coming spring, a company release said today.

"To point out the value of beet sugar production in the economy of the West, it is interesting to note that the Holly Sugar Corp. feeds annually 10,000 head of steers, and 66,000 head of lambs. Feeding operations are carried out at all of Holly's plants with the idea of seeing that all by-products are utilized to the fullest extent," it reported.

"Holly's California mills are located, besides Alvarado, at Hamilton City, Tracy, Santa Ana, and Carlton, California. The latter is under construction and will be open in the spring of 1948."

"The Holly Sugar Corp. states that its Alvarado factory is the first successfully operated sugar beet Company in the United States, having started its operation in 1870. This plant was reconstructed completely in 1935 and is today one of the most modern sugar mills in the world," according to the company.

The Alvarado plant was recently criticized in connection with productions methods, which make mosquito control difficult for the mosquito abatement in this area.

*The Hayward Daily Review, August 6, 1947*

#### **Classified Ad:**

REALTY – ELSEWHERE:

Post Office building, with library included, and adjoining dwelling, on highway, in town. Price reduced.

See Velma Lewis, Main St., Centerville

#### **Sugar:**

Earl Browning, plant superintendent, expressed the possibility that the Holly Sugar Corp. processing plant in Alvarado would open August 15th. The plant shut down July 26<sup>th</sup> after processing 125,000 tons of beets brought here from the San Joaquin valley area and since that date maintenance crews have been at work preparing the machinery for the late summer run. The majority of the beets for the second run will be from the fields of Washington Township, he added. The plant employs between 275 and 300 employees in the peak season.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 11, 1947*

#### **Fatal Car Crash:**

An Alvarado war veteran was instantly killed and his passenger critically injured in a car crash south of Alvarado. The dead man was **Edward M. Martinez, Jr.**, 25, Adjutant of Paul Rivers Post, Alvarado Veterans of Foreign Wars. His home is Alvarado where he operated a service station. His critically injured passenger is Cruz Renteria, also of Alvarado, who is in the Oakland Veterans Hospital. According to the CHP, the car driven by Martinez, reportedly at a high speed, failed to negotiate a turn a mile south of Alvarado on the Marsh Road. It swerved off the highway and into a telephone pole.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 18, 1947*

#### **Funeral: Edward Martinez:**

Died, in Alvarado, August 17, 1947; **Edward M. Martinez**, loved husband of Joanna Martinez, loving father of Mildred Janice Martinez; son of Edward and Gertrude Martinez, brother of Eugene, William, Doris, Cecelia, Bradley and Harold Martinez, aged 25 years.

The service to be held August 20<sup>th</sup> at St. Anne's Church in Alvarado with closing ceremonies to be held at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery in Hayward. Mr. Martinez was a member of the Paul Rivers Post of the VFW, No. 7906 and the Alvarado Aerie of Eagles No. 1695.

***The Oakland Tribune, August 18, 1947***

**Water:**

The Alameda County Water District, which services the communities of Alvarado, Newark, Centerville, Irvington, Mission San Jose and parts of Niles, and which are connected to ACWD mains with water mostly taken wells, are interested with joining Hayward in building an aqueduct from Hetch-Hetchy to Hayward and then buying water from Hayward, says W. D. Patterson.

***The Hayward Daily Review, August 22, 1947***

**Eagles:**

Plans for the celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Alvarado Eagles will be discussed at a meeting at Eagles Hall Monday night. An auxiliary of the lodge will be instituted in connection with the anniversary meeting, according to Clarence Rose, President.

***The Oakland Tribune, August 24, 1947***

**Alvarado Fire:**

A \$12,000 fire in Alvarado yesterday destroyed the Filipino Club at 1087 Levee Street and damaged an adjoining house at 1154 V Street. The blaze was first detected at 4:00 a. m. yesterday morning when Mrs. Isabelle Menezes, who lives near the Filipino Club, was awakened by the noise of crackling flames. Upon investigation she found the entire rear of the club's dance hall in flames. She called an operator who set off the fire siren.

Ray C. Ward, whose home is at 1154 V Street, awoke to find the entire back of his home on fire. Damage to the Filipino Club is estimated at \$10,000 and the damage to Mr. Ward's home was fixed at \$2,000. Felix Diangson of Alvarado is owner of the Filipino Club.

***The Daily Review, August 25, 1947***

**History Snippet:**

(From "The Knave" Section of *The Oakland Tribune*)

"Actual organized trans-bay transportation ([Eastbay - Westbay](#)) did not develop until 1851, but prior to that time, in the period of greatest economic richness of the missions (1821-1840) an extensive though irregular freight trade was carried on between Mission San Jose and the merchant vessels from New England, which anchored near the little settlement of Yerba Buena ([then the name given to San Francisco](#)). The Boston trade consisted of an exchange of goods manufactured on the east coast of the United States for the hides and tallow of the missions. Mission San Jose was so located that the long boats of the Boston ships could, by going far down the bay to the estuary near the town of Alvarado, load on the trade commodities of the mission, and return to the waiting vessels in the harbor."

**NOTE:** When John Horner first bought land in Union City (1850) he built a landing on the Alameda Creek next to one that already existed. This had to be the landing used by Mission San Jose to send their goods to Yerba Buena.

***The Oakland Tribune, August 31, 1947***

**Alviso Grammar School Students:**

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades: Elsie C. Madruga, Teacher

<u>Student Name:</u>	<u>Age:</u>	<u>Parent Name:</u>
Miss Sara Almanza	12	Jesus Almanza
Richard Andrade	11	
Miss Anita Bailey	11	Lloyd Bailey
Jimmie Bettencourt	11	Anthony Bettencourt
Howard Bigby	13	David T. Bigby
Piero Cerruti	12	Remigo Cerruti
Miss Elaine Dias	12	Joe S. Dias
Leroy Faria		
Miss Alice Gerrard	13	Willard Rosenquist



George Harvey Jr.	12	George Harvey
Marion Hermosa	12	Vincent Hermosa
Michael Logan	12	John Logan
Miss Irene Lopez		
Walter Luiz	12	Joseph Luiz
Kenneth Mello Jr.	12	Kenneth Mello
Miss Shirley Mello	11	Manuel Mello
Miss Vondell Mings	13	Frank Mings
Miss June Novo	13	John G. Novo
Miss Ann Pederson	13	Florian Pederson
Miss Marlene Peeks	12	Mrs. Irene Peeks
Jerry Pimentel	12	Frank L. Pimentel
Miss Wynemia Sudberry		
Miss Delores Espinosa		
Edward Rivera		
Billy Ward		Luther Ward
Frank Murakami	12	Tomako Murakami

***Alviso School Class Listing, September 8, 1947***

#### **Classified Ad:**

Japanese girl, help cook and general housework.

Phone: Alvarado 55.

***The Hayward Daily Review, September 13, 1947***

#### **Burglar Peppered with Pellets:**

Sheriff's deputies looking for a robbery suspect had convincing evidence picked out of a 16-year old boy's rear, Saturday night.

The boy was placed in the custody of juvenile authorities Saturday night after he had attempted to take two boxes of canned peaches from the garage of Alexander Borges of Alvarado. Borges had contacted the sheriff's office earlier in the evening, saying he had shot twice with a shotgun at a man he saw running from his garage.

Sheriff's deputies found the boy when he visited a Niles physician to have the shotgun pellets removed. When questioned, the boy told deputies he had been drinking beer and had wandered into the garage "to see what was there." He said had intended to eat the peaches.

***The Hayward Daily Review, September 15, 1947***

#### **Parole Hearing:**

Benito L. Ortega, Alvarado ranch hand who is serving a life sentence in San Quentin for killing a fellow ranch hand, Norberto Aragon, in a bunk house brawl has made application and will be reviewed for parole at the next hearing.

***The Oakland Tribune, September 18, 1947***

#### **Louise Wasley Dies:**

Louise Hambleton Wasley, 80, mother of J. C. Wasley, former principal of the Alvarado Grammar School, died in Hayward September 21<sup>st</sup> at the age of 80 years. She was also the beloved grandmother of Robert and James Wasley Jr. of Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, September 23, 1947***

#### **Hit & Run:**

Maynard Marlowe, 26, of Oakland entered a "guilty" plea yesterday in the Hayward Justice Court on hit and run charges and was referred to the Superior Court for sentencing.

Marlowe is charged with failing to stop after hitting Tony Pinto, 64, of Alvarado Saturday night. Pinto was walking across Castro Street at "B" Street when an automobile swung around the corner from "B" Street and struck him.

Hayward police traced the automobile through its license number, taken by an attendant when the car sped through a service station at the corner of "A" and Castro Streets. Glass found on the running board of the automobile, owned by Marlowe, was found to be from the eyeglasses of Mr. Pinto.

*The Hayward Daily Review, September 25, 1947*

**San Lorenzo UPPEC Dance:**

The UPPEC Lodge at San Lorenzo are planning a barn dance to be held in the I.D.E.S. Hall in Alvarado on October 25<sup>th</sup>. The dance will begin at 9 p.m. with the Gardetto Brothers Orchestra providing the music. Refreshment will be served.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 7, 1947*

**News Note:**

Dr. John Bettencourt of Alvarado is mourning the loss of his mother, Mrs. Carrie B. Freitas of Oakland who passed away on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 7, 1947*

**IOOF, Crusade Lodge:**

Consolidation of the Crusade Lodge, IOOF, of Alvarado with the Sycamore Lodge of Hayward, will take place at the meeting of the local lodge next Monday night. Members of the Alvarado Lodge will join the members of the Hayward Lodge for the amalgamation under the auspices of Fred Ballew Sr., of Stockton, Grand Master of the State Lodge, who will preside over the ceremonies.

*The Daily Review, October 8, 1947*

**Classified Ad:**

FOR SALE – REAL ESTATE:

Alvarado, Rear of Central Bank, Post Office and library building, 5-room house and double car garage, corner lot, sewer. Faces two streets.

Velma Lewis, 393 South Main Street, Centerville, California.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 13, 1947*

**New Arrival:**

Manuel Vargas of Alvarado is the proud grandparent of a two-week-old baby boy born to his daughter Mrs. Harry Edward Duarte of Hayward.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 14, 1947*

**Classified Ad:**

HELP WANTED:

Female stenographer for temporary work until Christmas.

Holly Sugar Corp., Phone: Alvarado 16

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 17, 1947*

**Water:**

The Alameda County Water District in a letter now being circulated by the Pacific Rural Press paints a dark picture of water conditions in Southern Alameda County. The farm magazine says in a preface: "50,000 agricultural acres in Southern Alameda County face a desperate water situation. Water levels drop and salt water rushes in to take its place. The areas involved are around Alvarado, Decoto, Newark, Centerville, Niles, Irvington and Mission San Jose."

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 17, 1947*

**News Note:**

Edward Gilmardin was honored for 45 years of service for the Eastbay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD). Mr. Gilmardin's service dates back to when he worked at the pumping station in Alvarado as fireman on the old steam pumping engines.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 20, 1947*

### **Serious Bicycle Accident:**

A boy was seriously injured yesterday in a bicycle-automobile accident on the Alvarado-Centerville Highway about 1 mile south of Alvarado. Frank Gomez, 15, who lives on a ranch near Alvarado, was taken to Fairmont Hospital for surgery after the bicycle he was riding was struck by a car driven by Donald Wescott of El Cerrito.

Wescott told highway patrolmen that the boy turned suddenly into his path as he started to pass him on the Centerville-Alvarado Highway. He said he had seen the boy several hundred feet ahead of him riding on the shoulder of the highway. Just before passing he saw the boy jostling a half-gallon can to maintain his hold on it as he rode along. Then the boy's left foot slipped off of the pedal and the bicycle swerved onto the highway.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 21, 1947*

### **Classified Ad:**

GRADING & LEVELING:

Bulldozing, angle dozing, grading, trees pulled, carryall work, land leveling.

Frank Andrada, Phone: Alvarado 78

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 21, 1947*

### **Classified Ad:**

WANTED TO RENT:

Couple and 4 year-old daughter need 3 or 4 room furnished or unfurnished home or apartment, permanent.

Phone: Irvington 7400 or Alvarado 16.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 21, 1947*

### **Army Private Breaks Nose:**

A 17 year-old Army private who was traveling today with the luggage bearing the label "Prince Kismet, the Magician," will need some neat tricks to make up for the ones he forgot this morning. Driving an Army Jeep, which Highway Patrolman Dale Taliaferro and George Berlotti reported he admitted stealing from Fort Ord last night, failed to make a turn at the main intersection in Alvarado (Levee Street & Centerville Road) early this morning and crashed into a building in Alvarado. He told the patrolmen that it was his first experience at driving.

The 17 year-old youth said he had just begun a 15-day furlough. He reportedly told patrolmen that he had borrowed the Jeep to go Hamilton Field where had hoped to catch an Army flight east to his home in Summerville, Massachusetts.

After being treated at Fairmont Hospital he was jailed awaiting Army MP's to pick him up.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 13, 1947*

### **Abortion Charge:**

Mrs. Josephine Guzman, 45, of Clearwater, who is charged with performing an abortion on her daughter, Mrs. Amparo Chavez, 20, of Alvarado, was arraigned before Judge Allen G. Norris yesterday in the Centerville Court.

Mrs. Guzman was arrested November 6<sup>th</sup> after sheriff's deputies found a human fetus buried in the yard behind the Chavez's home.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 15, 1947*

### **Sugar:**

Holly Sugar Corporation's plant in Alvarado produced more than 95,000,000 pounds of sugar during the 1947 season, according to a statement released by Earl Browning, plant superintendent, as the season closed this week. The plant processed 278,000 tons of sugar beets. The plant was in full operation during the summer for the first time in its history, Browning said, providing employment for 250 persons. The beet yield in this area was 20 percent heavier than before.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 25, 1947*

**Manuel C. Lemos Dies:**

Manuel C. (Kelly) Lemos passed away November 29<sup>th</sup> in Newark. Mr. Lemos was a native of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 30, 1947*

**Abortion Charge Dropped:**

Mrs. Josephine Guzman, 45, who was charged with performing an abortion on her daughter was released by Judge Allen G. Norris at the Centerville Justice Court when the daughter refused to testify. The daughter, Mrs. Helen Amparo Chavez, 20, of 1235 Centerville Highway, Alvarado, refused to testify on the grounds of self-incrimination. Mrs. Guzman was taken into custody after a human fetus was found buried in the yard behind her daughter's home.

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 2, 1947*

**Pedestrian Hit:**

George Martinez, 21, of Alvarado received ankle injuries last night when he was hit by a car as he walked along the Alvarado Centerville Highway about one and a half miles south of Alvarado. The driver of the car said he could not avoid hitting Martinez because of on-coming traffic.

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 2, 1947*

**PTA:**

More active participation by fathers in the work of the PTA and better attendance by both parents were given as reasons why Alvarado School PTA has voted to have all future business meetings in the evening. The unit now has 198 active members of which 25 are fathers of Alvarado students.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 7, 1947*

**Parolee to Be Deported:**

Benito L. Ortega, who was sentenced to San Quentin prison in 1940 for the fatal stabbing of Norberto Aragonéz in an Alvarado bunkhouse brawl, has been granted a parole effective in 1950 by the State of California Adult Authority. The adult authority stipulated that Ortega would be turned over to immigration authorities for deportation.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 7, 1947*

**News Note:**

Joseph Maciel and Mrs. Aurora Lewis are mourning the passing of their father, Mr. Manuel B. Maciel in San Jose on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 9, 1947*

**Murderer to Be Deported:**

Benito L. Ortega, who was sentenced to San Quentin Prison in 1940 for the fatal stabbing of Norberto Aragonéz in an Alvarado bunkhouse brawl, has been granted a parole effective in 1950, by the California State Adult Authority. The adult authority stipulated that Ortega would be turned over to immigration authorities for deportation upon his parole.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 10, 1947*

**License to Marry:**

Selestino Melendres, Alvarado

Jennie Aranda, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, December 15, 1947*

**Hayward Box Company:**

Notice was given that James E. Warntjes, Santino Falco, Gerlamo Falco, and Adolph Del Grande are engaged in the box business under the fictitious name "Hayward Box Company," located one half mile north of Alvarado on Hiway 17.

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 20, 1947*

**News Note:**

Mrs. Frances Bowersox of Alvarado has just been employed as secretary at the Hayward Office of the Production Credit Association.

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 24, 1947*

**News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. John Ralph had the pleasure of having Mrs. Ralph's relatives with them to enjoy Christmas.

Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Maffey divided their holidays, spending Christmas Day with Mrs. Maffey's relatives and the expect to spend the New Year's Holiday with Mr. Maffey's relatives.

Mr. Peter Juhl, who grew up in Alvarado, but has been in Oakland for many years, was recently transferred to the Niles office of PG&E.

One of the outstanding women of this Township, Willa Jane Hellwig, Past Grand Matron of the Eastern Star of California, and a great civic leader, had a nice Christmas gathering at her home.

In reviewing the events of 1947 we find that Mr. Sacramento opened the new Tanay Café in Alvarado in February of 1947.

Mr. And Mrs. Andrew Logan joined the Logan clan at the Christmas Eve celebration held at the home of Judge and Mrs. Allen G. Norris in Centerville, This meeting has become almost a tradition and the number has increased considerably since it was started.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 2, 1948*

**Dog License Sale:**

You will be able to purchase a license for your dog at the Alvarado Library on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 5, 1948*

**New Arrival:**

In Hayward, December 31<sup>st</sup>, born to Mr. & Mrs. Frank Rodrigues of Alvarado, a son, David, 5 pounds 7 ounces.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 5, 1948*

**Union Man Dies:**

Services for Richard Minihan, Business Representative for the AFL Sugar Workers Council, were held Friday in San Francisco. F. W. Joyce, recording secretary of Local 20630 of the council in Alvarado, reports that many union members were saddened by the death of Minihan, who had been instrumental in solving many of the problems the sugar workers faced.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 6, 1948*

**News Note:**

Joseph S. Santos, Alvarado farmer, has purchased the property at the corner of "A" and Castro Streets in Hayward presently occupied by the Associated Oil station. The property covers a 90-foot frontage on Castro Street and 120-foot frontage on "A" Street. It also includes the old Beam home at the rear of the property.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 7, 1947*

**News Notes:**

The Gardetto Brother's band of Alvarado will furnish the music for the Mission Men's Social Club this Saturday January 10<sup>th</sup>. Both American and Portuguese music will be played.

The last meeting of the Philippine-American Community Club of Contra-Costa and Southeastern Alameda County was held on January 10<sup>th</sup> at the Eagles Hall in Alvarado. Installation of the

officers is to be done by a prominent leader, he being the president of the Filipino-American Community Clubs of the United States. Movies of the Philippine Islands are to be followed by refreshment. Felix Diangson, Frank Macahilas of Alvarado and Frank Bolima of Mt. Eden will be among those present.

The Board of Trustees of the Alvarado Elementary School had visions of having three classrooms and a cafeteria room built, and prepared things, and then asked for bids open on same. At their meeting on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, they were forced to reject bids as they were absolutely too high. It shows how materials, wages and other costs have affected building of other schools such as Newark Elementary school new building plans. Newark may seek aid from the State, and add to its available possibilities. Manuel P. Goularte of the Alvarado School Board and George Hocking and Wilbert Hendricks have done much good work in planning for increased room for the growing school.

Tremendous excitement was caused by an auto driven right through an Alvarado home and just missing twin babies by a narrow margin. The home is between Joe Priego's corner store building and Jesse Jacinto's home and almost across from the **Machado Garage**. One evening a week or more ago the driver failed to make the turn coming from the direction of Centerville. He hit the house (formerly a café) and knocked the partition in such a way while going through that it threw the crib of the twin babies to one side, thereby saving their lives. The damage done is about \$1,500, or thereabouts, will paid for by the owner of the car, as it is said by Mr. Priego that he admitted his responsibility.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 9, 1948*

**The Alvarado Homing Pigeon Club:**

The Alvarado Homing Pigeon Club was organized in the month of November 1947, at which time the following officers were elected for the period of one year:

President:	Tony Vargas			
Race Secretary:	William Machado			
Ass't Race Secretary:	Ed Vargas			
Vice-President:	Frank George			
Directors:	A.P. George	Joe Perez	Melvin Silva	Manuel Silva

All are from Alvarado with the exception of A.P. George who is from Niles.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 9, 1948*

**Alvarado Businesses:**

JOHN H. RALPH	General Merchandise
TANAY CAFÉ	In <b>Machado's Big Garage Building</b> Sandwiches, Merchants Dinner, Frank & Emily Sacramento
V. OSBORNE RADIO	In <b>Machado's Big Garage Building</b> First Class Radio Repair
MACHADO'S GARAGE	In Machado's Big Garage Building Manuel B Machado, New Auto Parts 2 First Class Mechanics
ALVARADO DONUT SHOP	Frank Gutierrez, Plain & Chocolate Donuts Corner of V & Levee Streets, Restaurant, Merchant Dinner
BI-RTIE MARKET	John Nova, Prop., Choice Beer and Wine Meats & Groceries, Dry Cod Fish
HELLWIG MEAT MARKET	George Hellwig, Prop., Quality Meats
RIGMAIDEN ROOMING	Former Riverside Hotel, Near Southern Pacific Depot And Meals if Desired
ALVARADO FISH MARKET	Alvarado Fish Market & Grocery. Alex S. Orcullo, Prop. Fresh fish every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Beer & Wine, 1090 Levee St., Alvarado

WILLIAM SILVA	Phone: Alvarado 67J Says that his Shell Lubrication is the best in town Shell Station, Alvarado
MATT MACHADO	Smith Street Cafe Alvarado, Wines and Beers at the right price
MANUEL ANDRADE STORE	Groceries, oils, greases; Chevron Station Wine & Beers, Levee St
A.A. LEE'S STORE	General Merchandise, Pioneer Merchandise Store.
MANUEL A SILVA, JR.	Pioneer Blacksmith Shop, First Class Wagon Work Agricultural implement repair.
FRANK ANDRADE	Leveling, Tree Pruning with bulldozer
JOHN MENEZES-BARBER	First Class Hair Cutting, Sec'y of Eden Aerie of Eagles
SAN DINSMORE'S STORE	Groceries & Hardware
GEORGE'S APPLIANCE HDWR	Frank P. George, Prop., Full line of Hardware, sportsman's goods, appliances and electrical supplies
MOBILGAS SERVICE STATION	Joe Perez, Prop., Tires Repaired and Car Greased, Yuletide Bonus Stamps, fill a book get cash.
GALLITO RESTAURANT	Mexican and American Food, Emilio Castro Prop. Almost across from Central Bank
ADDIE KELLY'S CAFÉ	Wines & Beers, Watkins St. Alvarado A Sociable Place, Patronized by Many Alvaradoites
JOS. JACINTO'S STORE	Grocery, well provisioned, invites you to try their place
SILVER DOLLAR CAFÉ	Record Player for Dancing, Morris Davilla & Jack Cordoba Off-Sale Beer, Wine, Whisky
MRS. C.M. ANDERSON	General Line of Insurance, Surety Bonds, Fire, Auto Notary Public, Whipple Road Alvarado, Phone Alvarado 45J
MOHAWK SERVICE STATION	Stop & Save at Tommy Wolfington's, 975 Levee St. Alvarado Save 2¢ on EVERY GALLON, Courteous, dependable service
HALFWAY HOUSE	Nettie Saucedo invited you to enjoy her fine Sandwiches, Cold Beer, Sodas and Wine.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, January 9, 1948***

**Genevieve Dutra:**

When the Alameda County Postmasters Association met last month they honored a lady of Washington Township, Mrs. Genevieve Dutra, who is not only efficient and gracious, but with her niece, Alice Menezes, represents the most fashionably dressed women in any post office in Southern Alameda County, so many people tell us. And there are many fine women busy in the southern section. But ask anybody if Genevieve Dutra and Alice Menezes don't look like they same out of the styling department of *Vogue*, the women's style magazine. And ask many of our fine businessmen too.

You see, Mrs. Genevieve Dutra is postmistress of the Alvarado Post Office, and her assistant is Miss Alice Menezes, who is the daughter of John Menezes. John is a prominent barber and secretary of the Alvarado Aerie of Eagles.

Postmistress Dutra has a well-known husband in business with Ray Bettencourt in Centerville; Joe Dutra is a member of the Alvarado Fire Department.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, January 9, 1948***

**Thirteen Men Arrested:**

Thirteen men were arrested at the New Manila Club in Alvarado for suspicion of gambling. The club, on the corner of Levee Street and Maiden Lane in Alvarado, allegedly had dominoes and dice games for gambling. When the officers attempted to gain entrance to the club the participants were trying to gather up money and paraphernalia. \$113.70, dominoes and dice were taken from the table. The sheriffs round up thirteen persons.

***The Hayward Daily Review, January 15, 1948***

**Crops at Risk:**

Cauliflower men in Washington Township, where the bulk of Alameda County’s 3,000 acres of cauliflower are located, were irrigating their crops this week. Not only is it “peculiar” to be irrigating in mid-January, which is normally the rainiest time of the year, but it indicates the seriousness of the situation in which other truck crops, 11,000 acres of tomatoes in Alameda County, to say nothing of the huge apricot orchards, are threatened.

Many irrigation pumps are pumping salt water into the irrigation ditches, as the water table level sinks lower and lower. The Alameda County Farm Bureau says one farmer lost his entire apricot orchard last year from salt-water irrigation, painting a dark picture for farmers for the 1948 apricot crop.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 15, 1948*

**Carol Hocking’s Alvarado News Notes:**

Mrs. Henry Andrade gave a shower for her daughter-in-law, Mrs. George Andrade, on Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

The former Miss Betty Jensen of San Jose, second grade teacher at the Alvarado Grammar School, was married to Robert D. Culbertson, also of San Jose. Miss Patricia Renz of San Jose, third grade teacher at the Alvarado Grammar School is engaged to Richard Alpers of Willits.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 16, 1948*

**Filipino American Community Meeting:**

Last Saturday night, at the Eagle’s Hall in Alvarado, the Filipino Inter Community of America installed the following officers:

- President: Alex Biete
- Vice-President: Frank Sacramento
- Secretary: Miss Pilar Lozado
- Treasurer: Anastacio Regalado
- Ass’t Treasurer: Geronimo Sane
- Auditor: Carlos Carrillo
- Sgts-At-Arms: Joe Tabilog Tecquio Omalza
- Adivisor: Felix Diangson

The new board of councilors includes:

- Chairman: Johnny Dawal
- Publicity Director: Mrs. Felix Diangson
- Ass’t Publicity Director: Mrs. Frank Sacramento
- Hospitality Chairman: Mrs. Mac Armenio
- Councilors:
 

Josue Ricamonte	Clemente Barcede	Nicitas Ibardolaza	Simeon Sumaylo
Dominador Agraviador	Frank Bolima	Manuel Quiray	Rodil Vidal
Leo Diola			

Mrs. Frank Sacramento of Alvarado acted as Master of Ceremonies and introduced each of the speakers. Alex Biete extended his welcome to all and then gave a talk on the history of the organization, which was originated in 1941.

Arillio Ramos, who is the Vice Consul of the Philippine Islands, also spoke to the group. He talked on the cooperation between the United States and the Filipinos from the day the U.S. first occupied the Islands until today. He also stated in what high regard the Filipinos held the United States and its policy toward them.



Antonio Gonzalez, National President of the Filipino Community Groups, reported the progress made at the Convention held in San Diego. He talked on the accomplishments of the group and brought out the point that the Filipinos of the Alvarado district and Washington Township are held in the highest regard of any such group in the United States.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 16, 1948*

#### **News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. G.G. McClain and daughter Lorraine attended a birthday party Irvington for Gary Stone.

Taking advantage of the Army Air Forces offer to high school graduates to apply for assignment to a specific technical school prior to enlisting, Lorenzo Samarron, son of Mr. & Mrs. Paul T. Samarron of Alvarado, was this week enlisted in the Army Air Forces for a three-year period.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 16, 1948*

#### **Commercial Advertisement:**

ROSE SOUZA'S

Service Station

Rose Souza Prop.

Richfield Gas and Oils

West Entrance to Alvarado

Ask for your card

You can get from 5 to 10 gallons free!

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 16, 1948*

#### **Alvarado School:**

The Alvarado School Board was issued a permit for the construction of a classroom building on Smith Street and Granger Ave., Alvarado. The construction value is estimated at \$16,400. R. A. Griffin will handle the work.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 16, 1948*

#### **Carol Hocking's Alvarado News Notes:**

The SPRSI revealed their Secret Pals on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Fifty-six members were present. Mayme Roderick was the chairman.

**Alvarado Elementary School** had the pleasure of having Raymond Ray's Circus at Alvarado on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. They had many good dog and pony acts, starring 8-month old puppies and a 26-year old pony. They presented acrobats in very thrilling acts.

They had a bubble gum blowing contest at the school. Sally Sanchez won first prize. Robert San Filipo won second prize. Tommy Gualco won first prize for selling tickets, Rodney Hendricks won second prize, and Jeannie Cheng won third prize.

**Mrs. George Vargas** of Alvarado was hostess at a "Stanley Party" (Stanley made home cleaning products) on January 21<sup>st</sup> at noon. The Stanley representative then demonstrated her product. Then she led them in many interesting games. The ladies present were: Mrs. H.C. Goularte, Mrs. H.P. Goularte, Aldena Goularte, Mrs. M. Roche, Mrs. M. Cardoza, **Mrs. M. Hocking**, Mrs. A. Hendricks, Aurora Lewis, Mrs. P. Silva, Nora Vargas, Frances Allegre and Mary Silva.

Edward Naharro, owner of the Alvarado Theater, suffered the loss of his grandmother (Mrs. Cordoba) through death this week. She made her home with the family next to the Alvarado Theater, and her daughter, Mrs. Naharro was a constant companion. She was active until last week about the house.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 30, 1948*

#### **News Notes:**

Mr. & **Mrs. George Vargas** are now driving a new "chateaux-gray" car.

The Tony Madeiros family has moved from their Granger Ave. residence to their new home in Alviso.

The Joseph Pimentel family of Smith Street has moved to Whipple Road.

**Miss Carol Hocking** attended the installation of Rainbow Girls at Pleasanton on Thursday evening.

The student body of the **Alvarado School** enjoyed a musical concert Friday afternoon.

**Jo-Anne** and Jack **Castro** of Alviso were guests of Joyce Caldeira of Alvarado. They went to see the circus at the Alvarado School.

Norman Bailey, son of Mr. & Mrs. L.E. Bailey, is home on a weekend from school.

Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Mello and son will soon be moving back to their home, which is almost completed.

Mrs. Joe Abreu, mother of Manuel Abreu is ill. We wish her a speedy recovery.

We are all happy to see Al Caeton Jr. back at work on his farm. He is getting along fine since his accident.

John Menezes, secretary of the Eagles, has been ill at his home in Alvarado. We all want to see him back at his barbershop soon.

Linda Hermosa and Margaret Reina had a lovely birthday party at their home. The following helped them celebrate: Ann G. and Tova Pederson, Cardelia Mings, Glenda Lee Silva, Patty Bettencourt, Nowana Sudbury, **Jo-Anne Castro**, Gloria Esponzola, Rina Ciarlo, Shirley Bailes and Catherine Accinelli.

Mrs. George Hocking, Mrs. Graydon Spurlock, Mrs. Serafin Noia, and Mrs. Ed Click attended a Girl Scout leaders meeting held at the Niles Scout Hut Monday evening. The meeting was for the purpose of discussing the disbursement of Community Chest funds to new Girl Scout Troops.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 30, 1948*

### **Township In Water Crisis:**

The problem of water for Washington Township and adjacent areas is becoming more acute as each day passes without rain, and a northerly wind adds to the dryness of the soil. When the white man first discovered this region, there was an abundance of water. Regions that are now becoming sterile because of the infiltration of salt water once produced two crops a year by means of sub-irrigation.

The loss of water began in 1870 when the Spring Valley Water Co. of San Francisco managed to get sufficient riparian rights to give them the benefit of the Alameda Creek watershed. Local citizens, alarmed at the prospect formed the Washington and Murray Township Water Company, but while they obtained some concessions and spent \$11,000 in building dams and ditches, they lost out. San Francisco got the water.

Nor was this all, the Contra Costa Water Company came in (actually it was the Oakland Water Company who later sold out to Contra Costa Water) and bought up the artesian well district around Alvarado and began pumping millions of gallons of water to Oakland.

Now the ditches for irrigation are filled up, Alameda Creek is almost dry, and the salt water is seeping into the former artesian wells, as well as others along the area fronting the bay, even reaching now into Centerville and Irvington.

In 1930 the Spring Valley Water Company was taken over by the City of San Francisco and the Hetch-Hetchy program begun. When this was completed the district was entitled to the overflow, but that is not sufficient. Oakland sold the Alvarado pumping plant back to this district, then organized as the Alameda County Water District for the sum of \$250,000. Bonds were issued to pay for them and this issue is almost paid off. Considering the amount of water taken from the district that price was rather high.

Oakland now has the Mokelumne project completed and an abundant supply of water, while we are faced with a dangerously low water supply, partly because of the water drained from the artesian well district by that city.

It would seem from the facts in the case that both San Francisco and Oakland owe this region help now. One good turn deserves another they say. We helped both cities in their need, why not they help us now in our need? There is another reason for this help, that is, this region is a very valuable hinterland for both cities. Would they want to see it become arid waste?

The people in this region are largely in favor of the Reber Plan, which promises to restore the underground water levels and keep this region from becoming a desert wasteland. Whether or not this is the needed solution remains to be seen, but it is our contention that both San Francisco and Oakland have a duty to perform in helping to solve this very vital question, which is of concern to the whole area. No more expansion can be made unless there is an abundant water supply not only for the industrial plants that are looking in this direction for future construction, but also for the increasing population, as well as the needed food, which is supplied from the farming district of the southern part of Alameda County

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 30, 1948*

#### **Watch Stolen From Home:**

The burglary of a watch valued at \$135 from his house on Marsh Road was reported to the Sheriff's Office in Hayward yesterday by Percy Garcia. Garcia said the watch was taken yesterday evening when burglars who searched through drawers throughout the house.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 2, 1948*

#### **Jo Anne Lewis' News Notes:**

Mrs. Santos of Ralph's Store has returned to work after an absence of two weeks due to illness. The Brownie Scouts of Alvarado had a Valentine Party last Thursday. After games they were served ice cream, cookies and suckers.

Mrs. Frank Silveira is spending several days in Berkeley with a daughter.

Mr. & Mrs. Graydon Spurlock and Mr. & Mrs. George Hocking attended a party given by the Irvington promenaders on Saturday evening at the Irvington Elementary School.

Mr. & Mrs. N.E. Click spent Saturday and Sunday in Berkeley.

**Joyce Ann Caldeira** of Alvarado was a guest of Jo Anne Castro of Alviso this week.

Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Andrade have returned from their honeymoon in Carmel. They are making their home in Alviso.

Frank Souza of Alviso is the owner of a new car.

The Alviso School has a new patrolman on duty. He is Arthur Soit, a well-known local retired farmer.

Construction of a new telephone central office building for Alvarado and conversion of the present magneto telephone to dial operation later this year, was announced today. The new central office will be located on the northwest corner of "W" Street and Marsh Road. It will be of frame and stucco construction, one story in height and 21 X 25 feet in dimension.

Troop 67 of the Alvarado Girl Scouts elected officers at the regular meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>. The girls elected are:

President:	Joan Conrad
Vicee-President:	Carol Hocking
Treasurer:	Elaine Hocking
Secretary:	Delores Silva
News Reorter:	Marlene Andrade
Sunshine Nurse:	<b>Joyce Caldeira</b>

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 13, 1948*

**Classified Ad:**

FOR SALE:

Restaurant For Sale in Alvarado

"TANAY CAFÉ" is a restaurant with Pool Hall in connection. Will Sell or lease. Have two pool tables and a poker table also. Would consider selling tables. Place of business in modern and of knotty pine construction. Owner is Alvarado person. Frank Sacramento, Alvarado

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 13, 1948*

**News Note:**

Mrs. W.S. Robie, Mrs. William Jung and Miss Charlotte Jung attended the tea in Hayward February 8<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the graduation of Miss Alice Young from the University of California at Berkeley.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 14, 1948*

**George Hellwig Dies:**

Last rites of the Masonic Order will be held for George P. Hellwig, former member of the Alameda County Supervisors and prominent Alvarado meat dealer, who died at a local area hospital yesterday after a long illness. Pallbearers at his service were E. A. Richmond, Pete Decoto, John H. Ralph, John Brueger, Wallace McKeown and Fred Wiegman, all close friends and pioneers in Southern Alameda County. Mr. Hellwig was a native of Alvarado and prominent in area social organization. His wife Mrs. Willa Jane Hellwig survives him.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 17, 1948*

**News Notes:**

The district of Alviso want to congratulate Mrs. Mayme Roderick for being 20 years on the board of trustees.

Mrs. Manuel Faria of Alviso is seriously ill in the hospital. We are wishing for her recovery and to come home soon.

Mrs. & Mrs. Caldeira and daughter Joyce recently went visiting to Richmond to visit Mr. & Mrs. Don Rick. Jo-Anne Castro went with them as their guest.

The Washington Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West held a ping-pong tournament Tuesday night. Ernie Machado of Alvarado defeated the three-year reigning champ, Al Silveira of Warm Springs, 21 to 19 and 21 to 19.

President Alex Biete of the Filipino Community of Northeastern Alameda and Contra Costa Counties approved the following resolution at a recent meeting of the Councilors. Mrs. Frank Sacramento and Mrs. Lucy Armenio were named chairman and co-chairman, respectively, of a Filipino fund-raiser in which a Filipino Queen Contest will be held.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 20, 1948*

**Mrs. Rosa Pimentel Dies:**

Joseph S. Pimentel and Mrs. Marie Jardine, both of Alvarado, are mourning the passing of their mother, Mrs. Rosa Pimentel who passed away February 22<sup>nd</sup> in Santa Clara. She was 77 years old.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 23, 1948*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce will meet tonight at 8:00 p.m. at the Eagle's Hall with William Martinez, new president in charge.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 26, 1948*

**Alvarado School Elects Officers:**

The **Alvarado Grammar School** students elected student body officers this week. They are:

President: Harold Martinez  
 Vice-President: Jeanette Logamarsino  
 Secretary: Emilda Dominguez  
 Treasurer: Carol Hocking  
 Treasurer: Beverly Spurlock  
 Clerk: Esther Renteria  
 Judge: George Apodaca  
 Sgt-At-Arms: Rodolfo Barrera  
 District Attorney: Fred Sanchez  
 Ass't District Attorney: Robert Preciado  
 Athletic Monitor: Billy Tanaka

Class Representatives are:

Stanley Anderson                      Dolores Silva                      Marjorie Best                      John Gualco  
 Rita Cicairos

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 27, 1948*

**News Note:**

The Washington Union Future Farmers Chapter 113 carried on National Future Farmer Week with window displays in stores throughout the Township. Participants in Alvarado were Ernest Andrade, Joe Lewis and Ronald Silva. From the Alviso district was Frank Hermosa and Joe Perry.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 27, 1948*

**Alvarado Brownie Scouts:**

Nineteen Brownie Scouts were invested at the **Alvarado Grammar School** over a month ago under the leadership of Mrs. Emily Noia and Mrs. Emily Click. The girls receiving their pins were:

Sharon Alexander	Frances Alvarez	Virginia Araya	Carol Bowersox
Jeanny Cheng	Nancy Conrad	Myrna Jean Dutra	Patricia Flores
Mercedes Hernandez	Grace Gillimay	Ellen Louie	Patricia Noia
Madeline Mata	Margaret Pfau	Aurora Sanchez	Geraldine Silva
Helen Vasquez	Patricia Vargas	Helen Villalobos	

Rosemary Urrutia and Jo Ann Boon were eligible to receive their pins December 19<sup>th</sup>.

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**Sugar:**

An increase of 350,000 tons of sugar beets will be sliced in Holly Sugar Corporation's statewide operations in California this year, according to E. Browning, superintendent at the Alvarado sugar factory. This increase includes 200,000 tons of new production at the newly constructed Holly factory at Carlton in the Imperial Valley.

Last year's 647,000 tons of sugar beets consisted of about 427,000 tons from Northern California and 220,000 tons from the Imperial Valley, Browning said. That made about 2,000,000 100-pound bags for 1947. The estimated crop for 1948 is 3,000,000 bags of sugar, approximately a 50% gain in Holly's total production as compared to 1947.

*The Hayward Daily Review, February 27, 1948*

**Alvarado Filipino Community:**

Letter to the Editor From Filipino Community:

Alvarado, March 4, 1948

Publisher, *Alvarado Pioneer*:

You have in the past been very kind and generous to the Filipino Community, and the Filipino people as a whole, for the co-operation you have given the Filipino people of this area as far as publicity is concerned.

Once more the Filipino Community here would deem it a great favor if you would try to find space in your popular paper to insert the enclosed article in reference to the coming Fourth of July celebration at Alvarado.

Very truly yours,  
Mrs. Felix Diangson

#### FILIPINO QUEEN CONTEST STARTS MARCH 13<sup>th</sup>:

Once again preliminary plans to celebrate the second anniversary of the Birth of the Filipino nation were formulated at a recent meeting of the Filipino Community of the Northeastern Alameda County and Contra Costa Counties, which was held at Alvarado on February 8<sup>th</sup> last.

In conjunction with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, the community will sponsor a "QUEEN CONTEST" for the purpose of raising funds to build a Community Center Building, which will take place on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March, 1948, at the Alvarado School Auditorium when the candidates representing Hayward, Mt. Eden, San Lorenzo, Alvarado, Decoto, Centerville, Irvington and Pleasanton will be presented before a banquet and ball at Alvarado California on the evening of March 13<sup>th</sup>.

It is the most sincere appeal of the Filipino Community of this area that all who are in sympathy with the Filipino Community cause should support this worthy undertaking. Your donation will be greatly appreciated and your name will appear in the BUILDING FUND HONOR ROLL. It is not for the seat of the "QUEEN" that these beautiful Filipino girls are willing to participate, but rather for the cause for which the DRIVE is intended. Parents and sympathetic friends, let us give support to this worthy drive, so that it will be made more possible for the Filipino Community of this area to establish a better CENTER for our young Filipino Children.

Famous resistance leader Senator Tomas Confessor, who told the Japs during the war that, "as long as I can stand on my two feet, I shall never surrender," and equally famous Mrs. Estella Roulades Sunlit, lawyer, lecturer, radio commentator, educator and technical adviser of the Philippine Consul General in San Francisco, and other high ranking Filipinos from the Bay area will be present at the presentation of the beautiful candidates. Mrs. Lucy Armenio, chairman of the Hospitality Committee, will be in charge of the reception. Also, the Honorable Tiburcio Baja, Philippine Consul in San Francisco will be present.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 5, 1948*

#### **Carol Hocking's Alvarado News:**

Thelma Logan and **Carol Hocking** attended a meeting of the Rainbow Girls of Pleasanton. Mrs. & Mrs. William Avila have been ill with the flu. Mr. Avila is custodian at the **Alvarado School**. Friday the children decided to take over Mr. Avila's job so that he could go home to recuperate.

Linda, the 5-year-old girl living with **Mr. & Mrs. N.E. Click** of Alvarado has been ill with asthma for the past two weeks.

The building of the **Alvarado Grammar School** classrooms and cafeteria addition in the left rear of the school grounds is progressing nicely. The walls are in place, the roof and porch are farmed and the rough electrical work will be put in next week.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 5, 1948*

#### **News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Dinsmore and son have moved to Granger Avenue.

Mrs. August May entertained the Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian Church recently at a dessert luncheon. Mrs. May told us about her trip to Hawaii during the holidays by plane.

Mrs. Graydon Spurlock is teaching Religious Time Education of the Protestant Churches of Alvarado on Tuesday afternoons.

**Mr. L.H. Maffey** and **Mr. N.E. Click** are attending a series of 12 meetings on the art of English at the Bret Harte School in Hayward on Tuesday afternoons.

Both the Brownie and the Girl Scout Troops of Alvarado have been studying the life of Juliette Lowe, the Founder of the Girl Scouts in the United States.

Bradley Phillip Martinez, son of Mr. & Mrs. Edward G. Martinez of Alvarado, enlisted in the U.S. Navy for a period of three years. Young Bradley is the fourth member of the family to choose the Navy, his three other brothers having previously served.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 5, 1948*

#### **Chamber of Commerce:**

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce met recently and set about dealing with speeders through the town and regulating the traffic in general. A map designating seven proposed traffic signals for the central business section of Alvarado is being sent the State Highway Department by the Chamber of Commerce this week.

The organization has been waging a campaign against the speeding trucks and cars along the S-shaped main street for several years. The suggested signs to halt or stop traffic at various points are plotted on a map prepared by the new chamber president, William Martinez.

It was voted to decorate the business section for the Fourth of July and co-operate with the Filipino Community, which will celebrate the second independence day of the Philippines here on that day.

Alex Biete, president of the Filipino Organization, outlined plans briefly to investigate the feasibility of purchasing permanent decorations for the town. Frank George, Domaso Dias and Charles Baird were appointed to a committee to look into this.

Lee Naharro, owner of the Alvarado Theater, announced he was opening a new street back of the theater, a block west of Marsh Road and connecting V and W Streets. The county road department will be asked to take the new street over when paving has been complete.

Secretary **L.H. Maffey** was authorized to send a letter to the Sheriff's office asking that certain taverns, said to constitute a public nuisance, be investigated with possible abatement proceedings in view.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 5, 1948*

#### **Manual C. Menezes Dies:**

Manual C. Menezes, 63, long time resident of Newark and brother to John Menezes of Alvarado, died March 6<sup>th</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 7, 1948*

#### **Alvarado Man Found Dead at Home:**

Francis Hooper, 77, of the Hooper Ranch, Alvarado, was found dead in the kitchen of his home Saturday afternoon. The coroner said the death appeared to be from natural causes. According to reports, Hooper, who was shopping in Alvarado Tuesday, had told friends he had just had a heart attack and was planning to go to the hospital on Wednesday morning. Sheriff's deputies said there was no evidence that Hooper was getting clothes together to go with him at the time of his death.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 9, 1948*

#### **Central Bank:**

The Manager of the Central Bank Branch in Alvarado, Frank W. Katzer, has been moved to the San Lorenzo Village Branch as Assistant Manager, and Manager George Oakey II of Niles will return to Alvarado Branch as manager.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 11, 1948*

#### **Alvaradan Killed:**

Frank Mendes, 49, of Alvarado, was killed in an auto collision at Arcata, Humboldt County, Sunday night according to a telegram received by Frank Martin, Hesperian Blvd.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, March 16, 1948*

**Classified Ad:**

WANTED TO RENT:

Furnished apartment or cottage by couple within 60 days. No children or pets.

Phone: Alvarado 10 or write: Box 48, c/o Daily Review.

*The Hayward Daily, March 20, 1948*

**Sugar:**

The Holly Sugar Mill at Alvarado will cut its water consumption by almost half when the new season starts. New plant Superintendent John Ratekin says that Holly will strive to meet this goal. Holly Sugar's water usage is beginning to affect the water table level in the Eden-Washington Township area and the Hayward Public wells are beginning to show the effects.

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 24, 1948*

**Classified Ad:**

Wedgewood stove, Speedqueen washer, both like new; Whitney baby buggy and bassinet.

1060 Granger Road, Alvarado

*The Hayward Daily Review, March 25, 1948*

**Cancer Campaign:**

Plans for Washington Township's part in the American Cancer Society campaign for \$75,000 in Alameda County in April were outlined today by Judge E. A. Quaresma, Washington Township Chairman.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 31, 1948*

**Eagles:**

The second annual nomination of officers for the Auxiliary of the Alvarado Eagles will be held Monday night, at Eagles Hall, according to Mrs. Laura Mayer, charter president. A joint installation, open to the public, will be held by the Eagles and the Auxiliary in June.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 1, 1948*

**Alvarado School:**

SIXTH & SEVENTH GRADE CLUB

The 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grades elected the following officers.

President:	George Cicairos
Vice-President:	Antoine Rigmaiden
Secretary:	Judy Rontal
Treasurer:	Angie Preciado
Police Judge:	Frank Corrales
Clerk:	Sadako Kurotori
News Reporter:	Gloria Apodaca
Parliamentarian:	<b>Rodney Hendricks</b>

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 2, 1948*

**News Notes:**

Joseph E. Lewis has been named by Judge E.A. Quaresma to head the Cancer Drive for the town of Alvarado.

Lorraine McLain of Alvarado will render some musical numbers at the meeting of the California Scholarship Federation at the Washington Union High School on Saturday.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 2, 1948*

**Carol Hocking's Alvarado News Notes:**

The Alvarado Grammar School boys played Irvington Grammar School boys on March 17<sup>th</sup>. They were playing for the volleyball tournament championship. Alvarado's 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3rd team won.



A committee for the Post-Easter party of the Alvarado Elementary School Student Body has been set for April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Refreshments, entertainment, and dancing will be arranged by Elizabeth Flores, chairman; **Rodney Hendricks**, Beverly Spurlock, George Apodaca, Vernon Perry and **Carol Hocking**.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 2, 1948*

**Judge Ezra Decoto Dies:**

Former Alameda County District Attorney and Superior Court Judge Ezra Decoto, 72, died yesterday. He was the son of Ezra Decoto and Janet Lowrie Decoto, both Alameda County pioneer families. Among his family who survives him is a sister, Mrs. August May of Alvarado. Among his close friends he counted the present Governor of California Earl G. Warren.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 6, 1948*

**Emergency Electric Permits:**

The Emergency Power Committee for Alameda County recommended granting of power applications to 25 individuals and organizations at its meeting Wednesday at the courthouse. All of the applications given favorable recommendations were filed prior to the power embargo date of March 4<sup>th</sup>. The committee will consider another group of applications received subsequent to the embargo date next Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Local applications given favorable recommendations are: Granger & Harvey, Alvarado, pumping plant; Harvey Granger, Decoto, pumping plant; Gunther Ripske, Centerville, irrigation system; Niles Sanitary District, Niles, sewage disposal system booster pump; Alameda County Water District, Niles, public water supply system; Frank Tower, Centerville, electric ranges and lights; Antone Freitas, Niles, cooking facilities.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 9, 1948*

**New Arrival:**

In Hayward, April 8<sup>th</sup>, to Mr. & Mrs. Toby Oropeza, of Alvarado, a daughter, Alice Linda, nine pounds and one half ounce.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 13, 1948*

**Alvarado School Jr. Traffic Patrol:**

Alvarado Elementary School covered itself with glory, thank to their Junior Traffic Patrol that won first prize this Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at Hayward in competition with Southern Alameda County School's marching units.

Much credit goes to Mr. Click who trained the group of boys and girls, and also to Principal Les Maffey, who cooperated nicely. But most of all credit belongs to the pupils who marched, and beat out the larger school of Centerville, who took second, and Livermore who took third.

The Alvarado unit had strong competition, because after the first parade, the three schools of Alvarado, Centerville and Livermore were in a tie. A second parade of the units judged Alvarado first at the review in Hayward.

The boys wore blue jeans, blue shirts, white belts and their regular traffic patrol caps. Those girls and boys who took part in the were:

Captain:	George Apodaca		
1 <sup>st</sup> Lt:	Antwine Rigmaiden		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt:	Julio Moreno		
Sergeants:	Tommy Gualco	Yoshio Kamiji	Robert Preciado
	Rodney Hendricks	Massaharra Hisaoka	
Officers:	Johnny Gualco	Frank Velarde	Salvador Barrera
	Conrad Preciado	Andrew Pimentel	Leonard Barrera

	John Corrales	Manuel Garcia	Frank Corrales
	Tony Mata		
Reserve:	Julio Labrado		
Girls:	Elizabeth Flores	Carol Hocking	Fumijo Hisaoka
	Alice Moreno	Esther Renteria	Emilda Dominguez
	Anita Apodaca		

This shows that the teaching staff at this school is second to none in Southern Alameda County and among the tops in leadership also and are capable of attempting big things. The Trustees can be proud of selecting such fine leaders.

The Flag bearers were:

American Flag: Antoine Rigmaiden

Troop Flag: Julio Moreno

Bear Flaf: Salvador Barrera

***The Alvarado Pioneer, April 9, 1948***

### **News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Andrade of Alvarado were the weekend guests of Mr. & Mrs. Ange Hansen of Santa Rosa.

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Flores and Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Nunes of Alvarado spent Sunday evening at the home of Mr. & Mrs. De Valle in Newark.

The Supervisors of Alameda County deserve much credit for the work of paving Smith Street from the Central Bank to the Alameda Creek Bridge near Fred Wiegman's. It is a real black macadam surface, and makes the street look twice as wide.

Sometime late Wednesday evening or early Thursday morning safe crackers attempted to open the big safe of the Hellwig Meat Market in Alvarado, John Brugge, the manager, told the editor. They noticed on Thursday that they had forced the main door, and broken into the office and knocked the combination off the safe, but got no further from present indications.

There will be an election held on Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Alvarado School for the purpose of choosing new trustees. Marguerite Cadero will be the Inspector, Annie Baird the Judge, and Mrs. John Menezes Judge.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, April 16, 1948***

### **First Holy Ghost in Washington Township:**

The SDES Committee of Alvarado will hold their annual Holy Ghost Fiesta at Alvarado on Saturday and Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>.

The program is as follows:

The parade will be on Saturday night, followed with a grand array of spectacular fireworks and dance (American style) with music to be furnished by Manuel Pinto's Famous Orchestra. They will dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

On Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. an impressive parade will wend its way from Holy Ghost Chapel to St. Anne's Church, where a High Mass will be celebrated, and coronation of the queen will be held. The parade will consist of drill teams and various marching unites of lodges and other organization, headed by the splendid UPEC Band under the direction of Tony Souza.

Miss Clarabelle Silva, daughter of Mrs. Amelia Silva of Whipple Road will be the queen of the Alvarado Festival. Her maid of honor will be: Miss Genevieve Mello and Miss Shirley Mello, both of the Alviso district. The bar girls will be Marlene Andrade, Joyce Caldeira, and Margaret Pfau of Alvarado and Loretta Silva of Mr. Eden.

The Baby Queen will be Miss Diane Mendonca of Irvington; her Maids of Honor will be Patricia Noia of Alvarado and Janet Perry of Hayward. The Bar Girls will be Myrna Dutra, Loretta Valle, Lee Vargas and Helen Moore.

There will be the traditional Barbecue at noon. Dancing will commence at 2 p.m. (Chamarita and American style). Auctioning of livestock and other offerings will also take place.

Officers of the Fiesta Program are as follows:

President:	Frank Goularte, Sr.		
Vice-President:	Matt Machado		
Secretary:	John Menezes		
Treasurer:	Tony Lee		
Marshall:	John Silva		
Director:	M.P. Goularte	Alfred P. Silva	Martin Phillips
	Joe Avila	Manuel Martin Jr.	

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### **VFW Elects New Officers:**

The Paul Rivers Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars have elected officers for the ensuing year at a meeting recently held in Alvarado.

Commander:	Bill Silva
Sr. Vice Commander:	N.E. Click
Officer of the Day:	E. Cortez
Quartermaster:	Rufus Lebon
Chaplain:	Paul Torres
Trustee (3-Years):	Gene Martinez
Trustee (2-Years):	Alfred Leonard
Guard:	Laverne De Vincenzi
Surgeon:	Lester Amaral
Judge Advocate:	Joseph Bettencourt
Sergeant Major:	Norman Silveira
Quartermaster Sgt:	Joseph Brune

The veterans aim to put up a building when they have enough money to swing the deal, and until that time will save all the money they can. The recent dance raised money to help that idea along.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, April 16, 1948***

### **Wanted to Rent:**

2 or 3-bedroom house by the Superintendent of the Holly Sugar Co., wife and 9 year-old daughter, references.

Phone: Alvarado 16

***The Hayward Daily Review, April 16, 1948***

### **Junior Traffic Patrol:**

Winner of the 1948 trophy for the best Junior Traffic Patrol in Alameda County is the Alvarado Elementary School. The trophy was accepted by team leader George Apadaca at a ceremony at Hayward High School.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 21, 1948***

### **Dominic Allegre Dies:**

Dominic Allegre, 71, died at the Alameda Hospital after an extended illness. He the husband to Frances, and father to Mrs. Angie Vargas and Pauline Silva, all of Alvarado. A son, Victor Allegre lives in Hayward, and another son, the late Melvin Allegre was a WWII casualty. He was a native of the Azores.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 21, 1948***

**Alvarado School District:**

The election for Alvarado School Board of Trustees position shows candidate Wilbert Hendricks is running unopposed.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 22, 1948*

**Carol Hocking's Alvarado School News:**

TUESDAY PROGRAM – 1 p.m.:

In honor of Public School Week **Alvarado School** begins a program at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the school to which many fathers and mothers are invited to witness. Here is a good chance to show an interest in the most precious industry in the town. On April 27<sup>th</sup> **Mr. Click's** 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grades will give a radio program. The program will have some of the things they have been studying in their unit on radio. They will give a play written in the Story Club. **Mr. Maffey's** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will give a sample of the morning news broadcast with an announcer, sponsor and the news of the day.

WEDNESDAY PROGRAM – 1. p.m.:

A student body meeting will be conducted Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at 1 p.m. by our president **Harold Martinez**, Girls Club, Boys Club and Student Body Block Letters will be awarded. The entertainment for that day will be arranged by **Elizabeth Flores** and **Carol Hocking**. It is as follows.

**Mrs. Lucas'** room will give a number in singing: "Poppies" and "Chinatown." **Mr. Click's** room will give a "Quiz" program. Judy Rontal will sing "Carry me Back to Old Sorrento." From **Mr. Maffey's** room Martha Aguilar and **Harold Martinez** and Rodolfo Barrera will do comedy boxing and **Vernon Perry** will be referee. **Elizabeth Flores** will play "Sunrise Serenade." **Carol Hocking** will play "Rustic Dance." There will also be two movies entitles "How to Change Fractions," and "How Nature Helps to Protect Animals."

THURSDAY PROGRAM – 1 p.m.:

Mrs. Culbertson's Second Grade class will have a social studies discussion. They will sing songs and will dramatize a reading story, and then they will have a nature studies discussion. Miss Renz's 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grades will have a social studies discussion on the Fire Department and California Missions. A reading story will be dramatized and they will sing songs.

FRIDAY PROGRAM – 1 p.m.:

Miss Jung's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade will dramatize three stories, sing songs and play a social studies game called "Take a Number." **Mrs. Lucas'** 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades will have reports by volunteers on some of the social studies program covered during the past year. They will also sing some songs they learned in connection with the social studies unit. The class officers will conduct the exercises. Student activity and leadership and self-government get plenty of chance to develop here with such fine teachers.

On Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, **Alvarado Elementary School** Orchestra entertained the Alviso School Orchestra. Refreshments were served. Those present were:

Alviso School Orchestra:

Shirley Mello	Marlene Peeks	Jim Bettencourt	George Harvey
Jerry Pimentel	Piero Cerruti	Anita Bailey	<b>Ann Pederson</b>
Joanne Castro	Richard Andrade	Joseph Abreu	Marion Hermosa
Leon Mings	Leroy Faria		

Alvarado Orchestra:

Frank Velarde	Mervin Pinto	<b>Beverly Spurlock</b>	Arnold Gardetto
<b>Vernon Perry</b>	Daniel Nieto	Marjorie Best	<b>Elizabeth Flores</b>
George Apodaca	<b>Antoine Rigmaiden</b>	Ronald Caeton	Elaine Hocking

Marlene Andrade

Andrew Pimentel

**Carol Hocking**

Both orchestras are under the direction of Bernard Callery of Mission San Jose. He is a splendid director and leader, and is a credit to the teaching profession.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 23, 1948*

### **Beverly Spurlock's Alvarado School News:**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade of the **Alvarado Grammar School** gave a party to honor the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade this week. It was in the nature of a graduation party and a good time was enjoyed. **Beverly Spurlock** and **Marlene Andrade** took care of the records.

The committee for the event comprised:

Chairman: Anita Apodaca

Members: Natalie Cicairos

Rodney Hendricks

**Antoine Rigmaiden**

Yoshio Kamiji

Rosera Barrera

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 23, 1948*

### **Dorothy Click's Alvarado News:**

The April meeting of Washington Township Girl Scout Leaders Club meeting was held at the home of **Mrs. Dorothy Click** of Alvarado on Granger Ave. Those present were Mrs. Davis of the Staff Office at Hayward; Mrs. Kay Kettman, Hayward, Washington Township District Chairman; Mrs. Lydia Orsetti, Alviso; Mrs. Pederson, Alviso; **Mrs. George Hocking** and **Mrs. Graydon Spurlock** of Alvarado.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 23, 1948*

### **Paul Rivers Post VFW:**

The officers for the coming year for the Auxiliary of the Paul Rivers Post, NO. 7906, of Veterans of Foreign Wars, were installed Saturday evening, April 17<sup>th</sup>, in the Eagles Hall, Alvarado. Those installed were:

President:

Mrs. Amelia Silva

Sr. Vice President:

**Mrs. Dorothy Click**

Secretary:

Miss Cecilia Martinez

Treasurer:

Miss Doris Martinez

Chaplain:

Mrs. Marjorie Re

Conductress:

Mrs. Ginger Martinez

Guard:

**Mrs. Esther Gardetto**

Patriotic Instructor:

Miss Florence De Vincenzi

Historian:

Mrs. Mildred Silva

Musician:

Mrs. Wilma Silva

First Trustee:

Mrs. Carrie Andrade

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### **News Notes:**

The Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian Church will meet on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the home of Miss Mildred Nauert of Alvarado.

The Brownies of Alvarado Troop Number 58 have been drilling to march in the Holy Ghost parade to be held on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Frank Silveira spent the weekend visiting her daughter and family in Berkeley.

**Mrs. Graydon Spurlock** and her parents, Mr. & Mrs. F.G. Zimmerman of Rocky Ford, Colorado, have returned from a few days visit in the Los Angeles area.

Meetings have been held this week by the Extension Service to demonstrate and discuss irrigation fundamentals. Manuel Abreu's farm in Alvarado was one of the demonstration farms.

Manuel Silva Jr. is back at the blacksmith shop after a month's illness.

Jack Ahern, of the Mt. Eden Road, has rented most of his land to Mr. Martin of Hayward to farm.

That new home on the Alvarado-Mt. Eden Highway is occupied by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Silva. Mrs. Silva is the daughter of Frank Ahern who lives across the street a couple of blocks away. Dan Riley, in charge of the operation of the pumping plant on V Street for the Sanitary District, reports everything is OK, and the Sanitary District directors are doing a good job. Joell O'Neil of Alvarado will attend the National Convention of Junior Red Cross in San Francisco June 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> as the representative from Washington Union High School.

Ramiro Machado, the barber opposite the Alvarado School, was busy as a bee when we called on him the other day. He was giving Tony Rogers of Centerville, a Union Oil official, one of those streamline haircuts.

Attending the annual Pot luck Dinner of the Rainbow Mother's at the Pleasanton IOOF Hall from Alvarado were: Mrs. John Logan with daughters Thelma and Jean; Mrs. McClain, **Mrs. Goerge H Hocking** and daughter **Carol**; and Mrs. F.B. Pederson and daughter **Ann Greta**.

Alfred Silva's pigeon won the Alvarado Homer Pigeon Club race from Gerber (near Sacramento) to Alvarado, a distance on 179 air miles from Alvarado, in the time of 3 hours and 25 minutes. Second place was taken by Joe Perez, whose bird came in with the time of 3 hours and 28 minutes, and third was Ed Vargas whose bird flew the distance in 3 hours and 29 minutes.  
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#### **Eagles Auxiliary Elects Officers:**

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Alvarado Aerie No. 1695 held their nomination for officers last Monday night, April 19<sup>th</sup>. The officers are to be installed sometime in June will include:

Prresident:	Mabel Rodgers
Vice-President:	Aurora Lewis
Chaplain:	Grace Texeira (Centerville)
Conductor:	Madeline DeQuadros
Iinside Guard:	Irene Dutra
Outside Guard:	Josephine Delgado (Irvington)
Treasurer:	Alice Menezes
Rec. Secretary:	Susie Davis
Trustee:	<b>Esther Gardetto</b>

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#### **Frank George Enlarges Alvarado Office:**

The General Petroleum distributor for Southern Alameda County is Frank P. George of Alvarado. Due to the growth of business the office of Mrs. George's headquarters has been enlarged making room for two large desks and present a distinctly business-like appearance. The front right of the large store is now devoted entirely to the office and the other part is being used for General Petroleum products such as batteries, tires, accessories, etc.

Mr. George has added Lester Gomes of Irvington to his staff and when not at his desk in the office he is on the outside acting as salesman and as contact man in this big general Petroleum distribution business.

Mae Fontes, office manager, is in charge and occupies the other desk. In the delivery service to all farm accounts is Manuel Azevedo of Mission San Jose. Sam Mobely handles deliveries to all General Petroleum dealers at Service Stations.

Three large tankers are consistently used delivering Mobil gas in the district covered by Mr. George, comprising all that territory from the San Leandro limits to the Southern Alameda County line at Warm Springs.

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**New Arrival:**

In Hayward, April 21<sup>st</sup>, born to Mr. & Mrs. Lee Mata, of Alvarado, a son, Mark Chester, eight pounds and thirteen ounces.

*The Hayward Daily Review, April 27, 1948*

**Commercial Ad:**

Gleaming Woodwork!

Yours with brilliant, high-gloss, Rayonite

Easy to use. Dries to a beautiful, long-lasting gloss.

10 lovely colors to beautify your kitchen, bathroom, bedroom, most any room in the house!

\$1.48 a Quart

Now at your GENERAL PAINT DEALER.

In Alvarado: George's Appliance.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 29, 1948*

**News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. R.C. Corrales of Alvarado-Niles Road are the proud parents of a baby boy weighing in at 8 pounds 5 ounces.

Mrs. Clara Martin of Alvarado spent Wednesday with Madeline Rocha of Alvarado-Niles road.

Mrs. Anna Hendricks of Alvarado and Mrs. Helen Goularte of Alvarado-Niles Road spent Wednesday shopping in Oakland.

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rocha of Alvarado Niles Road are the proud owners of a new 1948 Wedgewood Gas Range. The installing was done by Chick Vargas and Wilbert Hendricks of Alvarado Appliance.

Mrs. Hermosa of Alvarado is now recovering from her accidental fall, which necessitated 23 stitches to close the wound in her head.

Lucy Cicairos, Rafaela Fulton, and Eugenie Preciado from Alvarado are very busy working every day on asparagus at Hunt's Cannery in Hayward.

**Gilbert Cicairos** of Alvarado is now employed at the **Alvarado Produce Market** after school hours and Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Mary P. Amaral of San and daughter-in-law Anna Amaral of Niles visited Aldina Andrade of Alvarado Tuesday afternoon.

Walter Hendrickson of Alvarado has been called back to the James Graham Manufacturing Plant at Newark.

Manolo Labrao and Vincent Ventura have applied to an off sale beer license for their establishment at 1025 Horner Street, Alvarado.

**Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Andrade** of Alvarado have just purchased a 50 acre ranch in Mission San Jose where they intend to retire sometime in the future. Mrs. Andrade says she intends to have a ranch style home built on the ranch when she goes to live there. Now that Mr. Andrade devotes most of his time on the ranch, Mrs. Madeline Rocha now was given the jobs of managing the Alvarado Produce Market, assisted by Mrs. Andrade. Elmer Andrade and **Gilbert Cicairos** said that working in the **Alvarado Produce Market** is a pleasure.

**Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Andrade** of the **Alvarado Produce Market** had visitors over the weekend from Oakland. They were Mr. & Mrs. Tony Bettencourt and daughter Shirley and Mr. & Mrs. Leo Suda and son Gary Lee.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 30, 1948*

**The Alvarado Homer Pigeon Club:**

The Alvarado Homer Pigeon Club flew their second flight on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, from Gerber, California to Alvarado. Following are the results of the race:

<u>Entrant</u>	<u>Pigeon's Time (Yards Per Minute)</u>
Ed Vargas	1,330.10

Manuel Silva	1,314.53
Alfred Silva	1,306.23
Joe Perez	1,299.43
Melvin Silva	1,287.60
Tony Vargas	1,276.00
Bill Machado	1,089.60
George Machado	1,034.65

Publicity Chairman, Frank P. George stated that May 2<sup>nd</sup> would be the final flight from Gerber to Alvarado. The following Sunday the flight will be from Redding to Alvarado.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 30, 1948*

**Classified Ad:**

INCOME PROPERTY:

Large steel building for shop, etc. Property and home included, on main highway near railroad. Al's Manufacturing Company, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, May 1, 1948*

**Light Plane Crashes:**

Two men escaped serious injury yesterday afternoon when the plane they were flying made a crash landing and overturned in a barley field one mile north of Alvarado. Joseph C. Wallman of Centerville and Charles Jellef of Palo Alto escaped relatively unhurt from the crash.

Wallman, who piloting the Luscomb Model 8A airplane, was at 3,000 feet when the engine stalled. He sent the plane into a nosedive to "wind up" the engine, but it failed to respond. The plane flipped over when it wheels hit the top of the barley.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 3, 1948*

**Carol Hocking's Alvarado News:**

On Wednesday afternoon, April 28<sup>th</sup>, Principal Leslie Maffey awarded Alvarado School student's STUDENT BODY BLOCK LETTERS to the following:

<b>Elizabeth Flores</b>	Jeanette Lagomarsino	<b>Carol Hocking</b>	<b>Rodolfo Barrera</b>
<b>Freddy Sanchez</b>	<b>Harold Martinez</b>	<b>Billy Tanaka</b>	<b>Vernon Perry</b>
<b>George Apodaca</b>	Antoine Rigmaiden		

These blocks are not to be confused with the blocks awarded for sports. These block letters are earned for participation in student body functions.

The Girl's Play Day was enjoyed on Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, at the Centerville Elementary School. Refreshments were served. The girls who attended from Alvarado were:

Marjorie Best	Natalie Cicairos	Gloria Apodaca	Anne Wada
Beverly Utile	Beverly Spurlock	Elaine Hocking	Sadeko Kurotori
Marlene Andrade	Rosara Barrera	Angie Preciado	Jean Conrad
Dolores Silva	<b>Carol Hocking</b>		

They were chaperoned by Mr. N.E. Click.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade of Alvarado Elementary School will enjoy a day at the Shrine Circus on may 11<sup>th</sup>.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade of Alvarado Elementary School had a very good time at Washington Union High School on Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, on 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Day. The pupils who went were:

Mary Aguilar	Stanley Anderson	<b>George Apodaca</b>	Manuel Aranda
<b>Rodolfo Barrera</b>	Ronald Caeton	Frank Guerra	Tommy Gualco
Eugene Hernandez	Julio Labrado	<b>Harold Martinez</b>	Daniel Nieto
<b>Vernon Perry</b>	Robert Preciado	<b>Freddie Sanchez</b>	Edward Soto
<b>Billy Tanaka</b>	Felix Ybarra	Olivia Aranda	Phyllis Faria
Emilda Dominguez	<b>Elizabeth Flores</b>	Cora Garcia	Alice Moreno



F. Lagomarsino  
Anita Apodaca

Esther Renteria  
Vera Dominguez

**Carol Hocking**  
Rita Cicairos

**Anne Wada**  
Lupe Bueno

The Alvarado Boys played Tennyson Boys hardball on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Alvarado won 2 to 1.  
The Alvarado Girls played the Irvington Girls softball on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Alvarado won 12 to 8.  
***The Alvarado Pioneer, May 7, 1948***

### **Addie Kelly Back in Town:**

Mrs. Addie Kelley, and mother Mrs. Jesse Kelly, her sister Emma Kelly, brother and sister-in-law Mr. & Mrs. Art Kelly and her daughter Ellamae, have just returned from a trip to Arizona and south of the border. They visited a brother, Bert Kelly of Bisbee, whom Mama Kelly has not seen for twenty years. It was a happy meeting for the family.

They spent a few days with their brother enjoying his company. They all went for a ride to see the Huachuca Mountains where their father was prospector, and to see the beautiful mountain region where they used to roam and walk five miles to school. They also found the big oak tree on Miller Canyon where they lived and found a big sign on the tree, which was named for them, Kelly Oak. They also visited Cananea, south of the border, and an old mining town where their dad was superintendent for many years. They went to Nogales where they bought many beautiful souvenirs.

They motored to Mexicali and to Bataques where they visited their uncle and many cousins whom they had never met before. They were greeted with a lovely dance given in their honor at the schoolhouse, serenaded by beautiful string music for the enjoyment of the vast throng gathered to honor them.

A most delicious barbecue, and good old Mexican liquid refreshment. They had a wonderful time and enjoyed the trip in their 1948 Buick, which Mr. Kelly received a month ago after waiting two years.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, May 7, 1948***

### **News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Cosso of Oakland have moved to their ranch on the Alvarado-Niles Road. He is the son of Mrs. Lena Cosso of Oakland and brother of Florence Cerruti of Alvarado.

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rocha of the Alvarado-Niles Road entertained friends from Oakland and San Leandro recently.

Mr. & Mrs. V. Bettencourt motored to Los Angeles over the weekend.

Mr. & Mrs. I. Orsetti are the proud owners of a new auto.

Norman Mello, son of Mr. & Mrs. K. Mello, has been on crutches for the past few months. We wish him a speedy recovery for he has been under medical care for over a year.

Jack Wayne Castro had his 6<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrated Thursday evening. Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Harvey, Mr. & Mrs. Serpahine Caldeira and daughter Joyce, and his parents, Mr. & Mrs. John Castro and Jo-Anne and Marianne Castro made a happy event with gifts and refreshments.

Norman Mello, son of Mr. & Mrs. K. Mello, has been on crutches for the past few months. We wish him a speedy recovery for he has been under medical care for over a year.

While Mr. & Mrs. Larry Hollinger were shopping in the Alvarado Produce Market, they called for their little son David, but he had disappeared. Aldina Andrade went outside to look for him and found him in the rest room. He had closed the door and couldn't get out. Little did baby David know they were all searching for him.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, May 7, 1948***

### **Classified Ad:**

FOR RENT:

Duplex in Alvarado. Adults and no pets. Two bedrooms and garage.  
Mrs. Antone Santos, Alvarado. Phone Alvarado 110W  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 7, 1948*

**Sugar:**

The Alvarado Plant of the Holly Sugar Co. is ready to begin operations Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, according to the announcement of Superintendent John A Ratekin. Persons who were employed at the plant last year and are interested in employment there again are urged by Ratekin to contact the office immediately.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 7, 1948*

**Eagles:**

Walter W. Texeira has been elected President of the Alvarado Aerie of Eagles and will be installed with his staff in joint ceremonies with the auxiliary in June. Other new officers are: Arthur A. Soito, Vice President; Raymond W. Cunha, Chaplain; C. W. Baird, Treasurer; Edward A. Silva, Conductor; Ernest A. Quadros, Inside Guard; Tony Dutra, Outside Guard; Joseph S. Martin, Trustee; Dr. W. L. McWhirter, Physician.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 10, 1948*

**Post Office Property Sold:**

Frank Vargas and his wife, Mary Diaz Vargas, are the purchasers of the Alvarado Post Office property and the adjoining corner house in a really estate transaction just completed. Mr. Vargas is the son-in-law of D. Diaz, who owns business property on Levee Street nearby. Already the grounds around the house are being improved and the garden is being fixed up.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Vargas reside in a nice cottage on the property of D. Diaz, located in the space in the rear of Nova's Bi-Rite Market on Levee Street. No plans have been announced for the new purchase, but we might suggest a new post office building for such an up-and-coming town and such progressive people as Postmaster Genevieve Dutra and assistant Alice Menezes.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 14, 1948*

**Beverly Spurlock's Alvarado News:**

The Girls Scouts of Troop 67 met at the Alvarado Grammar School on May 5<sup>th</sup> under the leadership of Mrs. George Hocking and Mrs. Graydon Spurlock. The girls worked on First Aid in connection with their second badges.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 14, 1948*

**Carol Hocking's Alvarado News:**

Alvarado Boy's Softball Teams Play Newark:

The Alvarado Boys team played the Newark Boys team in a softball game on Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. The boys who played for Alvarado were:

A Team:

Daniel Nieto	Billy Tanaka	Stanley Anderson	Rodolfo Barrera
Manuel Aranda	Frank Guerra	Julio Moreno	George Apodaca
George Cicairos	Vernon Perry		

Score:	Alvarado "A" Team	4
	Newark "A" Team	4

B Team:

Freddy Sanchez	Harold Martinez	Eugene Hernandez	Felix Ybarra
Julio Labrado	Raul Villareal	Mike Leon	Rodney Hendricks
Antoine Rigmaiden	Salvador Barrera		

Score:	Alvarado "B" Team	9
	Newark "B" Team	9

Newark will come to Alvarado next week to play off the tie.

Mrs. Culbertson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade teacher at the Alvarado Elementary School, spent the weekend in Sacramento with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. J.C. Jansen.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade of the Alvarado Elementary School will soon start a unit on Science under the direction of Miss Patricia Renz, their teacher.

On Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, the Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. Frances R. Robie.

On Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, the children of St. Anne's Catholic Church will take First Holy Communion. The following children will participate:

Manuel Garcia	Richard Lopez	Joseph Martinez	Richard Pinto
Angel Ledesma	Ronald Andrade	Frank Angelo	Frank Soto
Thomas Villegas	Cruz Figueroa	Reyes Garcia	Marshall Garcia
Martha Medina	Cruz Aranda	Mariam Moreno	Rosemarie Alvarez
Patricia Vargas	Myrna Dutra	Christine Rangel	Nora Moreno
Madeline Labrado	Nancy Conrad		

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 21, 1948*

#### **News Notes:**

**Mary Paniagua**, assistant at the Alvarado Branch of Central Bank, has been honored by being made a Notary Public. Give her some work folks.

Mr. & Mrs. George Lucas of Alvarado and a party of friends went to see the play "Oklahoma" on Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. & Mrs. Graydon **Spurlock** and children, **Beverly** and Darryl, of Alvarado spent Saturday and Sunday in Chico.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 21, 1948*

#### **Beverly Spurlock's News Notes:**

Miss Jeanette Goularte is recovering from a very serious and painful burn on the face that she received when attempting a poison oak cure.

Mr. & Mrs. McLain and their daughter Lorraine have moved to the home formerly occupied by John Castro on Beard Road. The McLain's have lived for the last three years in one of the Varni cottages on Smith Street.

Mr. & Mrs. Emilio Re and Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Bettencourt enjoyed a very pleasant evening last Saturday in San Francisco. The couples had dinner at Fisherman's Wharf, then attended several night spots in which they celebrated the Re's wedding anniversary.

Bill Machado of Alvarado had his homer pigeon come in first place on Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup> in the flight of the Alvarado Homer Pigeon Club. The flight was from Redding to Alvarado, a distance of 200 miles. Eddie Vargas took second and Tony Vargas took third.

**Mary Paniagua** returned home yesterday from Alameda Hospital after having a minor operation. We hope to see her back at Central Bank in very soon.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 21, 1948*

#### **School Board Trustee:**

Wilbert Hendricks, candidate for the Alvarado School Board opening who was running unopposed, received 25 votes and was declared winner of the seat.

*The Hayward Daily Review, May 22, 1948*

#### **Chamber of Commerce:**

At the last meeting of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, arrangements were made to buy permanent decoration for Alvarado streets. The first use of these will be made on July 4<sup>th</sup> when the celebration of the **Filipino Community** will bring people from two counties to Alvarado for a parade and a big Philippine Independence observance.

The fine thing about these colorful streamers is that they will extend from one side of the street to the other and will become the permanent property of the Chamber.

The businessmen are right behind it, and chairman of the committee Frank P. George has assigned a representative to each business block to get donations from merchants. Joe, Perez, in charge of one block, speaks in glowing terms of the cooperation the merchants gave him, giving him a total of around \$115. The total bill is to be around \$375 for the streamers, which are very colorful and a big credit to any community.

As the autos come at a high rate of speed from the direction of Oakland as they approach the curve, which is often hard to see clearly when traffic is heavy, it is thought that the 25-mile-an-hour sign of the State should be moved a couple of hundred feet farther west. The approaching cars could have warning sooner this way. The State Highway Department has been contacted on this suggestion.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 28, 1948*

**News Notes:**

Several Alvarado people attended the third dance revue put on at Bret Harte School in Hayward. Among the children from Alvarado were Myrna Jean Dutra, Billie Harper, and **Beverly Spurlock**. Gilbert Cicairos and Joseph Lewis are members of the L&V Farm Sales Baseball team.

Troop 67 of the Girl Scouts are really working hard to finish up their work for their second-class badges. At the last meeting the girls gave a farewell party for Jean Conrad who recently moved to Castro Valley.

The Alvarado Homing Pigeon Club held their race from Dunsmuir on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The winners were are follows:

<u>OWNER</u>	<u>PIGEON NAME</u>	<u>SPEED (YARDS PER MINUTE)</u>
Bill Machado	Follow Me	1,106.63
Ed Vargas	Black Jack	1,108.90
Tony Vargas	Posty	1,106.63
Alfred Silva	Windy	1,106.45
Melvin Silva	Peterbuilt	1,104.90
George Vargas	Coming Up	1,085.40

At the last meeting two new members were accepted, Elvin Rose and John Sanchez.

Miss Magdaline Mendoza of San Lorenzo will be honored at a dance held in the Queen Contest of the **Filipino Community** at Alvarado on Saturday evening, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Emily Sacramento has worked very conscientiously to make this queen contest a success. She is in charge of the queen contest and she deserves all our support.

Mrs. Alden Chamness was the honored guest to a stork shower given by Mrs. Francis L. Silva at her home on the Hop Ranch Road May 19<sup>th</sup>. Guests for the afternoon were Mrs. Lee Frates, Decoto; Mrs. Agnes Pavso, Hayward; Mrs. Mary C. Ray, and Mrs. Rose Peixoto, Centerville; Mrs. Harold Faria, Mrs. Venia Enos, Miss Loretta Faria, Mrs. Adeline Faria, Mrs. Henrietta Nunes, Mrs. Mayme Flores and Mrs. Helen Goularte of Alvarado Niles Road; Mrs. Clara Souza, Mrs. Mary Lopes and Mrs. Hilda Allegre, and Mrs. Margaret Gellerman, all of Hop Ranch Road. Mrs. Beatrice Frates, Mrs. Tessie Maciel and Mrs. Emma Faria, all of Alvarado Niles Road were unable to attend.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 28, 1948*

**Beverly Spurlock's Alvarado News:**

The small daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Rego fell on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> and received two bad cuts requiring several stitches in each.

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Rego and two children from San Lorenzo Village have purchased the Varni home formerly occupied by the Joseph Pimentel's and are making their home there. Alvarado wishes to extend a welcome to these people.

Alvarado people taking part in the program at Washington High School gymnasium on the "I Am an American" Day program were Manuel Goularte and Marjorie Re in the Chamarita Group and Mr. & Mrs. George Hocking, Mr. & Mrs. N.E. Click and Mr. & Mrs. H.G. Spurlock in the Folk Dancing Group. A large crowd was in attendance and everyone had reported a good time.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, May 28, 1948***

#### **License to Marry:**

Harold Delgado, Decoto

Delores Hernandez, Alvarado

***The Oakland Tribune, May 30, 1948***

#### **Duck Club Broken Into:**

The burglary of dishes, pictures and mirrors from a duck clubhouse on the Alvarado marshes was reported to the sheriff's department yesterday. Henry Heitmuller, who reported the burglary, said the thieves pried open the front door and took the goods valued at \$75 sometime during the past week. Items of hunting equipment were left untouched, he said.

***The Hayward Daily Review, June 1, 1948***

#### **UPPEC:**

Newly elected and installed officers of the UPPEC Council Bernice No. 131 of Alvarado are: **Mabel Rogers**, President; Jean Rose, Vice President; Martha Faria, Secretary; Alice Menezes, Treasurer; Angie Vargas, Mistress of Ceremonies; Mae Fields, Marshall; Clara Belle Silva, Guard; Anna Hendricks, Helen Goularte and Irene Dutra, Directors; Elvamae Rose, Pianist; and W.L. McWhirter, Doctor. Mrs. Mamie Martin was appointed as Dean. Ex-President's appointment went to Mrs. Mae Santos.

The general committee was composed of the following people from Alvarado: **Jessie L. Perry**, Esther Sobral, Mae P. Machado, Mary E. Costa, Mary E. Medina, Mary Borges and **Mabel Rogers**; Mary I. Lewis of San Lorenzo, Margaret Geminayni and Mary V. Caldeira of Centerville, and Mary C. Ramalho of Santa Maria.

The choral group which entertained during the evening included Anna Cardoza, Minnie Ramos, Alympia Perry, **Jessie L. Perry** and Carole B. Kelly.

***The Hayward Daily Review, June 1, 1948***

#### **Bus Schedule:**

Peerless Stages announces a new schedule. There will be eight southbound and six northbound stages that will stop daily at Alvarado between Oakland and San Jose. Additionally there will be an 8:47 p.m. bus northbound from Alvarado. The new schedule will begin operation on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

***The Oakland Tribune, June 3, 1948.***

#### **Carol Hocking's Alvarado News Notes:**

##### **Alvarado School Graduation:**

On Monday evening, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m., the Alvarado Elementary School is going to have its graduation. There will be 29 graduates.

Three plays will be given: "What a Night," by the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade; "They Found Gold in California," also by the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade; and "Wild Cat Willie Takes a Tumble," by the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grades.

County Supt. Of Schools Vaughn Seidel will give an address, and **George Hocking**, a Grammar School Trustee, will award the diplomas to the graduates.

"What a Night" by the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Cast of characters:

Joyce	<b>Elizabeth Flores</b>
Ted	Freddy Sanchez
Carol	<b>Carol Hocking</b>
Charles	Harold Martinez
Gene	Billy Tanaka
Marie	Tumijo Hisaoka
Bob	Rodolfo Barrera
Harry	Donald Faria
Joe	Eugene Hernandez
Alice	Jeanette Lagomarsino
Jay	Stanley Anderson
Steve	George Apodaca
First Tramp	Julio Labrado
Second Tramp	Daniel Nieto
Sheriff	Felix Ybarra
Deputy	Frank Guerra
Nancy	<b>Emilda Dominguez</b>

"They Found Gold in California" by the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Cast of characters:

Old Timer	Ronald Caeton
Mary	Phyllis Faria
Bill	Donald Faria
Sutter	Stanley Anderson
Indian Chief	Eddie Soto
Marshall	Robert Preciado
Weinar	Manuel Aranda
Bigler	Tommy Gualco
Henrietta	<b>Olivia Aranda</b>
Sama	Esther Renteria
The Clerk	<b>Alice Moreno</b>

"Wildcat Willie Take a Tumble" given by the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grades

Cast of Characters:

Wildcat Willie	Melvin Pimentel
Gladys	Delores Silva
Mrs. Wilkins	Angie Preciado
Joe	Antoine Rigmaiden
Vernon	Rodney Hendricks
Angel	Elaine Hocking
Marcella	<b>Anne Wada</b>
Dr. Coleman	Sadako Kurotori

28 Graduates:

Stanley Anderson	George Apodaca	Manuel Aranda	<b>Olivia Aranda</b>
Rodolfo Barrera	Ronald Caeton	<b>Emilda Dominguez</b>	Donald Faria
Phyllis Faria	<b>Elizabeth Flores</b>	Tommy Gualco	Cora Garcia
Frank Guerra	Eugene Hernandez	Tumijo Hisaoka	<b>Carol Hocking</b>
Julio Labrado	<b>Jeanette Lagomarsino</b>	Harold Martinez	<b>Alice Moreno</b>

David Nieto  
Esther Renteria

Vernon Perry  
Edward Soto

Robert Preciado  
Billy Tanaka

Freddy Sanchez  
Felix Ybarra

### **Alvarado Student Body Nomination of Officers:**

On Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, the Alvarado Elementary school Student Body nominated new officers as follows:

President:	Antoine Rigmaiden	George Cicairos	Raul Villareal
Vice-President:	Rosaura Barrera	Julio Moreno	Mike Leon
Secretary:	<b>Anita Apodaca</b>	Angie Preciado	<b>Anne Wada</b>
Treasury:	Sadako Kurotori	<b>Natalie Cicairos</b>	Angie Preciado
News Reporter:	Marlene Andrade	Marjorie Best	<b>Anne Wada</b>
Judge:	Raul Villareal	George Cicairos	Julio Moreno
Clerk:	<b>Natalie Cicairos</b>	Rosaura Barrera	<b>Anita Apodaca</b>
Sgt-At-Arms:	Salvador Barrera	Julio Moreno	Judy Rontal
District Attorney:	Salvador Barrera	Andrew Pimentel	Rod Hendricks
Ass't Dis Attorney:	Salvador Barrera	Andrew Pimentel	
Parliamentarian	Antoine Rigmaiden	Salvador Barrera	Mervin Pinto
Athletic Monitor:	Melvin Pimentel	Mike Leon	Tony Mata
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Rep:	Yoshio Kamiji	Maas Hisaoka	
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Rep:	<b>Elaine Hocking</b>	Marlene Andrade	Frank Corrales
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Rep:	Jeanie Cheng	Joyce Caldeira	Tony Mata
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Rep:	Arnold Hernandez	Isabel Hendrickson	Rueben Lopez
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Rep:	Will be elected next year.		

The ballot committee is Freddy Sanchez, chairman. His committee is comprised of: Eugene Hernandez, Donald Faria, **Elizabeth Flores**, Jeanette Lagomarsino and Esther Renteria.

Mr. & Mrs. George Vargas of Alvarado spent the weekend in Seacliff fishing. I can vouch that they caught some fish.

Mr. N.E. Click, of the teaching staff of the Alvarado Grammar School, has been elected to the position of principal of the Mission San Jose Elementary School.

The Ladies Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. Margaret Fyffe on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

The 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades went on a field trip to the Mission.

Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Vargas, **Jeanette Lagomarsino** and Phyllis Faria spent Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, at the home of Mrs. Vargas' parents, Mr. & Mrs. Costello of Ashland.

Darryl Spurlock of Alvarado celebrated his fourth birthday on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Those present were Mr. & Mrs. H.G. Spurlock, his parents; Beverly Spurlock, his sister; **Mr. & Mrs. George H. Hocking** and daughters **Carol** and **Elaine**.

Four schools participated in the volleyball tournament at Decoto Elementary School on June 1<sup>st</sup>, Alvarado, Decoto, Centerville and Irvington schools participated. Centerville took first place and Alvarado took second place. The girls from Alvarado who played were:

<b>Elizabeth Flores</b>	<b>Emilda Dominguez</b>	<b>Olivia Aranda</b>	<b>Alice Moreno</b>
<b>Anne Wada</b>	<b>Anita Apodaca</b>	<b>Natalie Cicairos</b>	Rita Cicairos

**Jeanette Lagomarsino**

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 4, 1948*

### **News Notes:**

Mrs. Sophie Hernandez gave a miscellaneous shower for her niece, Miss Dolores Hernandez on May 30<sup>th</sup> at the IDES Hall in Alvarado. Miss Hernandez will marry Harold Delgado.

Chester Stanley was re-elected Supervisor for our district. Alvarado voted 292 in favor of Chester Stanley versus 128 in favor of Sam Ray.

In local school trustee voting we found that Frank Duarte defeated Frank L. Pimentel in the Alviso district for Manuel Abreu's vacated spot. In Alvarado, Wilbert Hendricks was re-elected as trustee and was running without opposition.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 4, 1948*

### **New Store in Alvarado:**

That beautiful green modernistic building, which was just finished by Naharro in Alvarado will be the center of much excitement today and tomorrow, Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, as Mr. & Mrs. Peterman will have their gala opening of Peterman's 5 & 10 Store. The new store will hum with busy people as the Peterman's open their stock of over 10,000 lines of goods and put them before the public.

A load of gardenias was bought from Florence Porter of Centerville, and a gift of a gardenia will be given to each woman present at the opening. For the children balloons will be given.

The slanting glass appearance of this new building on Levee St., across from the Central Bank in Alvarado is just a small item in the very modernistic furniture of the building. Fluorescent lighting will brighten up the inside, which is furnished with blond and rose colored wood pictures. A pale green colored interior beautifies the inside walls.

Peterman's 5 & 10 Store will specialize in notions, infants and children's wear, cosmetics, complete hardware and household section, magazines, drugs, candy and ice cream, and very complete toy department.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 4, 1948*

### **Alviso School Graduates:**

Mrs. Elsie Madruga, Principal. Graduates: Marlene Peek, Alice Gerrard, George Harvey, Vondell Mings, Sara Almanza, Marvin Hermosa, Elaine Dias, June Novo and Leroy Faria.

*The Township Register, Niles Calif., June 4, 1948*

### **Sugar:**

The sugar beet acreage in the area that supplies the Holly Sugar Mill at Alvarado will be almost 14% greater this year than in 1947, according to A. J. Ratekin, Superintendent of the mill.

*The Hayward Daily Review, June 4, 1948*

### **News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. A.C. Bettencourt, of the Alviso district, celebrated their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary recently at the home of their eldest daughter.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 18, 1948*

### **Robert Perez:**

Chief Radio Communications Officer on the giant passenger ship "The Lurline," which plies between San Francisco and the Hawaiian Islands is an Alvarado young man. He is Robert M Perez, son of Mrs. Addie Kelly, well-known Alvarado business lady and owner of Kelly's Place, 1051 Watkins Street.

The Lurline used to be an Army Transport making about the same 'run' to the islands. Two or three weeks ago on a trip of the Lurline with passengers from Honolulu, Robert Perez met Admiral Nimitz of Navy fame. When he docked in San Francisco a huge celebration was held for Nimitz.

Robert has brought renown on not only his hometown of Alvarado, where he went to Grammar School, but to Washington Union High School and later Hayward Union High School. His war record is something to be proud of. He was an aviator in the dangerous mission undertaken by the Flying Tigers flying transport planes to feed China over the mountain ranges.

Again, in qualifying for the job of Chief Communication Officer of the Lurline, he was the only one who qualified for the job. He has \$500,000 equipment under his control.



*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 18, 1948*

**Madeline Rocha's Alvarado News:**

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Flores of Alvarado are spending their vacation in Santa Cruz.

Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Middough and son of Newark spent Wednesday with Madeline Rocha of Alvarado-Niles Road.

**Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rocha**, of the Alvarado-Niles Road, motored to Big Basin and Santa Cruz Sunday the Battelini's of San Leandro.

Mr. & Mrs. George Vargas of Alvarado are enjoying two-weeks vacation in Canada.

Pauline Silva of Alvarado spent Wednesday with Mary G. Amaral of Hayward.

Ronald Andrade of Alvarado was playing in his backyard and noticed Manuel Amaral's barley on fire. Ronald called for help just in time to save the barley.

The following attended the barbecue at Silva's Belgien in Crow's Canyon. Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Costa,

**Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rocha**, and Mr. & Mrs. Joe Terra of Alvarado-Niles Road, all from Alvarado

Manuel J. Andrade of Alvarado Produce Market, his son Elmer, and employee Gilbert Cicairos, attended the Standard Oil Show Monday at Don's in Dublin.

Mr. & Mrs. George Santos of Alvarado are the proud owners of a new Wedgewood stove.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 25, 1948*

**Beverly Spurlock's Alvarado News:**

Mrs. Eldora Pinto, our Alvarado Librarian, reports that she has several new books in the library just sent out from the Main Library in Oakland. Come on by and check them out.

Mrs. N.E. Click has been on the sick list for the past week, but is now much better.

Mr. C.A. Peterman owner of the 5¢ & 10¢ Variety Store in Alvarado has announced that he is to take over the other half of the new building on Levee Street across from the Central Bank to enable him to enlarge his store and expand his business. The public is invited to come in on Monday June 21<sup>st</sup> and see the new enlarged store with the new departments.

Mr. Bill Silva who operates the Shell Station on Highway 17 really is a friend to the kids in Alvarado. He will paint anyone's bicycle tires or repair a flat free of charge for them, so any boy or girl who owns a bicycle and is interested in preserving the life of the tires can go to him for a free tire paint job.

Many residents of Alvarado are pleased with the installation of the new dial telephones in their homes. The telephones cannot be used at present but we are assured that they will be in use by the middle August or the first of September by the latest.

Vacation Bible School opened on June 21<sup>st</sup> at the Presbyterian Church in Alvarado with Mrs. Ethel Roberts in charge of the group. Mrs. Roberts is a missionary who is sent out here by the Missionary Board of the Presbyterian Church in Oakland and is well trained to work with the children. She also conducts a Bible Class once a week the year around for the children.

Jesse Jacinto Jr., who is playing with the Seals with practice headquarters in Clovis, New Mexico, is with his team on a 9-day trip playing towns around Clovis. Jess is the smallest man on his team. His club is in third place.

Our Fire Chief, Anthony J. Vargas, reports that the volunteer firemen are going through their summer exercises. He reports that for some time now there has been no excitement around here and we shall keep our fingers crossed in the hopes that there isn't.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 25, 1948*

**News Notes:**

Alvarado will soon have a permanent doctor who is going to open offices in the Alvarado Theater building on V Street, off Levee. Dr. Leon R. Rudnick, just out of the Army, will open his office on

or about July 1<sup>st</sup>. He will be the only doctor in Alvarado and will go general practice. Alvarado extends its gratitude to Dr. Rudnick for bringing his practice to their town.

Sixteen ultra-modern Aero coaches have just been added to the Peerless Stages System to better serve their customers. Your local agent for exact times of departure and arrival in Alvarado is F. Paredes at the Alvarado Hotel, Phone 28W.

The Filipino Queen for the forthcoming Fourth of July celebration to be held at Alvarado was named last Saturday evening. She is Rosemarie Tejada of Decoto. Here are the contestants:

Rosemarie Tejada	Decoto	\$1,416.35
Rosie Escalano	Irvington	\$1,294.05
Betty Dijos	Pleasanton	\$ 945.28
Helen Agraviador	Hayward	\$ 930.74
Magdalena Mendoza	San Lorenzo	\$ 861.95

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 25, 1948*

#### **Henry D. Heitmuller Dies:**

Henry D. Heitmuller, 67, of Oakland, died Friday in Alvarado at the home of his sister-in-law, Miss Mildred Nauert. His wife, Oscarna P. Nauert Heitmuller, survives him. Mr. Heitmuller was a star outfielder in the Pacific Coast League, playing for Seattle, Oakland and Los Angeles in the early 1900's. He was the manager of a San Francisco Tool Company. Mrs. Heitmuller, an Alvarado native, was the daughter of C. Nauert, manager of the George H. Tay Stove Foundry plant in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 29, 1948*

#### **Mrs. T.P. Harvey Dies:**

Mrs. Elizabeth Hebbner Harvey died suddenly Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, at a San Jose hospital. Mrs. Harvey was the wife of Mr. Theodore Perkins Harvey of Alvarado, she was 37 years old. She leaves a son, Robert I. Harvey and two daughters Sarah Sue and Patricia Ann Harvey.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 2, 1948*

#### **News Note:**

Mrs. Nora Vargas and Mrs. Geraldine Cunha joined with Mrs. Mae Williams and Mrs. Jessie Murphy of Hayward on a motor trip to Alum Park Wednesday to attend the annual picnic of the Alvarado Home Center Department. Each of the four women reported having a most enjoyable time.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 2, 1948*

#### **Chamber of Commerce:**

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce has petitioned the Alameda County Board of Supervisors requesting a portion of 18<sup>th</sup> Street be taken into the county road system.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 3, 1948*

#### **Alvarado Man Slain:**

Emma Kelly, 48, of 1015 Watkins Street, Alvarado, was being held for questioning today by sheriffs officers in the death of Efren Placencia, 25, a laborer, who died from a stab wound Sunday. The woman, Placencia's common-law wife, told officers she discovered Placencia with the knife in his chest in their trailer home behind Kelly's Pool Hall in Alvarado. She was sitting in the pool hall shortly before 8:30 p.m. when she heard Placencia call her from the trailer, "Emma come here," she stated. Going in the trailer, she found Placencia standing near the bed holding the knife to his chest. She called the sheriffs.

Patron's of Kelly's told officers that Placencia had entered the pool hall shortly before 8:00 p.m. saying he had been involved in a fight at an Alvarado tavern shortly before. After staying in the poolroom for a few minutes he left in the direction of his trailer. Charles Marquand, Proprietor of Nellie's Place at 1235 Centerville Hiway, Alvarado, told deputies Placencia had entered his

establishment shortly before 8:00 p.m. in an "aggressive mood," and had started a fight with another patron before leaving.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 6, 1948*

### **Filipino Independence Day:**

Hayward City Councilman Carlos Bee would like to know what he said over an Oakland radio station and to an audience of 1,000 Filipino's at Alvarado last Sunday.

A frantic call from Alvarado told him that the Filipino community there had a giant celebration under way, and that the Mayor of Hayward had not appeared to crown the beauty queen or to give a talk. Bee was begged to fill in the gap.

"As soon as I got there, I was told I was to give a ten-minute speech, and would go on the air in exactly one minute."

Bee was cautioned by the radio station representative not to say anything political. Bee said he still wonders what he said. "I didn't even know for sure what the Filipino's were celebrating," he confessed afterwards. Actually, they were celebrating their own Independence Day. America's grant of freedom to the Philippines became effective July 4, 1946.

It was later learned that the Mayor of Hayward had taken an unannounced fishing trip.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 7, 1948*

### **MSJ Principal Former Alvarado Teacher:**

Nathan E. Click has recently been named Principal of Mission San Jose Elementary School. Mr. Click has most recently taught the past two years at Alvarado Grammar School. He is also the Vice Junior Commander of the Alvarado Paul Rivers Post of the VFW.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 9, 1948*

### **Truck Spills Load:**

Three persons escaped with minor injuries yesterday afternoon when a truck loaded with drums of oil overturned, striking a parked car at the intersection of Horner Street and Marsh Road in Alvarado. Two of the injured were involved when the drums rolled out of the truck and into a garage, striking two of the men in the garage's office.

The injured were Elmer Charles Sylvester, 23, of Santa Maria, driver of the truck, and Manuel V. Machado, and Charles Baird, 64, both of Alvarado. Sylvester told police he was driving south through Alvarado and approaching a curve when a car suddenly drove in front of him, forcing him to swerve his truck. As the truck turned, the load of oil drums shifted, causing the truck to overturn and strike a parked car. The oil drums then became loose and crashed through the office of Machado and Baird.

*The Oakland Tribune July 11, 1948*

### **Alameda County Fair:**

Judging the local area growers in the lettuce division of vegetables:

Imperial Lettuce: J. Lagorio, Centerville, 1<sup>st</sup> Prize; Alvarado Vegetable Growers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize.

Iceberg Lettuce: Levy Zentner, San Leandro, 1<sup>st</sup> Prize.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 13, 1948*

### **Antone Davilla Dies:**

Funeral rites for Antone Davilla will be held at All Saint's Church in Hayward and entombment will be in Holy Sepulcher Cemetery. Mr. Davilla is husband to Mrs. Mary Davilla and Father to Mrs. Isabelle Menezes, Mrs. Clara Jacinto, Mrs. Mae Santos, Mrs. Genevieve P. Dutra and Morris Davilla, all of Alvarado. He was a native of St. George, Azores.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 14, 1948*

**Train Accident:**

Three persons suffered minor injuries at 9:30 a.m. this morning when the car driven by Foro Olivencia, of Decoto drove into the side of a Western Pacific train at the Whipple Road crossing. All the victims were taken to Fairmont Hospital to be treated for abrasions and shock. The two listed as injured besides the driver was: Natalie Cicairos, 12 and her sister Rosalie Cicairos, 10, both of Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, July 19, 1948*

**Fire In Alvarado School:**

The Alvarado Grammar School was set afire sheriffs officers reported yesterday. Sheriff's Detective John Sheehan reported that the damage caused by the school fire to be estimated at \$15,000, appeared to be a case of arson, apparently the work of boys. Firemen were forced to don gas masks to fight it. Sheehan and firemen found remnants of sparklers in the second grade classroom, where the fire was discovered by a Hayward painter who happened to be there doing a paint job estimate. The intense blaze blistered walls, burned through the floor and caused extensive heat damage. Firemen said it may have smoldered for hours as the windows had been tightly closed.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 18, 1948*

**News Note:**

Joseph Martin of Alvarado has been chosen as the new head of the 14<sup>th</sup> District Council, Fraternal Order of Eagles.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 26, 1948*

**State to Resurface Parts of Hiway 17:**

New surfacing and better shoulders will be put on 6.7 miles of the State Hiway from San Leandro through San Lorenzo to Centerville. The work is in various sections. Part will be in front of the Centerville High School ([Washington Union High School](#)). The next portion begins just north of Centerville and will run to within one mile of Alvarado. The next covers a section between Mt. Eden and San Lorenzo. The remainder is all within San Leandro City limits.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 29, 1948*

**Classified Ad:**

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES:

Grocery, off sale beer and wine, with living quarters, \$500 plus inventory.

1000 Levee Street, Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, July 29, 1948*

**New Arrival:**

To the wife of Victor Huerta, 1104 V Street Alvarado, a daughter, Janie Saucedo, July 28<sup>th</sup>.

*The Hayward Daily Review, August 2, 1948*

**Drill Stolen:**

An electric drill valued at \$25 was reported missing from a service station at 975 Levee Street in Alvarado. Jeffrey Wolfington of Hayward, the service station attendant, said he was using the drill Monday night and left it in front of the service station after finishing the job. He stated that he found the drill missing when he returned yesterday morning.

*The Hayward Daily Review, August 4, 1948*

**Mrs. Julia Dominguez Dies:**

Mrs. Julia Ramirez Dominguez, 48, a resident of Alvarado for 13 years, died at her home on "V" Street and was given final rites today. She was the wife of Guadalupe Dominguez and the mother of Lupe, Salvador, Emalda, and Elvira Dominguez, all of Alvarado. She was a native of Mexico.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 5, 1948*

**Eagles:**

Joe Martin of Alvarado, new president of the East Bay Eagles Council, will preside at a meeting of that organization in Hayward on Wednesday night. The Alvarado Lodge will be the host.  
*The Oakland Tribune, August 9, 1948*

**New Arrival:**

Born to the wife of Joe Cruz Hernandez of 1011 Levee Street Alvarado, a daughter, Guadelupe Tachiguin, on August 8<sup>th</sup>.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, August 17, 1948*

**Eagles:**

Joe Martin of Alvarado, new President of the East Bay Council of Eagles, will preside at a meeting of the organization to be held at the Eagles Hall in Alvarado.  
*The Oakland Tribune, August 20, 1948*

**Youths Apprehended:**

Questioning of four so-called "pachucos," apprehended near Alvarado last night in the connection with the investigation of two battery and robbery complaints, continued today. This morning the quartet signed a confession to the beating of Walter J. Hendrickson, 36, of Alvarado on August 14<sup>th</sup> in which Hendrickson's wallet and \$5 were taken.

The four youths, ranging in age from 17 to 20, were picked up the intersection of Alquire Road and Nursery (Alvarado-Niles) Road last night by sheriff's deputies from Hayward. They are being questioned in regard to the robbery beating of Juan Martinez, 52, of Alvarado, which occurred in Alvarado on July 31<sup>st</sup>. All four youths are from Decoto.  
*The Hayward Daily Review, August 28, 1948*

**Man Beaten and Robbed:**

Four youths are being held in connection with a robbery and beating August 14<sup>th</sup> of an Alvarado man, Walter J. Hendrickson, 36, of 1017 V Street, Alvarado. The four youths range in age from 17 to 20 years of age and all are from Decoto. Mr. Hendrickson lost \$8 and a shoe heel, which the robbers mistook for a wallet.  
*The Oakland Tribune, August 29, 1948*

**News Note:**

Guadalupe Beltran, 27, of Alvarado received a fractured left leg when his motorcycle and a car driven by Tony Ramos of Decoto collided in Decoto. Beltran's passenger, Santa Cicairos, 12, of Alvarado was uninjured.  
*The Oakland Tribune, September 1, 1948*

**Marriage License:**

Norman Silveira, Alvarado  
Bernice Homen, Newark  
*The Hayward Daily Review, September 3, 1948*

**Alviso Grammar School Students:**

1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades: Edith I. Wasley, Teacher

<u>Student Name:</u>	<u>Age:</u>	<u>Parent Name:</u>
Miss Joanne Accinelli	7	John Accinelli
Richard Alberti	6	Alfred A. Alberti
Miss Antoinette Alvarez	5	Norberto Alvarez
Miss Margie Alvarez	8	Norberto Alvarez
Miss Beverly Anast		
Miss Marlene Azevedo	6	Manuel Azevedo
Harold Bigby	5	Mrs. Fred Bigby
Miss Susanna Bayaca	6	
Manuel Bettencourt Jr.	7	Manuel Bettencourt

Miss Georgia Brown	6	Mrs. Irma Brown
Miss Andalous Cartwright	5	Andrew Cartwright
Miss Albina Cerruti	6	Mrs. Florence Cerruti
Clarence Conley	6	Howard Conley
Charles Davis	6	Mrs. Alice Davis
Anthony Faria	6	Frank Faria Jr.
Miss Joan Fernandez	5	Mrs. Mary Bolivea
David Ferry	6	Reuben Ferry
Bill Hailey	7	Riley Hailey
Miss JoAnne Hailey	5	Riley Hailey
Dale Hall	9	Darwin Hall
Donald Hall	7	Darwin Hall
Clifford Helsel, Jr.	6	Clifford E. Helsel
Miss Emily Kato	7	Ky Kato
Miss Jane Kato	8	Ky Kato
Leroy Luiz	6	Joe A. Luiz
Miss Diane Luiz	5	Mrs. Florence Luiz
Miss Kathleen Madeiros	6	Mrs. Ethel Madeiros
Miss Judith Martin	5	Mrs. Albert Martin
Bruce McCartney	5	Byron McCartney
Gerald McClelland		
Johnny McClelland	6	
Miss Geraldine McClelland		
Jimmy Nunes		James Nunes
Clifford Olson	6	Otto Olson
Leroy Orsetti	9	Mrs. Christina Orsetti
Miss Diane Orsetti	7	Italo Orsetti
Miss Dolores Orsetti	7	Mrs. Christina Orsetti
Paul Orsetti	7	Joseph Orsetti
Miss Pauline Parodi	5	Tom Parodi
Dennis Pimentel	8	Mrs. Delinda Pimentel
Richard Reina	6	Mrs. Remundo Reina
Carl Roderick	5	Joseph Roderick
Joseph Soares Jr.	7	Joseph S. Soares
Bobby Souza	7	George T. Souza
Miss Carolyn Souza	5	George Souza
Miss Kathleen Swoda	7	Tony Swoda
Miss JoAnn Wilkins	7	

***Alviso School Class Listing, September 6, 1948***

**Alviso Grammar School Students:**

4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grades: Marie N. Dutra, Teacher

<u>Student Name:</u>	<u>Age:</u>	<u>Parent Name:</u>
Miss Catherine Accinelli	9	John Accinelli
Miss Shirley Bales	9	Henry Bales
Miss Patty Bettencourt	10	Anthony Bettencourt
Billy Cartwright	9	Andrew Cartwright
Remo Cerruti	10	Remigio Cerruti
Dino Ciarlo	9	Severino Ciarlo
Miss Dorothy Davis	11	Charles Davis
Frankie De Borba	10	Dr. F. De Borba
Joey Dias	12	Joseph Dias
Bob Emery	9	Weston Emery
Miss Gloria Espinola	10	William Espinola

Alvin Faria	8	Frank Faria
George George	12	Lawrence George
Miss Linda Hermosa	10	Victor Hermosa
Gerald McClelland	11	Harvey McClelland
William McClelland	13	Harvey McClelland
Miss Cordelia Mings	10	Frank Mings
Jimmy Nunes	9	James Nunes
Miss Judy Obedoza	9	Paul Obedoza
Bobby Orsetti	9	Italo Orsetti
Miss Norma Orsetti	9	Joseph Orsetti
Bobby Parodi	9	Thomas Parodi
Miss Toue Pederson	10	Florian Pederson
Johnny Perry	10	Mrs. Rita Perry
Miss Margaret Reina	10	Antonio Reina
Miss Glenda Silva	9	Victor Silva
Leroy Soito	10	Mrs. Mamie Santos
Deary Sudberry	11	Raymond Sudberry
Miss Falletta Sudberry	8	Raymond Sudberry
Miss Nawannah Sudbury	11	Charles Sudbury
Miss Von Dee Sudberry	9	Charles Sudbury

***Alviso School Class Listing, September 6, 1948***

#### **Drug Bust:**

One man is being held for possession of narcotics and more arrests may follow. Booked in Hayward is Alexander Chavez, 24, of Alvarado, a bartender. He was arrested by police and deputy sheriffs when he attempted to sell a marijuana cigarette in the plaza opposite the Hayward City Hall, police said.

***The Oakland Tribune, September 8, 1948***

#### **Marriage License:**

Norman Earl Andrade, 21, Alvarado

Violet Marie Flower, 16, Hayward

***The Oakland Tribune, September 12, 1948***

#### **Air Crash Near Alvarado:**

Two flyers narrowly escaped death or serious injury late Saturday afternoon when their plane failed to come out of a spin and they pancaked into the Leslie Salt Company's property between Centerville and Alvarado. The pilot, from Transocean Airlines Oakland, was instructing his student how to come out of a spin when the airplane failed to respond to his commands. He was ten feet above water before he brought it into a forced stall and then it pancaked into the water.

The pilot and his student half swam and half waded to shore, where they were picked up by salt company workers and taken to Hayward Hospital.

***The Hayward Daily Review, September 20, 1948***

#### **New Arrival:**

In Hayward, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, to Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert E. Martin, Alvarado, a son, Kenneth Manuel.

***The Daily Review, September 21, 1948***

#### **New Arrival:**

In Hayward, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, born to Mr. & Mrs. Juan Bueno, Alvarado, a son, Jose.

***The Daily Review, September 23, 1948***

#### **News Note:**

Seraphine Daviner of Alvarado is mourning the loss of his mother, Mrs. Maria Emily Daviner of Oakland, who passed away September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

***The Oakland Tribune, September 24, 1948***

**Wedding:**

The wedding of Miss Alice Virginia Young to Walter Star Robie took place at the Hayward Presbyterian Church Friday evening. Miss Young is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Young, of Tennyson Road, and the granddaughter of Mrs. William Jung of Alvarado, a pioneer Alvarado family. Walter Robie is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Russell Robie of Albany, and grandson of Mrs. Walter S. Robie of Alvarado, a pioneer Alvarado family.

*The Daily Review, September 27, 1948*

**Classified Ad:**

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY:

For sale, grocery store in Alvarado, excellent business, meat market, beer & wine license. Clears \$100 A DAY.

See at: 1090 Levee Street, Alvarado, California

Phone: Alvarado 67-J

*The Daily Review, September 28, 1948*

**Auto Accident:**

Melvin Martin, 18, of Niles Road (Mission Blvd) received major injuries in an automobile driven by Frank Freeouf, 16, of Alvarado, when his car collided with another south of Mission San Jose.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 4, 1948*

**Sugar:**

Although field crops throughout the state, including sugar beets, are about two weeks late in maturing this year, J. A. Ratekin, Supt. of the Alvarado Holly Sugar refinery, said today that Holly's factory is capable of producing sugar at such a pace that the season will come to a close in a manner to meet original estimates. Although this year's slicing of sugar beets was completed in July at Holly's big new plant in the Imperial Valley at Carlton, the other four Holly Sugar factories are now at peak production. Holly Sugar operates factories at Hamilton City (near Chico) Tracy, Alvarado, Santa Ana and Carlton.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 5, 1948*

**Dewey-Warren Campaign:**

The Tom Dewey and Earl Warren for President headquarters has been opened in Centerville. The campaign booster for the presidential team in Alvarado is C. W. Baird; Peter Decoto of Alvarado has been named a member of the finance committee.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 7, 1948*

**News Note:**

Following a honeymoon trip, which will take them to Carmel and Los Angeles, Mr. & Mrs. Norman Earl Andrade will greet their friends at their home in Alvarado upon their return. The bride is the former Miss Violet Marie Flower of Hayward.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 8, 1948*

**Last Rites:**

Private funeral services will be held tomorrow for Sgt. Joseph M. Allegre, who was killed in action with the Army in 1943. He was 29 years old at the time of death.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Frances Allegre, brothers Victor and Melvin Allegre, and sisters Angie Vargas and Pauline Silva, all of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 10, 1948*

**Train-Car Collision:**

Donald Ducharme, 37, of Hayward was killed instantly when his car was struck by a southbound Southern Pacific passenger train the Smith Street crossing in Alvarado. The car was carried 300 feet by the impact.



Ducharme had stopped at the tracks to let a switch engine clear the road. There are two sets of tracks at this crossing and Ducharme could not see the passenger train approaching from the opposite direction. When the switch engine cleared the tracks, Ducharme started to cross directly into the path of the oncoming train.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 11, 1948*

### **Alvarado Polling Places:**

Alvarado has been split into three polling places for the presidential election. They are:

Alvarado 1:

Polling Place: The IOOF Hall, Vallejo Street

Inspector: Marguerite Cadero

Judge: Isabel Menezes

Clerks: Anthony J. Vargas, Annie L. Baird

Alvarado 2:

Polling Place: Fire House, Alvarado

Inspector: Mabel M. Rogers

Judge: Mary M. Amaral

Clerks: Mary R. Borges, Esther R. Gardetto

Alvarado 3:

Polling Place: Alviso School, Alvarado

Inspector: Mayme Roderick

Judge: Josie Duarte

Clerks: Pauline Faria, Mary F. Sanders

*The Oakland Tribune, October 14, 1948*

### **Sugar:**

The Holly Sugar Corporation factory at Alvarado has received a permit to erect a \$15,000 sugar manufacturing building on their premises.

*The Hayward Daily Review, October 28, 1948*

### **The Galloping Goose Pinochle Club:**

The Galloping Goose Pinochle Club of Alvarado enjoyed a combined Halloween and Pinochle party Thursday evening, October 21, at the home of Mary Dudinsky of Alvarado. All members and guests came dressed for the occasion in their quaint masks and costumes. Very clever costuming were designed by the individuals.

Top prize went to Marguerite Cadero, as she was unable to be identified and very cleverly dressed. Honorable mention goes to Mrs. Bertha Best as she artistically designed a very unique costume with orange and black accessories down to the very minute detail.

First prize in Pinochle tournament went to Rubye of San Francisco and Gladys Best of Alvarado. Second prize went to Betty McIntosh of Alvarado, Galloping Goose, Elizabeth Best of Alvarado.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 29, 1948*

### **Commercial Ad:**

Enjoy Genuine

CHOW MEIN

And CHOP SUEY in Alvarado

We specialize in American  
and Chinese dishes

Short Order - Merchants Lunch

**New Manila Inn Café**

Carlos Carrillo - Proprietor

Levee Street – Near Hellwig Market  
ALVARADO  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 29, 1948*

**Alviso News Notes:**

Frank L. Pimentel of Alviso has installed a new 1948 Dodge motor in his car. Mr. & Mrs. Tachella are the proud parents of a baby boy named John. He is the brother of Emily and the late Silvio Tachella.

The Alviso School student body has appointed a committee to conduct a paper drive. Chairman of the committee is **Leon Mings**. He is assisted by:

Robert Hailey	<b>Jerry Pimentel</b>	Richard Andrade	Robert Parodi
Michael Logan	<b>Kenneth Mello</b>	Derry Sudberry	Walter Luiz
Jim Bettencourt	<b>Howard Bigby</b>		

For the Halloween party on October 29<sup>th</sup> most of the boys and girl of the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades of the Alviso Grammar School are having folk dances. The dances are Wooden Shoes, Eide Ratas, and Cotton Eyed Joe. The following are partners:

Shirley Mello	<b>Jerry Pimentel</b>
Anne Pederson	<b>Howard Bigby</b>
Wynnia Sudbury	<b>Kenneth Mello</b>
Anita Bailey	Frank Murakami
Rina Ciarlo	Bill Emery
Beverly Bigby	<b>Leon Mings</b>

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 29, 1948*

**Niles Rotary Club:**

J. A. Ratekin, Superintendent of the Holly Sugar Mill in Alvarado, will address the Niles Rotary Club on Thursday. He will speak on 80 years of beet processing in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 1, 1948*

**St. Anne's Church:**

The annual bazaar for St. Anne's Parish will be held at the S.D.E.S. Hall tonight and tomorrow at 7:30 p.m., sponsored by the St. Anne's confraternity.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 19, 1948*

**Hit & Run Driver:**

Sheriff's deputies today sought a hit and run motorist who left Clarence Crockett, 26, of 1050 Granger Road, Alvarado, lying injured at the Smith Street railroad grade crossing. Crockett, taken to Fairmont Hospital, was discovered lying by the tracks by a motorist who summoned the sheriff's office.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 29, 1948*

**F. C. Harvey Dies:**

Frederick C. Harvey, 75, son of a pioneer Alvarado family, died in San Jose yesterday. He was the husband of Mrs. Bessie C. Harvey, father to Theodore Perkins Harvey, and brother of the late Sue H. Harvey ([Granger](#)) and Edward S. Harvey. He is grandfather to Eleanor Jeanne, Robert Ingemund, Sarah Sue and Patricia Ann Harvey.

Harvey, a retired merchant and farmer, lived at the family home on 1310 Smith Street in Alvarado. He was a native of Alvarado.

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 6, 1948*

**Alvarado to Offer Special Classes:**

The County Administration says that Alvarado School will start offering special classes to children who are slow learners. The class will be limited to 15 to 18 children; the class will have as its aim

the development of competence in the use of materials and tools common to the daily problems of living as children and adults. It is also designed to build up the self-confidence of its pupils and their relationships with other people in their community.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 12, 1948*

#### **Chamber of Commerce:**

The annual election of officers is scheduled at a meeting of the Alvarado Chamber of commerce at the Eagles Hall on Thursday at 8:00 p.m., according to secretary Leslie H. Maffey; Walter Oakey is chairman of the nominating committee.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 14, 1948*

#### **Judge Lincoln Church Dies:**

Retired Superior Court Judge Lincoln S. Church, 83, of Oakland died yesterday after a long illness. Born in Alvarado on May 12, 1865, Church graduated from Grammar School in Livermore and high school in Oakland. He had a long and illustrious career in the legal profession.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 17, 1948*

#### **Disturbing the Peace:**

An Alvarado man was arrested Thursday night and held by Hayward sheriff deputies for investigation of disturbing the peace and violating the concealed weapons act. In custody is Howard L. Helmeyer, 40, who was arrested on the complaint of his wife, Vallie V. Helmeyer, 38. She said her husband threatened to shoot her. Deputies found an automatic and a braided leather sap in the Helmeyer's home.

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 18, 1948*

#### **Alvarado School:**

The Alameda County school system is expanding activities in special fields of education in two south county districts. At Alvarado School, the county administration will start in February a special class for slow-learning children "to serve the needs of that school and several others nearby."

In announcing the Alvarado plan the school department said that similar classes would be organized in other parts of the county as soon as classroom space is available.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 19, 1948*

#### **Alvarado Farm Home Development:**

The Alvarado Farm Home Department will meet at the elementary school at Alvarado at 1:30 p.m. January 26<sup>th</sup>, according to Mrs. Adeline Santos, President.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 26, 1948*

#### **Girl Scouts:**

Awards were present to six members of Alvarado's first Girl Scout Troop at a recent party held at the elementary school at Alvarado. Those honored were Myrna Dutra, Patricia Noia, Sharon Alexander, Margaret Pfau, Grace E. Gellerman and Patricia Flores. The Troop leader is Mrs. Emily Noia and her assistant is Mrs. Pauline Silva.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 26, 1948*

#### **Knifing:**

An unemployed laborer who was arrested Friday night by Hayward sheriff deputies was being held today on suspicion of knifing a companion in an Alvarado tavern early Friday evening. In custody is Francisco B. Hernandez, 37, who is suspected of stabbing Joseph Reyenaso, 27. Both men are Alvarado residents.

The two men became involved in an argument and stepped into the street in front of the tavern and started fighting. Hernandez stabbed Reyenaso after a short scuffle and fled. Officers called to the scene by the tavern operator, followed a trail of blood to Reyenaso, who had walked two blocks before falling down unconscious. Reyenaso was treated at Fairmont Hospital.

Deputies say they found Hernandez covered with blood when they arrested him at his apartment. A knife with a 7¼-inch blade was also found. Hernandez will be charged with assault with a deadly weapon, the sheriff's deputies said.

*The Hayward Daily Review, December 27, 1948*

#### **News Notes:**

Mrs. Clarabelle Norris (nee Logan), wife of Judge Alan Norris died and funeral services were held on December 24, 1948. She was born Clarabelle Logan of Alvarado.

Louis Muller, a resident of Alvarado for 14 years died at the home of his daughter, Mrs., Ruegg on December 24<sup>th</sup>.

Awards were presented to six members of Alvarado's first Girl Scout Troop at a recent party held at the Alvarado Elementary School. Those honored were: Myrna Dutra, Patricia Noia, Sharon Alexander, Margaret Pfau, Grace Gellerman, and Patricia Flores. The Troop leader is Mrs. Emily Noia and her assistant is Mrs. Pauline Silva.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 31, 1948*

#### **Flood Control:**

A countywide flood control and water conservation district for Alameda County was authorized today, and the State Legislature was asked to give its stamp of approval. The Board of Supervisors late yesterday approved an act creating the district and memorialized the legislature to give its sanction.

The Supervisors ordered the act last summer when the county's water table around Newark, Centerville, Alvarado, Pleasanton and Livermore dropped to an alarming low. The act calls for:

1. The sale of bonds, levying of and collection of taxes and assessments on land within the district.
2. Management and control of the area, with officers and the supervisors acting in that capacity.
3. The right of eminent domain in the district.
4. Measurement and study of the water supply and rights within the territory.
5. Planning and operation of a system of parks, playgrounds, benches, on land required for the district's uses.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 5, 1949*

#### **Unincorporated Areas:**

The city of Oakland has estimated that 45,000 persons live in unincorporated areas of Alameda County. Oakland names these towns and districts as "unincorporated areas:"

Alvarado, Alviso, Centerville, Decoto, Green, Independent, Inman, Irvington, May, Mission San Jose, Mt. Eden, Mountain House, Murray, Newark, Nilas, Palomares, Pleasanton, Redwood, Russell City, Summit, Sunol Glen, Tennyson, Valle Vista, Warm Springs and many of the areas outside of Hayward such as Fairview, Alta Vista, ([El Rancho Verde](#), [Fairway Park](#), [Hillview Crest](#)), etc.

*The Hayward Daily Review, January 6, 1949*

#### **Sachi Kamiji to Marry:**

It will be quite a home wedding when Miss Sachi Kamiji of Alvarado becomes the bride of Takeo Fudenna of Warm Springs on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Miss Kamiji attended the Alvarado Grammar School and Washington Union High School, while Takeo, who is farming in Alvarado, attended the Warm Springs Grammar School and Washington Union High School.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 7, 1949*

#### **Beverly Spurlock's Alvarado News:**

Mrs. Mabel Rick and three and one half year old son, Roger, are guests in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Seraphine Caldeira and daughter Joyce Ann.

Mr. & Mrs. Graydon **Spurlock** and **Beverly** motored to Chico California on Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> to spend New Years Day with Mrs. Spurlock's sister and family.

We are pleased to have the following news of Pigeon Club as submitted by Jeanette Lagomarsino, daughter of Mrs. Ed Vargas of Smith Street. The Alvarado Homing Pigeon Club has signed four new members for their 1949 racing season. Elvin Rose, Vernon Perry and the Sanchez brothers are expected to give plenty of competition. Veteran members of the club: Will Machado, Ed Vargas, Melvin Silva, George Vargas, Anthony Vargas, Joe Perez, Frank & Tony George, and Manuel Silva are looking forward to an exciting 1949 racing season.

Miss Wespeiser, the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher spent Christmas with her family in Burlingame and New Years in Stockton and Sacramento visiting friends. Miss Wespeiser lives in San Jose but is moving in the very near future to Alvarado to be closer to her work.

Mercedes Rigmaiden of Lake Charles, LA. is a new pupil in the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. She is living with relatives at the Riverside Hotel at 1050 Granger Road. Mrs. Estelle Rigmaiden and daughter Selina have recently returned from a trip to Lake Charles where they visited with relatives.

The new building being put up on Smith Street by M.A. Silva is nearing completion and is going to be modern in design. The building is to be occupied by Mr. Silva's son, Lloyd, who will conduct a business to be known as "Lloyds Electric." As yet an opening date hasn't been set.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 7, 1949*

#### **Tennyson Fire:**

A blaze in a three-story tank house in the Tennyson area brought responses from the Tennyson, Alvarado and Fairview Fire Departments. Damage to the structure was estimated at \$2,500. A newsboy delivering newspapers noticed the fire and notified the Fire Department.

*The Daily Hayward Review, January 8, 1949*

#### **Alvarado Chamber of Commerce:**

Election of officers of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Eagles Hall in Alvarado on January 20<sup>th</sup>. A meeting of the Chamber will be called to order at 8 p.m. by retiring president, William Martinez. In the future, meeting of the membership will be held only on call, but directors will meet on the third Thursday of each month. Directors elected at the last meeting and who will choose the officers are: Leslie Maffey, Eliseo Naharro, John Ralph, Domaso Dias, Charles Baird, Frank George, Manuel Borges and Walter Oakey.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 14, 1949*

#### **Alvarado Mother's Club:**

The Alvarado Mother's Club is doing a fine job of having our students eyes examined. All five days of last week they examined the eyes of 250 students and found 18 defective eye cases, which will be taken care of.

Mrs. Alvina Brune, head of the Mother's Club, is doing a fine job of this eye testing. She was assisted by members who were: Teresa Carlson, Emily Noia, Annie Flores, Bernice Manuel, Pauline Silva, Winifred Harper, Mary Santos, Marian Hocking and Mary Spurlock.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 14, 1949*

#### **News Notes:**

A ventriloquist and magician has been arranged for Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup> by the student body President, George Cicairos. The magician is E. Carl Burgess.

The following employees of the Leslie Salt Co. attended the News Year's Eve dance given by the Alvarado Eagles: Francis Mello, Clara Aguilar, Jeanette Goularte, Annie Martin, George Goularte, Clarence Silva, Louis Silva, Bill Silva and Frank Caldeira.

While the school was closed on Wednesday, the teachers improved their time by visiting Irvington and San Jose schools. John Bond and Dorothy Wespeiser visited Irvington. Going to San Jose schools were Shirley Everett, Betty Culbertson, Charlotte Jug, Shirley Pearson, Hilda Widdop and Isabel Lucas.

Lloyd Silva, son of the popular Blacksmith, Manuel Silva, Jr., is a progressive young man. His long experience with a large Electric Store in Hayward has fitted him to handle heating of the most intricate type for your homes and stores. The building of a \$10,000 store building on Smith Street, opposite Alvarado Grammar School, well stock with famous heaters, makes him able to give just as high class service, he believes, as anyone in Southern Alameda County. Lloyd's store phone is **AL**varado 55-774. It is at 1546 Smith Street.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 14, 1949*

#### **Postmasters Meet:**

Mrs. Genevieve Dutra of Alvarado, past president of the Alameda County Postmasters Association, will be the hostess at a dinner meeting of the group at the International Kitchen in Niles today at 7:00 p.m.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 19, 1949*

#### **Beverly Spurlock's Alvarado News:**

Fire Chief Tony Vargas is recovering from surgery done at the Alameda Hospital. He expects to be able to return home the middle of next week.

Several Alvarado folks attended and enjoyed the Folk Dance Festival at the Civic Auditorium in Oakland on Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. The next festival will be held on February 13<sup>th</sup> at Fort Ord in Monterey. People who attended the festival in Oakland were: Mrs. Manuel Goularte, Jeanette Goularte, Marjorie Re, Mrs. Mary Silva, and Mr. & Mrs. H.G. Spurlock and children Beverly and Darryl.

Troop 67 of the Girl Scouts in Alvarado are working on a Photographic Badge as their new project. Several girls have been taking pictures representing community life such as the fire department at work or the school Boy's Patrol at work. Several good pictures should be gotten and the girls learn how to take better pictures.

Several Alvarado girls who attend Washing Union High School have organized a Girls Club for the girls' entertainment during the vacation and promote friendship among the girls. The president is Selina Rigmaiden, the vice-president is Marie Jardine and secretary-treasurer is Ruth Togamie.

Little Linda Click of Centerville is recovering from a tonsil operation in the Highland Hospital in Oakland. Mr. Click was a dinner guest of **Mr. & Mrs. Graydon Spurlock** on Tuesday while Linda and Mrs. Click were away from home. Mr. Click was the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher in Alvarado last year and lived on Granger Ave.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 21, 1949*

#### **News Notes:**

Holly Sugar has installed filters for the plant's new liquid sugar unit. The new units were installed by chief millwright Fred Joyce and master mechanic E.M. Bauhard.

Addie Kelly, well-known business Alvarado businesswoman, and owner of Kelly's Place in Alvarado surprised all her friends when she married Mr. Felix Bonilla of Alvarado. The witnesses were Mr. & Mrs. Lupe Saucedo, well-known owners of the Halfway House, on Levee Street in Alvarado.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 21, 1949*

#### **Courteous Paperboy:**

[\(A letter to the editor of the Oakland Tribune\)](#)

Editor: I feel very grateful to your paperboy, one Archie Delao Jr., and think you should know of his courtesy and thoughtfulness. I have been ill, and since then he gets off of his bike and carries the paper in and quite a number of steps up to my door.

I've been taking the paper since 1941 and this is the first time this type of courtesy has been shown.

Elaine S. Sallee, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, January 21, 1949*

**Classified Ad:**

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE:

Regina, upright vacuum cleaner with all attachments included, scarcely used, a buy.

Phone **AL**varado 55-772

*The Daily Hayward Review, January 25, 1949*

**Alvarado Guard Flag:**

A method of preserving a pre-civil war flag is being sought by the members of the Sycamore Lodge of Odd Fellows, No. 129, of Hayward. The old 32 star flag, was made and presented by the ladies of Alvarado to the old Alvarado Guard, who were stationed at Alvarado before and during the Civil War. At the combining of the Alvarado Guard with the new National Guard, the silk flag was presented to the **Crusade Lodge of the Odd Fellows, No. 93**, of Alvarado, which has since merged with Sycamore Lodge No. 129.

Though carried through the Civil War the flag is in fairly good condition, said **George Reinking**, chairman of the flag display, and the lodge would like to put it in a case for public display.

*The Daily Review, January 27, 1949*

**Mrs. Amelia Brown Dies:**

Mrs. Amelia Brown, 77, wife of the late Joseph Brown, sister to Mary Leboe of Alvarado, died January 23<sup>rd</sup> in Alvarado. She was a native of the Azores Islands.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 27, 1949*

**Alvarado Hundred Battle Flag:**

(A letter to the editor of the Oakland Tribune)

(Note: Sycamore Lodge of Odd Fellows, No. 129, has an American Flag made by the ladies of Alvarado, and presented to the Alvarado Hundred, who went off to battle in the Civil War with Massachusetts Cavalry. This flag has 34 stars and is made of silk.)

It is reported that the Alvarado Guard carried this flag through the Civil War. It was presented to Crusade Lodge of Odd Fellows, No. 93 of Alvarado when the Alvarado Guard was absorbed in the new National Guard. **Crusade Lodge No. 93 IOOF** has since consolidated with Sycamore Lodge, No. 129, bringing the flag with them.

The flag is in pretty fair condition and Sycamore Lodge would like to find a preservative or some firm that is in the business of preserving valuable banners and flags of the type named above, so that we may put it in a case for public display. Sycamore Lodge would be grateful to anyone who would furnish us with the information and any additional information they may have in regard to the Flag.

Write all communications to Sycamore Lodge No. 129, IOOF, 952 B Street, Hayward, California. Phone LU 1-1343.

**George J. Reinking**, Hayward

*The Oakland Tribune, January 27, 1949*

**News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Flores were hosted by Mrs. Flores' sister Mrs. Larry Soares in Hayward, Mrs. Flores' other sister, Mrs. Anthony Rogers and family from Campbell were also at the gathering.  
*The Daily Hayward Review, February 2, 1949*

**Alvarado School News:**

Student Body candidates for election:

President:	George Cicairos	Raul Villareal	
Vice-President:	Antoine Rigmaiden	Natalie Cicairos	Anne Wada
Secretary:	Angie Preciado	Marlene Andrade	Marlene Andrade
Treasurer:	Sadako Kurotori	Beverly Spurlock	Julio Moreno
News Reporter:	Yoshio Kamiji	Melvin Pimentel	Rosa Barrera
Sgt-At-Arms:	Raul Villareal	Gloria Apodaca	Frank Corrales
Clerk:	Henry Contreras	Natalie Cicairos	Conrad Preciado
Judge:	Raul Villareal	Cornelio Contreras	Maas Hisaoka
Ass't District Attorney:	Andrew Pimentel	Frank Corrales	Louis Burns
Athletic Monitor:	Frank Velarde	Natalie Cicairos	Leroy Salido
Parliamentarian:	Salvador Barrera	Bobby Jones	Ellen Louie
4 <sup>TH</sup> Grade Rep:	Patricia Noia	Irene Silva	
5 <sup>TH</sup> Grade Rep:	Grace Gellerman Arnold Hernandez		
6 <sup>TH</sup> Grade Rep:	Conrad Preciado	Sonny Hernandez	John Corrales
7 <sup>TH</sup> Grade Rep:	Natalie Cicairos	Sadako Kurotori	Eugene Concha
8 <sup>TH</sup> Grade Rep:	Yoshio Kamij i	Dolores Silva	Eddie Mateo

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Room Officers:

President:	Irene Silva
Vice-President:	Bert Bounds
Secretary:	Rita Cicairos
Treasurer:	Ellen Louie
Sgt-At-Arms:	Rosalie Cicairos
Parliamentarian:	Geraldine Silva
Judge:	Conrad Preciado
Clerk:	Leonard Barrera
Enternament:	Grace Gellerman
News Reporter:	Mercedes Rigmaiden
District Attorney:	Willie Hernandez
Ass't District Attorney:	Tony Bueno

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Committees:

Covered Wagon:			
Rita Cicairos (Chairman)	Leonard Barrera Grace Gellerman	Jerry Aguilar	Irene Silva
Mural Committee:			
Grace Gellerman (Chair)	Leonard Barrera Isabel Hendrickson	Joan Bounds Leonard Barerra	Robert Dutra
Diorama:			
Naomi Muela (Chairman)	Margaret Pfau Jerry Aguilar	Virginia Araya	Sonny Muela
Wearing:			
Ellen Louis (Chairman)	Helen Villalobos Grace Gellerman	Geraldine Silva Daniel Rosendez	Bert Bounds Tino Rangel



Stories: Conrad Preciado  
Pictures: Irene Silva  
Plays: Ellen Louie

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Room Nominates Officers:

President:	Raul Villareal	George Cicairos	Eddie Mateo
Vice-President:	Antwine Rigmaiden	Eddie Mateo	
Secretary:	Angie Preciado	Elizabeth Lancaster	Anne Wada
Treasurer:	Dolores Silva	Masaharu Hisaoka	Yoshio Kamiji
News Reporter:	Melvin Pimentel	Yoshio Kamiji	Anne Wada
Parliamentarian:	Rodney Hendricks		
Sgt-At-Arms:	Masaharu Hisaoka	Raul Villareal	Julio Moreno
Desk Monitor:	Elizabeth Lancaster	Masaharu Hisaoka	Angie Preciado
Health Clerk:	Angie Preciado	Raul Villareal	Eddie Mateo

Alvarado School Boys Club:

The Boys Club of the Alvarado Grammar School chose new officers on January 18<sup>th</sup>. They are as follows:

President:	George Cicairos
Vice-President:	Antoine Rigmaiden
Secretary:	Rodney Hendricks
Treasurer:	Wito Villareal
News Reporter:	Yoshio Kamiji
Sgt-At-Arms:	Frank Corrales
Game Manager:	Arnold Gardetto
Ass't Game Manager:	Wito Villareal

They will take office in the early part of February and hold office until the summer vacation.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 4, 1949*

**News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Wayland and children, Richard, Charles, Frances and Lorraine of Oakland are newcomers to Alvarado. They have recently purchased one of the Varni homes at 2075 Smith Street and moved into it over the weekend. All Alvarado wishes to extend a hearty welcome to the Wayland family.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 4, 1949*

**New Nurse:**

The public health nursing staff of Alameda County is now at its full allotment with the naming of Madelyn A. Woodard of Alvarado. A native of Alvarado, Mrs. Woodard attended Alvarado School and Washington Union High School. Later she was graduated from Providence School of Nursing and the University of California. While her husband was overseas during the war she lived with her parents in Alvarado, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Avila.

*The Daily Hayward Review, February 5, 1949*

**Classified Ad:**

USED CARD:

1939 Buick, \$600

Phone: **AL**varado 55-979 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

*The Daily Hayward Review, February 10, 1949*

**Mrs. Hana Wada Dies:**

Mrs. Hana Wada, 54 years of age, passed away at her home on 1517 Smith Street Alvarado. She was a native of Japan and a widow.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 11, 1949*

**Pioneer Woman Dies:**

Private funeral services will be held Monday for Mrs. Belle Owen Crandall, widow of the late Edward A. Crandall and member of a pioneer Alameda County family. Mrs. Crandall was a native of Alvarado and had lived her entire life in this area. Her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Owen were early day residents of the Alvarado section.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 13, 1949*

### **Newspaper Racks Stolen:**

Six metal newspaper racks were stolen from street corners in Decoto, Newark, Centerville and Alvarado sometime between Saturday night and Monday morning. The thefts of the racks, which contain coin boxes, were reported by James P. Gallagher, District Manager for the Oakland Tribune.

*The Daily Hayward Review, February 16, 1949*

### **Chamber of Commerce Meeting:**

Supervisor Chester Stanley and Don Follett, security manager of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce will address members of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce tonight at Alvarado Elementary School.

*The Daily Hayward Review, February 17, 1949*

### **Beverly Spurlock's Alvarado News Notes:**

**Mrs. Mike Gardetto** celebrated her birthday on February 4<sup>th</sup> with her family at a dinner at their home. Mrs. Gardetto neglected to tell us her age.

Mr. & **Mrs. Mike Gardetto** of Granger Ave. attended a PTA party at the Bret Harte School in Hayward and were chosen as the second best waltz couple in a contest.

Carol Perry of Niles has announced her engagement to Ernest Andrade of Alvarado. Ernie is the son of Mrs. & Mrs. Henry Andrade of Fair Ranch Road.

Mrs. Elsie Machado of Smith Street has been confined to her home with the mumps. Her little son, Dennis has just recovered from them.

Little Carol Noia, the four-year old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Seraphine Noia of Granger Street has been quite ill, but is recovering.

The Alvarado School is very proud of their new custodian, Mr. Tony Alexander. They now have two full-time custodians to take care of the school and grounds.

Little Janelle Silva, 8-month old daughter of **Mr. & Mrs. William Silva**, has been ill with a bad cold.

Sam Dinsmore Jr. and wife and son Sammy III, have been vacationing at Isleton, California.

Miss Shirley Davis, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George Davis of the Creek Road has announced her engagement to Dick Faria of the Creek Road.

Mr. & Mrs. H.G. Spurlock, Beverly Anne and Darryl were Sunday dinner guests of the Barton's in Pittsburgh.

Mr. & Mrs. Emilio Re of Smith Street Alvarado, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Hansen, and Mr. & Mrs. Larry Bettencourt of Newark visited nightspots in San Francisco Saturday night. They saw the lady in the fish bowl that was recently written up in Life Magazine. All report a lovely time and enjoyed the display immensely.

The Alvarado Veterans of Foreign Wars entertained the Auxiliary at a spaghetti dinner Wednesday evening. Thirty people were present to enjoy the sumptuous dinner prepared by **Walter Fasolis**, Jesse Jacinto Jr., and **William Silva**. Bill Silva of the Shell Oil Station is a new candidate to the VFW.

Eddie Manuel of the Hellwig Meat Co., and wife, **Walter Fasolis** and fiancé Ernestine Silva of Newark, Andy Gardetto and Carmen Soto of Decoto, attended a chicken dinner given by the Musician's Union at the Alabam recently. Andy hopes to regain some weight he lost with the mumps in the fall.

Mr. & Mrs. Norman Andrade, who have been making their home with Mr. & Mrs. George Andrade of Fair Ranch Road, have moved to Granger Street. The apartments are very pretty and certainly modern in design as well as in every other way.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 18, 1949*

### **Student Court:**

Disciplinary problems at the Alvarado Grammar School have decreased to a considerable degree since the inauguration of the Student Court, says Leslie Maffey, school principal. "Sliding or loud talk in the hallways, use of native tongue instead of the English language on school grounds, chewing gum" or similar offenses are responsible for the appearance of a dozen or so pupils before Judge Raul Villareal's weekly Student Court. Students found guilty are meted "lines" as punishments; such as giving to write out "I will not talk loudly in the hall" two hundred times.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 24, 1949*

### **Alvarado School News:**

#### 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade:

The 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grades had a "Valentine Party," it sure was nice. The class Mother donated cookies, punch and one of the Mother's donated a cake, which was very good. The cookies were designed very pretty in all shapes and colors, with heart shapes, etc. The class, I am sure, will say we had a wonderful time.

#### Student Body news:

Roses are red, (pardon me), I was just thinking about the Valentine Party. After the room party the 4<sup>th</sup> and up had a dance, woo, what a pretty decorated heart, which consisted of one big heart painted red with fillers and a boy and a girl on it. The students can think up awfully pretty things to go with a party.

#### Boys Club:

The are the boys who played for the Alvarado A team:

George Cicairos (Capt)	Julio Moreno	Mike Leon	Antoine Rigmaiden
Paul Villareal	Salvador Barrera	Rodney Hendricks	

#### Student Body Elects Officers:

The Student Body of the Alvarado School elected new officers as follows:

President:	George Cicairos
Vice-President:	Antoine Rigmaiden
Secretary:	Angelita Preciado
Treasurer:	Marlene Andrade
Reporter:	Yoshio Kamiji
Sgt-At-Arms:	Julio Moreno
Judge:	Frank Corrales
Clerk:	Rosa Barrera
District Attorney:	Rodney Hendricks
Ass't District Attorney:	Jimmie Pimentel
Athletic Monitor:	Maas Hisaoka
Parliamentarian:	Natalie Cicairos
4 <sup>TH</sup> Grade Rep:	Bobby Jones
5 <sup>TH</sup> Grade Rep:	Ellen Louie
6 <sup>TH</sup> Grade Rep:	Johnny Carlson
7 <sup>TH</sup> Grade Rep:	Sadako Kurotori
8 <sup>TH</sup> Grade Rep:	Dolores Silva

#### Valentine Dance:

The Student Body of the Alvarado School had a Valentine Dance on Monday February 14<sup>th</sup>. It was very successful and everyone had a wonderful time.

Direction Committee: Marlene Andrade    Cornelia Contreras    Anita Apodaca

Rosa Barrera  
Committee to Get Records:  
Marjorie Best                      Archie Delao                      Rita Cicairos  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 25, 1949*

**Beverly Spurlock's Alvarado News:**

Mr. Melvin Silva of Alquire Road has been quite ill at his home for the past week and a half. Mr. Silva operates the M.J. Silva Trucking Co. Another on the sick list is Darryl Spurlock, who has been sick with an ear ailment since Saturday.

Considerable excitement was caused in the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade room when a bat got in the room. Little did the bat realize that the room has had a Nature Study project all winter and how it is a part of that project with all the thanks going to Arnold Gardetto who captured it.

Mr. Manuel Pinto, also of Alquire Road, lives just across from the Holly Sugar Mill, has been quite ill. Mr. Pinto has the local Shoe Store and Repair Shop. We hope to see Mr. Pinto about again real soon.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 25, 1949*

**Mrs. Anne Forbes Dies:**

Mrs. Anne Augusta Forbes, 80, Alvarado Librarian died yesterday at her home in Alvarado. A native of Alabama, Mrs. Forbes had been a resident of Alvarado for nearly 30 years. Mrs. Forbes was the sister of Mrs. Frances Robie of Alvarado.

*The Daily Hayward Review, March 1, 1949*

**Carol Hocking's Alvarado News:**

On Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Alvarado Folk Dancing Group had a party. They will elect officers soon.

A new streetlight has been put up on the corner of Alquire Road and Alvarado-Niles Road (the old Creek Road).

For February, Miss Wespeiser's 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grades at the **Alvarado Grammar School** won the \$1.00 prize of having the most mothers present at the meeting.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 4, 1949*

**News Notes:**

On February 18<sup>th</sup> the Alvarado School Mother's Club had a meeting. Their card party was held on Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. The committee is Mr. Borges, Mrs. Winnie Harper, Mrs. Carlson, Mrs. Evelyn Silva, Mrs. Eugene Best and Mrs. Emily Noia. The Mother's Club is hold a bazaar on May 1<sup>st</sup> on the school grounds. The Mother's Club is also sponsoring a kite contest with prizes for both girls and boys. The refreshment committee for this meeting was Mrs. Eugene Best, Mrs. Gladys Best and Mrs. Andy Anderson. The refreshment committee for the next meeting is Mrs. Caldeira, Mrs. Emily Noia, Mrs. Alvina Brune and Mrs. Carlson.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 4, 1949*

**Beverly Spurlock's Alvarado News:**

Mr. Manuel Pinto of Alquire Road, who is in the San Jose Hospital, is reported to be improving and it is hoped that he will soon be able to come home.

Mr. & Mrs. Mike **Gardetto** and sons, Walter (Fasolis), Andy and **Arnold**, spent Tuesday with Mrs. B. Colombo, Mrs. Gardetto's mother who lives in San Mateo.

Alvarado School News:

The students of the upper grades of the **Alvarado Grammar School** presented an Amateur Hour Program for the Student Body on last Friday, which was much enjoyed. Prizes of \$1.00, 75¢ and 50¢ were enjoyed by the winners. The program was as follows:

1. Ronny Aranda sang a Mexican song.
2. Ralph Labrado and John Corrales sang "Far Away Places."

3. **Beverly Spurlock** did a tap dance.
4. Eugene Concha sang "Address Unknown."
5. Marlene Andrade and Joyce Ann Caldeira sang "A Little Bird Told Me So."
6. Natalie Cicairos, Amalia Concha and Esther Muela sang, "Brush Those Tears From Your Eyes."
7. **Pearl Labrado** Sang, "A Tree in the Meadow."
8. Frances Araya sang, "My Happiness."
9. **Arnold Gardetto** sang, "On a Slow Boat to China."
10. Beverly Spurlock playing "Curious Story."
11. Mervin Pinto, Bob White, and Andrew Pimentel singing "On a Slow Boat to China."
12. **Antoine Rigmaiden** playing a boogie.

First prize of one dollar when to **Pearl Labrado** for singing "A Tree in a Meadow," second prize went to **Beverly Spurlock** for her tap dance and third prize went to **Antoine Rigmaiden** for the playing the Boogie. The entertainment chairman was Marjorie Best and assistant is Marlene Andrade.

The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades were taken to San Francisco on Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> to visit the University of California Dental Clinic to learn how to care for their teeth. Each child's teeth were cleaned and appointments could be made for further that they might need. Mr. Tony Alexander drove the bus and Mr. Maffey and Mr. Bond each took a carload of children.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 4, 1949*

#### **Classified Ad:**

LOST & FOUND:

Wallet with valuable paper, permits, licenses, etc.

Alvarado 55-809

*The Daily Hayward Review, March 5, 1949*

#### **Alameda County Fair:**

Alameda County history in review will be the theme of the giant cavalcade to be presented at the 1949 county fair at Pleasanton. The Alameda County Farm Bureau board of directors has undertaken to sponsor and promote this gigantic show.

The Alameda County Farm Bureau Board of Directors has chosen a committee under the chairmanship of Joe Rose from Pleasanton, and has drawn from persons throughout the county to help in the project. Manuel Abreu was chosen to represent Alvarado on the committee.

*The Daily Hayward Review, March 7, 1949*

#### **News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Mello have moved into their new home over at Beard Road in Alviso. They formerly lived in Newark.

Mr. & Mrs. Italo Orsetti have moved into their new home in the Alviso district next to the Alviso School.

At 10:30 a.m. on Monday morning the Alvarado Grammar School put on a program in memory of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 11, 1949*

#### **State Route Widened:**

Clements and Company of Hayward have bid \$157,724 for widening and surfacing the 5.4 miles of State Hiway between Alvarado and San Leandro.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 13, 1949*

#### **Parole Denied:**

Parole has been denied to W. C. (Larry) Fitzgerald, member of the "thirty strong" gang and confessed robber of the Bank of Alvarado in 1921 in which Bank President August May was shot.

Fitzgerald drove the get away car and is currently serving a life term. He is being transferred to the Stockton State Hospital.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 14, 1949*

**“Sab” Carabello:**

Sabio “Sab” Carabello, a native of Alvarado will play an important part in the Opening of Smith’s Clothing for Men & Boys on the corner of Foothill and A Streets in downtown Hayward.

Sab served in the U.S. Navy during the war and worked for several clothing stores in the Hayward area.

*The Daily Hayward Review, March 16, 1949*

**News Note:**

Mrs. Frances Bowersox of Alvarado has terminated her association with the Hayward Farm credit Association on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

*The Daily Hayward Review, March 17, 1949*

**Junior Traffic Patrol News – By John Gualco:**

Election of officers of the California Schools Safety Patrol resulted in the following choice for the **Alvarado Grammar School** unit:

President:	<b>Antoine Rigmaiden</b>
Vice-President:	<b>Julio Moreno</b>
Secretary:	<b>Rodney Hendricks</b>
Treasurer:	<b>Yoshio Kamiji</b>
News Reporter:	<b>John Gualco</b>
Parliamentarian:	Conrad Preciado
Sgt-At-Arms:	Masaharu Hisaoka

There was a Constitution Committee named as follows:

<b>George Cicairos</b>	<b>Rodney Hendricks</b>	<b>Yoshio Kamiji</b>	Julio Moreno
<b>John Gualco</b>			

The annual Interior County Junior Traffic Patrol Review will be held this year at Livermore on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Mr. Bond, one of the teachers, tells us. Mr. Bond has done magnificent work and is in charge of the Alvarado Patrol.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 25, 1949*

**Yoshio Kamiji’s Alvarado School News:**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade won the Red Cross Drive for funds with an average of 11¢ per member for the room. They won the Red Cross Poster Contest also.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade is asking **Alvarado Grammar School** Principal Leslie Maffey to pick out a graduation play, which they can start on, for presentation in June. On the committee are Anne Wada, **Yoshio Kamiji**, **Rodney Hendricks** and Angie Preciado. The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade graduation pins have arrived.

On Tuesday afternoon of this week the girls had a basketball game with the Decoto School girls at Decoto. Alvarado won 21 to 18. The Alvarado team was comprised of: Captain: Natalie Cicairos, Lt. Anne Wada, Rita Cicairos, Sadako Kurotori, Lupe Ramirez, Angie Preciado and substitutes: Dolores Silva and Vera Dominguez. By: Anne Wada

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will be invited by the High School to visit there on April 29<sup>th</sup>, along with the graduating classes of other Township schools.

Election of Officers for the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade resulted as follows:

President:	Arnold Gardetto
Vice-President:	Andrew Pimentel

Secretary:	Jeanie Cheng	
Treasurer:	Elaine Hocking	
News Reporter:	Marlene Andrade	
Clerk:	Sadako Kurotori	
Judge:	Mervin Pinto	
District Attorney:	Ralph Labrado	
Parliamentarian:	<b>John Gualco</b>	
Sgt-At-Arms:	Natalie Cicairos	Cornelio Contreras
Ass't District Attorney:	Frank Corrales	Amalia Concha
Cupboard Monitor:	Beverly Utile	
Ass't Librarian:	Marjorie Best	
Reported By:	Marlene Andrade	

#### 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades:

The kite contest will be held Thursday, march 2<sup>nd</sup> for the whole class to compete. Mrs. Lucas's room has a Broadcast of the News before the "mike" to see what experience in public speaking may do to develop a stage presence and future ease before the public. Reported by: Mercedes Rigmaiden.

#### Miscellaneous news:

Toussaint, the magician, will give a show at Alvarado School on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, with the Student Body busy now selling plenty of ticket to realize a nice profit. On the committee are: **Antoine Rigmaiden**, Paul Villareal, Melvin Pimentel, **Rodney Hendricks**, Andrew Pimentel, Marlene Andrade, Dolores Silva, Sadako Kurotori, Henry Contreras, and Ellen Louie.

Awards of block letters to: Frank Corrales, **Julio Moreno**, Marlene Andrade, Natalie Cicairos, **Rodney Hendricks** and Angelita Preciado.

Award of Stars to: Anne Wada, Antoine Rigmaiden, and **George Cicairos** (2).

Exchange Stars to: Rita Cicairos, Rose Barrera, Marjorie Best, Anita Apodaca and Dolores Silva.

Students of the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grades are studying South America and Central America.

Elizabeth Lancaster is secretary to Principal Les Maffey and is doing an excellent job. Another office helper will be mentioned next week.

A special presentation of the play, "Barber of Seville" was performed by:

Barber:	Josephine Villegas		
Doctor:	Sally Sanchez		
Music Teacher:	Marie Soto		
Rosina:	Lupe Bueno		
Count:	Tony Bueno		
Singers Were:	Marie Soto	Joe Aranda	Ernestine Aranda
	Jack Tagan		
Guard:	Yakeo Tagami		
Notary:	Marie Soto		

Melvin Pimentel is a star actor and his pals figure he will make his mark on the stage because he handles his speaking and acting parts so well. He has a nice size and easy manner that could develop into confidence and success in professional dramatics.

#### Sports:

In a basketball game on February 16<sup>th</sup>, Alvarado beat Niles 40 to 17

In a game of basketball, Alvarado "A" Team beat Irvington 12 to 5.

The Alvarado "B" Team lost to Irvington 18 to 10.

The Alvarado boy's volleyball team played Alviso February 17<sup>th</sup>. Alvarado "A" Team beat Alviso two games to nothing.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 25, 1949*

### **Beverly Spurlock's Alvarado News:**

Jerry Aguilar, Mrs. Morris Davilla and Marie Jardine were among those on the sick list this past month, and we are happy that it was minor and all are improved now.

Mr. Wilbert Hendricks is recuperating from the flu. Mr. Hendricks is employed by the Leslie Salt Company and also engages in the home appliance and electrical work.

Mrs. Dorothy Vargas, assistant cook at the **Alvarado Grammar School** Cafeteria in Alvarado tells us that she has a gas range for sale at her home at 1815 Smith Street. Anyone interested can see it there and she assures us that the stove is in good shape.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 25, 1949*

### **Holy Ghost:**

The annual Holy Ghost fiesta season will open in Southern Alameda County on May 14<sup>th</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup> at Alvarado. Frank Goularte is chairman of the two-day festival here.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 27, 1949*

### **School Trustees:**

Washington Union High School Trustees who are up for re-election this year are: A. E. Alameda, Irvington; and Andy K. Logan, Alvarado. The Alvarado Grammar School Trustee up for re-election is George H. Hocking.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 27, 1949*

### **Manuel S. Rodrigues Dies:**

Mrs. Helen Goularte and Manuel Perry, both of Alvarado are mourning the passing of their stepfather, Mr. Manuel Rodrigues of Centerville who died on April 4<sup>th</sup> at the age of 74.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 6, 1949*

### **Eagles to Induct Officers:**

Arthur A Soito, President, and other new officers of the Alvarado Aerie of Eagles will be installed at ceremonies at Eagles Hall here on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Walter Texeira is Past President. Others to be seated are: W. Cunha, Vice President; Edward A, Silva, Chaplain; C. W. Baird, Treasurer; Ernest Quadros, Conductor; Maurice Leal, Inside Guard; Ervin Williams, Outside Guard; Dr. W. L. McWhirter, Physician; and J. E. Lewis, Trustee. Delegates to the state convention in San Jose on June 17<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup> are: John E. Santos, Raymond E. Cunha, J. E. Lewis and J. S. Martin; alternates are Tony Dutra, W. E. Silva, Seraphine Caldeira and M. S. Abreu.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 10, 1949*

### **UPPEC:**

The first annual dance of the Alvarado UPPEC will be held at the Eagles Hall here on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Arrangements are being made by Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Serpa, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Borges, Mr. & Mrs. Chick Vargas and Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rogers.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 15, 1949*

### **Eagles Auxiliary:**

The auxiliary of the Alvarado Eagles will elect officers at a meeting at the Eagles Hall at 8:00 p.m. Monday, according to Mrs. Mabel Rogers, president.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 15, 1949*

### **Holy Ghost:**

The annual Holy Ghost celebration will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> in Alvarado with Shirley Mello as queen with her attendants being Marlene Andrade and Joyce Caldeira. He bar girls will be Loretta Valles, Diane Mendoza, Sharon Alexander and Frances Alvarez. The small queen will be



Patricia Noia and here attendants are Janet Perry, and Myrna Jean Dutra. Her bar girls will be Yvonne Vargas, Carol Ann Noia, Kathie Silva and Neldia Emanuel.

The committee for this year is:

President:	Frank Goularte		
Vice-President:	Matt Machado		
Secretary:	John Menezes		
Treasurer:	A.A. Lee		
Directors:	M.P. Goularte	Manuel Martin	Martin Phillips

The band will be directed by Tony Nunes with fireworks Saturday night with the traditional dancing and parade. Sunday will be a parade with American and Portuguese styles of dancing in the afternoon.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 15, 1949*

### **News Notes:**

Mrs. Bernice Diaz is wished a speedy and complete recovery from her operation, which she is to undergo this week.

Friends are glad to hear that Mrs. Angie Avila is feeling better after her recent illness.

Henry Flores of the Creek Road is quite seriously ill in the San José Hospital where he was taken for an appendectomy.

Mrs. Frank Gaspar of U Street in Alvarado is quite ill at her home.

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Vargas have been driving around town and showing their friends their new black 1949 Styleline Chevrolet. The attended a wedding Saturday evening at San Leandro of their Godchild with Mrs. Vargas' daughter Jeanette.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 15, 1949*

### **Beverly Spurlock's Alvarado News:**

#### 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grades:

The **Alvarado Grammar School** 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grades have had tryouts and selected characters for their play for graduation exercises. For the third year in succession a Willie Wildcat play has been put on by that class and is well liked by the audience. This year's play is entitled, "Willie Wildcat's Brain Fever."

Willie Wildcat:	Arnold Gardetto
Gladys:	Natalie Cicairos
Joe:	Andrew Pimentel
Kathie:	Jeanie Cheng
Vernon:	Tony Mata
Celia:	Frances Wayland
Mrs. Willkins:	Sadako Kurotori
Miss Bond:	Marlene Andrade

#### Miscellaneous News:

Mrs. Graydon Spurlock, Beverly and Darryl accompanied by Mrs. Spurlock's brother-in-law, Mr. Delmar Pugh of Oakland, motored to Alturas to spend Easter.

Mr. & Mrs. Gardetto entertained guests at a dinner on Easter.

Mr. & Mrs. Silveira of Granger Street accompanied by their daughter Lorraine and her little daughter Janelle spent Easter Sunday in Berkeley.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 22, 1949*

### **News Notes:**

George H. Hocking will again run for the position of **Alvarado Grammar School** Trustee. He is running unopposed.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 22, 1949*

**Classified Ad:**

## TRUCK FOR SALE:

1½ ton Chevrolet stake, clean. Only 40,000 actual miles. Second house south of Alviso Grammar School on Hiway 17, between Alvarado and Centerville.

*The Daily Hayward Review, April 22, 1949*

**Classified Ad:**

## LOST &amp; FOUND:

Found, 1 sack of chicken feed at the corner of "C" (?) & Watkins Streets, 12 noon.

Alvarado 55-821

*The Daily Hayward Review, April 22, 1949*

**VFW Dance:**

The annual public dance of the Paul Rivers Post, VFW, will be held at the Newark Pavilion on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 25, 1949*

**Washington High Defeats Los Gatos:**

The Washington Huskies of Centerville broke their one-run jinx yesterday afternoon as they defeated hosting Los Gatos High 9-7, in a Santa Clara Valley Athletic League game. Sabe Elizarray, Husky hurler, notched his fifth league victory as his teammates came through for two runs in the top of the eighth. A fly ball by Ray Berrios, which brought in Joe Bettencourt from third base proved to be the turning point for the Huskies. A single by leftfielder Gil Cicairos brought in catcher George Pagan for the final tally.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 29, 1949*

**News Notes:**

Norma Bettencourt, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J.F. Bettencourt of 956 V Street, has been pledged to Alpha Chi Omega sorority at San Jose State College. She is a sophomore studying for a general elementary teaching credential.

John Rose Brown, beloved cousin of Mrs. Adeline S. Martin of Alvarado, with whom he lived, passed away recently and funeral services will be held on April 30<sup>th</sup>. He was a brother to the late Joseph Brown of Alvarado.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 29, 1949*

**Japanese-American Club:**

Members of the Southern Alameda County JACL and their friends spent a day of relaxation and fun at Pebble Beach, south of Pescadero last Saturday. The group left from James Fudenna's farm in Alvarado at 8:30 a.m. Refreshments were served by the chapter. There were prizes for the youngsters and adults who participated in games. Later in the afternoon everyone took part in a wiener bake.

The following stores made donations for this occasion: Shell Oil Co., Hayward; B. F. Goodrich Co., Hayward; Sam Dinsmore Store, Alvarado; and The Matsumoto Company, Alvarado. The committee chairman was Tak Fudenna, who was assisted by Charles Yuhara, Kay Maeda, and Tak Murakami.

*The Daily Hayward Review, April 30, 1949*

**Classified Ad:**

## HOUSEHOLD GOODS:

Bedroom set, walnut, 5 pieces, including box spring and mattress.

Phone: ALvarado 55-924

*The Oakland Tribune, April 30, 1949*

**Alvarado Filipino Community:**

The Filipino Community of Alvarado and Vicinity met on March 13, 1949 at the Eagles Hall in Alvarado and elected officers. The president elected to guide the destiny of this large organization is the well-known Frank Sacramento, who has taken a big interest in all the big affairs of this organization. Last year he was chairman of entertainment for the big Fourth of July celebration there. His wife, Emily Sacramento, had charge of the Queen contest, and she and her committee raised \$3,500. This shows what live wires they are. Frank was elevated from vice-president to president. The other officers elected were:

President:	Frank Sacramento	
Vice-President:	John Dawal	
Secretary:	Agnes Tacang	
Ass't Secretary:	Frank Macahilas	
Treasurer:	A. Regalado	
Ass't Treasurer:	G. Sape	
Auditor:	S. Masinda	
Sgt-At-Arm:	Dora Regalado	P. Agraviador
Advisor:	Alex Biete	

The Filipino Community aims to promote better understanding among the members of the Community, and the patriotic advancement of both our country and the other great Republic of the Philippines. The consul-General has always commended the local Filipino Community on their fine work of promoting the welfare of the Filipino-Americans in our area, and Mr. Sacramento is carrying on this same understanding and patriotic aims. This Consul-General, who represents the Philippine Republic at San Francisco, recognizes the outstanding leadership in all the aims in the past by members of this organization.

Mr. Sacramento invites the elder Filipino-Americans to join in this organization and to encourage the younger generation to participate in the noble ideals of what the Filipino-Community stands for.

The Community is holding a Fourth of July Celebration at Alvarado, and writes to the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce to co-operate like they did last year. No definite plans have been made as to the type of celebration, but they soon will be announced after a special meeting.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 6, 1949*

#### **VFW:**

On Saturday evening at Newark Pavilion the Veterans of Foreign Wars will give their annual dance. This is the Paul Rivers Post of Washington Township with headquarters at Alvarado. Frank Gygax and his orchestra will play.

The committee comprises of Donald Amaral, **Manuel Soito** and Alfred Lebon of Alviso; Al Leonard of Hayward; Arnold Bassignetti of Centerville, Norman Silveira, Lavern De Vincenzi, William Silva and John Aguiar of Alvarado.

A real fine gift was presented to the Veterans Post by **Manuel Soito**, proprietor of Silva Service Station at Machado's Corners at Alviso. This will be on display at the dance Saturday night. This is the second time that Manuel Soito has given a gift to the Post.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 6, 1949*

#### **Ducks:**

Nine northern California men appeared in Federal Court charged with using bait to lure ducks to their ponds near Alvarado. The nine men who ranged from San Francisco to San Carlos could face fines up to \$500. They were charged with baiting their ponds with barley and wheat to lure the ducks toward them.

*The Daily Hayward Review, May 10, 1949*

#### **Holy Ghost:**

Southern Alameda County's first Holy Ghost festival will be celebrated in Alvarado this weekend. Alvarado's festival will open with a parade of the queen and her court, along with queens of other neighboring towns, and delegations from other communities. In the evening there will fire works followed by a dance. This year's queen will be Miss Shirley Mello and her maids will be Miss Marlene Andrade and Joyce Ann Caldeira. Officers of the celebration are: Frank Goularte, Matt Machado, John Menezes, M. P. Goularte, Martin Phillips, Joe Avila and Manuel Martin Jr.  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 12, 1949*

**Beverly Spurlock's Alvarado News:**

Frank Goularte Jr., of Watkins Street, won a radio at the recent VFW Dance held in Newark. Mr. & Mrs. Andy Gardetto, who have been living in Centerville until their home was made ready, moved into the house formerly occupied by Mr. & Mrs. Ivan Best and daughter Marjorie. Mr. & Mrs. Mike Gardetto and family went Mother's Day in San Mateo visiting with Mrs. Gardetto's mother, Mrs. B. Colombo. Darryl Spurlock underwent a tonsillectomy at Alameda Hospital.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silveira entertained their family at dinner on Mother's Day. Those attending were Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hernandez and family, Mr. & Mrs. William Silva and daughter, all of Alvarado, Mr. & Mrs. H. Ramm of Berkeley, and Mr. & Mrs. Norman Silveira of Newark.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 13, 1949*

**Joe E. Dutra Hosts Barbecue:**

Joe E. Dutra, owner of the Bear Cat Club in Centerville, was host to members of the Shuffle Board Team and their wives at a barbecue along the San Joaquin River on Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>. For Joe played with the Leslie Salt team and for years he has been regular third baseman for the Native Sons baseball team, which has won several championships in the Washington Township Softball League.

Mr. Dutra resides at Alvarado, which has always been home to him. His wife is postmaster of Alvarado, and a few years ago was president of the Alameda County Postmasters Association. They have a son (Robert David) about 9 years old who loves his baseball, and should be ready for delivery to the Yankees American League Baseball Team in New York in about 9 years.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 13, 1949*

**Beverly Spurlock's Alvarado News:**

Miss Florice De Vincenzi, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Laverne De Vincenzi of Fair Ranch Road, announced her engagement on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Laverne De Vincenzi, is driving a new Mercury convertible.

Dismal weather didn't dampen the enthusiasm of participants and onlookers at the Holy Ghost Festival on last Sunday as hundreds of people from all parts of the country gathered to watch the parade and enjoy the events following. Shirley Mello, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Mello of the Alviso district reigned as queen of the occasion and was attended by Joyce Ann Caldeira of Granger Street and Marlene Andrade of Fair Ranch Road. The VFW Drill Team did such a beautiful job of marching in the parade that they have received an invitation to participate in the Mountain View Holy Ghost Festival on May 29<sup>th</sup> and in the Newark festival later in the summer.

People living along the Alvarado-Niles Road are waiting with some anticipation the outcome of the hearing to be held this week over widening the road in connection with making it a feeder to the new East shore Freeway (a.k.a. "New State Highway 17," "The Nimitz Freeway," and today's "I-880"). At present the plans are to widen it from the north side of the road from the Decoto Road into Alvarado.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 20, 1949*

**News Note:**

Recent dinner guest at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Flores of Alvarado were Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Soares and children from San Lorenzo Village.

*The Daily Hayward Review, May 21, 1949*

### **Alvarado School Trustee Election:**

George H. Hocking of Alvarado was elected to the position of trustee of Alvarado Grammar School with a total of 28 votes received. He was running unopposed.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 21, 1949*

### **Beverly Spurlock's Alvarado News:**

The Alvarado Pigeon Club raced their pigeons from Klamath Falls, Oregon, on Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Frank George's pigeon came in first.

CORRECTION: Last week it was reported that the VFW Drill team marched in the Holy Ghost Parade. The VFW has no drill team and the one that marched is made up of Alvarado girls who formed a team and have no connection with the VFW or any other organization. I'm sorry for the error.

Carol Burns, daughter of Mrs. Ted Harvey, received a painful and serious injury at school on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, when struck in the mouth by a baseball bat thrown by another pupil of the **Alvarado Elementary School**. Carol's upper lip was cut quite badly and two teeth were broken off. The full extent of the damage cannot be determined at this time.

Several people from Alvarado attended the wedding in Centerville at one o'clock on Sunday of Mary Homan and John Ponciano. The Gardetto Bros. Orchestra played for the reception. Attending from Alvarado were: Mr. & Mrs. Mike Gardetto and sons Walter and Arnold; Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silveira, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hernandez and son, Mr. & Mrs. John Aguilar, and Mr. & Mrs. H. Delgado.

The Alvarado Folk Dancing class and those from the new class formed at Mission San Jose and the Irvington class did several numbers at the I Am An American Day program at the High School gym on Thursday evening.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 27, 1949*

### **News Notes:**

Mrs. Walter Robie had the misfortune recently to have the railing on her porch give way and gave her a bad fall. She is recovering nicely at the Herrick Memorial Hospital in Oakland, and the latest news is that she is able to sit up and will probably be home before this item is printed.

Local school trustee elections: George H. Hocking was re-elected for the Alvarado district, he was running unopposed. In the Alviso District election Frank Faria Jr. was returned, he was also running unopposed.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 27, 1949*

### **Alvarado School News:**

#### 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Officers:

President:	Natalie Cicairos	
Vice-President:	Frank Corrales	
Secretary:	Jeany Cheng	
Treasurer:	Elaine Hocking	
News Reporter:	Mervin Pinto	
Sgt-At-Arms:	Cornelio Contreras	Frances Wayland
Clerk:	Marlene Andrade	
Librarian:	Beverly Utile	
Entertainment Chair:	Joyce Caldeira	
Desk Inspector:	John Corrales	

Sgt-At-Arms Ass'ts: Archie Delao Anita Apodaca

Alvarado Girls Club:

The Girls Club had to have money for their blocks. So they figured out a way to earn money. They sell punch and cookies after lunch in school. The way is one big cookie and a cup of punch for five cents, or 3 small cookies or two large cookies, or 2 small cookie and one cup of punch. One cup of punch goes for 3¢. They plan to continue with their bake sale.

BY: Ellen Louie, Girls Club Reporter

New Teams:

The new teams of the Girls Club are as follows:

Team 1-A:

Natalie Cicairos	<b>Anne Wada</b>	<b>Angie Preciado</b>	Sadako Kurotori
<b>Dolores Silva</b>	Frances Wayland	Antonia Melina	Gloria Apodaca
Josephine Villegas			

Team 2-A:

Rosara Barrera	Lupe Bueno	Esther Muela	Amalia Concha
Marjorie Best	Anita Apodaca	Lupe Melina	<b>Elizabeth Lancaster</b>

Mercedes Rigmaiden

Team 1B:

Rita Cicairos	Irene Silva	Marlene Andrade	Ellen Louie
Grace Gellerman	Beverly Spurlock	Rosalie Cicairos	Yakeo Togami
Geraldine Silva	Pearl Labrado	Jessie Ramirez	Naomi Muela

Team 2B:

Vera Dominguez	Lupe Ramirez	Lupe Moreno	Jeany Cheng
Isabel Hendrickson	Ampara Sanchez	Margaret Pfau	Sally Sanchez
Helen Villalobos	Elaine Hocking	Joyce Caldeira	Beverly Utile
Virginia Araya			

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades:

Mr. Maffey bought the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grades a new map. It shows how high the mountains are and how low the valleys are. We got the thrift banner this week for the highest percentage. We are going to the public museum on Thursday. We are having a writing contest and if we write a good story we get a postcard.

Miss Wespiser let us use some pictures of great singers and composers in full color. Our teacher is Mrs. Lucas.

BY: Mercedes Rigmaiden

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class of the Alvarado Elementary School decided to have "A Scream in the Dark" as their graduation play. The Characters are as follows:

Marfie Warren:	<b>Anne Wada</b>
Hal Warren:	Melvin Pimentel
Millie:	<b>Dolores Silva</b>
Mrs. Warren:	<b>Elizabeth Lancaster</b>
Edgar Milton:	Rodney Hendricks
Harriet Penrose:	<b>Angie Preciado</b>
Bobby Warren:	George Cicairos
Boy:	Antoine Rigmaiden

Also, they have decided on their graduation clothes.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, May 27, 1949***

**Baseball:**

The Ashland Athletic Club and the Alvarado Merchant's played to a 2-2 tie at the end of the time limit in their first game in the Daily Review 15 and under league.

***The Daily Hayward Review, May 31, 1949***

**Just Bought A Television Set?:**

Here is your broadcast line up for the weekend Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>:

**FRIDAY JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>:**

6:40 p.m.	TV Hobby Parade – Ben Sweetland
6:55 p.m.	Missing Persons – S.F. Police Department
7:00 p.m.	NBC – Kukla, Fran, and Ollie
7:30 p.m.	Club TV
7:45 p.m.	NBC – Broadway Revue
9:00 p.m.	NBC – You Show Time
9:30 p.m.	Newsreel
9:40 p.m.	Sign-off

**SATURDAY JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>:**

2:00 p.m.	San Francisco Seals vs. Oakland Oaks
6:15 p.m.	Test Pattern & Announcements
6:30 p.m.	NBC – Howdy Doody
7:00 p.m.	Kukla, Fran & Ollie
7:30 p.m.	Flight Log
7:50 p.m.	Newsreel
8:00 p.m.	KPIX – Kactus Theater
9:00 p.m.	Newsreel
9:10 p.m.	Sign-off

**SUNDAY JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>:**

6:45 p.m.	Test Pattern & Announcements
7:00 p.m.	Family Vespers
7:15 p.m.	An American Heritage
7:30 p.m.	NBC – Who Said That
8:00 p.m.	Share-A-Charade
8:45 p.m.	Design on Living – Sid Crockett
9:00 p.m.	CBS – Fred Waring Show
10:00 p.m.	William Winter and the News
10:15 p.m.	Sign-off

***The Alvarado Pioneer, June 3, 1949***

**News Notes:**

"Chick" Vargas is pleased to have won the Pigeon Race from Crescent Lake, Oregon this weekend. Mr. & Mrs. James Damon of Vallejo were overnight guests of Mr. & Mrs. Ivan Best and daughter Marjorie on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Damon and Mrs. Best are sisters.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Best of Alvarado are retiring from business and expect to take an extended trip first to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho to visit relatives and friends.

Bobby Harvey celebrated his 8<sup>th</sup> birthday at his home on the Alvarado-Centerville Highway with 21 of his little friends to help him on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Little Edward Manuel, son of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Manuel of Alvarado, was the toast of dinner given by his parents on the occasion of his 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion at St. Anne's in Alvarado.

A group of friends gathered at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Silva on Sunday and enjoyed a picnic and an afternoon of folk dancing. Those attending were Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Silva and Helen,

**Mr. & Mrs. George Hocking, Carol and Elaine;** Mr. & Mrs. Graydon Spurlock, Beverly and Darryl; and Mr. & Mrs. Ed Mara, Wanda Rae and Deana.

**Mr. & Mrs. George Hocking** and daughters, **Carol and Elaine**, entertained in honor of Mr. Lester Hiller of Gardena on Friday night. Mr. Hiller is a former resident of Alvarado and Irvington and is here on business in connection with Frieden Calculator Company in San Leandro.

Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Maffey, **Mr. & Mrs. George Hocking** and Mr. Manuel Goularte represented the Alvarado Elementary School at the trustees; barbecue at the Livermore Air Base last week. The Pleasanton and Livermore Elementary and High Schools were hosts to all the trustees of the county.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 3, 1949*

**Alvarado Eagles New Officers:**

The Alvarado Eagles and their ladies auxiliary will install new officers on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 8 o'clock. The new officers are:

President:	Arthur Soito	
Vice-President:	Raymond Cunha	
Chaplain:	Ed Silva	
Treasurer:	Charley Baird	
Conductor:	Ernest Quadros	
Guards:	Maurice Leal	Ervin Williams
Physician:	Dr. McWhirter	
Trustee:	Joe Lewis	

The Auxiliary officers are:

President:	Mrs. Joe Lewis		
Vice-President:	Mrs. Adeline Quadros		
Chaplain:	Mrs. Alvina Leal		
Cconductress:	Mrs. Josephine Delgado		
Secretary:	Mrs. Susie Davis		
Treasurer:	Mrs. Alice Menezes		
Inside Guard:	Mrs. Constance Holland		
Outisde Guard:	Mrs. Evelyn Silvestri		
Trustees:	Mrs. Esther Gardetto	Mrs. Mamie Silva	Mrs. Ruby Gordon

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**Farm Home Department:**

Mrs. Martha Faria of Alvarado has been elected to the post of Chairman of the Alameda County Farm Home Department.

*The Daily Hayward Review, June 4, 1949*

**F.C. Harvey Estate:**

An appraisal of the estate of Frederick C. Harvey, 75, retired Alvarado rancher who died December 5, 1948 was valued at \$230,789. It consists mainly of ranch property around Alvarado.

The property was put in trust with the income to be divided equally between his widow, Bessie A. Harvey, and a son, Theodore P. Harvey of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 5, 1949*

**Alvarado School Graduation:**

Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 P.M.

Orchestra Selections:

"Legend of Spring"

"Father of Victory"

"Little Annie Rooney"



“Caissons Go Rolling Along”

Orchestra Members:

Antoine Rigmaiden	Clarinet
Archie Delao:	Clarinet
<b>Rita Cicairos</b>	Clarinet
Arnold Gardetto	Trumpet
<b>Beverly Spurlock</b>	Trumpet
Frank Velarde	Trumpet
Naomi Muela	Bells
Natalie Cicairos	Trumpet
Margaret Pfau	Saxophone
<b>Elaine Hocking</b>	Saxophone
<b>Marjorie Best</b>	Saxophone
<b>Ellen Louie</b>	Violin
<b>Jeany Cheng</b>	Bass Drum
Mervin Pinto	Snare Drum
<b>Marlene Andrade</b>	Piano
Bernard Callery	Director

A Mystery Comedy in Two Acts:

“A Scream in the Dark”

Marie Warren:	Anne Wada
Hal Warren:	Mervin Pimentel
Millie:	Dolores Silva
Mr. Warren:	George Cicairos
Mrs. Warren:	Elizabeth Lancaster
Edgar Milton:	Rodney Hendricks
Harriet Penrose:	Angelita Preciado
Bobby:	Eddie Mateo
Boy:	Antoine Rigmaiden
Prompter:	Yoshio Kamiji
Curtain Boy:	Julio Moreno

A comedy in One Act – By Anne Coulter Martens:

Wildcat Willie Gets Brain Fever”

Willie:	Arnold Gardetto
Gladys:	Natalie Cicairos
Mrs. Wilkins:	Sadako Kurotori
Joe:	Andrew Pimentel
Kathie:	<b>Jeany Cheng</b>
Vernon:	Tony Mata
Celia:	<b>Frances Wayland</b>
Miss Bond:	<b>Marlene Andrade</b>

Eighth Grade Graduates:

Salvador Barrera	Louis Burns	George Cicairos	Rodney Hendricks
Masaharu Hisaoka	Yoshio Kamiji	Elizabeth Lancaster	Mike Leon
Eddie Mateo	Lupe Melina	Julio Moreno	Melvin Pimentel
Angelita Preciado	Antoine Rigmaiden	Dolores Silva	Raul Villareal
Anne Wada.			

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**ALVISO SCHOOL GRADUATES:**

Richard Andrade, Anita Bailey, Jimmie Bettencourt, Howard Bigbey, Piero Cerruti, Michael Logan, Walter Luiz, Shirley Mello, Kenneth Mello, Frank Murakami, Anne Pederson, Jerry Pimentel Wynemia Sudbury.

*The Township Register, Niles California, June 10, 1949*

### **Beverly Spurlock's Alvarado News:**

The Alvarado Mother's Club held an election of officers. The officers are:

President:	Alvina Brune
Vice-President:	Lorraine Silva
Secretary:	Marian Hocking
Treasurer:	Winifred Harper
Publicity Chairman:	<b>Esther Gardetto</b>
Sunshine Chairman:	Emily Noia

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Brune and sons, Donald and David motored to San Francisco Friday evening to witness the San Francisco Seals game.

Tony Santos of the Silver Dollar is recuperating at his home from an illness, which sent him to the Alameda Hospital for a week.

Joe Dutra of the Bear Cat at Centerville is recuperating from an operation performed at the Alameda Hospital on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. & Mrs. Seraphine **Caldeira** and daughter, **Joyce Ann** attended the midget auto races at the Oakland Stadium on Friday evening.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Dutra motored to Santa Clara on Sunday where they met Mr. & **Mrs. Mike Gardetto** and all attended the Santa Clara Holy Ghost Festival being held there.

Mr. & Mrs. Emilio Re are driving a new Oldsmobile, which they received on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Alvarado children featured in the Valdez & Peggy Dance Revue on Sunday at the Bret Harte School auditorium in Hayward were, Billie Harper, Myrna Jean Dutra and **Beverly Spurlock**.

Mr. & Mrs. M.E. Amaral, and son Arlen, of Alvarado-Niles Road spent the weekend in Yosemite. It was a lovely trip and beautiful weather.

Troop 67 Alvarado Girl Scouts surprised their leaders with a farewell party for the year on Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Refreshments were served and games played. Assisting the girls were the principal, Mr. Maffey, and 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher Miss Wespeiser. They made large scout insignias thanking each leader, Marian Hocking and Mary Spurlock for their efforts during the year. Girls participating were Aurora Sanchez, Virginia Araya, **Marlene Andrade, Marjorie Best, Joyce Ann Caldeira, Elaine Hocking**, Beverly Utile, **Jeany Cheng, Ellen Louie, Margaret Pfau, Francis Wayland** and **Beverly Spurlock**.

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### **Alvarado School News:**

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades

The 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades had a sale and **Margaret Pfau** has a rug for her efforts of 71¢.

We are going to have a party June 15<sup>th</sup>. **Mrs. Lucas** is going to help us with our party and that's nice of her because she doesn't have to pay any money if she doesn't want to.

When we went to the Museum she said that we were so good that she was going to show us some of her pets. She showed us a snake. One boy asked her if she would give him the snakeskin and she said she would. She showed us a mouse and a skunk.

Some children in the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades made some maps of California. They are physical maps of California by Irene Silva, and California Missions by **Ellen Louie**, and a California map by Pearl Labrado and **Rita Cicairos**.

**Mrs. Lucas'** room had a good attendance last month and a few were ill. Mrs. Lucas made some tickets for the children who talk in the room (too much?). And they will get tickets if they talk.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 10, 1949*

#### **Mother's Club:**

A public card party will be held by the Mother's Club of the Alvarado Elementary School at the school on June 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m., it has been announced today by Mrs. Esther Gardetto. In charge of the arrangements are the new president, Mrs. Alvina Brune assisted by Mrs. Lorraine Silva, Mrs. Mary Silva and Mrs. Ethel Borges. The club will hold a picnic for members and their children at Alum Rock Park on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Emily Noia has been elected Sunshine Chairman for the year.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 12, 1949*

#### **News Notes:**

An auspicious showing was made by the residents of Washington Township in the Livermore Annual Rodeo. Irvington & Alvarado won 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Jr. Traffic Patrol.

The Wedgewood Coaster Derby will be held at Hidden Valley Dude Ranch on Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup>. Entrants from Alvarado are: Arnold Hernandez, sponsored by Rose Hernandez; Eddie Mateo, sponsored by Teresa Mateo; Eugene Concha, sponsored by F. Concha; Andrew Pimentel, sponsored by Lloyd's Electric; and Michael Logan, sponsored by J.M. Logan.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Best have recently left the Gun Club in Alvarado after being employed there for over 18 years. They left Monday morning for National City to visit their son, Lloyd Best for a week. Then they will head for a visit in Idaho.

Mr. & Mrs. Lee Falkowski and daughter Diana Lee have moved to the Alvarado Gun Club where the Frank Best's were employed for a period of 18 years. The Falkowski's are from Spokane, Washington, and he was recently in the service spending a considerable time overseas.

Mr. & Mrs. Alton Best and sons, baby Dennis and Eddie, left for Spokane suddenly as they received word Mrs. Best's father had passed away. Little Dennis was born the 31<sup>st</sup> of March and Eddie recently celebrated his 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 17, 1949*

#### **Washington High School FFA:**

Eighteen Future Farmers of Washington Township will exhibit livestock, poultry and crops at the Alameda County Fair at Pleasanton June 29<sup>th</sup> through July 9<sup>th</sup>. Taking part from Alvarado will be Tom Gualco.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 19, 1949*

#### **Japanese to Hold Dance:**

The Southern Alameda County Japanese American Citizens will hold a dance at the Washington Union High School gymnasium on June 25<sup>th</sup>, according to Misaya Matsumoto of Alvarado, social chairman. The league has enrolled 85 members and holds monthly meetings under the direction of Kazo Shikano, President. The dance at Centerville is open to members and their guests.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 19, 1949*

#### **Mother's Club:**

The public is invited to attend a card party at the Alvarado Elementary School at 2 p.m. tomorrow. The affair is sponsored by the Mother's Club with the following people in charge: Mrs. Alvina Brune, President, Mrs. Lorraine Silva, Mrs. Mary Silva and Mrs. Ethel Borges.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 23, 1949*

#### **Stanford Grad:**

Julia Helene Hill of Alvarado graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology under the faculty of Humanities and Sciences from Stanford University.

*The Daily Hayward Review, June 23, 1949*

### **Filipino Community News:**

Several times now the Filipino Community of Alvarado, and its vicinities have been celebrating the Independence Day of the newly formed Philippine Republic by giving the most entertaining and unusual program to the public running to several thousands of dollars. One year ago there was a big barbecue, queen contest and radio broadcast.

This year there will be a magnificent exhibition of art works, a delicious picnic, and dancing the whole day. The organization is new but very active with good and broad ideals and they ask quite a bit of time and money on those activities from its members. It is the trend of new enterprise even true especially in the commercial world. But now days of big spending of money are over! We are a grown up organization now; we are already an established enterprise. So, through mistakes we have learned to avoid, and misunderstanding we intend to patch up, and through unselfish devotion and undying cooperation this Filipino Community will be the best-conducted, well-liked and strongest Filipino Organization in the Nation.

This year our most outstanding and unsurpassed program includes well-known and well-liked participants. Others are even professionals in their line. Led by Mike Cuevas, well-known Filipino orchestra leader from Oakland, and his merry makers, the program starts at 7 p.m. and is as follows:

- 1) Opening Remarks: Mr. Alex Biete, Master of Ceremonies and past President of the Filipino Community.
- 2) Selection by Orchestra: Mike Cuevas and his Orchestra.
- 3) Dance, "A La Jota Cataiana" Mr. & Mrs. Placido D. Lazaro
- 4) Song: Miss Muriel Abrescy, accompanied by the orchestra
- 5) Hula Dance: Connie Cipriano
- 6) Guest Speaker: Honorable Vice Consul of the Philippines; Honorable Juan Dionisio
- 7) Dance, "Carinoza: (Young Folks): Donna Sacramento and Johnny Agraviador
- 8) Guest Speaker: By George Oakes Jr., Ass't Editor Washington News and Deputy in the District Attorney's office.
- 9) Dance, "Carinoza: (Older Folks): Mr. & Mrs. Placido Lazaro
- 10) Closing Remarks: Frank Sacramento, President of the Filipino Community of Alvarado

Picnic starts at 12 noon.

Dancing in the afternoon and evening until 1 a.m.

Games for children in the afternoon.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 24, 1949*

### **Alvarado School:**

The Alvarado Mother's Club has announced that Mr. Hayden Cook of Redwood City will act as playground director the Alvarado Elementary School for the summer vacation. Mr. Cook will be at the Alvarado School grounds Saturday morning, June 18<sup>th</sup> at ten o'clock to meet the children and to start the summer program. The hours each day will be from ten o'clock in the morning to five in the afternoon.

The Alvarado Mother's Club has been able to secure this teacher for the Alvarado children with the help of the following clubs: the Alvarado Eagles, Paul Rivers Post of the VFW; Alvarado Chamber of Commerce; Alvarado Firemen; Alvarado Chapter of the Farm Bureau; and members of the Rhythm Winders (the Folk Dancing Group). Reported by: Beverly Spurlock.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 24, 1949*

### **News Notes:**

Miss Lena Horat has announced her engagement to Clayton George. Clayton is the son of Frank P. George of the General Petroleum Company office in Alvarado.

The Southern Alameda County Japanese-American Citizens League will hold a dance at the Washington Union High School gymnasium on June 25<sup>th</sup>, according to Misayo Matsumoto of Alvarado, special chairman.

The Washington Township Chapter of the San Francisco Bay Project (the Reber Plan) has recently been formed to further the finding of a source of plentiful cheap water. Representing Alvarado and Alviso, respectively, are T.P. Harvey and Louis Amaral.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 24, 1949*

**New Arrival:**

Born to the wife of Mr. Thomas Garcia Villasano, 408 "V" Street Alvarado, a daughter, Gloria Ida, on June 16, 1949.

*The Daily Hayward Review, June 24, 1949*

**Albino Squirrel:**

(50 Years Ago, June 1899)

An albino squirrel owned by J. Barton Rose of Hayward was interred in the Rose Cemetery last Sunday. The deceased was a native of Alvarado and had lived in Hayward only a few months. Suitable ceremonies were held at the interment with Mr. Rose delivering an affecting eulogy over the remains.

*The Daily Hayward Review, June 24, 1949*

**New Arrival:**

To the wife of Mr. Vincente Sandoval of Alvarado, a daughter Margarita, June 17, 1949.

*The Daily Hayward Review, June 25, 1949*

**John Honigsman Dies:**

John Honigsman, 81, a retired master teamster, died in a nursing home in Oakland Saturday. Honigsman started his career at the Contra Cost Water Company in 1894 at Alvarado. He then went to work for EBMUD until retirement in 1939.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 27, 1949*

**News Note:**

Julia "Judy" Helene Hill of Alvarado was graduated from Stanford University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology under the faculty of humanities and sciences during commencement exercises held over the weekend.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 29, 1949*

**Filipino's Plan for Joint Celebration:**

Filipino's will observe joint celebration of Independence Day for the Philippine Islands and the United States here on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

The large-scale celebration, which had been held here during the past several years, has been canceled, but there will be a noon picnic, games and dancing and a program at 7 p.m. at the pavilion.

Alex Biete will be master of ceremonies and guest speakers will be the Vice Consul of the Philippines, Juan Dioniso, and George Oakes Jr., deputy district attorney. Special dances will be given by Mr. & Mrs. Placido D. Lazaro, Miss Connie Cipriano, Donna Sacramento and Johnny Agraviador, Miss Muriel Abresey will sing and Frank Sacramento will make closing remarks.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 30, 1949*

**Filipino Independence Day Celebration:**

Joint celebration of Independence Day for the Philippine Islands and the United States will be observed in Alvarado tomorrow. Filipino's of the Alvarado area are planning a picnic, dancing and games.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 3, 1949*

### **Newark Holy Ghost:**

The Holy Ghost fiesta season in Washington Township will close with the annual celebration at Newark July 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. This is the fourth observance in the township this year of the old-country custom introduced from Portugal into the United States over 60 years ago.

The first fiesta ever held was at Mission San Jose in 1889, but in recent years the Alvarado celebration opens the fiesta season in Southern Alameda County. Other fiestas have been held at neighboring Centerville and in neighboring communities in Alameda County and throughout California where more than 150 Portuguese fraternal societies are organized. The state convention of the I.D.E.S. Lodge, which alone has approximately 130 councils, will be held at Mission San Jose this fall.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 3, 1949*

### **Beverly Spurlock's Alvarado News:**

Beverly & Darryl Spurlock returned Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> from a vacation trip to Chico.

Shirley and Silvia Gaylor of Los Alamitos, CA., twin granddaughters of **Mr. & Mrs. Jess Lancaster** of Smith Street are spending a month's vacation with relatives here.

Jess Lancaster Jr. and a friend visited **Mr. & Mrs. Jess Lancaster** on Saturday & Sunday. Jess and his friend are in the Marines stationed near Reno.

Mr. Patrick Wayland is in Los Angeles on business. He expects to be joined there in a couple of weeks by Mrs. Wayland and the children.

Carol & Elaine Hocking returned last Friday from a week's vacation in Concord, California.

The regular monthly meeting of the Folk Dancing Group in Alvarado, the Rhythm Winders, who meet on the first Saturday of each month, was postponed to Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Jess Jacinto Jr., 22, who plays for the Clovis Pioneers of the West Texas-New Mexico League has been selected to play on the Northern All-Star Team. His game will be played in Albuquerque on July 2<sup>nd</sup> against the Southern All-Stars. His friends wish him the very best of luck and are betting on him. Jess' batting average is .342.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 8, 1949*

### **Irene Souza to Wed:**

On Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, Irene Frances Souza will become the bride of Edward Mendonca at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Alvarado. Irene is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Manuel D. Souza.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 8, 1949*

### **New Bridge:**

Washington Township gets its second bridge within the year, according to the Office of the County Surveyor, Wallace Boggs. A 260-foot concrete bridge, costing approximately \$136,000, with construction beginning in August, will take care of floodwaters at the Patterson Slough on Marsh Road.

*The Daily Review, July 12, 1949*

### **News Note:**

There is speculation that the Alvarado Presbyterian Church may be re-activated and hold regular services again. Regular church services are not being conducted in Alvarado although the Church is used for local religious education classes during the school term. The Ladies Aid Society is still active in Alvarado and hold regular monthly meetings.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 15, 1949*

### **Alvarado Vegetable Growers:**

Starting in 1928 with four employees as a cooperative group of farmers, the Alvarado Vegetable Growers have now grown into a full-scale business with 50 employees. The group, which formerly shipped 30 cars a season, now sends off some 750 cars every season to various parts of the United States and Canada.

President for the growers is W. B. Emery, who has been with the group since 1928, and A. Caeton is General Manager. Although they grow all varieties of vegetables, the Alvarado group specializes in cauliflower and endive, which is used for interstate shipments.

*The Daily Review, July 16, 1949*

**Commercial Ad:**

ALVARADO VEGETABLE GROWERS

Alvarado, California

Alvarado Grown Cauliflower and Lettuce

Shipped anywhere in the U.S.

Contact: Al Caeton

Alvarado 55-722

*The Daily Review, July 16, 1949*

**New Arrival:**

In Hayward, July 8<sup>th</sup> to Mr. & Mrs. Charles Tetsuharu Yuhara, 1228 Alvarado Street, Alvarado, a son, Gary Teruyuki, 6 pounds 11 ounces.

*The Daily Review, July 16, 1949*

**Alvarado School:**

A three-room addition has been added this year to the Alvarado School.

*The Daily Review, July 16, 1949*

**New Arrival:**

In Hayward, July 13<sup>th</sup>, born to Mr. & Mrs. Pablo Reyes Rios, Alvarado, a son Robert Rodriguez, 8 pounds 12 ounce.

*The Daily Review, July 19, 1949*

**Mrs. Eldora Benites Dies:**

Mrs. Eldora G. Benites of Alvarado passed away on July 19<sup>th</sup>. She leaves her husband, Manuel Benites and children Cando, Jess and Victoria Benites, Mrs. Emily Sacramento and Mrs. Matilda Martinez all of Alvarado. Mrs. Benites was a native of Portugal.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 21, 1949*

**News Notes:**

General Petroleum Corp. has a distributor whose office is at Alvarado, who has something free for you. When you take to the highways this summer on your vacation trip, why not see the very latest highway guide map available, in panel form, which instantly opens to the panel, by letter and number, pointing the exact way in any of the four Western States. It is a honey. See Frank P. George at his main office at Alvarado, he will gladly give you one free.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 22, 1949*

**Yoshio Hisaoka:**

Yoshio Hisaoka of Alvarado has been elected Vice-President of the Washington Union High School student Government. Serving with him are: Don Pine, President; Jim Griffin, Representative; Elsie Horat, Secretary; and Emily Tacchella, Treasurer.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 24, 1949*

**Baseball:**

Ashland Athletic Club defeated the Alvarado Merchants 1-0 to take the championship in the 15 and under Daily Review League. The Alvarado line up consisted of:

Carvalho	Short Stop
Cervantes	Third Base
Sabe	Pitcher
Ray	Catcher
Labrado	Second Base
Duran	Left Field
Sanchez	First Base
Pete	Center Field
Ybarra	Right Field
Anderson	Left Field

***The Daily Review, July 25, 1949***

### **Bridge Tea Party:**

The public is invited to a bridge tea at the home of Mrs. L. E. Bailey on Beard Road ([Alviso District](#)), Friday at 1 p.m., for the benefit of St. James Episcopal Church. Reservations should not be made later than Wednesday with Mrs. Bailey or Mrs. Edna Tyson at Niles.

***The Oakland Tribune, July 26, 1949***

### **Liquor Application:**

Frank and Mary De Mello have applied for an "On Sale" beer license for the premises located at 1457 Smith Street, Alvarado.

***The Daily Review, July 26, 1949***

### **New Arrivals:**

To Mr. & Mrs. Ben Matsumoto of Alvarado, on June 26<sup>th</sup>, a girl, Kathleen Marie

To Mr. & Mrs. Charles Yuhora of Alvarado, on July 8<sup>th</sup>, a boy, Gary Teruyuki

Reported By: Grace Matsumoto, Correspondent of JAACL

***The Alvarado Pioneer, July 22, 1949***

### **Southern Alameda County:**

This year marks some big changes coming in the future for Southern Alameda County. The first is the flood control and water conservation law. It will enable us to make full use of the land that previously has had either too much water or too little. It gives us the opportunity to control our Southern Alameda County land areas.

The other is the new freeway. True, to date it is only completed but a short distance in Oakland. But plans call for it being brought out to West 150<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the near future. From there it will move on to Alvarado, and eventually San Jose.

The freeway is important to us now because work on it finally has been started. Many years of working and planning preceded the start of construction. Now that work on the freeway has begun, the roadway seems just around the corner.

***The Daily Review, July 30, 1949***

### **Electrical Storm:**

A spectacular electrical storm brought lightning and thunder to the East Bay. Many East Bay communities were left without electricity including Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, July 31 1949***

### **News Note:**

The Bettencourt's of Warm Springs spent a delightful evening last week at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Louis Cunha of Alvarado.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, August 5, 1949***

### **New Arrival:**



To the wife of Mr. Percy Ramirez Garcia, General Delivery Alvarado, a daughter, Emilda, August 1, 1949.

*The Daily Review, August 9, 1949*

**Washington Township Grammar School Growth:**

(Irvington not reported)

All elementary schools in Washington Township reported increases in attendance during the past year (Irvington did not report).

Attendance				
School	47-48	48-49	Inc - (Dec)	Pct.
Alvarado	204	232	28	13.7%
Alviso	71	80	9	12.7%
Centerville	279	298	19	6.8%
Decoto	539	591	52	9.6%
Mission San Jose	65	71	6	9.2%
Newark	280	329	49	17.5%
Niles	445	498	53	11.9%
	1,883	2,099	216	11.5%

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 12, 1949*

**Beverly Spurlock's Alvarado News:**

Jess Jacinto Jr., son of Mr. & Mrs. Jess Jacinto of Alvarado was united in marriage with Miss Billie Cline of Lamesa Texas on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 12, 1949*

**Mrs. Lupe Solis Dies:**

Rudolph Solis of Alvarado is mourning the loss of his mother, Mrs. Lupe Solis of Hayward who passed away recently at the age of 56.

*The Daily Review, August 13, 1949*

**Baseball:**

The next ball game for Hayward's P&H team will be a team from Alvarado. The Alvarado team is composed of employees from the local sugar mill and it is said that some of the players used to play with professional teams so a lively game is expected.

*The Daily Review, August 13, 1949*

**Alvarado Market Sold:**

Victor Molina, Russell City, intends to sell the Alvarado Market, 1090 Levee Street, Alvarado, to Ray E. and Lucille P. Alvarez, of Newark. The sale will be completed on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*The Daily Review, August 17, 1949*

**Alvarado Raided:**

Twenty deputy sheriffs raided two establishments in Alvarado simultaneously at 8:30 p.m. The deputies raided the New Manila Pool hall, 1055 Levee Street and the Luneta Café, on Smith Street several blocks away. In the two establishments were more than 100 persons gambling, but only the dealers, cashiers and operators were arrested. A total of fifteen people were taken to jail. Among those taken in were Felix Diangson, 43, of 1437 Smith Street, Alvarado, identified as the operator of the Luneta Café and Frank Machalis of 1045 Levee Street.

The deputies seized all gambling equipment and all of the money on the tables, which could amount to \$2,000.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 20, 1949*

### **Man Beaten and Robbed:**

A Woodland man was kidnapped, beaten and robbed early today by three men who accosted him near an Alvarado tavern. Benny T. Fong, 40, told sheriff deputies he lost money and other valuables worth \$1,680.

Fong left the bar at closing time. When the robbers approached one of them pushed a gun into his side and ordered him to get into his own car. The gunman and two accomplices jumped in the car with him. A fourth followed in another automobile. Fong was forced to drive to the foot of Benson Road, a mile southwest of Alvarado. There Fong was beaten on the head and robbed of \$100, a \$1,500 diamond ring, his wristwatch, a pen and pencil set, and his cigarette lighter.

Fong was taken to Fairmont Hospital for a checkup and then released. Fong has been at liberty on \$500 bail on a gambling charge since his arrest in a raid conducted by sheriff's deputies Friday night in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 23, 1949*

### **Sisters of the Holy Family:**

The historical Palmdale Estate in Mission San Jose will be the new home to the Sisters of Holy Names Family. Part of the old Mission San Jose grounds, Father Junipero Serra used to pray in the shade of the majestic palms, and Archbishop Joseph Alemany of San Francisco was a regular visitor. The sisters are well known throughout the township having taught the catechism to students at Hayward, Niles, Decoto, Centerville and Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, August 26, 1949*

### **Beverly Spurlock's Alvarado News:**

Mr. & Mrs. Ivan Best and daughter Marjorie are at Half Moon Bay for a vacation.

Mr. & Mrs. William Avilla entertained Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Telles of San Leandro the past week.

Mrs. Mary Amaral, who has been quite ill at the Alameda Hospital, is expected to be home soon.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Wolfe, recently of San Jose, spent Sunday with **Mrs. Nora Vargas**. Mr. & Mrs. Wolfe have recently sold their home in San Jose and are looking for a location in this vicinity. Dorothy **Vargas** and **Jeanette** spent the day Wednesday visiting friends and relatives in San Leandro.

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Borges of the Creek Road are remodeling their home on the inside.

Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Lewis of Granger Avenue are enjoying the presence of Linda Jean in their home.

Miss Betty Anne Jacinto and Mr. & Mrs. Antone Santos returned last week from a trip to Clovis, New Mexico, where they witnessed the wedding of Jess Jacinto Jr. to Miss Billie Cline. Mr. & Mrs. Jess Jacinto Sr. are planning to remain in New Mexico until Jess Jr.' season is over.

Mr. & Mrs. Morris Davilla, and children Beverly and Joe, returned Sunday from a trip to Sacramento where they stopped to visit relatives. From there they continued on to Yosemite, then to Santa Barbara and returned home covering over a thousand miles on the trip.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph E. Dutra will take their usual jaunt to Livingston on September 1<sup>st</sup> for the opening of the dove season. Their son Robert will accompany them and probably contribute to the limits taken as he did last year. From Livingston they plan to visit the State Fair at Sacramento and then go on to Reno.

Mr. & Mrs. William LeFevre are the proud parents of a baby daughter born at the Permanente Hospital in Oakland on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. LeFevre and the baby returned to their home on Smith Street in Alvarado on Wednesday.

Among the people attending the Farm Bureau Picnic at Linda Vista Park at Mission San Jose on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> were: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Goularte, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Maciel, Mr. & Mrs. Ed

**Vargas and Jeanette and Nora Vargas;** Mr. & Mrs. Emilio Re, Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Hendricks and Rodney; Mr. & Mrs. Antone Rodgers, and Mrs. Graydon Spurlock and Beverly and Darryl.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 26, 1949*

**John M. Scribner Dies:**

John M. Scribner, 77, a native Californian, passed away recently. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary E. Scribner, a son, Dr. J. M. Scribner, a dentist from Hayward and a daughter Mrs. Henry May. He was the brother of Mrs. Dora Richmond, Mrs. Lou Winegar, Arthur and Fred Joyce, and the late Alice Lampher.

He was born in Alvarado and was in the grocery business with John Ralph, operating under the name of Ralph and Scribner Grocery, in Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, August 29, 1949*

**Mrs. Mary Duarte Dies:**

Mrs. Eldora Pinto of Alvarado is mourning the loss of her mother, Mrs. Mary Duarte of Hayward who passed away last Saturday at the age of 65.

*The Daily Review, August 29, 1949*

**Auto-Pedestrian Accident:**

On the "critically injured" list at Highland Hospital this morning from being struck by an automobile as he walked along the Alvarado-Centerville Road late last night is Daniel Espinosa, 33, of the T.P. Harvey Ranch in Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, August 29, 1949*

**Marriage License:**

Antonio Hernandez, 26, Alvarado

Eleanor Hernandez, 19, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, August 31, 1949*

**Silver Dollar Burglary:**

Frank De Salles, of Niles, reported a break-in and burglary at the Silver Dollar Café in Alvarado. He told police that a window had been pried open at the café and the coin boxes of a jukebox; two pinball machines and a snooker table had been rifled. Also taken were between 75 and 100 pennies from the cash register.

*The Daily Review, September 1, 1949*

**New Notes:**

Thirty-three books were added to the Alvarado Branch of the Alameda County Library in the consignment for September.

Mr. & Mrs. Leslie H. Maffey are vacationing in Lake Tahoe. They left last Thursday and are expected back either Saturday or Sunday. Mr. Maffey is the popular principal of the **Alvarado Grammar School**. (Mr. Maffey teaches his students that the "principal" is spelled with "pal" for obvious reasons. Oh yeah?). Mrs. Maffey is associated with the City of San Jose schools.

Enjoying a day at Linda Vista in Mission San Jose recently for a picnic were a group of Alvarado people. Swimming, dancing and a large lunch and having a wonderful time were: Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rocha, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Goularte, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Machado and sons, **Mr. & Mrs. George Santos**, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Silva and Helen.

Mr. Anastacio Regalado and Mrs. Emily Sacramento, both of Alvarado, Mr. & Mrs. Omalza, Mr. E. Homerez, both of Centerville attended the banquet at Veterans Hall, Hollister, last August 27<sup>th</sup>, given by the Filipino Organization in honor of the founder, Domingo Couse and his son and daughter, who just arrived from Manila.

**Mr. & Mrs. Ambrose Loyola** and their two daughters, **Lou** and Judy, attended a christening party of their friends last Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, in Pleasanton. They enjoyed a nice lunch in the afternoon, sandwiches in the evening, with soft drinks, coffee and dancing.

Visiting the Wedgewood and Leslie Salt Plants in Newark were **Mr. & Mrs. George Santos**, Mrs. Helen Goularte, Aldina Andrade, Mrs. Anna Hendricks and Mrs. Madeline Rocha. They enjoyed a tour through the plant and coffee and sandwiches on the way out. Over at the Leslie Salty Plant Angie Vargas took them and showed them how they make cartons and fill them with salt, then Clarence Flores took them up in the warehouse and explained to them how salt was made. All in all this was most enjoyable and profitable afternoon.

Little **Zenaida Lou Loyola** of Alvarado celebrated her second birthday last Saturday night, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Lou is the daughter of **Mr. & Mrs. Ambrose Loyola**, proprietors of the Automotive Service Garage at Levee Street here.

**Mr. & Mrs. George Lucas** are building a home near the Ellsworth Tract in Niles and plan to be moved into it in the very near future. Mrs. Lucas is the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher at the **Alvarado Elementary School**.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 2, 1949*

#### **Beverly Spurlock's Alvarado News:**

Mrs. Manuel Pinto has returned to her duties as Alvarado Librarian after a vacation partly spent at Yosemite Park with her family.

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Wayland and family have moved to Hayward where they have purchased a home.

Mr. & Mrs. George Apodaca are moving into the home formerly occupied by the Wayland's.

Mr. & Mrs. Morris Davilla are leaving this weekend on a five-day vacation to be spent with friends and relatives in Richmond and Sacramento.

Mr. & Mrs. Pete Cordoba, former residents of Alvarado and now living in Oakland are leaving by train for New York on Sunday.

Anthony J. Vargas, the local Fire Chief, is enjoying his annual hunting trip. Let's hope he brings home a deer.

Mrs. Mary Amaral, who has been quite ill at the Alameda Hospital, has returned home and is feeling much better.

Donald Dutra of Hayward is spending a few days with **Mr. & Mrs. George Lucas** on Vallejo Street.

Mr. & Mrs. A. Lee and granddaughter Yvonne Vargas attended the Poultry Producer's Picnic and enjoyed meeting some of their old friends.

Mr. & Mrs. A. Rogers of the Creek Road attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday of their granddaughter, Gale last week.

Mr. & Mrs. Wilson and daughter Ilene have returned from a trip to Canada. Mr. Wilson is our local S.P. Station agent.

Mrs. Amelia Silva and daughter Clarabelle of Whipple Road have been down with tonsillitis and Quinsey Throat. They are both recovered now.

Mrs. Nora Vargas, Mrs. Allegre and Mrs. William Avilla are very grateful to Mrs. M.A. Silva for taking them to Mission San Jose to attend the dedication of the convent there. They enjoyed the outing very much.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 2, 1949*

#### **Alviso Grammar School Students:**

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: James M. Nunes, Teacher

<u>Student Name:</u>	<u>Age:</u>	<u>Parent Name:</u>
Miss Tonyia Almeida	7	Raymond & June Casey
Raymond Dickinson Jr.	6	Raymond Dickinson

Miss Mary Lou Garcia	7	Mrs. Pilar Garcia
Allen George	6	Leonard George
Miss Ethel Mae Helsel	6	Clifford Helsel
Miss Carroll Kato	5	Ky Kato
Miss Kathleen Logan	5	Ralph Logan
Rodolfo Martinez Jr.	5	Rodolfo Martinez
Miss Margaret Mata	7	Mrs. Mary Romero
Stephen Orsetti	6	Joseph Orsetti
David Ramirez	5	Mrs. Helen Ramirez
Robert Reina	6	Mrs. Barbara Reina
Dennis Silva	6	George E. Silva
Joe Souza	5	Arthtur Souza
Gary Sudbury	6	Leonard Sudbury
Miss Janice Sudbury	6	Charles Sudbury
Miss Ann Throgmorton	7	Mrs. G. Garcia
Frank Trejo	5	Rumoldo Trejo

***Alviso School Class Listing, Sep 5, 1949***

### **Alvarado School:**

No increase over last year has been announced by Leslie H. Maffey, principal of the Alvarado Elementary School, as 230 children will enroll. Unless an unexpected number of pupils enroll this fall the new building added last will be sufficient for the number of pupils. On the teaching staff are:

8 <sup>TH</sup> Grade:	Mr. John Bond
6 <sup>TH</sup> & 7 <sup>TH</sup> Grade:	<b>Mrs. Isabel Lucas</b>
5 <sup>TH</sup> Grade:	Miss Patricia Renz
4 <sup>TH</sup> Grade:	Miss Shirley Pearson
3 <sup>RD</sup> Grade:	Mrs. Hilda Widdop
2 <sup>ND</sup> Grade:	Miss Charlotte Jung
1 <sup>ST</sup> Grade:	Miss Betty Culbertson
Kindergarten:	Miss Shirley Everett

***The Alvarado Pioneer, September 9, 1949***

### **Beverly Spurlock's Alvarado News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Silva and children, Myrna Jean and Melvin; Mr. & Mrs. George Vargas, and **Mrs. Allegre** spent the weekend holidays at Tulle Lake. They drove Melvin's new Cadillac. Mrs. Mae Silva was a Sunday visitor at the State Fair. She accompanied friends from Livermore. Mr. & Mrs. Emilio Re spent Labor Day in Petaluma visiting friends there. Mr. Andrew Logan is spending a few days' deer hunting near Elko, Nevada.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Wiegman visited the State Fair at Sacramento on the opening day and report a very enjoyable time. Mr. Wiegman especially enjoyed the agriculture exhibits and Mrs. Wiegman spent quite a little time in the fancy work department.

Jess Jacinto, second baseman of the Clovis Pioneers, of Clovis, New Mexico, was presented with the "Most Valuable Player Trophy" on August 31<sup>st</sup>. The secretary-manager of the Clovis Chamber of Commerce made the presentation for the Clovis Chronicle, sponsor of the contest. A total of 825 votes were polled by the popular second baseman in the contest in which more than 2,000 ballots were cast. It was not a close race as the next players to Jess had 450 votes. Jess is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Jess Jacinto of Alvarado.

***The Alvarado pioneer, September 9, 1949***

### **Mrs. Isabel Loyola's Alvarado News:**

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel J. Andrade and their sons, Elmer, Ronald and LeRoy, spent Friday afternoon at Santa Cruz. Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Shestack and son Randy, arrived back in Alvarado Tuesday, there were happy to be back home again.

Anastacio Regalado attended the christening of Dennis Segundle, son of Mr. & Mrs. Sid Segundle of Irvington.

Miss Dolores Silva of Hesperian Boulevard, Alvarado, returned home from her two-week vacation where she spent at one of her aunts at San Bruno, Calif. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Silva. She will enroll at Washington High in Centerville.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 9, 1949*

**Classified Ad:**

HELP WANTED:

AVON REPRESENTATIVES earn big money supplying Avon Cosmetics Christmas gifts. Inquire now, start early. We train you. Representatives needed in Castro Valley, Hayward, Alvarado, Irvington, Centerville and Decoto.

Write:

Avon District Manager,

Mrs. Mabel Kimsey

Box 150

San Mateo, California

*The Daily Review, September 15, 1949*

**Classified Ad:**

FOR SALE:

Cauliflower cart with two wheels, rubber tires. Perfect condition.

Call Decoto 5026 or see Tony Rocha after 6 p.m.

FRD Box 390, Alvarado-Niles Road

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 16, 1949*

**Safe Driving Campaign:**

The safe driving campaign to save lives was made possible through the support of the following public-spirited citizens:

HELLWIG MEAT CO.

Levee St., Alvarado; Phone: Alvarado 55-701

LLOYD'S ELECTRIC

1548 Smith St., Alvarado; Phone: Alvarado 55-774

RAY ALVAREZ

General Delivery, Alvarado

MATT MACHADO'S PLACE

1636 Smith St., Alvarado

**ALVARADO PRODUCE MARKET**

P.O. Box 35, Alvarado, Phone: Alvarado 55-791

FRANK ANDRADA

Excavating – Land Leveling

½ Mile NE of Alvarado on Whipple Road

P.O. Box 178 Alvarado, Phone: Alvarado 55-878

EVANS CAMARILLO

Alvarado, California

CARILLO & MACAHILAS

1045 Levee, Alvarado; Phone: 55-837

FELIX DIANGSON  
Smith Street, Alvarado; Phone 55-771

HOLLY SUGAR CO.  
P.O. Box 1080  
Stockton, California

GENERAL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS  
Alvarado, California

HALF WAY HOUSE  
1003 Levee St., Alvarado; Phone: 55-787

T. MATSUMOTO  
1537 Smith St., Alvarado; Phone: 55-977

THE SILVER DOLLAR CAFÉ  
Under New Management  
Vallejo & Horner Sts., Alvarado; Phone 55-873  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 16, 1949*

**News Notes:**

Robert David Dutra, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph E. Dutra celebrated his eleventh birthday with his guests at a swimming party in Alum Rock Park on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Dutra acted as chauffeur for the boys and transported them all in the Dutra's new "BEAR CAT" Kaiser Traveler. Those who attended from Alvarado were Vernon Perry, Stanley Anderson, Mervin Pinto, and Richard Pinto. In the evening Robert was host to a number of his relatives and friends at home. He played a number of selections on his new Spinet piano for the entertainment of his guests. Most of the evening was spent in reviewing the gifts, being the son of Joe Dutra the most treasured was his first pair of "spikes."

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 16, 1949*

**Isabel Loyola's Alvarado News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. Lester Silvey of Alvarado are the proud parents of a new baby boy born on September 8<sup>th</sup>. His name is Jonathan.

Miss Mary Paniagua, who is employed at Central Bank in Alvarado, took a three-months vacation in Spain, she will be back home some time before December of this year.

The Filipino Fraternal Organization will leave next week for Seattle for a convention. Mr. Anastacio Regalado of Alvarado, Mr. & Mrs. Omalza of Centerville, Mr. & Mrs. Sid Segundle of Irvington, and Mr. Segundo Bacul of Irvington will attend.

Mrs. Aldina Andrade of the Alvarado, who had a successful kidney operation three months ago, said she feels very good now. Mrs. Andrade doesn't take long to regain her normal weight and health. She enjoys watching the **Grocery and Produce Market and Chevron Gas Station** at Levee Street here.

Kathleen Silva had her fifth birthday last week on September 9<sup>th</sup>; she had a nice party at her grandmother and grandfather's place, Mr. & Mrs. John Ahern of Alvarado, also her two sisters Miss Dolores and Wilma. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Silva of Hesperian Blvd., Alvarado

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 16, 1949*

**Rigmaiden's Celebrate Anniversary:**

On Monday evening at 8 o'clock p.m. the Rigmaiden children honored their parents, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Rigmaiden with a dinner celebrating their 32<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary. Mr. & Mrs. Rigmaiden were Married Sept. 12, 1917 at Lake Charles, LA. They became the parents of 12 children, 7 sons and 5 daughters, eight of which are still living. They are:

David P. Miller, Mr. Charles Q. Rigmaiden, Mr. Richard Rigmaiden Jr., Miss Selina Rigmaiden, Antoine Rigmaiden II, Thomas L. Rigmaiden, Mary N. Rigmaiden, all of Alvarado, and Mrs. Jeff McMillon of Keatchle, LA.

They have six grandchildren and four adopted children: Miss Delphine Rigmaiden, Mr. Sonny D. Rigmaiden, Mr. William M. Rigmaiden and Mercedes Rigmaiden, all of Alvarado. Attending the party from Alvarado were **Alvarado School** Principal Leslie H. Maffey and Mr. & Mrs. H.G. Spurlock.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 16, 1949*

### **Beverly Spurlock's Alvarado News:**

Miss Charlotte Young (Jung), who has taught in the **Alvarado Elementary School** for many years is quite ill in the Hayward Hospital and was forced to give up her job for this year. Claudia Aguilar and Frank Caldeira were married in Reno on Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> and will make their home for the month of September in Alvarado. Then they will move to Newark.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 1695, are having a food sale Saturday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Eagle's Hall in Alvarado. The committee in charge of the bake sale are: **Mrs. Helen T. Goularte**, Mrs. Tessie Maciel and Mrs. Aurora Lewis, all of which reside on the Creek Road.

The SPRSI No. 21 of Alvarado held a card part on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and had a wonderful turnout. Those on the committee were: Madeline Rocha, Eleanor Azevedo, **Helen Goularte**, and Delinda Pimentel. One homemade pie was given to Helen Anderson of Alvarado and one home made apple pie was given to Mrs. Anna Amaral of Alviso.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 16, 1949*

### **Safe Stolen:**

Frank Roderick reported to the sheriffs department that he found an opened safe on a private road on the Patterson Ranch about one half mile north of Jarvis Road. From papers strewn about the opened safe it was determined that it belonged to Ben Matsumoto of Alvarado.

Ben Matsumoto says his store had been broken into and the safe dragged outside to a waiting vehicle. Also, his cash register had been pried open and cash and coin removed.

Mr. Matsumoto said there was between \$700 and \$800 in the safe and about \$1,000 in checks and a number of old coins Matsumoto had been saving. About \$200 had been taken from the cash register.

*The Daily Review, September 21, 1949*

### **Hayward Order of the Eastern Star:**

Mrs. Willa Jane Hellwig was an honored guest the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Hayward Order of Eastern Star. Mrs. Hellwig is a Past Grand Matron of California.

*The Daily Review, September 26, 1949*

### **Rain:**

Lightning and peals of thunder hit the Bay Area today. A lightning bolt his a PG&E 12,000-volt feeder line, which disrupted local electricity. The lights were out for over an hour in Alvarado.

*The Hayward Review, September 27, 1949*

### **Alvarado Suicide:**



An Alvarado man committed suicide; meanwhile his wife suffered a stroke worrying about him when he did not return home. Mrs. Lucrezia Luchetti was found on the bedroom floor suffering from a stroke by a Newark couple that had come to buy eggs and check up on the old couple. They called for medical assistance for her and the gentleman went to check on the rabbits they kept. Mr. Anthony Luchetti was found in the shed sitting down with a discharged 12-gauge shotgun pointed at his face. Relatives say they were not in financial difficulty and could not give any reason for the suicide.

*The Daily Hayward Review, September 28, 1949*

#### **Gambling:**

Six Chinese men picked up in a gambling raid on an Alvarado establishment were fined \$300 each and given probation as this was their first offense. Their request that dice, dominoes, and other gambling devices confiscated be returned to them was denied.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 2, 1949*

#### **Card Party:**

A card party will be held at the Alvarado Elementary School will be held October 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. The purpose is to raise funds to provide a Halloween Party for the children at the school, according to publicity chairman of the Mother's Club, Mrs. Esther Gardetto.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 7, 1949*

#### **VFW:**

Paul Rivers Post, VFW, will hold a public dance at the S.D.E.S. Hall, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Norman Silveira is chairman. Proceeds will be used for the post's building fund.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 7, 1949*

#### **Historical Society:**

A movement is afoot in Centerville to start an Historical Society based on Washington Township. Persons who are interested in participating are urged to attend a meeting at the County Club of Washington Township on Parish Avenue at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Two prominent Alvarado landmarks mentioned is the United States first commercially successful sugar manufacturing plant ([Holly Sugar](#)) in Alvarado, and the Civil War Armory and IOOF Hall ([now the Eagle's Hall](#)) on Smith Street.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 8, 1949*

#### **Alvarado Hundred:**

([From an Oakland Tribune Feature Article](#))

"Alameda County was the first and only California County that sent any considerable quantity of troops to the Civil War, and they are said to be the only body from the Golden State that kept their individuality and fought as an individual body in that war. They were known as the 'Alvarado Hundred,' they were made up of men from all over the county." So writes Leslie J. Freeman.

"Today there rests over in Alvarado, the first county seat of Alameda County, the torn battle flag that this brave company of pioneers carried through 54 major battles, in response to President Lincoln's first call. The honored flag today reposes in the IOOF Hall, which served the Alvarado Hundred as an armory. This flag was made by the Alameda County women and was presented to the company before they marched away to battle; few indeed of them were to return. Charles S. Eigenbrodt was their Captain."

*The Oakland Tribune, October 9, 1949*

#### **Touch Football:**

Working out of a T formation the Bret Harte Indians leveled the team from Alvarado 55-15 in a touch football game. This was Bret Harte's third victory in as many games.

*The Daily Review, October 12, 1949*

#### **New Arrival:**

In Hayward, October 6<sup>th</sup>, born to Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Phillip Goularte of Alvarado, a daughter Elaine Marie, 7 pounds 13 ounces.

*The Daily Review, October 12, 1949*

### **Touch Football:**

Looks like there is no stopping the David E. Martin touch football team this season, the boys keep piling up touchdowns against all comers and emerging victorious. They played Alvarado Friday, scoring a 26 to 0 victory against the Washington Township team.

*The Daily Review, October 18, 1949*

### **Commercial Ad:**

Visit our booth...

Farm – Home – Industry Show

The Holly Sugar Company is glad to participate in another Southern Alameda County Civic Enterprise, and you will see us at the Farm, Home and Industrial Show.

Established in Alvarado in 1870, the Holly Sugar Company gives employment to 325 people.

We along with other industrial firms pay our share of support of Southern Alameda County tax supported institutions and projects.

We take the output of sugar beets from farms of the area increasing our agricultural payroll and income.

You will find our Holly Sugar on the shelves of retailers in the area and ask after seeing our exhibit that you buy our products for your future sugar needs.

HOLLY SUGAR COMPANY

Alvarado, California

*The Daily Review, October 19, 1949*

### **Alvarado Polling Places:**

Listed below are the three Alvarado precincts for the upcoming special election to be held on November 8<sup>th</sup>:

Alvarado Precinct No. 1:

Polling Place, Fraternal Order of Eagles Hall, Vallejo Street.

Inspector: Anthony J. Vargas

Judge: Isabel Menezes

Clerks: Annie L. Baird and Helen Anderson

Alvarado Precinct No. 2:

Polling Place, Alvarado Firehouse, Smith Street

Inspector: Mabel M. Rogers

Judge: Mary R. Borges

Clerks: Esther R. Gardetto and Helen Roderick

Alvarado Precinct No. 3:

Polling Place, Alviso Elementary School, Alvarado-Centerville Road, Alvarado

Inspector: Mayme Roderick

Judge: Pauline Faria

Clerks: Mary F. Luiz and Lydia Orsetti

*The Oakland Tribune, October 20, 1949*

**Isabel Loyola's Alvarado News:**

Valentina S. Sacramento looked so cheerful on her fifth birthday; she had a nice cake and dinner party. Gathered around her cake were her grandfather, Mr. Manuel Benites, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Benites of Hayward, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Benites Jr. and daughter, Walter & Dianna Diangson, Miss Victoria Benites an aunt, Miss Dora Regalado, Mr. Ray Regalado, and Valentine's sisters, Donna and Jayne. Mike Euvas and his orchestra provided the music for dancing and everybody enjoyed dinner, dancing, and soft drinks, and especially the birthday cake. Little Valentina says thanks very much to all and everyone for the nice gifts.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 21, 1949*

**Alvarado & Alviso News Notes:**

The Alviso School has a new bus driver, Mrs. Mary Bettencourt. She is the mother of two children, Patty Bettencourt who attends Alviso School and Jimmy who attended Washington Union High School.

Alviso School has six new students, they are: Herman Rocha, Juanita Rocha, Evelyn Garcia, Yvonne Sundburg, Gary Sundburg and Maxine Smith.

Bradley Martinez of Alvarado is engaged to a lovely young lady from Tallahassee, Florida.

Norma Bettencourt, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Bettencourt, announced her engagement to Everett de Salles. Both are students at San Jose State.

The first meeting of the Alviso Student Body was held on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Officers elected were:

- President: Leon Mings
- Vice-President: William Emery
- Secretary: Rina Ciarlo
- Treasurer: R. Hailey
- Sgt-At-Arms: Darwin Hall                      George George

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 21, 1949*

**Commercial Ad:**

FILIPINO COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN

Masquerade Dance

Sunday, October 30, 1949

Alvarado Hall

6 P.M. to 12:00 Midnight

Music By:

Mike Cuevas of Oakland

Prizes for Best Costume

Admission \$1.25              Ladies Free

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 21, 1949*

**Historic Sites to Be Named:**

All persons interested in the proposal to organize a historical society in Washington Township are invited to attend a public meeting at the Country Club of Washington Township on Parrish Avenue at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday.

The township boasts two historical landmarks already recognized officially by the State of California, the Mission San Jose de Guadelupe, which was established 150-years ago, and the Vallejo Mill site, established about 1853. The grave of Robert Livermore for whom the town of Livermore was named, was also marked by the Native Daughters at the Mission cemetery.

Numerous other historic spots are to be found in the township, local historians claim. Among these are the Presbyterian Church in Centerville, nearing its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and its adjacent graveyard where stones dated 1847 can be seen; the Holly Sugar plant at Alvarado; the first commercially successful sugar beet processor and refinery in the United States, the old Civil War

Armory at Alvarado, formerly operated as a lodge hall for the Odd Fellows and now owned by the Eagles; the old Vallejo adobe at the California Nursery and other adobes, said to number 50 in the neighboring communities.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 23, 1949*

#### **News Notes:**

Richard Rigmaiden, of Alvarado, will marry a Miss Olla Lartigue of Lake Charles, LA. They will make their home in Alvarado. Richard is the son of Mrs. Estelle Rigmaiden.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 28, 1949*

#### **Beverly Spurlock's Alvarado News:**

Mrs. Nora Vargas and Mrs. Angie Avilla are confined to their beds this week. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Mr. & Mrs. Norman Silveira who have been living in Newark have moved into one of the Naharro apartments between V & W Streets. Mr. Silveira operates a shoe repair shop in Alvarado. The home of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Richmond on Smith St. was broken into last week and a radio was taken.

Mrs. Harry Harbin, the former Cecilia Martinez, spent last weekend in Alvarado visiting her parents Mr. & Mrs. Ed Martinez and friends.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 28, 1949*

#### **John Logan Dies:**

John G. Logan, 79, well-known farmer and resident of the community for 49 years, died yesterday in Alvarado. A native of Ireland, he leaves his wife Annie J. Logan and several children.

*The Daily Review, October 29, 1949*

#### **New Homes:**

Homebuilders and real estate professionals are looking to the future of home building around Hayward and its environs. With the coming of the East Shore Freeway there will be an appetite for affordable housing in the south county region. The fear is that the cost of land is quite expensive in the south county for homebuilding.

Presently there is a plan to build 6,000 homes to the east and west of Hesperian Boulevard south of Jackson Street and north of Tennyson Road. Builders have learned that \$8,000 to \$9,000 homes will sell, but the margin for profit is slim. The high price of raw land in Washington Township will force growth somewhere else. They say that future growth will then go to Contra Costa County where land prices are more reasonable.

*The Daily Review, October 29, 1949*

#### **Christmas Seal Campaign:**

The annual Christmas Seal sale for the benefit of the Alameda County Health and Tuberculosis Association will begin in Washington Township on November 21<sup>st</sup>, under the general chairmanship of Mrs. James. R. Whipple Niles.

Heading the drive in Alvarado will be Miss Mildred Nauert, Miss Alice Mentz, Mrs. August May and Mrs. Genevieve Dutra.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 30, 1949*

#### **News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Silva of Alvarado and their three daughters, Miss Dolores, Kathleen and Wilma, spent Saturday in San Bruno with Mrs. Silva, a sister-in-law.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Goularte of the Creek Road in Alvarado celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at the home of Frank Pimentel of Centerville.

Isabel Mondragon of Isabel's Beauty Salon in Alvarado, wishes to thank her many customers and friends for their many remembrances while she was ill.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 4, 1949*

**Beverly Spurlock's Alvarado News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. Emilio Re entertained Mr. & Mrs. Walter Hansen and Mr. & Mrs. Larry Bettencourt of Newark on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mrs. Helen Goularte accompanied by Mrs. Esther Gardetto, Mrs. Mabel Rodgers, Mrs. Tessie Maciel, Mrs. Susie Davis and Mrs. Aurora Lewis, motored to Emeryville on Wednesday to attend the instituting program of the New Eagle's auxiliary there.

Chief Hallstrom, a full-blooded Cherokee Indian Chief visited the children of the Alvarado Elementary School on Thursday morning. The children were quite impressed as Chief Hallstrom did real Indian dances, sang authentic Indians Songs and told them of many of the customs of the North American Indian.

The Alvarado Mother's Club is conducting a membership drive contest in which a valuable gift is to be awarded to the classroom that brings in the most paid up memberships. New members are asked to give their dues to the student who will give it to his teacher, thus making sure that they are given proper credit.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 4, 1949*

**Calf Stolen:**

A one month-old calf was stolen from a pasture along side Hall Ranch Road in Alvarado between Wednesday and Thursday. Bert C. Martin said the calf was pulled through a hole in the barbed wire fence.

*The Daily Review, November 4, 1949*

**Flashing Lights in Alvarado:**

At a recent meeting of the Hayward area safety improvement committee, Roger Anderson asked for a check of the entrances to Alvarado, making sure that proper signage on the highway is made and to also look into the placement of an amber flashing light on Hiway 17.

*The Daily Review, November 5, 1949*

**Young Girl Dies:**

Mr. & Mrs. T. Sesto of Alvarado are mourning the loss of their granddaughter, Tamara Marie Fernandes of Oakland who was 8 years old.

*The Daily Review, November 5, 1949*

**Chamber of Commerce Dinner:**

The annual dinner meeting of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce will be held in the cafeteria on the Alvarado Grammar School at 6:30 p.m. on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Arrangements are being made by Secretary L. H. Maffey and M. P. Goularte, William Martinez, President will preside. The dinner will be prepared by the school cafeteria staff, Mrs. Mary Gastelum and Mrs. Dorothy Vargas.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 6, 1949*

**Miss Bettencourt to Wed:**

San Jose State College student Miss Norma Bettencourt is to wed Everett de Salles of Niles. Miss Bettencourt is the daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Bettencourt of Alvarado. The date has not yet been set.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 13, 1949*

**Machado's Corners:**

A scrapbook of yellowed newspaper clippings in which he had made headlines a quarter of a century ago is the most prized among the memoirs of George P. "Het" Machado, 78, former blacksmith and harness jockey.

Interviewed recently on the occasion of his 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary, both Machado and his wife, Annie, are obviously still s interested in the horses as they were when he was making a name for himself and his magic shoes, at Pacific Coast race tracks.

Macahdo's Corners, a wide place in the road between Alvarado and Centerville at the intersection of Jarvis Road and the Alvarado-Centerville Highway, was named for Machado's blacksmith shop, which he operated here for many years.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 18, 1949*

#### **Donna Sacramento's Birthday:**

Donna Sacramento looked so cheerful on her eighth birthday, last Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. She received lots of gifts from her family, friends and a nice cake from her mom and dad, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sacramento of Alvarado. Gathered around her cake were Aunt & Uncle Mr. & Mrs. George Sacramento and daughters from Oakland, grandfather Mr. Machado, Mr. & Mrs. Ben Ugale, Jr. & Mrs. Jessuietay of San Leandro, Mr. Ray Regalado, Mr. & Mrs. Omalza from Centerville and many more. Everybody is to have a fine time and enjoy the dinner, soft drinks and especially the cake.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 18, 1949*

#### **Beverly Spurlock's Alvarado News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. Andy Gardetto who lives on Vallejo Street in Alvarado became the parents of a daughter on November 11<sup>th</sup>. She is little Lynette Darlene.

Another new Armistice Day arrival is little Sharon Lee Mello, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Norman Mello of Granger Avenue.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 18, 1949*

#### **Chamber of Commerce:**

On Wednesday evening, November 16<sup>th</sup>, the First Annual Dinner of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce was given at the Alvarado Grammar School Cafeteria. Those what attended the dinner were Dallas Paul, Ed Wilson, R. Machado, Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Maffey, M. Hendricks, Mr. & Mrs. Diangson and children, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Baird, Mrs. August May, Peter Decoto, Mr. & Mrs. John Menezes and Alice, Mrs. Peter Pinto, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Flores and girls, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Borges, Warren Silva, Chester Stanley and son, Mr. & Mrs. M.P. Goularte and daughter, Mr. & Mrs. Emilio Re, Mr. & Mrs. Florenz Concha and children, John Ralph, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Lewis, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Perry and son, Stanley Anderson, Louise Machado, William Martinez, Anna Roderick, George Oakes, Domaso Diaz and Mr. A. Regalado.

The dinner was prepared under the direction of Mrs. Mary L. Gastelum, Chief Cook of the Cafeteria, and her very able assistant, Mrs. Dorothy Vargas.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 18, 1949*

#### **Men Convicted of Gambling:**

Of the seven men charged with gambling in Alvarado on the night of August 19, 1949, six were convicted by a jury. Only Benny Fong was absolved of guilt. The six that were convicted were: Dalmacio Carrillo, Marty Yip, Eugene Potencion, Ernest Sun, Tommy Yip, and Frank Macahilas. Their attorney, T.L. Foley immediately made a motion to have the verdict set aside on grounds of insufficient evidence.

The charges against the defendants, a violation of Section 330 of the California Penal Code, states that the men did, in the town of Alvarado, did then and there "deal, play, carry on, open and conduct a banking and percentage game played with dominoes for money, checks, credit, and other presentatives of value."

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 25, 1949*

#### **News Notes:**

Stan Clark, son of Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Clark of Alvarado has pledged to Sigma Alpha Sigma fraternity at Lewis & Clark College at Portland Oregon.

Sue Lemos of the Creek Road at Alvarado has charge of Henry Miller Cleaner store adjoining the Niles Theater.

El Progreso Market, 1090 Levee Street, Alvarado will be offering Yuletide Bonus Stamps. See the store for more details.

Yoshio Katsumoto of Alvarado has been elected president of the Washington High freshman class. Other officers from Alvarado are Shirley Mello, secy-treas; and Antoine Rigmaiden, cheer leader.

A big diesel truck, about 10 tons, loaded with boxes of beer collapsed early in the morning last Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at the curve end of Levee Street and Hesperian Boulevard. Boxes and bottles of Ranier beer was scattered in front of the Mohawk Service Station clear up to Frank George's Store. It took quite a long time to pick up all the bottles and clean the street. The accident happened between 5 and 6 a.m.

Mervin Pinto was elected president of the Alvarado 4-H Club, an organization recently established at the Alvarado Elementary School under the direction of the Agricultural Extension Department of the University of California. Other officers elected were: Eddie Maldonado, vice-president; and Marjorie Best, secretary. The adult leaders are Manuel Pinto, Mrs. Gladys Best and F.M. Phillips.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 25, 1949*

#### **Beverly Spurlock's Alvarado News:**

Mr. & Mrs. William LeFevre and daughter Noel, had as a Thanksgiving guest Mr. LaFevre's sister, Miss Anne Goich of Oakland.

Mr. & Mrs. Ivan Best and daughter Marjorie had Thanksgiving guests from and Oakland and also Mr. & Mrs. Frank Best of Alvarado.

Mr. & Mrs. Graydon Spurlock, Beverly and Darryl, were the guests of Mr. & Mrs. Robert McDaniel and sons of Oakland on Thanksgiving.

The nurse and doctors for this week at the school is Beverly Davilla and Cornelius Contreras.

Arnold Gardetto and Frank Corrales are the new captains for the boy's athletic teams. Arnold has dubbed his team the Stanford Indians while Frank calls his the California Cubs. Frank's cubs are winning by a total of 20 points. Their total scores are the "Indians" 324 and the "Cubs" 344.

Mr. & Mrs. Elvin Rose entertained at dinner on Thanksgiving Day. Besides their sons, Danny, Dicky and Stanley; Mr. & Mrs. Peter Pinto, LeRoy, Elaine and Loren; Mrs. Rose Silva and Mrs. Minnie Rose, all of Alvarado. A few days later they celebrated Stanley's second birthday with the same group with the addition of Mr. & Mrs. Tony Fields and children Linda & Stephen.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 2, 1949*

#### **Large Winter Pear:**

A winter pear weighing 2¼ pounds and measuring 14½ inches in circumference and 9½ inches in length was harvested recently in a pear orchard at the Joe Balthazar Ranch in Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, December 3, 1949*

#### **News Note:**

F.H. Wiegman of Alvarado has received mention in the Oakland Tribune for a \$5.00 contribution to the newspaper for benefit of vet's in the Alameda County Veteran's Hospital at Christmastime.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 4, 1949*

#### **News Notes:**

Joseph Martin Jr. of the Whipple Road has purchased the package goods liquor store of Manuel Silva next to the Central Bank of Alvarado.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 9, 1949*

#### **Isabel Loyola's Alvarado News:**

Mr. Elmer Andrade was godfather to little S. Anthony Buda of San Lorenzo.

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rocha were both off of work last week with a case of Poison Oak while cleaning their creek.

Mr. Ambrose Loyola of Alvarado a mechanic and proprietor of Automotive Service had his 40<sup>th</sup> birthday party on December 7<sup>th</sup>. He is very happy and said thanks to our Lord. He is a veteran of World War II; he was in overseas duty for a year in New Guinea and a half-year in the Philippine Islands where he met his wife. He has two little children, Lou and Judy.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 9, 1949*

### **Judy Hill to Marry:**

Julia (Judy) Helen Hill of Alvarado will marry William Butterfield Decker Saturday in Palo Alto. The reception will be held at the Menlo Country Club where several hundred guests are expected. Judy Hill is the daughter Mr. & Mrs. Alexander B. Hill of Alvarado. Mr. Decker, son of Mr. & Mrs. William E. Decker from Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, is currently completing his education at Stanford. Judy Hill attended Radcliffe and has graduated from Stanford University.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 15, 1949*

### **Isabel Loyola's Alvarado News:**

Mr. Oakey of Central Bank Branch Alvarado worked a week at his home instead of resting. He stated that he loves to work at his home on his vacation days.

Madeline & Tony Rocha of Alvarado enjoyed a chicken dinner with Hazel Caldeira of Newark.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sacramento of Alvarado are very proud of their nephew, Pvt. Manuel Balcita, 20, of Centerville, of Company C, 806<sup>th</sup> Engineer Air Borne at Eglin AFB in Florida.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 16, 1949*

### **Beverly Spurlock's Alvarado News Notes:**

Marlene Andrade, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Andrade of Fair Ranch Road, celebrated her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 5<sup>th</sup>. The guests included young people of Marlene's age and relatives of the family. All enjoyed dancing and playing games. Those present besides the hosts were: Mrs. Ida Flowers, Mrs. Violet Andrade, Dick Andrade, Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Andrade and friends of Marlene: "Pimmi" Pimentel, Elaine Hocking, **Mervin Pinto**, Beverly Davilla, Marjorie Best, Frank Velarde, Shirley Mello, Stanley Anderson, Rodney Hendricks, **Sadako Kurotori**, **Arnold Gardetto**, Joyce Caldeira, Johnny Perry, **Beverly Spurlock**, Kenneth Mello, Jr., Darryl Spurlock and **Johnny Gualco**.

### Alvarado School Christmas Program:

The Alvarado School is presenting their Christmas program on Thursday evening, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. The welcome will be given by Jeany Cheng, announcer.

Kindergarten: What they want for Christmas and songs.

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Rhythm Band led by Billie Harper, Ann Ugale sings "Santa Clause is Coming to Town," accompanied by Elaine Pinto on the Bells. The group goes on to visit Toyland.

Third Grade: The play: "Dear Old Father Santa."

Fourth Grade: The play: "What is Christmas?"

Fifth Grade: The play: "The Three Wisemen."

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: The play: "Safety is Our Defense."

Cast of Characters:

Father, Mr. Rogers: **Mervin Pinto**

Mother, Mrs. Rogers: Rita Cicairos

Ellis, 15 year-old son: Eddie Vierra

Johnny, 10 year-old son: **Johnny Gualco**

Geraldine: Geraldine Silva

Leader of Carolers: Ellen Louie

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: The play: "Wildcat Willie Plays Santa"

Cast of Characters:

Wildcat Willie: Arnold Gardetto



Gladys, his Sister: Beverly Spurlock  
Mrs. Wilkins, his Mother: Rosa Barrera  
Joe, his pal: Frank Corrales  
Kathie, Joe's Sister: Sadako Kurotori  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 16, 1949*

### **Parole Hearing:**

Larry Fitzgerald, a member of the "Thirty Strong" gang, who was sentenced to life imprisonment for first-degree robbery under an old California law. He was involved in the sensational bank robbery of an Alvarado bank in October of 1920, in which a large amount of cash was taken and the bank president was shot. It has been announced that he will go before a parole board hearing in March to obtain his freedom.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 19, 1949*

### **Fireman Party:**

Chief Anthony Vargas was toastmaster at the annual Christmas turkey dinner for the Alvarado Volunteer Fire Department. Firemen's families and the commissioners were the guests.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 20, 1949*

### **Isabel Loyola's Alvarado News:**

Elmer Andrade and Gilbert Cicairos of Alvarado enjoyed working instead of vacationing at the Chevron Station and Grocery Store of Manuel Andrade.

Mr. & Mrs. John Ahern and Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Silva (Mrs. Silva is the Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ahern) and daughters Dolores, Kathleen and Wilma, attended the funeral of Ahern's sister Mrs. Julia Duddy, 83, who died on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. She is known by many in Alvarado of the older generation.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 23, 1949*

### **Alvarado Holiday Doings:**

Mr. & Mrs. John H. Ralph will have their Christmas dinner at home. Their guests will be Mrs. Ralph's mother and brothers.

Mr. & Mrs. L.E. Bailey will have their Christmas dinner at home with Mrs. Bailey's mother and sister.

At the Shell Station, Samuel Duran reported, "I plan to be working on Christmas Day." His brother Daniel added, "I guess I'll be here too."

On the corner, at the El Progreso Market, Mrs. Ray Alvarez said that she and her husband "haven't planned anything yet."

Mae Santos, who was basking in the sun shining through the window at the Cleaners next door said, "I haven't made any plans so far. We may go out to dinner, that's all."

The owner of the Alvarado Liquor Store, Joe Martin, pointed out, "I plan to stay open on Christmas Day."

Mrs. Walter Robie, formerly of Alvarado but now of Newark, will gather her children and grand children to the number of 20 for their Christmas dinner at the Hotel Shattuck in Berkeley.

Mr. & Mrs. George Harvey will have a family Christmas dinner. Their only guests will be Mrs. Harvey's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Joyce, her brother and family Mr. & Mrs. Fred Joyce Jr., and Pamela, and Mrs. Elizabeth Harvey.

Mr. & Mrs. Ted Harvey will have their Christmas celebration at home with the Christmas tree in the morning and dinner in the afternoon. They will have Mr. Harvey's mother, Mrs. F.C. Harvey and Miss Josephine Ingemussen from Napa as guests.

Mrs. George Hellwig will spend most of her Christmas holiday time with her three sisters and a brother in Whittier. It is quite difficult for them to come to her and it is much easier for her to go to them.

The Mckeown's, who were so upset last year by changes being made in their house are this year happy and comfortable in their newly arranged home. They will have their Christmas dinner on Monday with just a few intimate friends as their guests.

The Logan clan will gather at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Logan for the old time Christmas tree festivities. They will have their dinner with their children on Christmas Day. The J.M. Logan's will going the Christmas Eve festivities, but will have their dinner with Mrs. Rebecca Logan and others at a sister's home in San Leandro, Mrs. Jane Gordon.

Mr. & Mrs. A.B. Hill Jr., will have their Christmas dinner at home. Mrs. Hill's mother and brothers will be their guests. Mrs. S.W. Waterhouse will come from Palo Alto and John and Richard and family will come Redwood City.

The Nauert family, except on brother in the south, will assemble according to old time custom at the old home in Alvarado as they have done all down the years. Those who will be present are Miss Mildred Nauert, Mrs. Henry Heitmuller (nee Oscarna Nauert) of Oakland, Mr. & Mrs. John Boyd of San Francisco, and Mr. & Mrs. Henry Nauert and daughter Rosalyn of Oakland. The tradition of assembling at the home of their father and mother was begun many years ago and is much cherished today.

Jesse Jacinto Jr., of Jacinto's Market, has his answer ready when asked what personal plans he had for the Christmas holiday. "We'll all be home," he explained, "my wife's mother is coming up from Texas to spend Christmas with us and my three brothers will be here too." His brother, Hubert, who was busy putting groceries into a bag for a customer, paused a moment in his work to say, "I am staying at home and have Christmas dinner."

At the Silver Dollar, co-owner Frank De Salles was on duty at his position behind the bar, an audience of one for the two patrons who were exchanging a few bits of chatter over a couple of beers. "I'll be working, De Salles said, "but I'll knock off for a couple hours to go home for dinner." De Salles also explained that his partner, Tony Costa, "will be having dinner at home with his family."

At the barbershop up the street, John Menezes who was busy with scissors and comb on the hair of customer Charley Baird, "I haven't made any plans, and I don't know exactly what I'm going to Sunday and Monday.

The fellow in the barber chair, Charley Baird, who for many years was in the machine shop business at several locations in Alvarado, declared, "We don't know yet, but we generally go to my sister-in-law's home in San Francisco.

At S & N Variety Store, Mike Salido declared, "Christmas Day we will be home for dinner." Then, after his wife and son joined forces to some high-pressured persuasion, he added with a smile, "And on Monday will go to the museum in San Francisco."

John Dobble, at the Hellwig Meat Market, said at first that he did not exactly know what he would be doing on the Christmas holidays. Then, after a moment, he reconsidered and said, "I may go to Clayton Valley for Christmas." His fellow-worker behind the display counter, Andy Gardetto explained, " We will be going to San Mateo to visit my relatives.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, December 23, 1949***

#### **Christmas Eve Service:**

St. Anne's Church in Alvarado will hold a high mass at midnight tonight and low mass at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day. Father James J. Concannon will conduct the services.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 24, 1949***

**John Noia Dies:**

Seraphine Noia of Alvarado is mourning the loss of his brother, John Noia of Decoto who was 58 years old.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 24, 1949*

**News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. Guerra White of Alvarado received a Christmas letter from their son. Mr. White is a section foreman for the Southern Pacific.

Mrs. F. Bonilla, the former Mrs. Kelly, felt very happy and proud when she received a flower and radiogram greeting from Robert M. Perez who was overseas. Her daughter-in-law Mrs. Perez and grandson Donnie were spending a holiday vacation here at Kelly's Café with Mrs. Bonilla and her sister. There will be a carnival dance on New Year's Eve, which will be held at the Kelly's Café in Alvarado.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 30, 1949*

**Isabel Loyola's Alvarado News:**

Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Silva and son, and Mr. & Mrs. George Vargas, all of Alvarado spent Sunday at Mr. & **Mrs. Tony Rocha's** home. They were served Tom & Jerry's.

Mr. Emily Loba of Newark, Mrs. Mamie Santos of Creek Road, and **Mrs. Madeline Rocha**, clerk at the Chevron Station in Alvarado spent Wednesday in Oakland.

Mr. & Mr. Ralph Silva of Alvarado spent New Years Eve with their daughters Dolores, Kathleen and Wilma.

Mr. & Mrs. John Ahern spent a quiet New Years Eve in Alvarado at their home.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Andrade and sons Elmer, Ronald, and LeRoy, spent a quiet New Years Eve at their home. Elmer and Ronald are glad to be back in school again.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 6, 1950*

**Farm Home Meeting:**

A meeting of the Alameda County Farm Home department officers was held at the Pleasanton Fair Grounds Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, for the purpose of planning the county commission activities for 1950. Present from Alvarado was Mrs. Martha Faria.

*The Daily Review, January 7, 1950*

**Alvarado Man Murdered:**

Morris Davilla, 35, of 984 V Street, Alvarado, was found murdered behind the Bear Cat Tavern in Centerville. Joe E. Dutra, brother-in-law to Morris and owner of the Bear Cat, discovered his body. Mr. Davilla was employed at the tavern and had worked that night. Authorities are seeking an ex-con who was in the bar that night for questioning. Mr. Davilla leaves a wife and two natural and two adopted children. His mother, Mrs. Mary Davilla, and four sisters, Mrs. Isabel Menezes, Mrs. Clara Jacinto, Mrs. Mae E. Santos and Mrs. Genevieve Dutra, Alvarado Postmaster, also survive Mr. Davilla. All are from Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 11, 1950*

**Morris Davilla Laid to Rest:**

Funeral rites for Morris Edward Davilla, 35, Centerville murder victim, will be conducted at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Alvarado on Saturday.

Mr. Davilla was the husband of Mrs. Mary P. Davilla, and the father of Bonnie, Joe, Beverly and Toni Davilla. He was the son of the Mrs. Mary Davilla and the late Antone Davilla and the brother of Mrs. Isabel Menezes, Mrs. Mae Santos, Mrs. Clara Jacinto and Mrs. Genevieve Dutra, all of Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, January 13, 1950*

**Washington Township Postal Receipts:**

The total receipts taken in by Post Offices throughout Washington Township, except Warm Springs, during 1949 amounted to \$95,037.92, and increase of more than \$3,000 than in 1948. Here are the receipts for the seven towns reported for 1949:

- 1) Niles: \$27,088.34
- 2) Newark: \$18,247.68
- 3) Centerville: \$17,674.54
- 4) Irvington: \$10,385.29
- 5) Decoto: \$ 8,023.26
- 6) Mission San Jose: \$ 7,758.28
- 7) Alvarado: \$ 5,860.52

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 13, 1950*

### **East Shore Freeway:**

Within the next five years, a system of freeways will be completed through our area, from Oakland through Eden Township to Alvarado and thence to San Jose. From that freeway through Castro Valley to join with U.S. 50 east of the valley, and from U.S. 50 through Castro Valley and Hayward joining with the north-south freeway and then extending to the Hayward-San Mateo Bay Bridge. That is a lot of freeway, and it will have a lot of property, much now vacant, adjacent to the routes.

*The Daily Review, January 14, 1950*

### **Murderer of Alvarado Man Confesses:**

"I pulled a gun on him and told him I wanted the money. He reached for something under the bar so I shot him." Thus did Robert MacCauley Osborne, 51, ex-contractor from Richmond, confess to Deputy Sheriffs Alfred Ayres and Pete Starasinic late yesterday the murder of Morris Davilla, 35, bartender in the Bear Cat Café at Centerville early Tuesday morning.

Osborne, the number one suspect in the cold-blooded robbery-slaying, had insisted since he gave himself up Friday night that he had been "too drunk to remember anything."

Yesterday he prefaced his confession by telling the interrogating Sheriff's Deputies: "Well I've been thinking this over since last night and I've decided to quit lying."

*The Oakland Tribune, January 15, 1950*

### **3,000 Year-Old Excavations:**

What was the way of life along the southeast coast of San Francisco Bay 3,000 years ago? What manner of man hunted in the marshlands and fished in the sloughs of what is now the outskirts of Alvarado, long before the coming of DeAnza and Portola?

These questions may be answered in part at least by scientific data being assembled in excavations undertaken by 27 anthropology students of San Francisco State College under the direction of Professor Adan E. Treganza. For the past four months they have been making weekly visits to the site, which is located on the Patterson Ranch.

The excavation thus far has produced several hundred artifacts or man-made implements consisting mostly of bone and shell. No metal or pottery objects have been recovered, as both were unknown to Indians of the locality until they came into contact with the first Spanish and white settlers, it is explained.

In addition to the implements, 45 human burials have been excavated and more are expected before the digging reaches the bottom of the deposit, which is some ten feet deep. All of the bodies were placed in a flexed position at burial, the knees either slightly bent in a loose flex or drawn up under the chin.

Soil content indicates that the residents of the area gathered great quantities of oysters, mussels and small marsh grass snails. From the Bay waters they caught bottom fish, sturgeon, seal and the now near extinct sea otter.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 15, 1950*

### **Road Washed Out:**

Overflow from the Alameda Creek in Washington Township washed out a detour on Marsh Road, between Alvarado and Newark, where a bridge is under construction. The bridge was not damaged.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 18, 1950*

### **Alvarado School Students Assists Family:**

Students of the Alvarado Elementary School today expressed sympathy to one of their classmates in a practical way. About \$50 was presented in lieu of flowers to the family of Beverly Davilla, 13, adopted daughter of Morris Davilla who was murdered in a tavern robbery at Centerville.

The Student Body Association donated \$25 from the treasury and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade of which Beverly is a member, gave a benefit show to raise the remainder of the money. Students in charge were Frank Corrales, Natalie Cicairos and Andrew Pimentel.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 20, 1950*

### **Mrs. Minnie Hunter Dies:**

Private funeral services were conducted this afternoon for Mrs. Minnie Elizabeth Hunter, wife of the late James Hunter, who died in her home in Alvarado yesterday. The Hunter's had lived in Alvarado for 33 years and resided at 1175 Smith Street.

*The Daily Review, January 20, 1950*

### **News Notes:**

Assisting his father, Mr. Frank George, over at General Petroleum Distribution plant in Alvarado is Clayton George. Father and son are two fine fellows.

A surprise baby shower was given to Mrs. Lucy Armenio. Mrs. Armenio lives in Alvarado and is very active in the Filipino Community.

Mary Paniagua, who used to be an assistant at Central Bank in Alvarado for many years, has been advanced to the new San Lorenzo Village Branch. Bill Katzer, former manager of the Alvarado Branch, was moved there some years ago.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 27, 1950*

### **Alvarado Birthday Club Meeting:**

The Alvarado Birthday Club met at the home of Mrs. George Hellwig of Alvarado on Monday afternoon, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Those present from the club were: Mrs. Edgar Tainton, of Oakland; Mrs. August May, of Alvarado; Mrs. Ed Richmond, of Centerville; and Mrs. Walter Robie, of Newark. All are formerly of Alvarado.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 27, 1950*

### **Union City Garage:**

A.B. Dekidos has a garage known as the Union City Garage at the foot of V Street in Alvarado, which is big enough inside to house a couple of garages in the Township. Really, if you view the four big rooms with brick walls formerly housing the huge pumps which the water company used in pumping millions of gallons of water daily from below the surface, you would be surprised at the modern touch to modernize it to house a very big business. A tow car is busy pulling in cars, and a repair crew is busy.

Mr. Dekidos Jr's brother-in-law Dr. Bettencourt owns the property. He has also modernized his buildings and homes on V Street and Levee Street, and shown himself a progressive man who has

brought an importance to the Alvarado area. He streamlines everything he touches. We take our hats off to Dr. Bettencourt, who when he is busy daily, is a dentist in Hayward.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 27, 1950*

### **East Shore Freeway:**

It's moving day in the East Bay, and the arrow points south, Washington Township boosters maintain. Promoters of residential and industrial development have discovered the rolling hills and level expanse of the eight towns that make up this township.

The first feeder road to the East Shore Freeway ([I-880](#)) has been completed here ([Oakland](#)), and the fast highway between Oakland and San Jose, to run through the heart of this area, becomes a specific factor in the plans for the eight towns: Alvarado, Centerville, Decoto, Irvington, Mission San Jose, Newark, Niles and Warm Springs.

The freeway will bring Metropolitan Oakland proper within 30 minutes of all parts of Washington Township and will make possible country homes for city workers, as well as offer fast transit from industries here to shipping terminals in Oakland.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 31, 1950*

### **Classified Ad:**

MACHINERY:

Lincoln 400 Amp DC welding machine, used very little.

Phone: ALvarado 5-5740 before 9 a.m. and after 4 p.m.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 31, 1950*

### **New Arrivals:**

In Hayward:

January 23<sup>rd</sup>, to Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Edward Martin, of Alvarado a son, James Wilbert, 8 pounds  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an ounce.

January 25<sup>th</sup>, to Mr. & Mrs. Howard W. Conley, a son Mark Allan, 9 pounds.

*The Daily Review, February 1, 1950*

### **Marsh Road Bridge:**

The Alameda County Road Department is being requested by the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce to name the new Marsh Road Bridge in honor of the McKeown family, pioneer settlers in this area. The first McKeown to settle in Alvarado was Joseph McKeown, who came from Ireland in 1855 to establish a carriage shop. He was joined later by his brother James, who eventually became operator of the 150 acre McKeown Ranch located at the corner of Marsh Road and Lowry Road ([then known as McKeown Road](#)), site of the new bridge.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 2, 1950*

### **Firemen's Dance:**

The Alvarado Fire Department will hold its seventh annual dance at the Newark Pavilion Saturday night. The committee on arrangements includes M. P. Goularte, Chairman, Manuel Perry, Clarence Flores, and Tony Rogers.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 2, 1950*

### **Years of Service:**

Seraphine Daviner of "V" Street in Alvarado was honored by the East Bay Utilities District for his 45 years of service.

*The Daily Review, February 3, 1950*

### **News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. Antone Rogers celebrated their anniversary on the 31<sup>st</sup> of the month.

**Jeany Cheng** of Alvarado celebrated her birthday January 24, 1950

Miss Jeanette Goularte, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Goularte, announced her engagement to Kenneth Bratton.

Mr. & Mrs. William Silva of Vallejo Street entertained Mr. Silva's sister and husband, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Caston at a nice dinner.

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Vargas and Jeanette spent Sunday afternoon at the Skating Vanities, which were held in the Oakland Auditorium.

Recently Walter Fasolis and Genevieve Mello motored to Salinas to visit Miss Mello's aunt, Mrs. Susie Caldeira.

Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Ramm and son visited Sunday with Mrs. Ramm's parents Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silveira. Other members of the family were there as the couple resides in Berkeley.

Mrs. Mary Amaral of the Creek Road is now improving after an operation in the Alameda Hospital. Mrs. Amaral makes her home with Mr. & Mrs. Joe Pfau and daughter.

Carol Ann Noia is now feeling better after being ill last week and was unable to attend school for a few days.

Mr. Manuel Martin is proud of another son being born to Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Martin Jr., which will make three children in their Alquire Road home.

Fire Chief Anthony Vargas expects a big turnout at the big dance at Newark Pavilion Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. & Mrs. Warren Silva are pleased to have their daughter carol home from the hospital where she was abed for a few days due to an operation.

Joaquin Cordoba is the handsome lad at Paredes Alvarado Hotel bar.

That live wire and much beloved Alvarado man, Joseph S. Martin Jr., of Whipple Road, is a prominent Eagle Lodge member. He deserves all kinds of cooperation in his business, the liquor store handling package and bottles of liquid refreshments, which he purchased from Manuel Silva. It is next to the bank.

Jesse Jacinto Jr., product of the Leslie Salt ball team, and now a great professional ball player in the league in the south, is going to report to Clovis New Mexico soon. If salary terms are OK, and it is said he expects no hitch there. His wife Billie is might proud of her husband.

George Vargas has a fine appliance store located now in the former John Nova's Bi-Rite Market in the Diaz Building, in Alvarado. He moved across the street. Television, with Westinghouse appliances can be secured the same as in the bigger city stores. Help a local man. His ironers, toasters and water heaters are only a part of his big stock.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, February 3, 1950***

### **Alvarado School Student Body:**

Alvarado Student Body nominated new student body officers as follows:

President:	Arnold Gardetto	Frank Corrales	
Vice-President:	Eugene Concha	Pimmi Pimentel	Eddie Maldonado
Secretary:	Anita Apodaca	<b>Jeany Cheng</b>	Rosa Barrera
Treasurer:	Sadako Kurotori	Elaine Hocking	Rosa Barrera
News Reporter:	Mercedes Rigmaiden	Marlene Andrade	Ellen Louie
Sgt-At-Arms:	Augustine Rangel	Corvie Contreras	Manuel Garcia
Clerk:	Vera Dominguez	Conrad Preciado	Rosa Barrera
Judge:	Sonny Hernandez	Eugene Concha	Frank Velarde
Parliamentarian:	Mercedes Rigmaiden	Lupe Ramirez	Rita Cicairos
Athletic Monitor:	Rosendo Vegaldes	Frank Velarde	Bob White
District Attorney:	Pimmi Pimentel	Eugene Concha	Marlene Andrade
Ass't Dist Attoenyry:	Beverly Spurlock	Sonny Hernandez	Mervin Pinto
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Rep:	Sadako Kurotori	Beverly Davilla	Gloria Gardetto
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Rep:	Mercedes Rigmaiden	Conrad Preciado	Mervin Pinto
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Rep:	Vera Dominguez	Ellen Love	

5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Rep:	Leroy Salido	Charles White	Patricia Noia
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Rep:	Barbara Cicairos	Richard Pinto	Joan Vierra
Sp. Class:	Jose Vegaldes		

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**Alvarado School Orchestra Club:**

BY: Joyce Caldeira

January 28, 1950 the Orchestra Club elected new officers. Those nominated were:

President:	Andrew Pimentel	Arnold Gardetto	
Vice-President:	Frank Velarde	Marlene Andrade	Andrew Pimentel
Secretary:	Marlene Andrade	Joyce Caldeira	Marjorie Best
Treasurer:	Elaine Hocking	Natalie Cicairos	Marjorie Best
Sgt-At-Arms:	Tim Louie	Marjorie Best	Andrew Pimentel
News Reporter:	Patricia Noia	Joyce Caldeira	Marjorie Best

The Following were elected:

President:	Frank Velarde
Secretary:	Marlene Andrade
Treasurer:	Natalie Cicairos
Sgt-At-Arms:	Andrew Pimentel
News Reporter:	Joyce Caldeira

The Committees are as follows:

Block:	Marjorie Best (Chair)	Frank Velarde	Elaine Hocking
Refreshment:	<b>Jeany Cheng</b> (Chair)	Joyce Caldeira	Mervin Pinto
Entertainment:	Patricia Noia (Chair)	Tim Louie	Patricia Flores

***The Alvarado Pioneer, February 3, 1950***

**Name of Pioneer Family Suggested for New Bridge:**

The Alameda County Road Department is being requested today by the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce to name the new Marsh Road Bridge in honor of the McKeown family, pioneer settlers of this area.

The bridge, to be completed this month is being built at a cost of \$105,000 and eliminates a low portion of the highway, which is annually closed due to floods.

The first McKeown to settle in Alvarado was Joseph, who came from Ireland in 1855 to establish a carriage shop. He was later joined by his brother, James who eventually became the operator of the 150-acre McKeown ranch located at the corner of Marsh Road and Lowry Road, site of the new bridge.

Three of the children of James still reside on the ranch, Wallace, Nancy, and Flora McKeown, and another daughter, Mrs. E.S. Harvey also lives in Alvarado.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, February 3, 1950***

**News Notes:**

Joelle O'Neil, daughter of Mrs. Frank Andrada of Alvarado will graduate from the Dental Nurses Training School of San Francisco. She will be "capped" on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

A bridal shower was given to Miss Genevieve Mello by Miss Juliette Re of Niles. Miss Mello is getting married February 12<sup>th</sup> to Walter Fasolis of Alvarado. Attending from Alvarado were: Mitzy Mello, Clarabelle Silva, Julie O'Neal, Carmen Gardetto, and Esther Gardetto mother of the Groom to be; and Shirley Mello of Alviso.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, February 10, 1950***

**Isabel Loyola's Alvarado News Notes:**



Manuel Martin Jr. of Alvarado is a proud owner of a V-8 Ford. It is a light green colored car. I wish you lost of luck Mr. Martin Jr.

Isabel Loyola of Alvarado Pioneer enjoyed shopping Thursday in Oakland.

Many local people of Alvarado, including Mrs. Aldina Andrade, spent Tuesday shopping in Oakland.

Ronald Andrade of Alvarado celebrated his 9<sup>th</sup> birthday February 9<sup>th</sup>. A birthday cake was furnished by his mom and dad.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, February 10, 1950***

### **Marriage License:**

Walter Fasolis, 24, Alvarado

Genevieve Mello, 19, Newark

***The Oakland Tribune, February 11, 1950***

### **Henry Andrade Jr.:**

Residents of Alvarado do not have far to look to see the results of their contributions to the March of Dimes as it works to help polio patients in Washington Township.

Due to the organized fight against polio, Henry (Dick) Andrade Jr., has not only recovered sufficiently to continue his school studies at home, but hopes to receive a Washington Union High School diploma in June.

Henry was stricken in November 1948, and spent 29 days in an iron lung at Fairmont Hospital. Eventually after prolonged physical therapy treatment he was able to return home, where his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Andrade, have installed all the necessary gadgets to continue his treatment. Henry is a graduate of Alvarado Grammar School. While at high school he was president of the Freshman Class. Henry was known by his friends as Dick Andrade.

***The Oakland Tribune, February 12, 1950***

### **Water Table Rises on Union City Road:**

William Patterson, director of the Alameda County Water District, is authority for the phenomenal rise in the wells at Union City Road (today's Veasy Street) at Alvarado, some 29.19 feet. This is at the old pumping plant. Near Alameda Creek the shallow wells have risen 9 feet as an average. At Irvington and Newark the wells have risen only a few inches, taking a long time for the rainfall waters reach the lower strata's from which most of the well pumping is made.

Here is a table of the increases (in feet):

Alvarado (Union City):	29.19 Feet
Creek Road:	7.50 Feet
Ferry Well, Fremont Ave. at Centerville:	13.20 Feet
De Salle Well, Cherry Lane near 'Kitchen':	6.90 Feet
Emerson, Irvington Road:	.13 Feet
Patterson's, Newark:	.26 Feet

***The Alvarado Pioneer, February 17, 1950***

### **New Arrival:**

Tiny Pamela Robey of Hayward has created quite a stir in these parts. The tiny girl born to Mr. & Mrs. Walter Robey of Hayward is the great-grandniece of Miss Edna Penke of Mt. Eden and the great-grandchild of Mrs. Christine Jung of Alvarado.

***The Daily Review, February 18, 1950***

### **Marriage License:**

Kenneth Bratton, 25, Hayward

Jeanette Goularte, 22, Alvarado

***The Oakland Tribune, February 18, 1950***

**W.U.H.S. Baseball:**

More than 50 diamond hopefuls turned out at Washington Union High School in Centerville to defend last year's championship and try to make it four pennants in a row in the Santa Clara Valley Athletic League.

Among those seeking berths on the team are twelve returning lettermen. The vets are pitcher Eusebio Elizarray, catcher George Pagan, infielders Vernon Machado, Ray Berrios, Bernie Leal and Glenn Bachelor, and outfielders Gil Cicairos, Ralph Juhl, Sam Garcia and Leonard Salvador. With the all-veteran team, Coach Irving Hird's Huskies stand a good chance of repeating as champions.  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 18, 1950*

**Ancient Indian Mounds Studied:**

While Alvarado is the acknowledged site of Alameda County's first seat of government, the community soon may be able to claim a history-making event a few thousand years earlier. So believes Dr. Adan E. Treganza of Berkeley, professor of anthropology at San Francisco State College, who has been making field trips to the W. D. Patterson ranch near here for the past several months.

If scientific tests now being made with the co-operation of the California Archeological Survey of the University of California verify present indications, it may be found that the early inhabitants of this area lived here long before the coming of Portola or De Anza.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 24, 1950*

**Auto Crash:**

Two men were seriously injured in a head-on crash 2½ miles south of Hayward on the Niles Road. Jose Cervantes, 22, of the Southern Pacific section house in Alvarado and Louis Ferdin of Fourth Street Decoto were both taken to Fairmont Hospital because of their injuries.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 24, 1950*

**Isabel Loyola's Alvarado News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. Mac Armenio of Alvarado are the proud parents of a new baby girl. Her name is Priscilla Ann.

The Mobilgas Service Station at Levee Street in Alvarado had a paint job this last week of white and red and black lettering. Proprietor Joe Perez was quite proud and cheerful at his station. Good for your Mr. Perez and congratulations.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 24, 1950*

**Filipino Community News:**

The Filipino Community of Alvarado held an election on February 19<sup>th</sup> at the Eagles Hall and chose the following new Officers:

President:	Alex Biete	
Vice-President:	Pasifico Yerro	
Secretary:	Manuel Quiray	
Ass't Secretary:	Frank Macahilas	
Treasurer:	Geronimo Sape	
Ass't Treasurer:	Anastacio Regalado	
Auditor:	Servillano Masinda	
Advisor:	Frank Sacramento	
Sgt-At-Arms:	Benny Cipriano	Joe Tabilog

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 24, 1950*

**He Killed a Dog:**

Tribune Forum - Letters to the Editor:

Editor: I have always respected truck drivers because I have often believed that people condemned them too much, but now I wonder if I was right.

I wonder also, if the driver of the truck that killed a little brown dog in Alvarado, Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, knew how heartbroken he had left a little boy. The driver had his run to make; he couldn't even stop to give us help with the dog. We might have saved him if we could have had some help.

I wonder also if this driver has any children and has ever tried to explain to them that someone has killed their pet. The little boy has been grieving for his pet since this happened, and nothing will console him but another pet. Since our economic position doesn't permit buying one at this time, I wonder if you would print this. Maybe this driver will come forward and help this child get a new pet.

Mrs. Ruth E. Xitchen, Alvarado  
*The Oakland Tribune, February 25, 1950*

### **Alvarado Man Beaten & Robbed:**

"Strong armed" and robbed by a chance acquaintance early this morning, Francisco Laural, 39 of Alvarado-Niles Road, Alvarado, was treated after the attack and 18 stitches taken to suture his wound at Fairmont Hospital.

Laurel was found staggering along Levee Street covered with blood and incoherent in his speech by Albert Escalon about 12:30 a.m. today. Sheriff's deputies were called and picked up the man and took him to the hospital for treatment.

Laural told officers he met his assailant in a bar and had a couple of drinks with him before invited to take a ride with him. He said the suspect drove along Alvarado Road to the point where he stopped the car and demanded Laurel's money under a threat of bodily harm. At Laural's refusal the driver of the car struck him an unknown number of times over the head with a metal object that left gashes in his head about one and a half inches long.

When Laural regained consciousness he was in a ditch beside Alquire Road ([Dyer Street](#)) and his wallet containing his driver's license, miscellaneous papers and \$20 in bills were missing. He told the investigating officers he then walked along the road until he met Escalon and Sheriff's deputies.

*The Daily Review, March 3, 1950*

### **News Notes:**

The Red Cross Drive opened to a good start on Tuesday evening with pep talks held at the International Kitchen. Chosen to lead the drive in our area are Mrs. Alvina Brune of Alvarado and Mrs. A.A. Bettencourt of Alviso.

Having sold his service station in Centerville to Cy Caldeira of Alvarado, Richard Malo wishes to thank all the people who were his customers and friends during his two years of business. He hopes that they will be as kind to Cy, who hails from Alvarado and give him lots of success in his new venture.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 3, 1950*

### **Isabel Loyola's Alvarado News Notes:**

Mrs. Madeline Rocha is always quite busy and that she can't give me a tiny little article for the paper.

Mr. & Mrs. Philip Roble and daughter Virginia Lee of Alvarado moved to San Jose last Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. & Mrs. George Santos of Alvarado-Niles Road were both off from work because of bad colds. Mrs. Santos has a bad case of the flu at present, and she is feeling better, and hopes she will in the cleaners this Saturday.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 3, 1950*

**Hayward Festival:**

The City of Hayward is holding a Water and Flower Festival on Friday and Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> in celebration of Hetch Hetchy water. The town is being decorated with flowers for the parade and expected gaieties.

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce, through President Walter Oakey, vies for the decorated car prize. The car will carry the "queens."

*The Daily Review, March 7, 1950*

**Dance Permit:**

(Minutes from February 14, 1950 meeting)

The Board received an application from Guillermo Kitong for a permit to conduct a dance in the Portuguese Hall (I.D.E.S. Hall) in Alvarado, on February 17, 1950. The permit was issued by a unanimous vote of the Supervisors.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 9, 1950*

**Alvarado C of C Float:**

Fire Chief Anthony Vargas will certainly present a float in the Hayward parade celebrating the coming of the Hetch Hetchy water. He has a float arranged on a Cadillac convertible, which will have a floral effect to give a beautiful background for the three pretty girls he has selected.

The floral decoration will be something to be proud of. The spirit of doing a thin up right pervades this committee. The officers are all behind Mr. Vargas. The other night he the three girls he picked out to be our queens over to Centerville to have their pictures taken for this paper. They are: Elizabeth Flores, Carol Hocking, and Jeanette Lagomarsino.

Miss Flores is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Flores. Miss Carol Hocking is the daughter of School Trustee George Hocking and wife of the Creek Road. Miss Lagomarsino is the stepdaughter of Mr. Edward Vargas of Smith Street. Mrs. Edward Vargas is as proud as her husband over the fine way Fire Chief Vargas is beautifying the decorated auto the three Alvarado queens.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 10, 1950*

**News Notes:**

The Alvarado Boy Scouts have reorganized under the leadership of Harold Delgado, Scoutmaster.

After receiving Communion with other members of the UPPEC Lodge and enjoying breakfast afterwards at the Plands in San Lorenzo on Sunday, **Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Dutra** motored to Palo Alto to bring home Cadet Robert Dutra for the day from the Palo Alto Military Academy.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 10, 1950*

**Isabel Loyola's Alvarado News Notes:**

Happy birthday to Johnnie Shestack and many happy returns is the wish from all his friends.

**Mr. & Mrs. Joe Goularte** and Mr. & Mrs. Johnnie Shestack of Alvarado enjoyed a wonderful show at the Orpheum last Saturday evening.

Minnie Santos of the Creek Road employed at the Cleaners in Alvarado, is back to work after a week of illness. Glad to see you at work Mrs. Santos.

Mrs. Rosida Goularte of Alvarado spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Arthur Soito of Alviso.

**Mrs. Helen Goularte** seems to be very busy working in her flower garden at home on the Creek Road.

Tony Alexander, one of the efficient custodians of the Alvarado School, is sporting a new Oldsmobile. We wish you all kinds of luck Tony.

Mr. & Mrs. George Pacheco and two sons of Alvarado have moved to Placerville.

Manuel Goularte of Alvarado is feeling a little better. We see him up and about enjoying the sunshine.

Joe Amaral of Alvarado is working very hard weeding his garden.

Miss Mary Cheng of Creek Road, who is working in Oakland, enjoyed the weekend home with her family.

**Helen Goularte** and **Madeline Rocha** of Creek Road spent Thursday shopping in Hayward. They enjoyed a delicious dinner at Tom Tom's Crab Shack in Castro Valley.

Don't forget folks of Alvarado, to visit the Produce Market (Andrade's) at Levee Street, they now have fresh fish on Wednesday and Friday and everyday fresh meat.

Mr. & **Mrs. Tony Rocha** of Creek Road spent Sunday afternoon at Madeline's sisters new home.

The following motored to San Lorenzo and enjoyed a nice Sunday breakfast:

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Lewis

**Mr. & Mrs. Joe Dutra**

**Mr. & Mrs. Joe Goularte**

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Maciel

Mrs. Nora Vargas

Mrs. Frances Allegre

Mrs. Joe Frates

Mrs. Anna Hendricks

Mrs. Mabel Rodgers

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 10, 1950*

#### **Isabel Loyola's Alvarado News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. Luddy from Vallejo enjoyed a nice dinner with Mr. & Mrs. R. Silva of Alvarado at their home last Saturday eve.

Mrs. Evelyn Silva and three daughters, Dolores, Kathleen and Wilma of Hesperian Boulevard, spent Wednesday afternoon in San Bruno with her sister.

Mrs. Dekidos of Alvarado, mother-in-law of Dr. Bettencourt, has been ill for quite some time.

Mrs. John Reboza of Smith Street had a bad cold and they made her stay in bed for a couple of days. She is now feeling better.

Little Zenaida Lou Loyola is feeling much better after having a slight flu attack last week. With a penicillin shot she recovered fast.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Goularte of Alvarado enjoyed seeing television on Sunday eve at the home of Manuel Goularte,

Mr. John Freitas has been very sick in bed.

Marie Santos, Helen Goularte, and Madeline Rocha, all of the Creek Road, Alvarado, and Hazel Caldeira of Newark, went Thursday shopping in Oakland.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 17, 1950*

#### **New Arrival:**

In Hayward, born February 28<sup>th</sup> to Mr. & Mrs. Ronald J. Silva, a son, Steven Ronald, 7 pounds 10 ounces.

*The Daily Review, March 22, 1950*

#### **News Notes:**

A Whist Party that was held by the Mother's Club of Alvarado at the Alvarado Grammar School was well attended by many local people.

An impromptu birthday gathering was held for Mrs. Jeanette Bratton at the home of her folks late Wednesday. Those who attended were: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Goularte Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Frank Goularte, Mrs. R. Goularte, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Pimentel, Mr. & Mrs. Emilio Re, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Goularte and Mr. Kenneth Bratton.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 24, 1950*

#### **Dance Permit:**

([Minutes from March 7, 1950 meeting](#))

The Board received an application from Alexander Chavez for a permit to conduct a dance in the I.D.E.S. Hall in Alvarado on March 10, 1950. The board approved it and the County Clerk was directed to issue a permit.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 27, 1950***

### **News Notes:**

The Japanese-American Citizens League of Southern Alameda County will hold a barbecue picnic outing at the Sunset Beach in Watsonville on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Taking reservations from the Alvarado area is Grace Matsumoto.

The S.E.S. Lodge No. 8 of Newark is sponsoring an Easter Ball on Saturday night, April 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Newark Pavilion. This is to be a benefit dance for Polio victim Henry (Dick) Andrade of the Fair Ranch Road in Alvarado. Working on the committee are Manuel DeSalles, Manuel Guardenapo, Frank Rose, John E. Santos, Henry Martin, Maurice Caldeira and Manuel Soito. The dance is for such a worthy cause that everyone should try to attend or buy a ticket for the small fee of \$1. Dick has been ill for quite a long time and this will mean a lot.

Maxine and Priscilla Dutra attended the 75<sup>th</sup> birthday party held for Mrs. Mabel Dutra of Irvington. The official dedication of the new McKeown Bridge on Marsh Road and Lowry Road will be held Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, March 31, 1950***

### **Isabel Loyola's Alvarado News Notes:**

The Ambrose Loyola family enjoyed a motoring trip with Manuela Unabia in his 1950 Chevrolet last Saturday afternoon. It was a very comfortable ride.

Mrs. Tony Rogers of Alvarado-Niles Road is quite busy this last week, baking a delicious cake.

Mrs. J. Ahern of Hesperian Blvd. Alvarado didn't feel so good this week on account of a slight cold.

### SPRSI of Alvarado:

The SPRSI of Alvarado Council No. 21 wished to thank all the members who attended the Annual Communion and breakfast at Pland's Villa on March 19<sup>th</sup>. It was a very joyful occasion and everyone was very happy and sweet to each other. New officers were installed, they being:

President:	Mary Silva		
Vice-President:	Mae Santos		
M.C.:	Helen Goularte		
Marshal:	D. Pimentel		
Inside Guard:	Mary Luiz		
Secretary:	Mayme Roderick		
Treasurer:	Clara Flores		
Directors:	Aurora Lewis	Madeline Rocha	Mary Rivers
Past President:	Angie Vargas		

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### **School Trustee Election:**

M. P. Goularte of Alvarado has filed a declaration to run for the Alvarado Grammar School Trustee position as the incumbent.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 5, 1950***

### **Isabel Loyola's Alvarado News Notes:**

Little Wilma Silva is in bed for a few days because of a spring attack the flu. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Silva of Hesperian Blvd.

At home is Mr. Walter Oakey, Manager of the Central Bank Branch at Alvarado. He will spend a quiet Easter at home.

Mrs. Addie Bonilla of Kelly's Café is feeling much better this week. She has been in bed for quite a while. We wish you a speedy recovery Addie.

Gilbert Cicairos and Elmer Andrade spent their vacations working.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, April 7, 1950***

**News Notes:**

John Cordoba of Alvarado is now conducting the Silver Dollar Café in Alvarado.

The pioneer meat market of Hellwig's at Alvarado has changed ownership for the first time in 75 years. The well-known fine name for meats will be continued by the new owners. They are William Beck and Tom Hobson of Oakland. At this point we want to give credit to two of the best-known civic leaders and businesspeople who conducted the Hellwig Meat Market for many years. They are the Supervisor George Hellwig and his wife Willa Jane Hellwig, who later took over conduct of the business after death of her husband. In speaking to William Beck at the Alvarado shop, he tells us the name of the market will be changed to Alvarado Meat Co. They have the slaughterhouse and other equipment of the Alvarado plant also.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 7, 1950*

**Commercial Ad:**

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT  
ALVARADO MEAT COMPANY  
(Formerly the Hellwig Meat Co.)

Fresh Meats, Luncheon Meats, Fish & Poultry	
Picnic Style Smoked Hams	33¢ lb.
Shoulder Cut Roast Pork	33¢ lb.
Fresh Fancy Hens	39¢ lb.
Grade A steer Boiling Beef	27¢ lb.

Levee Street --- Phone: **AL**varado 55-701

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 7, 1950*

**Classified Ad:**

FOUND:

Springer Spaniel, owner to identify collar, pay phone, board, and advertisement cost.

Call at Alvarado Liquor Store, 1018 Levee Street, Alvarado

Phone: ALvarado 5-5862

*The Oakland Tribune, April 9, 1950*

**4-H Members on Tour:**

Two hundred and fifty 4-H members and their leaders spent last Thursday seeing Industrial Oakland. The group moved in three sections. Each section moved through the International Harvester Company, the Coca-Cola Plant, and the Carnation Plant and made a cruise of the bay, leaving Oakland at the foot of the Broadway. They ate their sack lunch at Lake Merritt.

The group from Alvarado was represented by: Clarabelle Silva, Beverly Spurlock, Marjorie Best, Frank Velarde, John San Filippo, Edward Maldonado, Joyce Caldeira, Mervin Pinto, Richard Pinto and Norman Phillips.

*The Daily Review, April 14, 1950*

**Isabel Loyola's Alvarado News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. John Ahern of Hesperian Blvd., Alvarado, spent Easter Sunday at home enjoying a very restful day.

Mr. Tony Rocha and wife, Madeline, enjoyed a happy Easter with Mrs. Rocha's mother; they all spent an afternoon motoring to Palo Alto.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Andrade and three sons, Elmer, Ronald and Leroy of the Produce Market and Chevron Station in Alvarado, are the proud owners of a 1950 Oldsmobile.

Mrs. Evelyn Silva of Hesperian Blvd., Alvarado, said their Easter was not so good because of their two children being sick. Kathleen and Wilma both spent their Easter in bed. Kathleen has been absent from school for a week.

Mr. & Mrs. Antone Rodgers Jr. of Alvarado Niles Road had a dinner with their son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Doris and two grandchildren Robert and Gayle at the Bertola Restaurant in Castro Valley.

Mr. Rafael Silva of Hesperian Blvd. Alvarado enjoyed his day off working at his chicken ranch in their back yard. It won't be very long before we will be buying eggs from him. Here's hoping your venture in the egg business is a big success.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 14, 1950*

#### **Telephone Rate Increase:**

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is asking the PUC to increase rates 10% in Northern California and to abolish the 5¢ pay phone.

*The Daily Review, April 15, 1950*

#### **Pea-Picking Attack:**

Martin R. Urias, 20, of Watkins St., Alvarado claims to have been attacked with a switch blade knife in a pea field by Vincent D. "Nick" Camargo, 29, of V Street Alvarado. Mr. Urias said Camargo told him, "I'm going to kill you." Mr. Urias ran to other workers in the field for protection. Camargo's wife told investigating officers that Urias had bothered her at her home Friday night that Urias had said vulgar and insulting remarks to her. Urias has sworn a complaint against Camargo, who is not in custody.

*The Daily Review, April 24, 1950*

#### **Marriage License:**

Mr. LaVerne DeVincenzi, 23, Alvarado

Lorraine Simas, 20, Newark

*The Oakland Tribune, April 25, 1950*

#### **Beverly Spurlock's Alvarado News Notes:**

Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. the dedication of the McKeown Bridge on Marsh Road was held, many people from Alvarado were present and enjoyed the program very much.

Mr. & Mrs. H.P. Spurlock and Beverly and Darryl enjoyed visitors from Alturas.

The Holy Ghost will be held May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Marlene Andrade is queen and Joyce Caldeira is her attendant.

Mr. & Mrs. Vargas and Jeanette and her friend Marjorie Best went to visit Mrs. Vargas' mother and father of Ashland.

M.P. Goularte of Smith St. has been sick with a back ailment for some time. All his friends wish him a speedy recovery.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 28, 1950*

#### **Isabel Loyola's Alvarado News Notes:**

Mrs. Theresa Rodrigues of the Alviso district was ill the past weekend staying with her daughter Mrs. Mae Santos of Alvarado Niles Road. She is a lot better and has returned home.

Mr. & Mrs. Antone Rodgers attended the banquet at Svenguard on April 15<sup>th</sup> in honor of the Supreme President of UPPEC, Miss Easter Sobral.

Mrs. Emily Sacramento of Smith St. Alvarado is feeling much better this week.

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rocha attended Martin's Beach in Half Moon Bay with friends from Newark.

Mr. & Mrs. Ben Ugale, Mrs. Cabaran, and Mr. & Mrs. Ambrose Loyola and daughters Lou and Judy attended a birthday party for little Simon Salugsugan of Irvington.

Mr. & Mrs. John Reboza of Smith Street Alvarado spent Wednesday in Oakland shopping.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 28, 1950*



**Antone S. Dutra Dies:**

Antone S. Dutra, born in August 1858, died at his home in Alvarado on the morning of April 20, 1950. Antone S. Dutra was the beloved husband of the late Mrs. Maria Dolores Dutra, and loving father to Mrs. Mary Roderick, Madeline, Frank, Joseph and Manuel Dutra, all of Alvarado, Mrs. Rosie Rose and Antone S. Dutra Jr. of Centerville, Mrs. Della Hendricks of Decoto, grandfather of Leonard Dutra of Alvarado and great-grandfather to Marlene, Warren, Marylyn and Clifford Rogers of Newark.

Antone S. Dutra was a native of Portugal, aged 92 years and a resident of the United States for 72 years. Mr. Antone S. Dutra's body will rest in Centerville next to his wife Marie Delores Dutra.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 28, 1950*

**Frank Best Dies:**

Francis (Frank) M. Best died in National City April 11, 1950 at the age of 76. Frank Best was a hunter and a trapper in the early 1900's when he hunted mountain lions in Idaho and Washington, and also trapped beavers for ranchers in Montana. He spent a number of years working on the R.J. Ringling Ranch and A.B. Coows ranches in Montana. He also worked in logging drives, riding logs down rivers in Idaho and Washington, in the early days.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Best celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary February 18<sup>th</sup>, Valentine's Day of this year, with a large dinner at the home of one of their sons and family in National City.

Frank and his wife, until recently, lived on the Alvarado Duck Club for 20 years, but due to ill health they both were forced to retire. While living on the club they spent their summers in Idaho and Montana camping and fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Bertha, two sons, Ivan best of Alvarado and Lloyd Best of National City. He also leaves a daughter in Montana and a sister in Coeur 'd Alene, Idaho.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 28, 1950*

**News Notes:**

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce are sponsors of the new Boy Scout Troop of Alvarado. John H. Bond was named representative to the Southern District Scout Committee by Walter Oakey III, Chamber of Commerce President. The troop committee has appointed Harold B. Delgado of Alvarado as Scoutmaster, Tony Alexander is Chairman of the committee consisting of William Martinez, John Bond, Warren Silva and William Machado. There are 23 boys signed up in the charter.

The Holy Ghost celebration, which will be a great event at Alvarado on Saturday and Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, will have President Matt Machado as a very fine leader. He has a good committee in Vice-President Martin Phillips; John Silva, Marshal; Manuel Goularte, Alfred P. Silva, Frank Goularte, Frank Goularte Jr., Joe Avila and Manuel Martin. John Menezes is secretary and Tony Lee is Treasurer.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 28, 1950*

**Pigeons:**

The newly formed "East Road Combine," a club of pigeon enthusiasts who race their birds in competition had a recent event from Reno, Nevada, to their home coop. The combine, made up of clubs from Hayward, Redwood City, San Francisco and Alvarado judge their birds by yards flown per minute. William Machado, of Alvarado, entry came in third place clocked at 1,267.73 yards per minute.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 30, 1950*

**NSGW:**

Wisteria Parlor, Native Sons of the Golden West of Alvarado will celebrate its 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary by a grand ball.

***The Daily Review, May 1, 1950***

**An Even Dozen:**

The proudest mother working on the asparagus pack this year is Mrs. Lucy Cicairos. Lucy is the proud mother of 12 children: Gilbert 17, George 16, Natalie 14, Rita 13, Rosalie 12, Barbara 11, Albert 9, Arthur 7, Daniel 6, Frederick 5, Dorothy 3, and Richard 9 months.

Mrs. Cicairos believes the larger the family the happier the family. She has no troubles and everyone in her family cooperates. When asked who named them all she said, "I named the first 12 and want my husband to name the next 12, then we can have a basketball team of 5, a football team of 11, and a baseball team of 9. I cook enough for my whole family," she concluded, " but I have to let the younger ones eat first, and the larger ones eat later. All in all I love kids."

***The Daily Review, May 4, 1950***

**SPRSI:**

There was an initiation of nine new candidates who were: Mrs. M. Richmond, Mrs. Laverne Shestack, Mrs. Evelyn Silva, Mrs. Alice Gomes, Mrs. Adeline Martin, Mrs. Jean Bettencourt, Mrs. Marie Terra, Mrs. Mary Re, Mrs. Loretta George and Miss Myrna Jean Dutra.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, May 5, 1950***

**Holy Ghost:**

The Holy Ghost fiesta season opens at Alvarado this weekend where a two-day celebration will open Saturday night with fireworks and dancing. Marlene Andrade, of Alvarado Grammar School, will be queen of the festival here. Her maids are Margaret Oliveira of Tennyson and Joyce Ann Caldeira of Alvarado.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, May 5, 1950***

**Alvarado in 1881:**

By Elizabeth Lowrie:

Alvarado is a prosperous town of over 500 people and several substantial buildings, including the Riverside Hotel, the public school building, the large beet factory and a number of handsome residences. The town is on the San Francisco and South Pacific Coast narrow-gauge railroad and it also has the advantage of water communication with the bay. The surrounding country is a fine farming and fruit region and gardening and dairying is also largely carried on. The fertile alluvial soil is finely adapted to beet raising and this industry keeps in operation the large sugar refinery of the Alameda County Sugar Company. There are also located the Alvarado Stove Works and the Alvarado Glue Factory, both of which are in a prosperous condition. The shipping facilities offered by the bay and by the proximity to San Francisco, as well as the rich resources of the region, offer an inviting location for manufacturers.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, May 5, 1950***

**Isabel Loyola's News Notes:**

Elmer Andrade of Levee Street Alvarado said the Spring Roundup of the FFA at Washington High School was a very successful even with very good attendance.

Mr. & Mrs. J.R. Gallivan, former residents of Alvarado, now living in Washington, stopped in Alvarado for a few days to visit with old friends.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, May 5, 1950***

**Joe Poley's Accordion Studio:**

The Editor thinks that Alvarado is lucky to have such fine instructors in accordion and steel guitar make their headquarters in our town of Alvarado as they have a fine reputation for handling pupil so that they really learn these instruments. They also sell instruments.

Joe Poley's Accordion Studio is located at 1548 Smith Street, in the former location of Lloyd's Electric, which is new and very professional like. It is almost across from the Grammar School.

The two accordion teachers, and the teachers of standard and steel guitar, have more artists to teach the young folk, with tap-dancing lessons.

Miss Finley is having large classes there to teach every Saturday. Individual instruction is one of her best features. This young lady has had great success with all her students. The assistant accordion teacher is Eunice King. The guitar teacher is Lulu Thompson.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 5, 1950*

### **Alvarado Boy Scouts:**

Local Boy Scout leaders are welcoming a new Boy Scout Troop into the district. It is Troop 1 of Alvarado, sponsored by the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce. Harold Delgado is the Scoutmaster and Anthony Alexander is chairman of the committee. The troop meets Monday evenings at the Alvarado Elementary School. There are 23 charter members.

*The Daily Review, May 8, 1950*

### **Carnival Ride Injures Girl:**

Failure of a cotter pin supporting a chair on the "Chair-O-Plane" ride at the carnival in Alvarado yesterday was credited with minor injuries of a 12 year-old Centerville girl as the chair dropped to the ground while the ride was in motion, according to sheriff's deputies reports.

Injured was Rosemarie Kommes, 12, of Centerville. She was taken to a doctor for medical examination after the mishap by Margaret A. McCloskey, 38, of San Francisco, reportedly the operator of the carnival ride.

When the chair in which the girl was riding fell, following chairs struck her on the head and body, according to witnesses.

*The Daily Review, May 8, 1950*

### **Dutra Estate:**

Mrs. Mary S. Roderick and Frank S. Dutra of Alvarado have been named as two of seven heirs in the estate of Antone F. Dutra of Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, May 10, 1950*

### **Isabel Loyola's News Notes:**

Miss Helen Freitas of Alvarado Central Bank was on a two-week vacation.

Mr. & Mrs. Ambrose Loyola are going to Godfather and Godmother on Sunday to Ricky Nicholas of Berkeley, who is the son of Mr. & Mrs. J. Westly Nicholas of Berkeley.

Mrs. Antone Rodgers of Alvarado-Niles Road celebrated her birthday last wee with her son Robert and daughter-in-law Doris and two grandchildren, Gayle and Kirkie. Her other son Clifford came home with his girl friend Helen from San Francisco.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 12, 1950*

### **Alvarado Grammar School – Ellen Torrie:**

#### Student Body News:

Some of the Alvarado 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders will go to the Folk Dance Festival on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. The couples will be:

Ed Maldonado & Beverly Spurlock  
John Corrales & Rita Cicairos  
Mervin Pinto & Joyce Caldeira  
Arnold Hernandez & Jeany Cheng  
Nick Herrera & Ellen Louie  
Augustine Rangel & Irene Silva  
Leonard Barrera & Rosa Barrera  
Arnold Gardetto & Marlene Andrade

Conrad Preciado & Natalie Cicairos  
Frank Corrales & Lupe Ramirez  
Frank Velarde & Marjorie Best  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 12, 1950*

**Mrs. Alice Silva Mourns:**

Mrs. Alice Silva of Alvarado is mourning the passing of her stepfather, Mr. Joe Bettencourt of Atwater, California, at a Merced Hospital.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 12, 1950*

**News Note:**

Mrs. Mary Rivers of Alvarado is mourning the passing of her brother, Antone F. Santos of Hayward.  
*The Daily Review, May 15, 1950*

**Commercial Advertisement:**

GRAND OPENING:

Poley's Accordion Studio  
May 19<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 p.m.  
---- FREE ----

Come One Come All, be entertained by Lulu's Western Band, and Joe Poley's Senior Accordion Band. Best entertainment in California. Don't miss it! Located on 1548 Smith Street, in Alvarado  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 19, 1950*

**Beverly Spurlock's Alvarado News Notes:**

The **Alvarado Grammar School** will hold their graduation ceremony on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Andrade gave their son Dick Andrade a birthday party. They served cake and ice cream, pop, and afterward enjoyed television very much. The guests were:

Ernie Andrade	Carol Andrade	Violet Andrade	George Andrade
George Andrade Jr.	Vernon Perry	Rodney Hendricks	Joaquin Preciado
Elizabeth Flores	Marjorie Best	Joyce Caldeira	Jeanette Lagomarsino
Shirley Mello	Marlene Andrade	Johnny Gualco	

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 19, 1950*

**Isabel Loyola's Alvarado News Notes:**

Willamina Silva of Hesperian Boulevard, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Rafael Silva had her fourth birthday on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Goularte of Creek Road attended First Communion ceremonies at All Saints Church in Hayward to see little Judy Ann Serpa make her First Communion.

The George Santos' attended Mass and First Communion at Corpus Christi Church at Niles where their nephew made his First Communion.

Little **Judy Jane Loyola** of Levee Street had her 4<sup>th</sup> birthday party on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. & Mrs. John Reboza of Smith St. attended a Mother's Day Dinner with Mr. & Mrs. Unabia in Pittsburgh.

The Alvarado Council Bernice No. 131 of UPPEC had their regular meeting last May 12<sup>th</sup> with a very good attendance. There were nominations of officer, which are as follows:

Ex-President:	Mabel Rodgers
President:	Angie Vargas
MC:	Helen Perry
Marshal:	Helen Goularte

Guard: Delfina Diaz  
 Directors: Pauline Silva Anna Hendricks Mae Santos  
 Dean: Mae Martin  
 Treasurer: Genevieve Dutra  
 Pianist: Mrs. Harold Faria

The committee consisted of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Faria and daughter Loretta Faria and Virginia Enos, Delfina Dias, and Council Deputy Jesse Perry who brought an anniversary cake to celebrate the second anniversary of Council Bernice.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 19, 1950*

**Alvarado Grammar School News:**

Many people were saying to each other, I wonder why the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade of Alvarado is nervous? They act like they are going to flunk this year or something. Well that was the reason, for they had their Constitution test on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. They do not know the results yet.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade went to the University of California Dental College in San Francisco. There they had their teeth cleaned just like a licensed dentist, which was free of charge. They were also instructed on how to take proper care of their teeth.

The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades have been invited to Washington Union High School to demonstrate their rhythm band and folk dances again. It will be held at the Washington Union High School at 7:15 p.m. of Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

On Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, the Fourth Graders went to the University of California Dental College to have their teeth cleaned and were also instructed how to take proper care of their teeth. The cleaning was given free of charge.

What is the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade sneaking around and talking about? Yes, it is sneak day. No one will know but Mr. Bond, Mr. Maffey, the 8<sup>th</sup> Graders, and the drivers of the cars, so when you see the 8<sup>th</sup> Graders sneak out of school it is sneak day for them. I wonder where they are going?

The Alvarado 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Graders are giving a play called "Junior Lucky Number." The cast of the play is:

Junior: Pimmi Pimentel  
 Patsy: Jeany Cheng  
 Mrs. Walker: Rita Cicairos  
 Don: Johnny Gualco  
 Joan: Jessie Ramirez  
 Buzze: Mervin Pinto  
 Macy: Ellen Louie

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 19, 1950*

**Baby Contest:**

There will be a wonderful bid Fourth of July celebration of the Filipino Community at Alvarado, and this will bring thousands of people to celebrate at the headquarters that day, which is the SDES Hall on Watkins Street.

Funds will be raised in donations to a Popularity Baby Contest. The funds raised will be used to buy a lot and upon this lot will be built a building to become the permanent home of the Filipino Community in this section of the County. It will be located in Alvarado.

Chairman of the baby contest race is Dorothy Regalado, assisted by Mrs. Isabel Loyola, who is in charge of the Alvarado Pioneer office at Alvarado. The contest will close on June 24<sup>th</sup>. The baby winner will be named BABY MISS PHILIPPINES of the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. The entrants are:

**Judy Loyola** Patricia Armenio Christina Sacramento Cynthia Diangson

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 19, 1950*

**Alvarado Home Farm Center:**

Mrs. Adeline Santos of Centerville has been re-elected chairman of the Alvarado Farm Home Center for the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. She will conduct a meeting at the Alvarado Grammar School Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at which 13 members will be honored for perfect attendance.

Other elected in office are: Mae Rogers, Vice-Chairman; Jessie Murphy, Secretary; Mary George, Publicity Chairman; and Ida Rogers, Chairman of Book Reviews.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 23, 1950*

**Traffic Patrol:**

The fifth annual School Safety Patrol review will be held Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> in the Bret Harte School amphitheater beginning at 9:30 a.m. Six hundred boys and girls from 24 schools will march to the music provided by the Washington Union High School, Amador High School and Livermore Elementary Schools bands. Alvarado Grammar School will be represented as one of the entrants from Washington Township.

*The Daily Review, May 24, 1950*

**Isabel Loyola's Alvarado News Notes:**

Miss Agnes Ugale of the Whipple Road celebrated her first birthday.

Gilbert Cicairos and Vernon Machado of Alvarado, both students at Washington Union High School, have won the championship of the SCVAL League. Cicairos played right field and Machado 2<sup>nd</sup> and shortstop. This is their fourth straight year winning the championship, according to Elmer Andrade.

Joe Perez of the Mobilgas Service Station in Alvarado spent 13 hours at sea with several of his friends. Joe brought up his 25-foot boat from Moss Landing on a trip to the Alameda Pier. With him were Mr. & Mrs. Keller of Alvarado, Jack Cordoba and his two brothers Marion and Frank, all of Alvarado. Mr. Perez will use his boat for fishing parties.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, May 26, 1950*

**Domingos DeKidos Dies:**

Domingos DeKidos, Alvarado rancher, died suddenly yesterday at his home at 956 V Street, Alvarado. A native of the Madera Islands, he had been a resident of Alvarado for 60 years. Mr. DeKidos was the husband of Mrs. Mary DeKidos, the father of Mrs. Bettencourt and Angelo DeKidos of Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, May 27, 1950*

**Postmaster Convention:**

Genevieve Dutra, Alvarado Postmaster, was among the 175 U.S. Postmasters to attend the California Chapter of the National Association of Postmaster's convention held at Hoberg's Resort in Lake County on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>.

*The Daily Review, May 31, 1950*

**Commercial Advertisement:**

WIPE-ON FLOOR WAX:

After months of hard wear, floors still shine—without waxing!

Get "WIPE-ON" now at these stores:

In Alvarado,

Sam Dinsmore's General Merchandise

*The Oakland Tribune, June 1, 1950*

**Commercial Advertisement:**

WE GUARANTEE NEW POWER IN 10 MILES

WHEN YOU USE RISLONE WITH YOUR OIL!  
Rislone gives fast, feelable improvement, ends  
lazy pick-up, sluggish starting, power-sputter  
and motor buck.

Rislone "Motor Magic" works in cars of any age  
and cars of all ages need Rislone *all of the time*.

Rislone keeps farm machinery fit all year long!

Available in Alvarado at:  
Union City Garage  
***The Oakland Tribune, June 1, 1950***

**Ambrose Loyola Takes Over Mohawk Station:**

Ambrose Loyola, well-known businessman of Alvarado, will take over the management and proprietorship of the Mohawk Gas Station in Alvarado on Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Loyola now operates, and has done so for almost four years, the garage at 972 Levee Street, where you can get complete automotive service. He will continue to manage both places as the garage is situated across the street from the gas station. The station will handle Mohawk gas and oil products as well as car accessories and general gas station merchandise.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, June 2, 1950***

**Isabel Loyola's Alvarado News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Goularte of Alvarado-Niles Road are quite busy on the farm picking cherries last week.

Mr. & **Mrs. Tony Rocha** of Alvarado motored to Mt. View Thursday evening to visit Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Silva.

**Mrs. Madeline Rocha**, clerk of the Alvarado Produce Market, was presented with a check from the People's Furniture Store in San Francisco from a recent contest.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, June 2, 1950***

**Alvarado News Notes:**

Vernon Machado, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Machado of Alvarado and a senior at Washington Union High School, was selected by the coaches of Alameda County to fill the position of shortstop on the County All-Star team.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, June 2, 1950***

**Washington Township School Graduating Class:**

Closing dates for Washington Townships ten schools have been accounted, together with figures indicating that there are 17 more completing grammar grades and four more to receive diplomas at the Union High School that there were last year.

The nine elementary schools will present certificates of graduation to 229 as compared to 212 in 1949, and the Washington Union High School will graduate 149 as compared to 145 in 1949.

<u>NAME OF SCHOOL</u>	<u>NO. OF GRADS</u>
Alvarado	20
Alviso	5
Centerville	22
Decoto	55
Irvington	34
Mission San Jose	8
Newark	32
Niles	43

Warm Springs 10  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 2, 1950*

**Commercial Advertisement:**

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Alvarado Liquor Store

All kinds of packages liquor

Joe Martin, Proprietor

Levee Street, Phone 55-862

Alvarado California

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 2, 1950*

**News Note:**

Mrs. Martha Faria of Alvarado will preside as chairman of the California Farm Home Department meeting to be held in Pleasanton on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 2, 1950*

**Eagles Joint Installation:**

The Alvarado Eagles at the Eagle's Hall will hold joint installation ceremonies at 8 p.m. Monday. Raymond W. Cunha of Irvington is the new president of the lodge and Mrs. Adeline Quadros leads the auxiliary, succeeding Mrs. Aurora Lewis. Others to be installed by the Alvarado Eagles are: Edward A. Silva, V.P.; Ray Wiand, Chaplain; C. W. Baird, Treas.; John Menezes, Sec.; Glenn Bachelor, Conductor; Edwin Mello and Kenneth W. Bratton, Guards; John A. Ratekin, Trustee and Dr. W. L. McWhirter, Physician.

Delegates to the state convention are: Ratekin, Wiand, William E. Silva, Tony Dutra, Arthur Soito and Cunha.

The auxiliary officers will be: Alvina Leal, V.P.; Helen Goularte, Chaplain; Suzie Davis, Sec.; Alice Menezes, Treas.; Mary Maddox, Conductress; Ann Kotchalka and Tessie Maciel, Guards; and Mabel Rogers, Mamie Silva and Esther Gardetto, Trustees.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 4, 1950*

**Mrs. Mary Dutra Dies:**

Mrs. Mary Rose Dutra of San Leandro died at her home on Tuesday. She was 78 years old and a native of Alvarado, although she spent most of her life in San Leandro.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 8, 1950*

**Alvarado Farm Home Department:**

Mrs. Adeline Santos of Centerville has been re-elected chairman of the Alvarado Farm Home Department for the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. Other officers were also elected, none of whom are from Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, June 9, 1950*

**Isabel Loyola's Alvarado News Notes:**

According to **Mrs. Mamie Santos** of the Council No. 21 of the SPRSI the delegates for the upcoming convention in Tracy are: Mary Silva, **Mamie Santos** & **Mayme Roderick**.

Mrs. Joseph Goularte took **Mamie Santos**, Aurora Lewis, Mrs. Mabel Rodgers, Delinda Pimentel and Francis Allegre in her car to attend the Council No. 1 SPRSI of Oakland on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Walter Oakey of Central Bank of Alvarado, president of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce, is on vacation for a week.

Emilio Re of Smith St., Alvarado, had a bad accident last week when a heavy board fell on his hand and broke his finger.

Mr. & Mrs. George Vargas are the proud owners of a 1950 Oldsmobile, we wish you both good luck, Angie and Chick.



Mr. & Mrs. Felix Diangson of the Luneta Restaurant enjoyed spending time with Dr. & Mrs. Malig of San Jose. Mrs. Malig is Mrs. Diangson's sister.  
Judy Jane Loyola and her sister Lou are both ill and have spent two days in bed.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 9, 1950*

**Alvarado Mother's Club:**

The Mother's Club of Alvarado Grammar School is planning their second annual Carnival-Bazaar to be held at the Alvarado School Auditorium on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. The Alvarado Mother's Club is very active and has worked with the school faculty in building up goodwill between parents and school. Recently the Mother's Club donated a typewriter to the school for use in the lower grades.

On Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, a tea party was given at which gifts were given to teachers who are leaving at the end of this term. Those teachers are: Mrs. Betty Culbertson, Miss Shirley Everett, Mrs. Patricia Alferts, and Miss Charlotte Young (Jung).

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 9, 1950*

**Alvarado Grammar School Graduating Class:**

By: Beverly Spurlock & Ellen Louie

Graduation Program:

On June 13, 1950 the Alvarado Grammar School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade pupils will graduate. The graduates are as follows:

Marlene Andrade	Anita Apodaca	Gloria Apodaca	Rosa Barrera
Marjorie Best	Natalie Cicairos	Amalia Concha	Eugene Concha
Cornelio Contreras	Frank Corrales	Beverly Davilla	Arnold Gardetto
Elaine Hocking	Sadako Kurotori	Esther Muela	Larry Roberts
Beverly Spurlock	Frank Velarde	Rosendo Villegas	

The graduates will give a play entitled, "The Life of the Party."

The characters:

Wilbur:	Arnold Gardetto
Betty Lou:	Marlene Andrade
Connie:	Marjorie Best
Mrs. Maxwell:	Sadako Kurotori
Mr. Maxwell:	Eugene Concha
Berndine Smith:	Natalie Cicairos
Mary Brown:	Elaine Hocking
Judy Martin:	Beverly Spurlock
Jack:	Frank Velarde
Bob:	Corney Contreras
Frank:	Frank Corrales
Cliff:	Rosendo Villegas
Announcer:	Gloria Apodaca
Ass't Director:	Larry Roberts
Prompter:	Esther Muela

The comedy play given by the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grades is entitled: "Junior's Lucky Number."

The characters:

Junior:	Andrew Pimentel
Patsy:	Jeany Cheng
Mrs. Walker:	Rita Cicairos
Don:	Johnny Gualco
Buzz:	Mervin Pinto
Joan:	Jesse Ramirez
Nancy:	Ellen Louie

Prompters:	Irene Silva	Archie Delao	Mercedes Rigmaiden
Ass't Director:	Joyce Caldeira		

The Trustees of the Alvarado Grammar School are:  
M.P. Goularte                      Wilbert Hendricks                      George Hocking

Entertainment:  
Tap Dance:                      Billy Harper  
Tap Dance:                      Beverly Spurlock  
Spanish Dance:                      Mary Gonzalez  
Tea for Two (Piano):                      Marlene Andrade                      Marjorie Best  
Piano Solos:                      Arnold Gardetto  
Piano Solo:                      Patricia Noia

PLEASE: No flowers or gifts at school after the program.  
***The Alvarado Pioneer, June 9, 1950***

**Alvarado Grammar School Nominees:**

By: Ellen Louie

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, 1950 the Alvarado Grammar School student body nominated new officers. The nominees are:

President:	Leonard Barrera	John Corrales	Andrew Pimentel
Vice-President:	Albert Hernandez	Archie Delao	
Secretary:	Jeany Cheng	Rita Cicairos	Patricia Noia
Treasurer:	Patricia Flores	Joyce Caldeira	Ellen Louie
Parliamentarian:	Mercedes Rigmaiden	Johnny Gualco	Vera Dominguez
News Reporter:	Ellen Louie		
Sgt-At-Arms:	Leonard Barrera	Edward Vierra	Rita Cicairos
Judge:	Albert Hernandez	John Corrales	Leroy Salido
Clerk:	Edward Maldonado	Albert Hernandez	Vera Dominguez
Athletic Monitor:	Leonard Barrera	John Corrales	Archie Delao
District Attorney	Edward Maldonado	Albert Hernandez	Johnny Gualco
Ass't District Atty	Johnny Gualco	Edward Vierra	
8 <sup>TH</sup> Grade Rep:	Mercedes Rigmaiden	Leonard Barrera	Johnny Gualco
7 <sup>TH</sup> Grade Rep:	Arnold Hernandez	Jessie Ramirez	Naomi Muela
6 <sup>TH</sup> Grade Rep:	John R. San Filipo	Leroy Salido	Archie Delao
5 <sup>TH</sup> Grade Rep:	Patricia Vargas	Angel Ledesma	Richard Pinto
4 <sup>TH</sup> Grade Rep:	Anthony Gualco	Bob Harvey	John Leon

Officers elected for Student Body:

President:	Andrew Pimentel
Vice-President:	Sonny Hernandez
Secretary:	Rita Cicairos
Treasurer:	Joyce Caldeira
Parliamentarian:	Mercedes Rigmaiden
News Reporter:	Ellen Louie
Sgt-At-Arms:	Eddie Vierra
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5<sup>TH</sup> Grade Rep: Patricia Vargas  
4<sup>TH</sup> Grade Rep: John Leon  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 9, 1950*

**Alviso Grammar School Graduating Class:**

**Mrs. Mayme Roderick**, retiring school trustee, will hand out diplomas. Joseph Abreu, Rina Ciarlo, William Emery, Robert Hailey, Leon Mings.  
*The Township Register, Niles California, June 9, 1950*

**Flood Control:**

A permanent flood control and drainage program for Alvarado will be considered at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at the fire hall on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8 p.m. The meeting has been postponed one week due to the commencement program at Washington Union High School, according to L. H. Maffey.  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 11, 1950*

**Spectator Slashed:**

Hilairo Adame of San Leandro was treated at Fairmont Hospital for an eight-inch slash across his face, which required twenty stitches to close. Adame told sheriffs deputies he was in the Half-Way House in Alvarado at closing time when a fight broke out between two young men. He went outside with other spectators and was slashed in the darkness as he stood near the battle scene.  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 12, 1950*

**Isabel Loyola's Alvarado News Notes:**

Mr. Frank George of Levee Street in Alvarado, who is the distributor of General Petroleum products in Southern Alameda County, has put Alvarado on the map, as it is the headquarters for his distributorship. This last week he had beautified his office on Levee Street, and the big cleaning job is to be congratulated. Miss May Fontes is the efficient office manager.

Merchants who appreciate how the town of Alvarado is brought before the county in publicity each July 4<sup>th</sup> with the Filipino Community celebration have expressed a desire to have the merchants help with funds as last year to decorate the town with flags and bunting. The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce is to be asked to take the fine leadership as last year in this matter. Alex Biete, president of the Filipino Community group, said he would appreciate it. President Walter Oakey of the Chamber of Commerce will try to get this decoration considered at the next meeting.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 16, 1950*

**Cheaper by the Dozen:**

Antonio Fileno of Baumberg won the "Cheaper by the Dozen" contest with 15 children. Domingo Cicairos of Alvarado received honorable mention with 12 children.  
*The Daily Review, June 19, 1950*

**Marriage License:**

Salvarado Paniagua, 25, of Alvarado  
Irene Ramirez, 21, of Alvarado  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 21, 1950*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

Drainage problems, particularly with reference to the Alameda Creek as it affects Alvarado will be discussed tonight at a meeting of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce to be held at 8:00 p.m. at the local fire hall.  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 22, 1950*

**Alvarado Mother's Club:**

The Mother's Club of Alvarado installed their officers for the coming year at their meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Alvarado Grammar School cafeteria. Officers installed were:

President:	Mrs. Helen Roderick
Vice-President:	Mrs. Antoinette Pinto
Treasurer:	Mrs. Kay Silva
Secretary:	Mrs. Lorraine Silva
Publicity Chairman:	Mrs. Bernice Diaz
Freindship Chairman:	Mrs. Emily Noia

Mrs. Mae Santos was the installing officer and presented Mrs. Alvina Brune with a past presidents pin. The members of the club present Mrs. Brune with a lovely two strand pearl necklace.

The recreation program is again in progress this year the Alvarado Grammar School with John Bond, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher, in charge. The program is being helped by finances from the Mother's Club, Alvarado Firemen, **Chamber of Commerce** and the Community Chest.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 23, 1950*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

At last night's Alvarado **Chamber of Commerce** meeting, the members present heard Elvin Rose, Chairman of the Alvarado Sanitary District, speak on the improvements needed by the local sanitary system.

At present, stated Rose, the old sewage disposal plant at the end of lower Union Street, needs much improvement, such as the wooden tanks being repaired. Extension of the system as well as necessary improvement are badly needed now. With this in mind, Mr. Rose, presented to the chamber the plans of the Sanitary District Directors. Included in those plans was the necessity of floating a bond asking for \$30,000. Voters will be asked in the near future to vote on his bond so the sanitary district can apply to the State for \$15,000 (or half the amount of the bond).

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 23, 1950*

**News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Cunha and son Tom attended a birthday party for Joe Bettencourt from Warm Springs on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup>.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 23, 1950*

**Filipino Community:**

Once again plans to celebrate the fourth anniversary of the birth of the Philippine Nation were formulated at the recent meeting of the Filipino Community of Northeastern Alameda and Contra Costa Counties held at Alvarado on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

In conjunction with the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration at Alvarado the Filipino Community is sponsoring a Baby Queen Contest for the purpose of raising funds to build a Filipino Community Center Building, which will be located in Alvarado. All candiadtes are Alvarado Children.

It is the most sincere appeal of the Filipino Community of the area, and their wish is all who are in sympathy in thw rothy cause would support this worthy undertaking. A donation will be greatly appreciated, and you name will appear in the Building Honor Roll.

The drive will end June 24<sup>th</sup>. The winner of the contest will be crowned MISS PHILIPPINE on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 23, 1950*

**Commercial Advertisement:**

ALVARADO MEAT CO.

Levee St. Phone: AL 55-701

(Formerly the Hellwig Meat Co.)

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Low Prices                      Grade A Beef

|               |       |     |
|---------------|-------|-----|
| CHUCK ROAST   | ...lb | 59¢ |
| SIRLOIN STEAK | ...lb | 69¢ |
| RIB STEAK     | ...lb | 69¢ |
| GROUND BEEF   | ...lb | 49¢ |
| PORK STEAK    | ...lb | 57¢ |

Will cut and wrap for home freezers at wholesale prices.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 23, 1950*

**Clifford Rodgers Married:**

Clifford Rodgers of Alvarado married Miss Helen Gearen of San Francisco at St. Anne’s Church on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Robert Rodgers, of Hayward, brother of the groom, stood up for his brother. Clifford’s parents are Mr. Antone Rodgers and Mrs. Mabel Rodgers of the creek road. Mrs. Aldina Andrade, an aunt of the groom, and Mr. Joseph Goularte drove their new Oldsmobile with the wedding party.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 23, 1950*

**Alvarado Girl Hit By Car:**

Two-year-old Rachel Ledesma of Alvarado was taken to Fairmont Hospital by her parents after she was struck by a car driven by Noe B. Majaris, 19, of Decoto. The accident occurred on 17<sup>th</sup> Street in Alvarado Sunday afternoon when the girl apparently ran in front of the Majaris car.

*The Daily Review, June 26, 1950*

**Marsh Road Surfacing:**

Money from the Federal Aid Secondary Road Fund will finance resurfacing of three miles of the Marsh Road in the vicinity of the new McKeown Bridge ([Lowry Road](#)), it was learned today. New paving will reach from Alvarado to McKeown Bridge and between the bridge and the railroad tracks, about 2.8 miles. Marsh Road will constitute one of the principal approaches to the freeway\* in southern Alameda County. It also furnishes a direct approach to the Dumbarton Bridge.

*\*Note: Marsh Road runs parallel to the Eastshore Freeway and does not intersect it. It did intersect Jarvis Road, which directly leads to I-880 and the Dumbarton Bridge.*

*The Oakland Tribune, June 28, 1950*

**Filipino 4<sup>th</sup> of July:**

PROGRAM:

On the occasion of the Fourth Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of the Philippines, July 4, 1950, given by the Filipino Community of Northeastern Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

Part One:

BARBECUE – PICNIC - DANCING  
Star Bangled Banner

Part Two:

Mrs. Felix Diangson, Master of Ceremonies

1. Entrance of the Royal Court
2. Coronation of Her Baby Majesty, Queen Cynthia Diangson by the Honorable Art. C. Phillips, Mayor of Hayward.

3. Presentation of Garlands to the Queen's Court by Mrs. Mercedes E. Gamatero, President, Filipino Women's Club of San Francisco.  
Miss Luzon: Judy Jane Loyola  
Miss Mindanao: Patria Ann Armenio  
Miss Bisayas: Valentine Silvia Sacramento
4. Reading of Her Baby Majesty's Message by Miss Grace Matsumoto.
5. Folk Dance: "Salakot" – Mrs. Lourdes Alemania
6. Song: Miss Betty Juromat                      Miss Catmon
7. Address: Mayor Art C. Phillips
8. Folk Dance: "Carlonsa"
9. Song: By Harold Speetzen, Secy of the Washington Township Chamber of Commerce
10. Introduction of the Guests: Mrs. Felix Diangson
11. Address by the Guest of Honor: Mrs. Estela R. Sulit, Exec. Ass't, Philippine Consulate General.
12. Folk Dance: "Twinkling"                      Jennie Raras    Henrietta Villaruz
13. Closing Remarks: Alex Biete, President of the Filipino Community of Northeastern Alameda & Contra Costa Counties.

Part Three:

Finale: Philippine National Anthem

Dancing

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 30, 1950*

**News Notes:**

Howard Conley of Fair Ranch Road in Alvarado is a very proud owner of a new Hoffman Television set purchased from our local Hoffman dealer, the **Hendricks Home Appliance Co.**

Joseph D. Luiz of the Alviso district is also a very proud owner of a new Hoffman TC set purchased from the **Hendrick's Appliance Co.**

Sonny Ugale had his fifth birthday on June 27<sup>th</sup>. He celebrated with a dinner party at his grandmother's home, Mr. & Mrs. Cabaran of Levee Street.

Elmer Andrade and Gilbert Cicairos of Alvarado are both enjoying their summer vacation by working at Alvarado Produce Market and Chevron Gas Station on Levee Street in Alvarado. Both are students at Washington Union High School.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 30, 1950*

**Bond Issue for Sanitary District:**

The voters of the Alvarado Sanitary District will go to the polls on August 22<sup>nd</sup> to vote for a \$30,000 bond issue for improvements and repairs to the Alvarado Sanitary District sewer system. The polling place will be at the Alvarado Grammar School on Smith Street. Officers of this election will be:

|            |                          |
|------------|--------------------------|
| Inspector: | Helen Anderson           |
| Judges:    | Mrs. Isabel Menezes      |
|            | Mrs. Annie Lillian Baird |

AUTHORIZED BY:      Sanitary Board of the Alvarado Sanitary District  
                                   Elvin A. Rose  
                                   M.P. Goularte  
                                   M.C. Pinto, Jr.  
                                   F.W. Joyce, Sr.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 30, 1950*

**Hendrick's Appliance Co.:**

Mr. Wilbert Hendricks owner and manager of the **Hendrick's Home Appliances** in Alvarado is also very proud to announce that he has such nationally advertised brands as Wedgewood, Fraser, Ruud Day & Night, Zenith and Hoffman he is now an authorized dealer for the Maytag

Company in this community. Any one interested in the fine appliances come in and see Mr. Hendricks, easy time payment plan if so desired.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 30, 1950*

#### **The Benevolent Society of California:**

The Benevolent Society of California recently formed the Salvador Council No. 89 in Irvington. Among the members are the following from Alvarado:

Ellen D. Barongan                      2005 Smith Street

George D. Roderick                  General Delivery

*The Alvarado Pioneer, June 30, 1950*

#### **Auto Accident:**

An unidentified woman was injured seriously early today when her car went out of control and crashed into the Western Pacific underpass at Valle Vista Road south of Hayward. The woman, about 45, was taken to Fairmont Hospital and later transferred to Highland Hospital. She had not regained consciousness hours after the mishap, and hospital attendants said she had a possible skull fracture.

The car was registered to Anthony Gonzalez of Alvarado. Highway Patrolmen are attempting to locate him.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 4, 1950*

#### **Alvarado Woman in Auto Accident:**

Mrs. Delfina L. Gonzalez, 42, of 1106 Maiden Lane, Alvarado, was in serious condition at Highland Hospital today after an accident on Valle Vista Road. She was traveling east on Valle Vista by herself at 2 a.m. when her car struck the Southern Pacific underpass. Mrs. Gonzalez was thrown from the car and knocked unconscious. An ambulance took her to Fairmont Hospital where she received emergency treatment.

*The Daily Review, July 5, 1950*

#### **Future Farmers of America:**

Alameda County Future Farmers have been awarded prizes for their work during the past year at the country fair in Pleasanton. These include:

Cauliflower & Lettuce – First Prize: Tom Gualco, Alvarado; Second Prize – Emil Carpeneto, Niles.

*The Daily Review, July 5, 1950*

#### **Richard A. Silva Dies:**

Richard A. Silva of Centerville passed away from a heart attack at the age of 54. He was native of Alvarado, the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Frank Antone Silva of Alvarado, and brother of Manuel, Frank and Joseph Silva, all of Alvarado, Anthony Silva of Niles and Mrs. Phoebe Silva Meyers of Oakland.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 7, 1950*

#### **Everett Richmond Dies:**

Everett Gleason Richmond, of Santa Maria California, died July 5, 1950 at the age of 59. Mr. Richmond was a native of Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, July 10, 1950*

#### **Mary Anna Soares Dies:**

Mary Anna Soares, beloved wife of John T. Soares, died in Decoto on July 9, 1950 at the age of 61. She was the sister of Mrs. Frances Allegre, Manuel and Antone Borges, all of Alvarado. Mrs. Soares was a native of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 12, 1950*

#### **Isabel Loyola's Alvarado News:**

Mrs. Mae Santos of the Creek Road, a clerk at Palms Cleaners and publicity director of the SPRSI of Alvarado, is on her vacation.

Mrs. Evelyn Silva of Hesperian Boulevard Alvarado spent Thursday visiting friends.

Mr. Palisimo Cabaran, son of Mr. & Mrs. Cabaran of Levee Street Alvarado, will be a happy and lucky groom on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> when he will marry Miss Remedios Andrade of Salinas.

Little Priscilla Armenio, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Mac Armenio will be christened on July 15<sup>th</sup> at the Holy Ghost Church in Centerville.

Mr. Joe Perez, who used to be the proprietor of the Mobilgas Station in Alvarado, has turned out to be a fine fisherman. He said he loved to be out on the sea, where he doesn't have to work too hard and yet have good returns.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 14, 1950*

#### **John Branin Dies:**

John Edward Branin, 75, died Saturday at a San Leandro Hospital. He was a member of a Pioneer San Lorenzo family. He was a native of Alvarado whose family moved to San Lorenzo when he was a young boy.

*The Daily Review, July 17, 1950*

#### **Pedestrian Killed:**

Telofilo Alvarado, 64, of 1487 Levee Street, Alvarado, was struck and killed near the intersection of Alvarado Street and Hiway 17 (near Alvarado School on the State Hiway). Witnesses say he was crossing the Hiway when the wind blew his hat into the street. He turned around to retrieve his hat and stepped directly into the path of an oncoming car. Mr. Alvarado was a migrant worker with no known family.

*The Daily Review, July 17, 1950*

#### **Frank Gaspar Jr. Mourns:**

Frank Gaspar Jr. is mourning the loss of his father, Frank Gaspar Sr. of Alvarado who passed away this week.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 21, 1950*

#### **Soap Box Derby:**

Saturday is the day of the annual Soap Box Derby to be held at Derby Downs, or as it more commonly known, Sunset Boulevard in San Francisco. The 13<sup>th</sup> annual race is sponsored by the Chevrolet Motor Company nationally and Don Gilmore Chevrolet in Hayward locally.

Representing our local interests are Andrew Pimentel of Alvarado and Eddie Mateo of Washington Union High School.

*The Daily Review, July 21, 1950*

#### **Isabel Loyola's Alvarado News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. Terra of the Creek Road, and Mr. & Mrs. Henry Dutra are the proud owners of a new Hoffman Television set sold by Wilbert Hendricks of Alvarado.

Mrs. Mabel Rodgers of the Creek Road was rushed yesterday to Alameda Hospital for an emergency operation. We wish her a fast recovery.

The George Santos family of the Creek Road motored to Marin County on Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> to attend a Folk Dance Festival.

Mrs. Virginia Enos of the Creek Road has returned home from Alameda Hospital. She recently fractured both of her hips, but she is getting along fine although she will not be able to walk again for some time.



Mr. Tony Rocha of Alvarado had a lucky name last Saturday at the motor movies, his name being drawn to win \$800, but he was not able to collect because the rules state that you must be present to collect.

**News Notes:**

Little Judith Martin, daughter of Al and Adeline Martin of Alvarado, spent the past weekend with her grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Amaral, Sr.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, July 28, 1950*

**Gang Wars:**

A series of fights at the I.D.E.S. Hall in Alvarado Sunday morning was described as an outbreak of "gang wars" by witnesses who saw one man stabbed in the chest as a result. George Aranda, 21, 1014 Maiden Lane, Alvarado, was the victim. Others involved suffered cuts and bruises from men who were described as carrying knives, chains, and sawed off pool cues. Paul R. Munos, 20, of Yolo Street, another victim, said he was jumped by men, none of whom he could identify.

A dance had been held at the hall earlier in the evening, investigating officers reported, and the fights broke out sometime after the dance was over. From the injured it was found that the fights were probably between members of gangs from Decoto and members of gangs from Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, July 31, 1950*

**Illegal Aliens:**

Fifteen Mexican Nationals were picked up last night by immigration authorities in a raid in the Alvarado area. Two of the men were held in jail because they were carrying guns, the others were transported to San Francisco for deportation.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 1, 1950*

**Dr. David Malig:**

There is a physician newly located in Alvarado next to the Alvarado Fire Department in the finest, newest and up-to-date quarters that any physician would want. It is a new office throughout. The doctor is Dr. David Malig whose main practice is in San Jose. He speaks Spanish and will prove very valuable to many Spanish speaking around here, besides all classes who will find out that he has a grand standing with our Government as doctor in the last World War.

Dr. Malig, who as we said has his main office in San Jose, will keep office hours in Alvarado on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. His phone number is Alv 55-725 and he can be reached in an emergency at Alv 55-771.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 4, 1950*

**Marriage:**

Mrs. Amelia Silva of Alvarado announced the marriage of her daughter, Clarabelle Silva to Melvin Moura of San Lorenzo on August 5<sup>th</sup> in Reno.

*The Daily Review, August 8, 1950*

**New Arrival:**

In Hayward on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, a son, Arturo, born to Mr. & Mrs. Ector Briz of 1104 V Street, Alvarado, weight: 5 pounds 12 ounces.

*The Daily Review, August 8, 1950*

**Arthur C. Day Moves to Alvarado:**

The City of Hayward will lose \$150,000 in annual income when the Arthur C. Day Implement Company moves from its present location on Watkins Street in Hayward to its new quarters on Alvarado-Centerville Road ([Machado's corners](#)).

One of the oldest implement dealers in the county Elwood Johnson says the firm is forced to move because farmers who drive in from various remote parts of Alameda and Contra Costa

County's cannot find parking space near the dealership. Arthur C. Day Company is the local distributor for the International Harvester trucks and Farmall tractors as well as a wide array of farm implements.

Note: The Arthur C. Day dealership was located at the corner of Alvarado-Centerville and Decoto Roads. It went out of business in the mid 50's and was replaced by Pierotti Motors who occupied the building for many years. Today it is a MacDonal'd's Hamburger franchise.

*The Daily Review, August 9, 1950*

### **Alvarado Eagles:**

The Alvarado Aerie of Eagles is continuing their drive for memberships according to Ray Cunha of Irvington, president of the Aerie. Listed on the membership committee is chairman J.S. Martin who announces that a class initiation will be held on Monday night, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Appointed chairmen of other committees are:

|                        |                   |             |                 |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Steering:              | Joe E. Lewis      |             |                 |
| Patron:                | John M Menezes    |             |                 |
| Security:              | J.S. Martin       |             |                 |
| Auditor:               | William E. Silva  |             |                 |
| Publicity & President: | Raymond Cunha     |             |                 |
| Finance:               | Edward A. Silva   |             |                 |
| Grievance:             | Joe E. Lewis      | J.S. Martin | John M. Menezes |
| Membership:            | J.S. Martin       |             |                 |
| Entertainment:         | John Torquemada   |             |                 |
| Res. Membership:       | John M. Menezes   |             |                 |
| Mem. Foundation:       | Arthur A. Soito   |             |                 |
| Youth Guidance:        | M.P. Rose         |             |                 |
| Fire Prevention:       | Anthony J. Vargas | C.W. Baird  |                 |

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### **Commercial Advertisement:**

ALVARADO BUSINESS PROPERTY  
Ideal Business Site – 100 X 216 Feet  
Facing Two Streets – Levee & Vallejo Sts.

FOR SALE

At a Sacrifice! !

As I am going out of the grocery business, I desire to sell my BUSINESS BLDG. And splendid BUSINESS PROPERTY on which it is located --- it covers almost a 4<sup>th</sup> of the block. The price is more than fair. See me now.

JOHN H. RALPH

Alvarado, California

Phone: ALvarado 55-912

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 11, 1950*

### **Clarabelle Silva Weds:**

Melvin Moura and the former Clarabelle Silva are on their honeymoon at an undisclosed location following their wedding in Reno on Saturday. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Amelia Silva of Alvarado and the groom is from San Lorenzo.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 11, 1950*

### **Big Ball Game on Aug 20<sup>th</sup>:**

The Alvarado Fire Bugs, an up and coming team, which will some day undoubtedly hold the National Softball Pennant, have set Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, as their day to challenge the Alvarado Wild Indians. This game starting at 10:00 a.m. will be a fight to the finish as these are the two best teams (to put it mildly) on the Pacific Coast. Proof that they are two most outstanding teams is the fact that neither team has lost a game yet (probably because they haven't played any as yet).

If you want to see a softball game with plenty of talent and action then make sure you are present the Alvarado School grounds.

Some of the greatest names in Softball will be on the Alvarado Fire Bugs line-up with such names as the two best first basemen on the coast, Manuel Perry and Vernon Perry. Second basemen, Wilbert Hendricks and Rodney Hendricks; shortstop Billy Machado; third baseman Elvin Rose; pitcher Peter Pinto (imported from Chicago and brought to Alvarado especially for this game). Another famous name from Brooklyn, **Tony Alexander**, will catch, with Clarence Flores in centerfield; **Melvin Silva** will be in right field; and Fire Chief Anthony J. Vargas, left field, all borrowed from the New York Yankees. The Boston Braves were generous in letting the teams pinch hitters come to Alvarado for this famous game. They are: Charles Baird and Joe Avilla. The subs, from other outstanding clubs are: Joe Goularte, Serafine Noia and Joe Lewis. Manuel Goularte, known for his expert work in the American League, will be on hand to umpire the game.

The line up for the opposing team the Alvarado Wild Indians, are: Catcher, Joaquin Preciado; pitcher, **Stanley Anderson**; 1<sup>st</sup> base, 2<sup>nd</sup> base, Maas Hisaoka; 3<sup>rd</sup> base, Robert Preciado; shortstop, Rodney Hendricks; outfielders, Felix Ubana, Sonny Hernandez, **Andrew Pimentel** and Tino Rangel.

The Alvarado Wild Indians do not like to boast of their great background but instead like to be known just as home town boys who are going to "beat the pants off" their nationally famous opponents.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 18, 1950*

#### **Glenn Bachelor in Navy:**

Glenn Edward Bachelor enlisted in the U.S. Navy on Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, through the Navy Recruiting Station in City Hall at San Leandro. Until the time of his enlistment, Glenn had been living with Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Martin on Whipple Road, Alvarado.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 18, 1950*

#### **News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. George Vargas and Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Silva of Alvarado saw the marvelous play in San Francisco call "South Pacific."

Leroy Andrade, son of Mr. & **Mrs. Manuel Andrade** of the Alvarado Produce Market & Chevron Station had his 4<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Mabel Rodgers of the Alvarado-Niles Road is back from the hospital. Last week her sister, **Mrs. Aldina Andrade** and one of her sisters were the ones who took her home.

Mr. & Mrs. Al Cadero, former residents of Alvarado, are back from their one-month vacation with a new 1950 Buick.

Mr. & Mrs. Phil Cabaran and their mother & father (Mr. & Mrs. Cabaran), and Mr. & Mrs. Benny Ugale and family, all of Alvarado, enjoyed a picnic at Half Moon Bay.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 18, 1950*

#### **Letter to the Editor:**

A late thank you letter to Mr. Oakes of the *Alvarado Pioneer* for the fine publicity he has given to the Boy Scouts of Alvarado, and also to all the swell people of Alvarado. Through the help of everyone we have been able to send eight boys to the Diamond "O" Camp, all the boys enjoyed the wonderful experiences. It's an ideal place for boys, plenty of good food, hiking, swimming, woodcraft, and out door camping.

Those who enjoyed the things at camp were Scoutmaster Harold Delgado, **Stanley Anderson, Andrew Pimentel**, Robert Dutra, Mervin Pinto, Arnold Gardetto, Arnold Hernandez and Norman Phillips.

It also gives us the feeling that the people of Alvarado want the Boy Scouts organization in town; therefore we are going to do everything in our power to continue. We again want to thank you all. Chairman, **Tony Alexander**  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 18, 1950*

#### **Mr. Ralph Closes Store:**

The closing chapter of one of Alameda County's oldest general merchandising concerns is expected to be written soon, following the announcement by John Ralph, Alvarado's veteran merchant and civic leader, that he is planning to retire. The concern has been known to traveling salesman of varied items including hardware, clothing, groceries and practically anything else a household needs, since it was established not long after Alameda County had its first official headquarters at Alvarado in 1853.

The first proprietor was a man named Stokes, Ralph relates. James Johnstone Stokes, born in England in 1816, first arrived in the U.S. in 1829. Mr. Stokes arrived in San Francisco in 1849 and kicked about the mining country in several ventures before settling down in Union City (near Alvarado) in 1859 and engaged there in merchandising. He moved to Alvarado and purchased the building adjoining his present store, which was destroyed by fire in 1876. In the following year he built the one he now occupies.

Subsequent owners have been I. V. Ralph, uncle of the present owner, Charles Perry, Ralph & Harvey, Ellis Brothers, Ralph & Scribner; and for the last half century John Ralph. Ralph has been active for many years in the Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Fire Commission. He will continue to reside at his home on Vallejo Street but will spend "more time" at his summer place in the Santa Cruz mountains.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 20, 1950*

#### **News Note:**

Joseph Souza Balthazar of Alvarado is mourning the passing of his brother, Martin Souza Balthazar of Mt. Eden who passed away Saturday.

*The Daily Review, August 21, 1950*

#### **Sanitary District Bonds:**

By a unanimous vote, the \$30,000 Bond Election of the Alvarado Sanitary District was passed favorable at Tuesday's election. Every vote was for the bond issue and not a single dissenting vote was cast. The election officials were: Helen Anderson, Inspector; Isabel Menezes and Annie L. Baird, Judges. Repairs and additions to the disposal unit and sewer mains made the election necessary, according to the Commissioners: William M. Machado, **Elvin A. Rose**, Manuel C. Pinto, Jr., M.P. Goularte, and Secretary F.W. Joyce, Sr.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 25, 1950*

#### **Isabel Loyola's Alvarado News Notes:**

Mrs. Anton Rodgers of Alvarado-Niles Road is feeling much better and recovering fast. She had an emergency operation two months ago in the Alameda Hospital.

**Mr. & Mrs. Elvin Rose** of Alvarado are hoping for a baby girl, but it is their luck to have a newly born baby boy. By now they have four boys. Congratulations and best of luck.

Mrs. Marjorie Silva, oldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Maciel was in the Hayward Hospital for an operation. She is the wife of Mr. Lloyd Silva.

Norman Silveira handles his shoe repair shop evenings. He is busy days at a factory in San Leandro.

Betty Jacinto, high school grad, is going to the splendid College of the Pacific at Stockton. She has a splendid future, has a fine personality and should really get a splendid education.

Joseph (Jesse) Jacinto Jr., who has been playing professional ball again the past year at Clovis, New Mexico, will return in a few weeks to Alvarado. Jacinto hit plenty good and is starring every day in the infield for Clovis. His father is none other than storekeeper Jesse Jacinto, former Leslie Salt baseball Star.

SPRSI No. 21 of Alvarado had their regular meeting last night. It was decided that the council would have a family and members picnic at Hayward Memorial Park on September 10<sup>th</sup> according to Mrs. Mae Santos.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 25, 1950*

#### **Alvarado News Notes:**

There will be a big evening at the SDES Hall in Alvarado when a bazaar will be held by the VFW on Saturday evening. Mrs. Marjorie Re, president of the Auxiliary and all members will cooperate. Edward Silva, president of the Vets expects a big crowd, a good time, and hope a nice sum will be realized.

A supper and program was enjoyed by the Alvarado Eagles. The Ladies Auxiliary of the Alvarado Eagles gave a supper followed by an entertainment program by the men of the organization. Vocalists were Jack Navarro, Eddie Sameroy and Mrs. Adeline Quadros. Imitations were given by Johnny Torquemada. Fred Costa accompanied on the piano.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, August 25, 1950*

#### **News Note:**

Mrs. Anna Hendricks of Alvarado is mourning the passing of her mother, Mrs. Mary R. Costa of Hayward who passed away Monday at the age of 56 years.

*The Daily Review, August 29, 1950*

#### **New Arrival:**

In Hayward on August 18<sup>th</sup>, a daughter, Carmen Rodriguez, born to Mr. & Mrs. Jesus Romero of 981 W Street, Alvarado, weight: 8 pounds 12 ounces.

*The Daily Review, August 30, 1950*

#### **Classified Ad:**

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES:

Beer-Wine License and equipment for sale.

Mike, S & N Variety, 1009 Levee Street, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, August 31, 1950*

#### **Alvarado Grammar School:**

Principal Leslie Maffey has announced that the school will have three new teachers this year. They are: Mrs. Louise Thomas, who will teach Kindergarten; Miss Vivienne Poole, who will teach First Grade; and Mrs. Francis Huff who will teach the Fifth Grade.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 1, 1950*

#### **Isabel Loyola's Alvarado News Notes:**

Alvarado residents were saddened to hear of the loss of Mrs. Mary Brown Costa of Hayward who recently passed away. She was a former resident of Alvarado and member of the Alvarado SPRSI. She is survived by her daughter, Anna Hendricks, of Alvarado and her son, Alvin Freitas of Hayward.

Mrs. Madeline Rocha of the Alvarado-Niles Road is improving her health. Although she is unable to work yet, she is up and around. People of Alvarado will remember her for her work at the Alvarado Produce Market.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 1, 1950*

#### **Sugar:**



**Hawley W. Beard Dies:**

Hawley W. Beard, Oakland mortician died at his home in Oakland at age 60. Mr. Beard was the son of the John L. and Elizabeth Beard and was a native of Alvarado. The Beard's settled in Alvarado in 1851.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 10, 1950*

**Severiano Hermosa Dies:**

Severiano Hermosa, 68, of Alvarado, a retired cannery worker died Monday at an Oakland hospital. He had been a resident of Alvarado for 36 years. He was the husband of Mary Hermosa and father of Janet Reguilon, both of Alvarado. He was a native of Spain.

*The Daily Review, September 13, 1950*

**Mothers Club:**

The Mother Club met on Tuesday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> with all teachers present. Twenty-five members were present. Officers present were:

- President: Mrs. Helen Roderick
- Secretary: Mrs. Mary Spurlock (replaces Mrs. Lorraine Silva)
- Vice-President: Mrs. Antoinette Pinto
- Treasurer: Mrs. Kay Silva

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 15, 1950*

**Gallito Café:**

Magior, who conducted Magior's Place at the old Gregory Hotel across from the bank at Centerville for so many years, has come into business in Alvarado. He has bought the **Gallito Café** in Alvarado. He was well and favorably known in Centerville, and the sale of the hotel building, which will make way for a parking lot, caused him to move to another location.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 15, 1950*

**Robert Dutra's Birthday:**

Robert Dutra, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph E. Dutra, Alvarado, was the guest of honor at a birthday party on Sunday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> before returning to his studies for the new term at the Palo Alto Military Academy.

The guests included Elizabeth Flores, Jeanette Lagomarsino, Marlene Andrade, Babe Davilla, Margaret Pfau, Patricia Flores, Vernon Perry, Dallas "Butch" Paul of Centerville, Richard Pinto, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Flores, and Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Pinto.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 15, 1950*

**Christening:**

Mr. & Mrs. Felix Diangson, prominent couple of Alvarado, will have the christening of their son, Joseph Allen Diangson, and a reception that will be held at the SDES Hall in Alvarado, where many of their friends have been invited. Godmothers are Mrs. Totino Villarruz and Mrs. Charito L. Malig. Godfathers are Mr. Gerardo Yabut and Dr. J.M. David Malig.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 15, 1950*

**Alvarado Grammar School:**

School Term Committees:

|                |                  |                    |                    |
|----------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Constitution:  | Norman Phillips  | Tom Rigmaiden      | Leroy Salido       |
|                | John San Felipo  | Eddie Maldonado    |                    |
| Entertainment: | Irene Silva      | Josephine Villegas |                    |
| Finanace:      | Mervin Pinto     | Edward Vierra      | Ellen Louie        |
|                | Joyce Caldeira   | Jeany Cheng        |                    |
| Block:         | Johnny Gualco    | Leonard Barrera    | Albert Hernandez   |
|                | Rosalie Cicairos | Vera Dominguez     | Mercedes Rigmaiden |
| Gift:          | Conrad Preciado  | Arnold Hernandez   | Augustine Rangel   |

Girls Club:

President: Vera Dominguez  
Vice-President: Josephine Villegas  
Secretary: Irene Silva  
Treasurer: Joyce Caldeira  
Parliamentarian: Helen Villalobos  
News Reporter: Ellen Louie  
Sgt-At-Arms: Rosemary Urrutia  
Athletic Monitor: Rita Cicairos

Teams Chosen:

Team I:

|                  |                    |                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Vera Dominguez   | Captain            |                  |                    |
| Rita Cicairos    | Josephine Villegas | Lupe Moreno      | Irene Silva        |
| Geraldine Silva  | Ramona Barrera     | Rosemary Urrutia | Mercedes Rigmaiden |
| Artimesa Apodaca | Susan Preciado     | Amparo Sanchez   | Joyce Caldeira     |
| Beverly Ratekin  |                    |                  |                    |

Team II:

|                     |               |                 |                    |
|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Helen Villalobos    | Captain       |                 |                    |
| Rosalie Cicairos    | Delia Delao   | Jeany Cheng     | Mercedes Hernandez |
| Ellen Louie         | Naomi Muela   | Patricia Noia   | Isabel Hendrickson |
| Mary Helen Martinez | Barbara Jones | Patricia Flores | Leonella Sanchez   |

5<sup>th</sup> Grade News:

BY: Ona Ann Benedict

Mary Rigmaiden of the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade returned from the hospital where she had minor surgery on her nose. Mrs. Francis Huff is our new 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher. She is from Hermosa Beach. Mrs. Huff's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class has an enrollment of 26 pupils. We are looking forward to an interesting year.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade:

(Mrs. Lucas' Room)

BY: Patricia Noia and Patricia Flores:

We are studying about South America. We have seen movies about South America called "Orchids & Flowers: and some of the republics, such as Brazil, Venezuela and Colombia. Each one in the class has taken one of the South American Republics as a topic for her or his report. They are as follows:

|              |                  |                     |
|--------------|------------------|---------------------|
| The Guineas: | Artemisa Apodaca | Delia Delao         |
| Uruguay:     | Leonella Sanchez | John San Felipo     |
| Brazil:      | Leroy Salido     | Beverly Ratekin     |
| Peru:        | Tony Aranda      | Ramona Barrera      |
| Paraguay:    | Barbara Jones    | Mercedes Hernandez  |
| Venezuela:   | Bernabe Aranda   | Mary Helen Martinez |
| Colombia:    | Susan Preciado   |                     |
| Chile:       | Tim Louie        | Thomas Rigmaiden    |
| Bolivia:     | Rosemary Urrutia |                     |
| Argentina:   | Patricia Flores  |                     |
| Ecuador:     | Patricia Noia    |                     |

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Officers:

We elected new officers. Patricia Flores acted as temporary president. The new officers are as follows:

President: Leroy Salido



Vice-President: Mercedes Hernandez  
Secretary: Delia Delao  
Sgt-At-Arms: Ramona Barrera  
Ass't Sgt-At-Arms: Barbara Jones  
Treasurer: Artemisa Apodaca  
Parliamentarian: Susan Preciado  
News Reporter: Tim Louie

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 15, 1950*

**Isabel Loyola's Alvarado News Notes:**

Kathy Silva, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Rafael Silva of Hesperian Boulevard, celebrated her sixth birthday on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. & Mrs. Joaquin Naharro of Alvarado just had a baby girl, Linda Joy, born in the San Jose Hospital.

Among the locals attending Washington Union High School this year are Miss Delores Silva, Elmer Andrade and Gilbert Cicairos.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Priego, former residents of Alvarado, are back from their vacation to Mexico City in a month's trip. They both had a very enjoyable time.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 15, 1950*

**Commercial Advertisement:**

MAGIOR'S PLACE

Has moved from Centerville to Alvarado having purchased

The **Gallito Café**

Across from the Central Bank at Alvarado

We invite our former patrons of MAGIOR'S PLACE at the old Gregory Hotel in Centerville to call on us at our new location in Alvarado.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 15, 1950*

**Sanitary District:**

Four incumbents will run for re-election for the sanitary board in Alvarado. They are: M.P. Gularte, Elvin Rose, and Fred Joyce Sr., all of whom have served one four-year term. Joseph Jacinto is also running as an incumbent having served on the board as assessor since its inception.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 15, 1950*

**Mother's Club:**

The public is invited to attend a card party at the Alvarado Elementary School at 2 p.m., Thursday, under the sponsorship of the Alvarado Mother's Club. One of the chief projects of the club is the financing of the summer playground and other student welfare programs during the year, according to Mrs. Helen Roderick, president.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 17, 1950*

**Community Chest:**

The Washington Township Community Chest drive is to raise \$7,525 between September 25<sup>th</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup>. Walter Oakey has been named to head the drive for Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 18, 1950*

**Sanitary District Representatives:**

The representatives from Alvarado on the Sanitary District elected were: Elvin A. Rose, F. W. Joyce Sr., and M. P. Goularte. All are incumbents and were running unopposed. In another election, Jesse Jacinto received the Alvarado Assessor job with 33 votes.

*The Daily Review, September 19, 1950*

## **Alvarado Grammar School News:**

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:

BY: Ona Ann Benedict, News Reporter

Officers have been elected for the first semester in the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. They are:

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| President:      | Joan Vierra     |
| Vice-President: | Angel Ledesma   |
| Sec-Treasurer:  | Francis Alvarez |
| Reporter:       | Ona Benedict    |

We are going to do our best to win the paper drive. Our Social Studies Unit is Westward Expansion and Pioneer Life in America. We are especially interested in the study of the United States at this time due to the present situation in Korea where we are fighting to keep our freedom. The enrollment of the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade is 28.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:

BY: Timmie Louie

The sixth grade of Alvarado is studying South America. We will give reports in about two or three weeks. We listen to records and see movies about South America. We will contribute to the paper drive. We are looking forward to getting that afternoon off.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:

BY: Carolyn Tsutsui

The fourth grade is making plans for the paper drive. Every boy and girl will bring in as much as he can. That will help the Student Body earn money.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:

BY: Jeanie Cheng

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Latimer recently took a recent trip to Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. Latimer is a second grade teacher at Alvarado School. While Mrs. Latimer was on her trip Mrs. Florence Meeker substituted for her.

### 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades:

Eddie Maldonado has resigned as seventh & eighth grade news reporter. The class elected Albert Rede to take his place. The pupils are going to try to win the paper drive contest so that we can have the half-day holiday.

### Student Body News:

BY: Ellen Louie

The Alvarado Student Body will have a paper drive. The paper drive started on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September. It will end on October 6<sup>th</sup>. The paper drive chairman is Sonny Hernandez. His committee is:

|                  |                  |                    |
|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Rosalie Cicairos | Conrad Preciado  | Josephine Villegas |
| Leonard Barrera  | Helen Villalobos | Sammy Muela        |
| Andrew Pimentel  |                  |                    |

The Finance Committee will help too. The chairman is Jeany Cheng. Her committee is:

|                |                 |              |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Joyce Caldeira | Ellen Louie     | Mervin Pinto |
| Edward Vierra  | Andrew Pimentel |              |

The prize for the room that wins will be to get the whole afternoon off.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, September 22, 1950***

## **Alvarado News Notes:**

The regular monthly meeting of the UPPEC Lodge was held on the second Friday in September with Vice-President Mrs. Dorothy Serpa presiding. After the meeting refreshments were enjoyed, which were served by Mr. & Mrs. George Santos. Mrs. Helen Alameda was chosen as chairman for the October meeting.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 22, 1950*

### **Manuel Correia Dies:**

Manuel J. Correia, residing on Smith Street, Alvarado, died September 20<sup>th</sup> in Oakland. He was from Fayal, The Azores and was 70 years old.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 25, 1950*

### **Sugar:**

Eighty-six farmers, owning 5,071 acres of land, are now under contract to the Holly Sugar Company refinery at Alvarado, which anticipates the intake of 250,000 to 280,000 tons of sugar beets during the production year to close in December.

With 300 summer employees to meet current high production scale, the refinery is turning out 6,000 100-pound bags of sugar daily, while additional facilities are at work on liquid sugar production.

The oldest successful sugar factory in the United States, the Alvarado plant was first established in 1881 (1870 ?). The factory burned to the ground two times, but received its "successful" in 1889 when another building was erected and started production.

*The Daily Review, September 27, 1950*

### **Alvarado Grammar School News:**

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade News:

BY: Ona Ann Benedict

Mrs. Huff's room is trying very hard to win the prize for selling the most tickets to the Mother's Club Card Party. This weekend is our first month of school. Time really goes by when we are interested in our work.

Pen and ink have been introduced to the boys and girls of the Fifth Grade. So far we have managed to keep most of it in the inkwells and not too much on our neighbors noses. We enjoy using pen and ink very much.

#### Mother's Club News:

BY: Jeany Cheng

The Alvarado School Mother's Club is going to give a benefit Whist Party at the Alvarado School. The date is Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Admission is 50¢. Tickets are being sold by Mother's Club members and pupils of Alvarado School. The class that sells the most tickets will receive a treat from the Mother's Club.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade News:

BY: Jeany Cheng

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade of Alvarado School is now studying about the Firemen and the Policemen. They would like to visit the Fire Department in Alvarado soon. A new boy has recently come from the Alviso School. He's a third grader by the name of Clarence "Butch" Silva.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade News:

BY: Tim Louie

We have eight Mother's who have joined the club.

#### Student Body News:

BY: Ellen Louie

The chairman of the paper drive committee, Sonny Hernandez, says the fifth grade has the most paper. It will end on October 6<sup>th</sup>. From the fourth to the eighth we sing songs every Friday at Student Body. We are accompanied by Miss V. Poole, the first grade teacher.

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade News:

##### BY: Albert Rede

The seventh grade has been studying most of the countries in Europe. Last week we voted for a new news reporter. Just two people were nominated. Mercedes Rigmaiden and Albert Rede. Albert Rede was elected.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 29, 1950*

#### **Eagles Dance for Cancer Fund:**

President Raymond Cunha of the Alvarado Eagles announced that the local aerie has joined with many others throughout the nation sponsoring dances for the benefit of the Damon Runyon Cancer Memorial Fund. The dance is scheduled for Saturday night, October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Newark Pavilion.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 29, 1950*

#### **F. B. Granger Jr. Dies:**

In Banning California, on October 23, 1950, Farley B. Granger (III) at age 51. A native of Alvarado, California, a member of a pioneer Alvarado family

*The Daily Review, October 26, 1950*

#### **Notice of Sale:**

Gerald Gamardo of 1085 "V" Street Alvarado, in partnership with Domasco Salcines of Oakland, have agreed to purchase Dixon's Delicatessen on MacArthur Boulevard in Oakland. The sale is to be closed on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

*The Daily Review, October 27, 1950*

#### **Turkey Whist:**

A turkey whist party is to be given at Alvarado Grammar School on November 5<sup>th</sup> for the benefit of St. Anne's Church, Alvarado. Mrs. Mamie Silveira is hosting the party.

*The Daily Review, October 31, 1950*

#### **School Food Service:**

The Southern Alameda County Food Service, the recently organized association for cafeteria employees in the Alameda County schools has voted to become associated with the National Schools Food Service Association.

The officers of the Southern Alameda County Schools Food Service are: Mrs. Irma Brown of Alviso President; Mrs. Mary Gastelum of Alvarado, Vice President; Mrs. Irma Belding of Irvington, Sec. Treas.; and Mrs. Caroline Brown of Irvington, membership chairman.

*The Daily Review, October 31, 1950*

#### **News Note:**

Edward Fimbres, 22, who befriended a man in an Alvarado bar last March 3<sup>rd</sup>, then took him for a ride and beat robbed him, has been sentenced to a minimum of five years in San Quentin. The 22-year old Delano, Calif. Youth was found guilty by a jury October 4<sup>th</sup> of beating and robbing Francisco Laural of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 2, 1950*

#### **Suicide Near Lowry Road:**

A San Leandro man committed suicide off of Lowry Road in the Patterson Slough Creek bed by carbon monoxide asphyxiation. The dead man, Eugene D. Smith, 36, left a goodbye note to his wife and mother.

*The Daily Review, November 3, 1950*

**Alvarado Slaughterhouse:**

West Coast Meat Company of Castro Valley has applied to the Alameda County planning commission for a use permit to operate the old Hellwig Meat Packing plant on the Marsh Road and the retail market in conjunction with the slaughterhouse. The permit, filed with the county planning engineer this week, asks permission to use existing buildings and to build new structures as business expands.

*The Daily Review, November 14, 1950*

**Lowry Road Resurfacing:**

Clements and Company of Hayward was low bidder on a county project for resurfacing of Lowry Road south of Alvarado. The local firm was awarded the contract at a \$35,409 figure when supervisors opened the bids Tuesday.

*The Daily Review, November 16, 1950*

**Flood:**

There were many scenes of devastation today in Alvarado and vicinity south of Hayward, collective victims of one of the worst floods in the history of Alameda Creek, sent on a rampage by torrential rains of last week.

More than 60 families were evacuated by the sheriff's department and a detail of U.S. Coastguardsmen from Government Island at Alameda.

Marsh Road leading south of Alvarado was inundated and heavily damaged by the rapidly moving waters washing away the roadbed on its way to the bay. Marsh and Lowry Roads are still flooded by debris today.

*The Hayward Daily Review, November 20, 1950*

**Flood:**

Fifty families were evacuated from their homes and several hundreds of thousands of dollars damage resulted to buildings, crops, and livestock around the southern Alameda County area.

Hardest hit was the town of Alvarado, where 2,000 acres of land were inundated during the early hours yesterday when a dyke in the Patterson Slough two miles to the south gave way. Patterson Slough is a tributary of Alameda Creek. Water had receded about two feet by this morning, but there was still danger of high tide backing up the waters again. The Marsh and Lowry Roads are the only ones still blocked by slides and floods today.

The flood in Alvarado resulted when debris carried by the Alameda Creek piled under the Southern Pacific Railway Bridge on Lowry Road. About 125 feet of Lowry Road, which forms the Patterson Slough dyke, gave out.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 20, 1950*

**Flood:**

Floodwaters today still covered 20 blocks of Alvarado's southeast residential district, with about fifty families homeless. Sheriff deputies and Coastguardsmen, rescued scores stranded in their homes after 125 feet of the Lowry Road dyke was washed out, remained on duty in the stricken area, but waters were receding and the crisis was believed to have passed.

Still under water is three miles of Marsh Road between Alvarado and Newark. Lowry Road is also closed by the washout.

Most of the families who evacuated their homes have found shelter with friends and relatives. Father James J. Concannon said he had offered the shelter of St. Anne's Church to the evacuees, but received no requests for shelter.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 21, 1950*

**Baseball:**

The Alvarado Merchants turned back the Alameda Highlanders 9-7 to remain undefeated in the Alameda Winter League race.

*The Daily Review, November 21, 1950*

**Aid for Alvarado:**

[Letters to the Forum – Oakland Tribune Editorial Section](#)

Editor: It seems to me that the money to be spent on the lavish and beautiful street decorations for Christmas ([in the City of Oakland](#)) would find a spot much closer to the Savior's heart if it were used to help replace the belongings lost by so many hundreds of people in the terrible floods that have washed away or ruined things. I saw groups of children huddled on the street corners of Alvarado and dozens of houses with water two feet above their doorsills. Now there are thousands of homeless in Reno and all up and down the valleys. Shall we be as the Pharisees and make a grand and colorful show-off or turn these funds to meet a need this year?

Margaret Truesdale Gibbs, Oakland

*The Oakland Tribune, November 27, 1950*

**West Coast Meat Company:**

West Coast Meat Company will be moving its Castro Valley operation to Alvarado when the sale of the old Hellwig Meat Company is final. West Coast Meat was put in an untenable situation when a new elementary school was placed in their area and they were denied permission to expand their Castro Valley plant. The transfer is expected to be completed by next summer.

*The Daily Review, November 30, 1950*

**Classified Ad:**

MISCELLANEOUS AUTOMOTIVE:

Caterpillar Tractor must see to appreciate.

Phone: ALvarado 55-937

*The Daily Review, November 30, 1950*

**Alvarado Man MIA:**

Cpl. Henry N. Aguel, 22, of Alvarado is missing in action Korea, according to today's announcement from the Department of Defense. Mr. Aguel is the son of Mrs. Helen Revada, of Baker Road. Henry is the oldest of Mrs. Revada's 11 children. Mr. Aguel grew up in Mt. Eden and Baumberg.

*The Daily Review, December 1, 1950*

**Order of Eastern Star:**

Mrs. Willa Jane Hellwig of Alvarado, Past Worthy Grand Matron of California, will conduct installation of the Castro Valley Chapter 572, Order of Eastern Star.

*The Daily Review, December 1, 1950*

**Flood:**

A new levee break north of Alvarado sent water pouring into the north section of the city after sheriff's officers reported the flood conditions on the Alameda Creek pretty well in check. The new break flooded much of the farmland around Alvarado as well as several blocks within the city.

The entire town was threatened yesterday when debris backed up Alameda Creek at a railroad bridge adjacent to Lowry Road, one mile south of town. One huge "clam shell" crane attempting to clear the debris broke as water poured around the bridge and over Lowry Road into surrounding farmlands. A total of 18 families were evacuated from the area before another scoop arrived at 2:30 a.m. today and cleared the danger.

*The Daily Review, December 4, 1950*

**High Water Assessment:**

Governor Earl Warren has called for an assessment of damage created by the rash of floods throughout the state recently and the present flood situation, as it exists today. From the

Alvarado area there are still a few streets in the old Union City area still with water and Lowry Road outside of town remains closed.

About 400 acres of sugar beets remain unharvested. This amounts to about 9,000 tons of beets. Whether the crop can be salvaged cannot be determined at this time, says Mr. Ratekin, Supt. of the Holly Sugar Mill. The Alvarado Vegetable Produce Company in the Lowry Road area reports that the winter crop of cabbage, cauliflower, spinach and endive has been lost, costing the company \$50,000. Other farmers in the Alvarado area say that damage from the flood should run over \$100,000.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 5, 1950***

### **High School Hi-Jinks:**

With a huge "W" burned on the Hayward High School front lawn and an equally huge "H" burned on the front lawn at Washington Union High School at Centerville since Saturday night, authorities of the two schools are conducting an investigation to determine who burned the letters.

***The Daily Review, December 13, 1950***

### **News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Ted Lemas of Castro Valley and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Lemas, will be among the 20 dinner guests of Mrs. Mary Rivers of Alvarado.

***The Daily Review, December 22, 1950***

### **Baseball:**

By turning back the Meat Market in 10 innings, 4 to 3, the Alvarado Merchants remained undefeated in the Alameda Single A Winter League Sunday afternoon. A win over the Mires Oaks in the next scheduled game will give the Alvarado Merchants the championship of the first half of the season.

***The Daily Review, December 29, 1950***

### **Alvarado Man Betrothal Told:**

More than 100 guests calling at the Anton Inderbitzen home in Sacramento yesterday learned of the engagement of their daughter of the house, Sue Inderbitzen, to Lloyd Evan Bailey, Jr. of Alvarado. The wedding is planned for next summer.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 31, 1950***

### **Baseball:**

The Alvarado Merchants suffered their first loss of the season to the UAW team by a score of 8 to 7. The Alvarado line-up consisted of:

|           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
| M. Duarte | Center Field |
| M. Silva  | Right Field  |
| Berrios   | Second Base  |
| R. Cabral | First Base   |
| L. Kelly  | Shortstop    |
| T. Castro | Left Field   |
| A. Fields | Catcher      |
| D. Lapp   | Third Base   |
| W. Gomes  | Pitcher      |
| J. Duran  | Pitcher      |

***The Daily Review, January 2, 1951***

### **East Shore Freeway:**

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution by the county highway department, authorizing the completion of the East Shore Freeway to Beard Street ([Alviso District](#)) near Alvarado. The Jackson Street to Beard street leg of the new freeway is not scheduled for completion until 1953.

***The Daily Review, January 4, 1951***

**Alvarado Man Struck by Car:**

Joe Hernandez, about 45 of Alvarado was struck by an automobile while he walked along the Mission San Jose – Warm Springs Hiway about one mile south of Mission Jose. His condition at Fairmont Hospital is listed as fair. The driver of the automobile was not cited.

*The Daily Review, January 20, 1951*

**Dog Licensing:**

Dog licenses will be available in Alvarado at the library February 1<sup>st</sup>. All dogs found in unincorporated areas of Alameda County without dog licenses will be picked up and taken to the pound.

*The Daily Review, January 27, 1951*

**New Note:**

Manuel Pinto and sons Mervin and Richard attended a birthday party in San Lorenzo hosted by Mrs. Laverne Duarte for her husband.

*The Daily Review, January 29, 1951*

**New Arrival:**

Born in Hayward on January 27<sup>th</sup> to Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Silvey of Alvarado, a son, David Matthew, 8 pounds 13 ounces.

*The Daily Review, February 2, 1951*

**Principals Association:**

Dr. Galen M Fisher, authority on Asiatic affairs, will speak before the Alameda County Principal's Association Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at a dinner meeting to be held at John Muir School. His topic will be "Preventing the Red Conquests of Asia." Leslie H. Maffey, Principal of Alvarado Grammar School will preside.

*The Daily Review, February 16, 1951*

**Maria Gonsalves Dies:**

Maria J. Gonsalves, 94, Widow of the late Manuel R. Gonsalves, died at a local sanatorium Thursday. Mrs. Gonsalves had lived the last 43 years on "A" Street in Hayward, but had also resided in Newark and Alvarado. She was a member of SPRSI, No. 21, of Alvarado. She was a native of Pico, The Azores.

*The Daily Review, February 17, 1951*

**Stabbing:**

A Decoto man is being held by the Alameda County Sheriff's deputies today for investigation of assault with a deadly weapon and another suspect is sought by officers with a stabbing in Alvarado late last week. Victim of the attack, Albert Escandon, 25, of Alvarado was released from Fairmont Hospital late last night after he was treated for a lacerated scalp, and superficial cuts on his shoulder and back. Ruben Montano of Decoto was booked by deputies after he was accused by Escandon, whom officers found lying on the floor of an Alvarado bar with his blood stained shirt next to him.

A waitress at the Alvarado bar told officers Escandon had been drinking in the place early in the evening when he became involved in an argument with Montano and another unidentified man. The argument was broken up, she asserted, and the three men went outside. Later Escandon came staggering back with several stab wounds. The officers later arrested Montano who was covered with blood.

*The Daily Review, February 26, 1951*

**VFW Auxiliary:**

Members of the Paul Rivers Auxiliary 7906 of Alvarado and Vallejo Mills Auxiliary 8293 of Niles held a joint meeting Thursday in the Niles Veteran's Memorial Building.

*The Daily Review, March 5, 1951*



**New Arrival:**

Born in Hayward March 11<sup>th</sup> to Mr. & Mrs. Anastasio Oropeza of Alvarado, a son, Jerry Phillip, 9 pounds 13 ounces.

*The Daily Review, April 2, 1951*

**Birthday Party:**

Last Tuesday evening Mr. & Mrs. John Ratekin of Alvarado entertained in honor of N. T. Lewis on the occasion of his birthday.

*The Daily Review, April 6, 1951*

**O.E.S.:**

Numerous guests from the East Bay chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star attended the annual Line Officers parry of the Hayward Chapter 331 at the Masonic Temple.

Others honored in addition to Line Officers, were Mrs. Willa Jane Hellwig, Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter, from Alvarado and Kathryn Farwell of Alameda who is also a Past Grand Matron.

*The Daily Review, April 18, 1951*

**New Arrival:**

Born in Hayward on April 5<sup>th</sup> to Mr. & Mrs. Fernando Espinosa, V & 10<sup>th</sup> Sts., Alvarado, a daughter, Joyce 7 pounds 10 ounces.

*The Daily Review, April 18, 1951*

**Sugar:**

Holly Sugar Corporation's factory at Alvarado, the first successful beet sugar factory in the United States, will end its 91<sup>st</sup> sugar making campaign Saturday with the largest production in its history. This factory, first established in 1870, will produce 1,100,000 100-pound bags of granulated sugar during the current production season, which started July 15<sup>th</sup>.

*The Daily Review, April 18, 1951*

**Barber Tools Stolen:**

Barber tools valued at \$237 were stolen from the Alvarado shop of Anastasio Regalado, 60, Wednesday night, according to a report filed by the victim with Hayward sheriff deputies. Burglars, who allegedly entered through a pool hall that houses the shop, were said to have been thwarted in their efforts to open a cash register drawer containing \$50 in coin.

*The Daily Review, April 20, 1951*

**Edna Williams Dies:**

Edna Williams, beloved wife of Raymond Williams, died April 25<sup>th</sup> in Hayward at the age of 56 years. A native of Alvarado, she leaves a brother and two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Andersen and Miss Mary K. Jensen and a brother James P. Jensen.

*The Daily Review, April 26, 1951*

**Pre-Dawn Crash:**

A man and two women, all in their 20's died in a pre-dawn crash today as their automobile and an oil truck met head on. A married couple from Centerville and a lady from Livermore died in the crash. The accident on Hiway 17 near Lowry Road two miles south of Alvarado so mangled the victim's bodies that it took several hours to identify them. One woman who drove by the accident scene suffered a heart attack when she caught a glimpse of a headless corpse. Paramedics later revived her.

*The Times, San Mateo California, May 1, 1951*

*The Daily Review, May 1, 1951*

**News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Bettencourt of Alvarado were Saturday dinner guests at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Fraga of Hayward.

*The Daily Review, May 8, 1951*

#### **Alvarado Women Hosted at Potluck:**

A potluck dinner and bingo party was held for members of the UPPEC Lodge, 131, of Alvarado Saturday night at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. Hansen, Hayward.

Present from Alvarado were Mrs. Nora Vargas, Miss Alice Menezes, Mrs. Isabel Menezes, Miss Mynra Dutra, Melvin Silva Jr., Melvin Silva Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rodgers, Mr. & Mrs. George Vargas, and Mr. & Mrs. Tony Borges.

*The Daily Review, May 10, 1951*

#### **Sugar:**

Conferences will be held between the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District and the Holly Sugar Corporation to discuss disposal methods of the mills liquid wastes so that mosquito production will be minimized in the Alvarado area. The company just completed a belated 1950 production run at the Alvarado plant.

*The Daily Review, May 14, 1951*

#### **Classified Ad:**

MISCELLANEOUS:

Tractor, small Caterpillar, good for small acreage, perfect motor, sacrifice.

Phone: ALvarado 55-937

*The Daily Review, May 19, 1951*

#### **Auto Accident:**

Carlos C. Carces, 31, of Alvarado was cited by the highway patrol after an accident on Alquire Road 10:00 p.m. Saturday night.

*The Daily Review, May 28, 1951*

#### **Robbery:**

Mrs. Rosie M. Cacho, a 24 year-old victim of a slugging and robbery in Alvarado, identified a man at Fairmont Hospital early this morning as her assailant as freak circumstances led to apprehension. Mrs. Cacho had been taken to the hospital for treatment of superficial head wounds after being unconscious in the yard of an unfinished Alvarado home; the suspect, Richardo Navarette, 23, of Fourth Street, Decoto, had been rushed to Fairmont Hospital by the Highway Patrol after his auto crashed into a steel bridge. Navarette is being held for questioning on the robbery. The victim's purse was found in Mr. Navarette's car.

*The Daily Review, May 31, 1951*

#### **Baseball:**

Alvarado's first game after leaving the Alameda Single "A" winter league was the clobbering of the Newark Tigers 20-4. The merchants will continue to play exhibition games until June 24<sup>th</sup> when they will probably join up with the Valley league.

*The Daily Review, June 5, 1951*

#### **Giovanni Bellomo Dies:**

Giovanni S. Bellomo, 67, a native of Italy died in Alvarado Monday. He had resided in Alvarado for 25 years. He leaves a brother in Italy and several cousins in the Bay Area.

*The Daily Review, June 6, 1951*

#### **Local Schools to Graduate Students:**

This year's graduates for the Alvarado and Alviso Grammar Schools are:

ALVARADO:

Leonard Barrera, Lupe Bueno, Joyce Caldeira, Norman Carpenter, Jeany Cheng, John Corrales, Cyndy De Anda, Archie Delao, Vera Dominguez, Johnny Gualco, Albert Hernandez, Eddie Maldonado, Sammy Muela, Mervin Pinto, Andrew Pimentel, Conrad Preciado, Lupe Ramirez, Albert Rede, Mercedes Rigmaiden, Irene Silva, Josephine Villegas, Verlie Tolbertson, Richard Thomas.

**ALVISO:**

Patricia Bettencourt, Remo Cerruti, Margaret Corchero, Joseph Dias, George George, Nellie Gomez, Linda Hermosa, Herman Rocha, Juanita Rocha, Marlene, Rogers, Novita Roderick and Maxine Smith.

*The Township Register, Niles California, June 8, 1951*

**Baseball:**

The Alvarado Merchants semi-pro baseball team sustained their first loss of the season yesterday on the Bushrod diamond in Oakland as they were taken in by the Richmond Merchants 6-0.

*The Daily Review, June 11, 1951*

**Classified Ad:**

SITUATIONS WANTED:

Practical nurse, desires position, live out, references.

Phone: ALvarado 55-898

*The Daily Review, June 14, 1951*

**Alvarado Loses Teacher:**

Mrs. Louise Thomas, a U.C. Berkeley graduate who has spent the past year teaching a primary grade at Alvarado Grammar School has resigned her position here to teach in the San Lorenzo School District for the coming year.

*The Daily Review, June 19, 1951*

**Anthony Williams Dies:**

Anthony Williams, husband of the late Frances Williams, died June 17<sup>th</sup> in Decoto. He was a native of Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, June 19, 1951*

**Patio Dinner Party:**

A patio dinner party given by his parents, honored Mervin Perry who recently graduated from Hayward High School. Attending from Alvarado was Mr. & Mrs. Warren Silva and daughter Carol.

*The Daily Review, June 22, 1951*

**Flood Control As Civil Defense:**

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce has seen flood control through a new light one might say, after citing the importance of flood control in civil defense. Without flood control, roads would be flooded, creating traffic hazards and slowing relief of Eastbay housing projects of personnel.

In the past, surveys of flood conditions emphasized actual and potential damage to agriculture. Surveys have overlooked the possible flooding of highway during a time of emergency the chamber secretary, Mr. Leslie H. Maffey pointed out.

*The Daily Review, June 26, 1951*

**Auto Accident:**

Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Ledesma and son Tommy, age 4, of Alvarado, were taken to St. Paul's Hospital for injuries received when their car smashed into a semi-truck and trailer at 2:50 p.m. yesterday three miles south of Livermore.

*The Daily Review, June 28, 1951*

**Classified Ad:**

WANTED TO RENT:

Three room apartment, close to business district, \$40 a month utilities included.

Phone: **AL**varado 55-760  
*The Daily Review, July 9, 1951*

**Woman Killed at Train Crossing:**

Mrs. Vivian Logan, 52, was killed instantly when a train struck her car. Mrs. Logan, a member of a pioneer ranching family here, was killed at a crossing of the Southern Pacific Railroad at Logan Road, located on property owned by the family. She was the wife of Andrew Logan, high school trustee and employee of the Holly Sugar Mill. The location is roughly halfway between Lowry Road and Hall Station.

Friends said that she must have gone over the crossing a thousand times before. Although there are no signals at the crossing there is an unobstructed view in either direction for hundreds of yards.

*The Daily Review, July 25, 1951*

**New Sheriff's Substation:**

Alameda County Sheriff Jack Gleason announced the promotion of Lt. Richard E. Condon of the Hayward Sheriff's Substation to the rank of Captain to head the new department's Washington Township substation today. The new substation on the Niles-Centerville Hiway will be occupied shortly after August 1<sup>st</sup>. The new substation will have law enforcement responsibilities over all of Washington Township, a service that was previously supplied out of the Hayward Sheriff Substation.

*The Daily Review, July 27, 1951*

**Flood Damage:**

Seven farmers of the Alvarado area have filed a \$120,000 damage suit and injunction against Southern Pacific, Pacific Gas & Electric, and two individuals for flood damage to their lands last November and December.

Plaintiffs in the action filed by John T. Wentz and the law firm of Hynes & Bowser, are Thomas Accinelli, Teodora Accinelli, M. Tachella, Rina Tachella, Remigio Cerruti, John Bellomo, John Fazio and Nick Fazio. They own 76 acres of farmland in the section southwest of the intersection of Lowry Road and Highway 17, a mile and a half southeast of Alvarado.

The petition charges that an alleged inadequate bridge over Patterson Creek, brush cut by PG&E., and a dam built by Henry H. and William D. Patterson, caused the creek to overflow its banks during heavy rainfall last winter and flood their property.

It asks for compensation for damages to lands, crops, buildings, tress and shrubs; asks for an injunction to prevent the railroad from maintaining the bridge in its present condition or from rebuilding one that would cause continued obstructions; asks that PG&E. be enjoined from placing or leaving brush in the creek channel, and that the Patterson's be enjoined from maintaining a dyke across the east channel of the creek without providing adequate overflow ditches.

*The Daily Review, July 31, 1951*

**Central Bank:**

F. W. (Bill) Katzer, former manager of the Central Bank Branch in Alvarado from 1946 to 1948 has been named manager of Central Bank's Via Mercado Branch in San Lorenzo Village.

*The Daily Review, August 14, 1951*

**Classified Ad:**

FOR SALE HOUSEHOLD

House full of best furniture selling at give-away prices, including O'Keefe & Merritt range, like new, \$125. Location between Alvarado and Machado's Corner across from Alviso School, new house by Motorola sign.

*The Daily Review, August 15, 1951*

**Evelyn Sachs Dies:**

Mrs. Evelyn Mae Sachs, beloved wife of Samuel W. Sachs, died August 21, 1951 in Hayward at the age of 44 years. She was the daughter of the late William and Emma Robinson and was a native of Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, August 22, 1951*

**Sugar:**

Arthur Johnson, district agriculturist for the Holly Sugar Corporations Alvarado plant, was guest speaker at the Hayward Lion's Club luncheon meeting Wednesday, told the history of sugar manufacture. He explained the beet and cane sugar refining processes.

*The Daily Review, August 25, 1951*

**Classified Ad:**

LOST & FOUND:

Brown rat-tail spaniel, female.

Ask for Dan Riley, Alvarado, reward.

*The Daily Review, August 25, 1951*

**Stabbing:**

Rafael Paguirigan, 43, who was stabbed morning yesterday in a fight at Alvarado, was reported as "still in critical condition" at Highland Hospital today. No surgery has yet been performed, and it has not been definitely established that one wound cut his heart.

Three men are being held as suspects in the stabbing. They are Gilbert Villareal, 19, Manuel Villareal, 24, and Juan Garcia, 20, all of Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, September 11, 1951*

**Stabbing Victim:**

Still in critical condition at Highland Hospital, but expected to live, Rafael Paguirigan, 43, of Alvarado was said to be making a good fight for his life. Paguirigan was stabbed three times in fight a fight at Alvarado early Monday morning. Three men are being held in the investigation of the stabbing.

*The Daily Review, September 12, 1951*

**Shooting:**

There was a little trouble between Mr. Herrera and Mr. Barrera in Alvarado last night when they tangled over a parking spot. Joseph Herrera of 521 10<sup>th</sup> St., Decoto, couldn't find a parking space for his car. After hunting all over, he said later, he found one that turned out to be the driveway of Leonard Barrera, 57, 1265 Centerville Hiway. Barrera told Herrera to move his car or he would shoot. Herrera didn't move so Barrera shot him twice. As a result Herrera is in Highland Hospital and Barrera is in the county jail for assault with a deadly weapon.

*The Daily Review, September 22, 1951*

**News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Bluth of Alvarado enjoyed an outdoor wiener roast at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Horace Billic of Hayward recently.

*The Daily Review, September 25, 1951*

**Another Death at Hall Station:**

Arkie J. Marr, 28, of Bakersfield was killed when his car slammed into the back end of a loaded gravel truck which had stopped at the railroad crossing at Hall Station about one mile south of Alvarado.

Headed north towards Hayward on Centerville-Alvarado Hiway, the Marr auto skidded 135 feet, swerved to the right, with the driver's side of the car crashing sidewise into the right rear spring and frame of the truck. Mr. Marr was killed instantly, his wife, who was also in the car received minor injuries and was treated and released from the hospital.

***The Daily Review, September 27, 1951***

**Tractor Fire:**

Fire destroyed a tractor on the farm of Louis Marchy, Marsh Road farmer yesterday. Marchy said the gas tank on the tractor blew up when he tried to start the machine. He drove the tractor to the center of the field where it burned completely. Fireman said there was an apparent short in the wiring.

***The Daily Review, September 27, 1951***

**Antone Perry Dies:**

Antone E. Perry, beloved husband of Mrs. Minnie Perry, died at his home in Decoto on Thursday. He was father to Mrs. Ethel Borges of Alvarado, Raymond Perry of Decoto, and Gregory and James Perry of Hayward. Mr. Perry was a member of U.P.E.C., No. 21 and I.D.E.S., No. 2, both of Alvarado.

***The Daily Review, October 1, 1951***

**VFW Dance:**

Plans are being made the Paul Rivers Post 7906, VFW of Alvarado for a dance to be held November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Newark Pavilion with Roy Baptiste and His Orchestra providing the music.

***The Daily Review, October 8, 1951***

**Civil Defense:**

J. A. Ratekin and Walter Oakey are Washington Township Civil Defense Director for Alvarado and will be issued official Civil Defense I.D. Cards.

***The Daily Review, October 9, 1951***

**Football:**

The Bret Harte flag footballers got back on track yesterday after defeating the Alvarado gridders 21 to 7. The Indians had their 29-games winning streak broken last week by Livermore.

***The Daily Review, October 19, 1951***

**Air Force:**

Pvt. Melvin Pinto, 23, son of Mrs. Rose Pinto has completed his training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, and is now ready to assigned to technical training.

***The Daily Review, October 24, 1951***

**Barnyard Circus:**

It's here! It's Fun! It's Free!

Military Order of the Cooties – Pup Tent 55 – Veterans of Foreign Wars

Barnyard Fun Circus

Get your free tickets from the business and professional people listed below ([Alvarado](#)):

T. P. Harvey, Produce Grower, Centerville Hiway. Phone: **AL**varado 55-869

Sam Dinsmore, General Merchandise Store, 1305 Smith St. Phone: **AL**varado 55-783

Alvarado Liquor Store, 1038 Levee St. Phone: **AL**varado 55-662

Matsumoto General Merchandise, 1471 Smith St. Phone: **AL**varado 55-997

Union City Garage, 10<sup>th</sup> and V Streets

Loyola Auto Repair, 975 Levee St. Phone: **AL**varado 55-864

Leffingwell Service, Hiway 17. Phone: **AL**varado 55-954

Hayward Box Co., Hesperian Blvd. Phone: **AL**varado 55-979

Major Tavern. Phone: **AL**varado 55-988

Alvarado Theater, 1115 Marsh Road. Phone: **AL**varado 55-730

Riverside Farms, Granger Road. Phone: **AL**varado 55-732

Hendricks Household Appliance, 1975 Smith St. Phone: **AL**varado 55-716

***The Daily Review, October 26, 1951***

**Dispute Over Keys:**

A complaint was expected to be signed this afternoon against Restituto M. Maghanoy, 40, Alvarado, after a fight in Irvington last night. Maghanoy, a laborer, was held for investigation of assault with a deadly weapon at the sheriff's sub-station here after a period of confusing reports from the man and his alleged victim.

Sheriff deputies were called to meet Maghanoy near Niles at 10 p.m. yesterday, it was reported. He was badly cut on the head and hand, they said, but unable to give much information surrounding his injuries. Thought first to be a victim of an assault, the officers determined later that Maghanoy might have been the instigator of the fight. After questioning, it was found that Maghanoy went to the home of Blas Cogal, 33, Irvington looking for keys he thought he had left there.

An argument developed into a fight and Maghanoy hit Cogal with the butt of a gun, Cogal then got the gun and Maghanoy. Cogal was treated by a private physician and Maghanoy went to Fairmont Hospital.

*The Daily Review, November 1, 1951*

**Classified Ad:**

PERSONAL:

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of George Brown, aka George Brun, formerly of Alvarado, Calif., please notify C. W. Fisher. HIghland 4-5500.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 12, 1951*

**Robbery:**

Four men were being held for investigation of robbery in Alvarado today after allegedly slugging and robbing Anestacio De Leon, 32, in an alley near a bar early yesterday. Deputies from Centerville sub-station were called here just after 2 a.m. De Leon said four men had beat him and had taken between \$70 and \$80.

The suspects were reportedly found in Decoto. They were identified as Jesse Martinez, 26; Felix Mesa, 23; Benny Rodriguez, 27; and Frank Vasquez, 23.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 12, 1951*

**Mrs. Elizabeth Flores Dies:**

Elizabeth Louise Flores, aged 93 of Alvarado died November 12<sup>th</sup> at Alvarado. Mother to Mrs. Louise Machado, Mrs. Mary Avila, Mrs. Minnie Rose and Clarence Flores, all of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 14, 1951*

**Benefit Whist:**

A benefit Whist Party will be held for St. Anne's Church, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m., at Alvarado Grammar School. There will be a turkey given away plus other prizes. Mrs. Mae Silveira chairman.

*The Daily Review, November 15, 1951*

**License to Marry:**

Jesus Ramirez, 20, Alvarado

Esther Gutierrez, 25, San Leandro

*The Oakland Tribune, November 15, 1951*

**Sugar:**

Students of Mrs. Beulah Linnel's Fourth Grade classroom toured Holly Sugar Mill at Alvarado Thursday in their study of the area's industry. The trip was arranged by Earl Bates, father of one of the students in the class.

*The Daily Review, November 19, 1951*

**New Arrivals:**

Not triplets, but all related; three boys were born during the past week at the Decoto Medical Building.

First to arrive was Francisco George Sacramento Jr., son of Mr. & Mrs. F. G. Sacramento of 1144 Marsh Road, Alvarado, he weighed in at eight pounds four ounces.

Next on November 12<sup>th</sup>, came Chris Guerra, seven pound three ounce son of Mr. & Mrs. Ray Guerra of Walton Avenue, Centerville.

Last to arrive on November 13<sup>th</sup>, was David Guerra Galvan, son of Mr. & Mrs. Feliciano Galvan of Niles. He weighed eight pounds.

Mrs. Guerra is the niece of Mrs. Sacramento, and Mrs. Galvan is the sister-in-law of Mrs. Guerra.  
*The Daily Review, November 19, 1951*

#### **Auto Accident:**

Frank P. George was involved in an auto accident Saturday on Niles Road ([Mission Blvd](#)). Two other cars collided and one then side swiped Mr. George's car.

*The Daily Review, December 3, 1951*

#### **Sugar:**

The Holly Sugar Mill at Alvarado will be shut down for an indefinite amount of time, J. A. Ratekin, Sup't, stated today. Once weather conditions clear up, the 30,000 tons of beets still in the fields near Alvarado, Stockton, Tracy and Hamilton City can be harvested and sent to the Alvarado mill. They can be processed in about 20 days but the weather is still uncertain. Sugar beet processing is usually completed by mid-December.

*The Daily Review, December 5, 1951*

#### **May Hawley Patterson Dies:**

May Hawley Patterson, died December 15, 1951 in Oakland California at the age of 89 years. She was married to the late William S. Patterson. She was a native of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 16, 1951*

#### **News Notes:**

Emilio Valencia and Len Kelly, both of Alvarado, have had their driver's licenses suspended.

*The Daily Review, December 19, 1951*

#### **VFW:**

The annual Christmas diner party of the Paul Rivers Post VFW of Alvarado was held Saturday evening in the Eagles Hall. A turkey and ravioli dinner was served.

*The Daily Review, December 21, 1951*

#### **To The Oakland Tribune:**

([Letter to the Editor](#))

RE: William Tucker's article: The egg price reduction is due to large shipments of eggs from the Midwest making the market glutted. There is no manipulation.

Tony Anderson, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, December 22, 1951*

#### **Mrs. Mary Brune Dies:**

Mrs. Mary Gloria Brune, 67, wife of Antone Brune, died yesterday at a local hospital. A native of the Azores she is the mother of Joseph A. Brune of Hayward, Tony Brune of Alvarado, Mrs. Anna E. Silveira of San Diego and Manuel Brune of Massachusetts. Her home was at 632 "U" Street, Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, December 27, 1951*

#### **Cold and Flood Hits Alvarado:**

Massive amounts of snow in the Sierras and a lot of rain in the Bay Area are making for interesting times. Two to six inches of snow remained on Mt. Hamilton today. In Lafayette the



temperature got down to 25 degrees this morning. The dropping temperatures eased the fears of flooding in the San Joaquin Valley.

But in Alvarado, at the south end of the Bay, homes and roads were flooded to a depth of three inches yesterday as a brisk wind whipped high tide waters over levees and as rain-swollen creeks overflowed.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 31, 1951*

**Flood:**

Lashing the Bay Area last night and this morning, a rain and thunderstorm deluged the area, closed highways, disrupted communication, and caused extensive property damage. The rainfall measured 1.56 inches before midnight last night with another .37 inches by 10:30 a.m. this morning. In the South County region 12 homes were evacuated between Alvarado and Centerville as rampaging water flowed down Alameda Creek and continued to rise today.

Further floods were threatened in this area today as Calaveras Dam, reaching the limit of its 31½ billion gallon capacity overflowed for the first time since 1941.

With water within a foot of the top of Lowry Road dyke and water seeping through, Alameda County Flood Control Department was at work dredging debris from the creek in an effort to keep the water flowing southward. Alvarado is threatened with flood if the dyke breaks.

*The Daily Review, January 12, 1952*

**Flood:**

Coastguardsmen had to abandon their attempts to rescue residents in Alvarado when strong currents swept the boats off the roadway. They sent for an amphibious vehicle from Government Island.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 13, 1952*

**Flood:**

At Alvarado the first of the marooned residents to be removed from submerged "V" Street was a paralyzed man, Manuel Cardoza, 76, of 428 "V" Street. He and his wife, Inez, were brought out in a small boat furnished by Elmer Sheppard of Castro Valley and four volunteers.

Two other women, Mrs. Joe Brune and Mrs. Mary Silveira, were rescued before the Coast Guard had to abandon first rescue attempts because of swift currents, which prevented them from using their boats.

They were attempting to reach three youngsters alone in a home in the flooded north section of town. They were Adelia Delao, 13, and her brothers, George 5, and Danny 3, of 1050 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 13, 1952*

**Mrs. Mary Decoto Crosby Dies:**

Mrs. Mary Decoto Crosby, 80, member of the pioneer Decoto family, died in a rest home today. She was the sister of Mrs. August May of Alvarado, Peter L. Decoto of Alvarado, Louise Decoto of Piedmont and the late Judge Ezra Decoto.

*The Daily Review, January 14, 1952*

**Flood:**

Streets in Alvarado were still flooded and 21 persons evacuated Saturday still were homeless. The cauliflower crops in the area suffered major damage, but no immediate cost of the damage could be obtained at this time.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 14, 1952*

**Flood:**

Alvarado, one of the hardest hit flood areas, was saved from further damage last night after a dike at Nursery Road ([Alvarado-Niles Road](#)) and Alquire Road ([Dyer Street](#)) gave way. County road crews and deputies, headed by Sheriff Jack Gleason and Capt. R.E. Condon, filled the break with 40 truckloads of gravel and dirt. Otherwise the creeks are dropping alleviating the threat in that area. Some Alvarado families were able to return to their homes.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 15, 1952*

**Flood:**

Alvarado was still partly under water with about 20 homes still evacuated. Alameda Creek still was flowing over Marsh Road ([Union City Blvd](#)) and the Oakland-San Jose Highway ([Alvarado Blvd](#)) but they were still passable.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 16, 1952*

**Flood:**

Mrs. Mary Gastelum, cafeteria manager of the Alvarado Grammar School serves a breakfast of bacon and eggs, toast, fruit juice, hot chocolate, hot coffee to some of the evacuees living in the school.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 16, 1952*

**Flood:**

In the Alvarado the peak flow of the weekend flood was greater than anything experienced here last year, but the amount of flooding so far is not so great because the levee adjacent to Lowry Road, which broke last year, has held, and the Southern Pacific Railroad trestle adjoining Lowry Road has been kept free of debris.

The water is draining out of the Alvarado area slowly because of inadequate outlets to San Francisco Bay. Between Friday morning and 10:00 a.m. today ([Monday](#)), 3.27 inches of rain has fallen in the Alvarado area.

*The Daily Review, January 17, 1952*

**Mrs. Rozaria Goularte Dies:**

Mrs. Rozaria Goularte, of Creek Road, Alvarado, passed away January 16<sup>th</sup> at age 80. She was the mother of Manuel, Joseph and Frank Goularte, all of Alvarado, and grandmother of Mrs. Marjorie Re and Mrs. Jeanette Bratton, both of Alvarado. She was a native of Fayal, the Azores.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 17, 1952*

**Flood Control:**

\$3.8 million is what it will cost to control the waters that cause **floods** in the Tennyson-Valle Vista-Alvarado area. This is the figure given out to 200 persons who attended a flood control meeting in Tennyson.

*The Daily Review, January 17, 1952*

**C of C Opposes Zone 3:**

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce has taken a position in opposition to Alvarado's inclusion in Zone 3 of the Alameda County **Flood Control** program.

At an open meeting of county supervisors in Hayward City Hall at 8:00 p.m. tomorrow, chamber delegates speaking on behalf of their organization, will declare that all of Alvarado should be included in a Zone 5 on which engineering studies have not yet been done.

They will point out that boundaries of Zone 3 will divide Alvarado at Smith Creek Bridge at the intersection of Smith Street, Alquire and Alvarado-Niles Roads, excluding extensive flooded area south of the southern boundaries of Zone 3.

*The Daily Review, January 17, 1952*

**Marriage License:**

Curtis Martin Kahara, 27, Pleasanton

Mary Eileen Wilson, 25, Alvarado  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 23, 1952*

### **County to Fight Juvenile Delinquency:**

Eleven representatives of groups providing recreational service in Pleasanton, Livermore, Alvarado, Niles, Newark and Hayward communities met in Hayward yesterday as a subcommittee of the Alameda County Committee for the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency, named two years ago by the honorable A. T. Shine, presiding judge of the Alameda County Superior Court.

Headed by Mrs. John Hayes, recreation committee members began an exploration of recreation problems preparatory to listing definite needs related to the juvenile delinquency program. They will meet here again, in a lecture room at Hayward Public Library, at 1:00 p.m., February 13<sup>th</sup>.  
*The Daily Review, January 24, 1952*

### **Flood:**

27 flood victims sheltered at Alvarado School since January 13<sup>th</sup>, have returned to their homes in the area, it was disclosed by Leslie H. Maffey, school principal. Meals were served to them in the school cafeteria by means of an emergency Red Cross set up, which also arranged sleeping quarters in the school auditorium.  
*The Daily Review, January 24, 1952*

### **Flood Control:**

Zones, 1, 2, 2a, 3 and 4 of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District were established today by official action of the County Board of Supervisors. The go-ahead signal for approval of disputed Zone 3 as a flood control district was given in the County Board of Supervisors last night at a special meeting held in the Hayward City Hall.

The boundaries of the disputed Zone 3 were defined as: On the north extending from Bay Bridge Boulevard (Hayward entrance to the San Mateo Bridge) to Clawiter Road to Depot Road, along Rancho line near Harder Road, following the natural drainage line north of Jackson Street, crossing Winton avenue, through Hayward near the center of the city, to Second and Fairview Avenues, around to the natural divide in the hills.

The zone boundaries follow the ridgeline on the east where Dry Creek crosses the highway at Decoto, and on the south along the Alvarado-Niles Road, following the property lines south of Alvarado, jogging north following along Alameda Creek to the Bay.

Ward Silva of Alvarado wanted to know why Alvarado was included in Zone 3, when two-thirds of the floodwater comes down Alameda Creek.

The drainage ditch contemplated for Zone 3 is designed to handle the excess water in Alameda Creek, which flows into the ditch north of Alvarado. This would keep Alvarado dry, said Engineer Crowle.

With the establishment of Zone 5, Alvarado would be further protected by a dike to be constructed to the east of town. The board of supervisors today authorized the flood control district's engineering staff to proceed with all speed in completing engineering in the south of Zone 3 so that Zone 5 and other zones can be established at the earliest practical time.

John Ratekin of Alvarado wanted to know why channeling floodwaters of Alameda Creek into the Patterson by-pass proposed for Zone 5 would not be more beneficial to Alvarado.  
*The Daily Review, January 24, 1952*

### **Home Values Increase:**

If you own or are buying a home in Hayward, Castro Valley, San Lorenzo, Alta Vista, Alvarado or at any point in between, it is worth more today than it was yesterday. Its value went up when the

County Board of Supervisors established Drainage Zones 1, 2, 3 & 4 Thursday morning. This is the first step in area Flood Control and makes these areas much more desirable. It may take five or six years to fully realize, but the benefit is there.

*The Daily Review, January 25, 1952*

**John M. Silva Dies:**

John M. Silva of Alvarado died suddenly in Mt. Eden January 23, 1952 devoted husband of Mrs. Helen Silva, he was 59 years old.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 25, 1952*

**Flood:**

In Alvarado a new break in the Alameda Creek levee threatened for a time last night to force residents from their homes in the vicinity of "V" Street.

The break occurred near Fair Ranch Road about 2 p.m., widening an existing gap from 80 feet to 110 feet. Water poured through the new break and began to rise in the west section of Alvarado, flooding the streets, and coming within inches of thresholds.

*The Daily Review, January 26, 1952*

**Flood:**

The floods of the past two weeks have been the most damaging in Alameda County history, so say Herbert G. Crowle, engineer of the Alameda County Flood Control District. Principal damage was caused by levee breaks on Alameda Creek in the Livermore Valley and the Alvarado-Centerville area and on the San Lorenzo Creek west of San Lorenzo.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 27, 1952*

**Plans Laid for '53 Centennial:**

In March 1953 Alameda County will be 100 years old. Efforts are underway to have a colorful and meaningful celebration of our first 100 years.

Alvarado, the first County Seat was established 99 years ago, but gave way to San Leandro, where the County Seat resided for several years until it gave way to Clinton ([East Oakland](#)). Oakland is still the County Seat today.

*The Daily Review, January 30, 1952*

**Antonio Perry Dies:**

Antonio Perry of "V" Street, Alvarado, dearly beloved husband of Rose Gaspar Perry, and loving father of Pamela Perry, all of Alvarado. Mr. Perry passed away on February 13, 1952 at the age of 52 years.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 14, 1952*

**Washington Township Judges:**

Washington Township's two justice court judges have announced their candidacy for the one judgeship, which becomes effective January 1, 1953 under the newly adopted court consolidation plan.

The two candidates are Judge Allen G. Norris of Centerville and Judge Edward A. Quaresma of Niles. Judge Quaresma has served as a past president of the Alvarado Eagles.

*The Daily Review, February 29, 1952*

**Drug Bust:**

George Aranda, 22, and Frank Guerra, 20, both of Alvarado, were arrested for possessing \$1,000 worth of Opium and Morphine in their car.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 29, 1952*

**New Arrival:**

Born in Hayward March 2<sup>nd</sup> to Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Silvey of Alvarado, a son, Richard Arthur, 8 pounds 5 ounces.

*The Daily Review, March 13, 1952*

**Flood:**

Flood conditions threaten in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties. At Alvarado some 60 civilian volunteers under the direction of the Army Corps of Engineers and the Alameda County Flood Control District officers were standing by the Alameda Creek levee, periled by rising water.

Portable generators and floodlights were brought in on the levee weakened on both sides south of Alvarado and on the north side near the Holly Sugar Mill. At the Smith Street Bridge at noon yesterday the water was only one foot lower than the crest of the big January flood.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 13, 1952*

**Auto Accident:**

Cruz Figueroa, 51, of Alvarado was involved in a minor fender-bender on Alvarado-Centerville Road last night 8:30 p.m.

*The Daily Review, March 14, 1952*

**Red Cross Aid:**

A report on Red Cross disaster work today revealed that more than \$600 was spent among Alvarado residents resulting from floods caused during heavy January rainstorms. More than 100 persons from Alvarado were sheltered, clothed and fed at the time flood waters threatened their homes, with food costs alone totaling \$350. Diapers for babies and washtubs for bathing were provided to maintain health standards and avoid epidemics.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 15, 1952*

**Flood:**

Heavy snow in the Sierras and rain in the Bay Area has raised the threat of a new round of local floods. At Alvarado, some 50 civilian volunteers under the direction of Army engineers and the Alameda County Flood Control Officers were standing by the Alameda Creek levee, periled by rising water.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 16, 1952*

**Catch Fish or Eat Bait:**

The old joke about the old fisherman who caught no fish and had to eat his own bait is no joke. Not to Mrs. Evalene Griffin, of San Leandro who is a fifth grade teacher at Alvarado Grammar School in Alvarado. Mrs. Griffin and her husband are ardent fisherman, and they recently returned home almost empty handed from a fishing trip to Rio Vista.

All they had was what was left of the bait. No Fish. But Mrs. Griffin recalled what happened when they stopped en route to Rio Vista to buy bait. They were supplied with frozen prawns.

"My," observed Mrs. Griffin, "these look good enough to eat."

"They are," the salesman declared, "they're perfectly fresh and plenty good to eat."

And they were too.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 17, 1952*

**News Note:**

Joe Silva of Alvarado turned in the best time in the "Modified Coupe" class at the Kingdon Airstrip Drag Races in Stockton yesterday.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 17, 1952*

**Traffic Patrol:**

Members of the Alvarado Traffic Patrol enjoyed a ride on Western Pacific's famed California Zephyr No. 2 Vista Dome Car. They were part of 500 traffic patrol members from Southern Alameda County that enjoyed the train ride.

*The Daily Review, April 1, 1952*

### **Joseph E. Gomes Dies:**

Joseph E. Gomes died today at his home in Alvarado at age 83. He was the husband of Mary Gomes, father of Emanuel and Henry Gomes all of Alvarado. He had been a resident of Alvarado for 63 years.

*The Daily Review, May 12, 1952*

### **The Search for T.P. Harvey:**

The body of Ted Harvey, prominent Alvarado vegetable shipper and rancher, was found about 12:15 p.m. this morning in the hills high above Decoto following a night long search by relatives and sheriffs deputies.

Harvey, and his son Bobby, 10, had gone fishing Saturday afternoon along Dry Creek, which passes through his ranch. The boy returned home about 5:30 p.m. after the father told him he would be along shortly.

When Harvey failed to appear his wife, Margot, and his son searched the hills all day Sunday. The Sheriffs Department was notified about 6:00 p.m. last night and the organized search inaugurated under the direction of Capt. Richard Condon.

His body was found alongside the creek where he had fallen after an apparent heart attack. He was found just a short distance from the site of the crash of the United airliner last fall, which claimed the lives of 52 persons.

*The Daily Review, May 19, 1952*

### **T. P. Harvey Dies:**

Funeral rites for Theodore P. Harvey, 48, Alvarado rancher who died of a heart attack while on a weekend outing with his son, will be conducted here tomorrow. A native of Alvarado, Mr. Harvey was the son of the late Frederick C. (F. C.) and Selma Harvey.

Mr. Harvey was the husband of Margot Harvey and father of Eleanor Jeanne, Robert Ingman, Sarah Sue, Patricia Ann and Frederick Chapman Harvey. Also surviving are his stepchildren Louis and Carole Burns.

*The Daily Review, May 20, 1952*

### **San Jose State Graduate:**

One young Alvarado man will be among the 1,000 San Jose State College graduates on whom degrees will be conferred in the college's 89<sup>th</sup> commencement exercises Friday at Spartan Stadium. Everett N. De Salles of Alvarado will receive his A. B., General Elementary Credential.

*The Daily Review, June 7, 1952*

### **Engagement Announced:**

Mrs. Louise D Chibante of San Lorenzo has announced the engagement of her daughter Blondina Mae Chibante to Arthur John Pinto son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pinto of Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, June 9, 1952*

### **News Note:**

Matthew E. Machado has had his driver's license revoked, no reason was given.

*The Daily Review, June 11, 1952*

### **Mission Peak Mystery Solved:**

A two-year old mystery that has kept residents of Mission San Jose watching the peak of a nearby 3,000-foot mountain peak for an ominous flashing light was finally solved last night.

From as far away as Alvarado and Centerville came reports, starting at 9:30 p.m. that the flashing light was again aglow near the top of the uninhabited Mission Peak.

As described by sheriff's deputies, who said this sort of thing has been going on at irregular intervals for some time, the bright light flashed first in one direction and then in another. Rumors flew through Washington Township; but the most generally accepted, for a while, was that a plane had crashed on the peak.

But the mystery ended when a sheriff's patrol car checked at the nearby Warm Springs Airport. For when sail planes from the airport take to the air at night, the deputies were told that some one is sent up to Mission Peak to flash a warning light, keeping the gliders away from the dangerous mountain.

Case closed.

*The Daily Review, June 12, 1952*

### **Local Schools to Graduate Students:**

This year's graduates for the Alvarado and Alviso Grammar Schools are:

#### **ALVARADO:**

Ernestine Aranda, Tony Bueno, Rosalie Cicairos, Rita Cicairos, Delia Delao, Irene Garcia, Robert Gonzalez, Isabel Hendrickson, Arnold Hernandez, Mercedes Hernandez, Andrew Leon, Ruben Lopez, Ellen Louie, Lupe Moreno, Naomi Muela, Marlene Pinto, Jesse Ramirez, Augustine Rangel Jr., Amparo Sanchez, Stella Santos, Geraldine Silva, Mary Soto, Eddie Vierra and Helen Villalobos.

ALVISO: Catherine Accinelli, Dino Ciarlo, Brenda MacInstosh, Cordelia Mings, Robert Orsetti, George Passadore, Marie Passadore, John Perry, Warren Rogers, Glenda Silva and Deary Sudberg.

*The Township Register, Niles California, June 13, 1952*

### **Genevieve Dutra Hosts Postmasters:**

Postmistress Genevieve Dutra of Alvarado acted as host Postmaster to the Alameda County Postmasters Association dinner meeting attended by 32 members Wednesday evening in San Leandro.

*The Daily Review, June 21, 1952*

### **Cattle Round Up:**

An impromptu cattle round up was staged here yesterday morning when a herd of some 25 cows wandered from their pasture on Marsh Road, a mile south, and strolled in for a Monday morning look at town. Residents were awakened as the sometimes-galloping herd turned right and left on V Street, wandering wherever they desired. They were rounded up and herded back into their pastures.

*The Daily Review, June 24, 1952*

### **News Note:**

Guests in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Best of Alvarado are Mr. & Mrs. Archie Best of Spokane, Washington. They plan to visit in the area for a month and then return home to Spokane.

*The Daily Review, June 24, 1952*

### **Joe Avila Recuperating:**

Joe Avila, 74, long time resident of Alvarado, is recuperating from a severe accident ten months ago, although still hospitalized with multiple bruises, a fractured left leg and broken ribs suffered when a derrick pinned him to the ground. He is being treated in an Alameda Hospital.

*The Daily Review, June 25, 1952*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

A committee of three Chamber of Commerce members are meeting with the county supervisors to discuss Alvarado flood control and will report back to the chamber meeting tonight. The committee members are Angelo Dekidos, Dan Riley and Leslie H. Maffey.

With President Warren Silva presiding tonight's meeting will be the last for chamber members until September.

*The Daily Review, June 26, 1952*

**News Note:**

Jack Lancaster of Alvarado was the focus of a birthday gathering that included his son, Mr. William Lancaster and wife, of Highland Boulevard, Hayward. Others in the gathering included Jess Lancaster, Herbert Lancaster, William Lancaster, and Mr. & Mrs. Harper of San Jose.

*The Daily Review, June 30, 1952*

**News Note:**

Willa Jane Hellwig of Los Angeles (formerly of Alvarado) acted as hostess at the Hayward Masonic Temple gala affair Friday.

*The Daily review, July 2, 1952*

**Firemen Change Meeting Dates:**

Volunteer firemen have changed their meeting day from Thursday to Tuesday because of a new five-week training program, according to Elvin Rose, Fire Chief.

*The Daily Review, July 7, 1952*

**Alvarado Cook Book:**

A special meeting of the Alvarado Mothers Club was held at the home of Mrs. Eldora Pinto, 920 Watkins Street in Alvarado last week. Members have been preparing a cookbook made up of their favorite recipes. The books have been ordered and will be ready for sale when school re-opens.

The club is also planning a picnic to be held July 31<sup>st</sup> at Hayward Memorial Park for members and their family.

*The Daily Review, July 7, 1952*

**Washington Township Water:**

Water distribution and conservation for the Washington Township area, operating under the general management of E. A. Richmond in the county building, is one of the local departments well aware of the growing needs of the area.

The first conservation district formed under the state's County Water District Act in 1914, the water department commenced water distribution in the early 1930's, when the Alvarado pumping plant was purchased from the East Bay Municipal Utilities District.

It then bought out smaller companies nearby, until service is now provided to the Canyon Heights portion of Niles, Alvarado, Irvington, Mission San Jose, Centerville, Newark and the areas lying in-between.

The water conservation activities of the district include two percolation pits, which introduce water when it is available from Alameda Creek, into the pits, and so replenish the underground water supply. Several wells have also been provided to interject water under the ground.

*The Daily Review, July 8, 1952*

**New School Teachers:**

Two new teachers have been given positions at Alvarado Grammar School; district superintendent Leslie H. Maffey announced this week. Steven Graves of Niles will teach 4<sup>th</sup> Grade and Mrs. Gladys Hersey of Newark will be the new instructor of First Grade.



Warren J. Silva began his term as president of the Alvarado School Board of Trustees last week. He is replacing George Hocking in the post. Manual P. Goularte is continuing as clerk on the board following his re-election.

*The Daily Review, July 8, 1952*

#### **SPRSI:**

A group of members of the Alvarado SPRSI will attend the annual convention to be held next week at the San Diego Hotel in San Diego. The delegates are Mrs. Mamie Santos, Helen Goularte, Mamie Roderick, and Angie Vargas.

Also attending from Alvarado will be Mrs. Isabel Rodrigues Mondragon, Mrs. Anna Amaral, and Elizabeth Flores.

*The Daily Review, July 9, 1952*

#### **Sue Nourse Dies:**

Mrs. Sue Nourse, member of an Alvarado pioneer family, died after a lengthy illness Tuesday at the home of her brother, Fred Lassen, of Creek Road, Alvarado. She was the wife of Van Nourse.

*The Daily Review, July 9, 1952*

#### **SPRSI Scholarship:**

Elizabeth Flores, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Flores of Vallejo Street, Alvarado, was announced today as the recipient of the \$250 scholarship award presented annually by the California State SPRSI

*The Daily Review, July 11, 1952*

#### **Free X-Rays:**

Alameda County Tuberculosis and Health Association and the Alameda County Health Dept. will join together to make free X-Rays available to the people living in Alvarado on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>.

*The Daily Review, July 15, 1952*

#### **Bull Killed in Slaughterhouse:**

Admitting to killing a bull and seriously wounding a steer, both valued at \$300, has brought the citation of three young Alvarado boys to appear before Washington Township juvenile authorities according to Alameda County Sheriffs. The youths, aged 8, 9, and 11, admitted they had entered the slaughterhouse Saturday morning, discovered a .22 rifle in the office, shot the bull and then stabbed it with a pitch fork. The same thing was done to the steer.

*The Daily Review, July 15, 1952*

#### **Ladder Drills:**

Ladder drills and routine training were held for Alvarado volunteer firemen last week in the firehouse. According to Fire Chief Elvin Rose, the men are now being given a special training course to handle fires in their area.

*The Daily Review, July 15, 1952*

#### **United Crusade:**

The United Crusade has named Mrs. Irma Silva to head this year's drive in Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, July 19, 1952*

#### **Gambling Raid:**

One woman and 26 men were picked up during a surprise gambling raid last night staged at the Manila Café and Poolroom. Breaking in before the warning light could alarm the group for an escape though the rear door, the raiders found several hundred dollars on the table and the houses 10% cut of the take.

*The Daily Review, July 19, 1952*

**War Hero:**

Mrs. Lee Falkowski of Alvarado received word from her brother, Major Melvin S. Clark, at Mather Field Sacramento, that he had received an Oak Leaf Cluster and a promotion.

*The Daily Review, July 23, 1952*

**Gamblers:**

Twenty-six men involved in last Friday night's surprise raid on the New Manila Café and poolroom plead guilty to violating gambling laws and were fined by Judge E. A. Quaresma in the county court building.

*The Daily Review, July 24, 1952*

**Mrs. Virginia Enos Dies:**

Last rites for Mrs. Virginia Enos, 59, pioneer Alvarado woman who died yesterday at her home on Alvarado-Niles Road, will be conducted here tomorrow. She was the widow of the late George Enos. Mrs. Enos was the mother of Mrs. Martha Faria, daughter of Mrs. Mary M. Amaral, and sister of Mmes. Susie A. Davis, Edith Pfau, and M. E. Amaral, all of Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, July 29, 1952*

**New Residents:**

Following their honeymoon in Lake Tahoe, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Kitayama will make their home in Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, July 29, 1952*

**T. B. Movie to Be Shown:**

"Unsuspected," a movie outlining the work of the Alameda County tuberculosis association, will be shown to the Alvarado Aerie of Eagles and auxiliary members during their August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting in the Alvarado Eagles Hall. Aerie members will host the auxiliary for a social hour following the program.

*The Daily Review, July 29, 1952*

**Alvarado Correspondent:**

Would you like to be the correspondent for the Daily Review for happenings in the Alvarado area? If you are interested please call **LU**cerne 1-2112.

*The Daily Review, July 30, 1952*

**Birthday Party:**

A birthday party in honor of Miss Marjorie Best's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday was held last week at the home of her parents Mr. & Mrs. Ivan Best. Attending were Harriet Andrade, Elaine Rebello, Joyce Rebello, Eleanor Olson, all of Niles, Marlene Andrade, Elizabeth Flores, Pat Flores, Pat Noia, Angie Preciado, all of Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, July 30, 1952*

**School Budget:**

Discussing a \$50,042 budget, the Alvarado School District hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Alvarado School. Rising by some \$5,000 over last year, the budget allots an additional \$3,000 for teacher's salaries and hikes the amount to be received from local taxes from \$27,763 to \$29,870.

*The Daily Review, August 1, 1952*

**Wetbacks Caught:**

Raids in Southern Alameda County by sheriff's officers and agents of the immigration and naturalization service today netted 105 "wetbacks." The raids took place in Alvarado, where 75 Mexican nationals were seized and Newark, where the remaining 30 were rounded up. All had illegally entered the United States. They were taken to Santa Rita where they will probably face deportation.

*The Daily Review, August 2, 1952*

**Flood Control:**

Preliminary plans for a \$3.5 million project to protect Alvarado from floods and carry all storm drainage waters in southern Hayward, Tennyson, Valle Vista areas to San Francisco Bay have now been completed, according to Herbert G. Crowle, engineer for the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

Designated as Zone 3, the project includes a system of levees from Valle Vista Road, past Alvarado and out to San Francisco Bay, enlarging existing and installing new underground storm drains, a pumping station and collection system in Alvarado, constructing a "great many" storm water inlets and man-holes, and continuous and permanent maintenance of all improvements.  
*The Daily Review, August 6, 1952*

#### **School Doctor:**

Pre-School clinic examinations for Alvarado youngsters will be conducted from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday in the Alvarado Elementary School auditorium, chairman Mrs. Lee Falkowski revealed today.  
*The Daily Review, August 7, 1952*

#### **Mrs. Gladys Best:**

Mrs. Gladys Best will take over duties as the Alvarado reporter for the Daily Review. Mrs. Best has worked for the San Lorenzo area papers in the past and contributed an Alvarado column in the local paper "The Alvarado Pioneer."  
*The Daily Review, August 7, 1952*

#### **Annual Picnic:**

Mrs. Jesse Murphy, chairman of the Alvarado Farm Home Department, has announced that the annual picnic will be held at Hayward's Memorial Park on August 12<sup>th</sup>, at noon.  
*The Daily Review, August 7, 1952*

#### **Alvarado Eagles:**

"This is TB," a film denoting "no matter how rich, no matter how poor, how little, or how big you are, it will strike you," was shown to the Alvarado Eagles at the Eagle Hall.  
*The Daily Review, August 8, 1952*

#### **NSF Checks:**

Four counts of cashing checks with insufficient funds will be heard during the preliminary examination set for August 22<sup>nd</sup> against Charles Lechtaler of Hayward. Lechtaler allegedly cashed three checks for \$75 at the Silver Dollar Saloon in Alvarado and one check for \$15 at Kleine's Café, in Centerville, on July 18<sup>th</sup>.  
*The Daily Review, August 9, 1952*

#### **Awful Humor From the Daily Review:**

We're just full of them: Mr. Alameda (Joseph) lives in Alvarado, didja know that? But then, so too does Pio Mosquito\*, a biting name if there ever was one. But Centerville's is really loaded with interesting notes. Like the fact that Homer Swift lives just down Central Avenue from R. A. Sparrowe. Which more than fills our quota for names in one column...

*\*Author's Note: The Moskito Bros. (not Mosquito as spelled in the Review article above) were a pair of Filipino brothers who farmed at the Alvarado Centerville boundary line east of Hall Station. They also farmed a piece of land at the end of Fair Ranch Road on the north side along Alameda Creek. Pio's son, Johnny Moskito, graduated from Washington Union High School in 1955.*  
*The Daily Review, August 15, 1952*

#### **New Teachers are Welcomed:**

New teachers at Alvarado Elementary School will be welcomed with a tea gathering at 7:30 p.m. Friday by members of the Mother's Club. Heading the activities will be Mrs. Eldora Pinto, assisted by Mrs. Irma Silva, Mrs. Evelyn Silva, Mrs. Kay Silva, Mrs. Hilda Allegre, and Mrs. Alma Bielar.

Special recipe books composed by the club members are expected to be received this week and will soon be offered for sale, according to Mrs. Bielar.

*The Daily Review, August 18, 1952*

**Marriage License:**

Philip James Cross, 23, Maplewood, N.J.

Thelma Jean Logan, 22, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, August 24, 1952*

**Classified Ad:**

MAINTENANCE SERVICE:

Window cleaning, floor maintenance, factories, stores, free estimates.

NU-WAY WINDOW CLEANING COMPANY

Phone: **AL**varado 55-847

*The Daily Review, August 28, 1952*

**Alvarado Man Loses Bet:**

Henry Andrada of Alvarado made a bet with a pal that Bill Wambsgans, Cleveland second baseman who executed an unassisted triple play in the 1920 World Series was left handed. The Alvarado man lost his bet. The Indian second sacker was a right-hander. Maybe Andrada confused Wambsgans with Kid Mohler, who preceded Bill. The kid threw from the port side.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 28, 1952*

**Victor De Vincenzi Dies:**

Victor DeVincenzi of Alvarado passed away in San Jose, August 29<sup>th</sup>. He was the beloved husband of Evarist DeVincenzi and father to Laverne DeVincenzi.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 31, 1952*

**Well-Baby Service:**

Appointments are now necessary for physical check-ups and examinations at Alvarado's Well-Baby Clinic and may be made at the Alameda County Health Office in the county building or by calling **CE**nterville 8-8365.

Fourteen youngsters were brought to the clinic last month in the Alvarado Grammar School auditorium. The service is made available the third Tuesday of each month at the same location. Dr. Ruth Jolly is in charge, assisted by a nurse, from 1 to 4 p.m.

*The Daily Review, September 4, 1952*

**News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Ray Alvarez and children of Alvarado spent a recent week's vacation in Riverside.

*The Daily Review, September 4, 1952*

**Washington Township School Census:**

| School Name:          | Attendance: |         | Pct. Inc/(Dec) |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------|----------------|
|                       | 1950-51     | 1951-52 |                |
| Alvarado              | 213         | 232     | 8.9%           |
| Alviso                | 95          | 102     | 7.4%           |
| Centerville           | 353         | 411     | 16.4%          |
| Decoto                | 635         | 893     | 40.6%          |
| Irvington             | 334         | 367     | 9.9%           |
| Mission San Jose      | 86          | 97      | 12.8%          |
| Newark                | 411         | 459     | 11.7%          |
| Niles                 | 566         | 642     | 13.4%          |
| Warm Springs          | 96          | 91      | ( 5.2)%        |
| Washington Union High | 761         | 728     | ( 4.3)%        |

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 5, 1952*

**Patricia Noia's Alvarado News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. **Tony Rogers** of the Creek Road had Mr. & Mrs. Bob Rogers and Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Rogers over the Labor Day weekend.

Pat Flores, daughter of Clarence and Ann Flores, is staying a few weeks with her cousins, the children of Eleanor and Manuel Azevedo of Alviso.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Goularte and Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Maciel enjoyed themselves over the Labor Day weekend. They stayed at Richardson Springs, near Chico.

Randy Shestack found a pair of prescription sunglasses near V & 19<sup>th</sup> Streets. Randy will start Kindergarten next week.

Congratulations go to Mr. & Mrs. Andy Gardetto on the arrival of a little daughter on Monday August 25<sup>th</sup>. They live on Granger Ave. and have two other children, Lynnette and Nancy.

**Mrs. Mabel Rodgers** attended the fifth birthday of her little granddaughter Gail Ann. Many of Gail's little friends were there.

What a good time Mr. & Mrs. Emilio Re and Mrs. Kenneth Bratton had on their vacation. They toured So. California and even went up to Reno, Nevada.

The Wilbert Hendricks family made a trip to Yosemite Park. They were accompanied by Mr. & Mrs. Ray Freitas.

Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Lancaster and the girls are now making a trip to Missouri and Chicago.

Mrs. Bill LaFevre's sister Anne is spending her vacation at the LaFevre's. Anne is employed in Oakland.

Attending the State Fair in Sacramento on Sunday were Mr. & Mrs. Joe Vierra, and children, Helen, Pauline, Edward, Joan, Michael and Phyllis Vierra Worley. They enjoyed it very much although it was quite warm. They also met Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Jacinto and daughter Betty there.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 5, 1952*

**Alvarado Grammar School:**

The following is the faculty for the coming year:

|                             |                                                    |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Kindergarten:               | Mrs. Zola Smith                                    |
| First Grade:                | Mrs. Gladys Hersey                                 |
| Second Grade:               | Mrs. Virginia Moy                                  |
| Third Grade:                | Mrs. Hilda Widdop                                  |
| Fourth Grade:               | Mrs. Stephen Graves                                |
| Fifth Grade:                | Mrs. Evaline Griffin                               |
| Sixth-Seventh Grades:       | Miss Margaret Tetzlaff                             |
| Eighth Grade & Ass't Prin.: | Mr. John Bond                                      |
| Special Class:              | Mrs. Jane Dakin                                    |
| Cafeteria Manager:          | Mrs. Mary Gastelum                                 |
| Cafeteria Ass't:            | Mrs. Dorothy Vargas                                |
| Bus Driver:                 | Mr. Serafin Noia                                   |
| Custodian:                  | Mr. Tony Alexander                                 |
| Crossing Guard:             | Mr. Damaso Diaz                                    |
| Principal:                  | Mrs. Leslie Maffey                                 |
| School Board Trustees:      | Wilbert Hendricks    Warren Silva    M.P. Goularte |

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 5, 1952*

**Alvarado News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. George Romero of Alvarado celebrated their 7<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Sunday. Mrs. Romero also celebrated her birthday on that date.

Mr. Kee Kitayama of Alvarado was the recipient of the much-coveted Pi Alpha Xi Scholarship Plaque at the annual Floriculture Banquet at the Ohio State University at Columbus Ohio. Mr. Kitayama is now currently operating the Kitayama Brothers Nursery with his brother Tom and Ray. He graduated from the Ohio State University School of Horticulture with honors.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 5, 1952*

**Commercial Advertisement:**

MENETREY'S MEATS

Alvarado (Former Hellwig's Location)

Phone: 55-861

Open All Day Sunday

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 5, 1952*

**News Note:**

Mrs. Laura Alameda served as Bridesmaid and Irving Alameda as usher for the wedding of Elaine Bettencourt and Sgt. Joseph Lewis. The Alameda's are both from Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, September 5, 1952*

**School Opens:**

Alvarado students may register on opening day, Monday, at the elementary school, where the Alvarado Mother's Club are assisting. The cafeteria will start serving lunches Thursday and bus schedules will be the same as last year.

*The Daily Review, September 5, 1952*

**Volunteer Firefighters:**

Certificates are soon to be granted to 75 volunteer firemen in the Washington Township, who have completed a six-week firefighting course. The certificates will come from the State Board of Education for a minimum of 12 class hours. Conducted by Richard W. Nevins, classes are held in Niles, Newark, Centerville, Irvington and Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, September 6, 1952*

**School Enrollment:**

Alvarado Grammar School is expecting an opening day 240 students enrollment and Alviso Grammar School expects 127 students.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 7, 1952*

**U.S. Navy Blimp:**

The first Navy blimp to arrive in this area since the end of WWII was flown here ([Oakland](#)) from Moffett Field by three members of the Naval Reserve. The aircraft left Moffett Field, hub of anti-submarine operations on the West Coast during WWII, shortly after 11:00 a.m. It flew to Palo Alto, circled Stanford University, and then headed across the Bay to the mud flats of Alvarado. The little ship then headed over Hayward before setting down at the Oakland Airport at 2:00 p.m.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 7, 1952*

**United Crusade Drive:**

Mrs. Irma Silva, Alvarado chairman for the United Crusade, has announced the names of members of her soliciting committee. Aiding will be Msdms: Hilda Allegre, Sue Lemos, Evelyn Silva, Alvina Brune, Eldora Pinto and Antoinette Pinto.

*The Daily Review, September 12, 1952*

**News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. Romero Perez of 1051 Watkins St., Alvarado, have a new daughter, Yolanda born Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Silva expect to move into their new home on Palm Avenue with two months.

If you want to hear some darn good music, then lend an ear to the Pinto Bros. Band, which plays every Saturday night at the SDES Hall in Alvarado. I heard them last Sunday at the Newark Pavilion and I mean those guys (and the gal at the piano) really do something with those instruments. They played their rendition of "Auf Wiederseh'n Sweetheart" and I mean they put all other big time orchestras to shame. Their style was bee-you-tee-full. They play to the American and Chamarita dances at Alvarado each Saturday night, and I mean they can really play that Chamarita. They know just how to put the rhythm into it to make it easy to dance to. So drop on

down next Saturday night and give'em an ear. (I'll even have to admit that Eddie Manuel, their drummer boy, does a better job of "cutting" at those drum sticks than he's used to doing at meat chopping.)

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 12, 1952*

**Sanitary District:**

Two candidates will be placed on the ballot for Alvarado Sanitary District election Monday to fill the expired terms of Manuel Pinto and William Machado. Board of Director contenders are Leonard Silva and Norman Silveira.

*The Daily Review, September 12, 1952*

**Birthday Party:**

Young Diana Lee Falkowski of Alvarado entertained a group of her friends on her ninth birthday with a party featuring a peanut hunt and the traditional cake and ice cream.

*The Daily Review, September 17, 1952*

**News Note:**

New teachers at Alvarado Elementary School will be welcomed with a tea gathering at 7:30 p.m. Friday by the members of the Mother's Club.

Heading the activities will be Mrs. Eldora Pinto, President, assisted by her officers, Mrs. Irma Silva, Vice-President; Mrs. Evelyn Silva, Secretary; Mrs. Kay Silva, Treasurer; Mrs. Hilda Allegre, Sunshine Chairman; and Mrs. Alma Bielar, Publicity.

Special recipe books composed by the club members are expected to be received this week and will soon be offered for sale, according to Mrs. Bielar.

*The Daily Review, September 18, 1952*

**UPPEC:**

Alvarado UPPEC members will meet at 8:30 p.m. tonight in the Eagles Hall, with President Mrs. Helen Perry, conductor. A publicity chairman will be appointed at this time.

*The Daily Review, September 19, 1952*

**Patricia Noia's Alvarado News Notes:**

Glad to hear that Mrs. Mary Goularte is well gain after being ill a few days.

Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, Mr. & Mrs. Antone Borges and Mr. & Mrs. Antone Perry celebrated their wedding anniversaries. It was the Borges' 39<sup>th</sup> and the Perry's 4<sup>th</sup>. They both gave a big barn dance at the Borges' place. At the party was:

|                            |                          |                            |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Mr. & Mrs. Joaquin Rose    | Mr. & Mrs. Joe Dutra     | Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Souza    |
| Mr. & Mrs. Albert Borges   | Mr. & Mrs. Joe Perry     | Mr. & Mrs. Joaquin Diaz    |
| Mr. & Mrs. Tony Vargas     | Mrs. Joaquin Vargas      | Mr. & Mrs. Duke Freitas    |
| Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Borges   | Mr. & Mrs. Warren Silva  | Mrs. Minnie Perry          |
| Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Silveira | Mr. & Mrs. George Vargas | Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Goularte |
| Mr. & Mrs. Antone Rodgers  | Mrs. Manuel Mello        | Mrs. Rita Perry            |
| Miss June Nunes            | Mr. & Mrs. Joe Lewis     | Mr. Alvin Freitas          |

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 19, 1952*

**News Notes:**

Leonard Silva and Norman Silveira were elected to the Sanitary Board. They ran without opposition.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 19, 1952*

**Alvarado School:**

Television and radio equipment, a record player and a portable typewriter, with a total value of \$600, were stolen from the Alvarado Grammar School, Principal L. H. Maffey reported to the

sheriff's officers. The intruders, thought to be adults, forced a rear window and took hinges from three inside doors to collect the loot.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 20, 1952*

### **United Crusade:**

Kick-off meetings for the residential United Crusade drive in Washington Township are being held throughout the week. In Alvarado kits will be distributed and the procedure will be explained at 3:00 p.m. today in the home of Mrs. Warren Silva, Alvarado Chairman, 842 Vallejo Street.

*The Daily Review, September 24, 1952*

### **Christmas Seals:**

The annual Christmas Seals drive begins November 17<sup>th</sup> and runs through December 25<sup>th</sup>, says Mrs. J. R. Whipple, township chairperson. Mrs. Whipple has been active in Christmas Seal work since 1914; her aide in Alvarado is Miss Mildred Nauert who has been active in Christmas Seals for almost 30 years. Assisting Miss Nauert in Alvarado will be Mrs. Ted Harvey, Mrs. Manuel Pinto, Mrs. Joe Dutra and Mrs. Pinto.

During 1951 it was reported that Tuberculosis brought 112 deaths and 677 new cases into Alameda County.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 25, 1952*

### **Eagle Auxiliary:**

The Alvarado Eagles Auxiliary, No. 1695, celebrated its fifth anniversary by recognizing past officers. Mmes. Laura Mayer, Aurora Lewis, Mabel Rogers, Adeline Quadros, Alvina Leal and Mary Mattox. In charge of the gifts were: Leontine Costa, Dorothy Ratekin and Susie Davis.

*The Daily Review, September 25, 1952*

### **News Note:**

Ralph Carcduenas of Alvarado is now taking sheriff's reserve training under the Alameda County Disaster program

*The Alvarado Pioneer, September 26, 1952*

### **Flood Control:**

A special meeting of Alvarado residents to decide immediate flood control steps is now being arranged, following preliminary discussion at Thursday's Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Repairs of the Plummer Slough Levee, to raise it to the level of Marsh Road, were strongly recommended by Hebert C. Crowle, County Flood Control and Water Conservation District engineer.

Crowle stated his "conservatively high" estimate of the repair costs would run about \$4,000 as determined by his recent survey of the area with Dr. John Bettencourt and Supervisor Chester Stanley.

It will be up to the concerned property owners to handle the expense, since the district has no funds available, Crowle pointed out. He has offered to assist with engineering advice.

*The Daily Review, September 27, 1952*

### **Flood Control; Hip Boots & a Prayer:**

Hip boots, shovels and "praying" will constitute Alvarado's only defense against next winter's major floods, if there are any. Herbert G. Crowle, engineer for the county flood control district, said that emergency repairs of the Plummer Slough levee, broken in last winter's flood, would protect the area from secondary flooding but would be ineffectual in a situation similar to that of last January.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 29, 1952*

### **News Note:**



Mr. & Mrs. Antone Rodgers of Alvarado were hosts recently at a dinner in honor of their granddaughter, Debbie Lynn, on her first birthday. Attending were honoree's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Rogers of Fairfax and Mr. & Mrs. Bob Rodgers of Hayward.

*The Daily Review, October 7, 1952*

### **Pony Express:**

Editing the "Pony Express," the student newspaper at Alvarado Grammar School, this year will be Patricia Flores, Patricia Noia, Patricia Vargas and Carole Burns.

Reporting duties will be carried out by Joan Vierra, Lucille Rigmaiden, Frances Alvarez, Priscilla Dutra, Carole Banworth and Carolyn Smith. Beverly Ratekin and Joan Vierra will proof read, while Sharon Alexander and Tadao Hisaoka will undertake mimeographing. Rosemary Alvarez and Sally Avendano will be in charge of files.

Other staffers are Mary Rigmaiden, Richard Pinto, Arnold Munize, Junior Melena, Donna Sacramento, Barbara Cicairos, Frank Angelo, Frances Alvarez, Lupe Torrez, Angel Ledesma, Helen Vasquez and Frank Santos.

*The Daily Review, October 10, 1952*

### **Hospital:**

The Washington Township Hospital District will hold a special election on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. The voters will decide if the hospital district will incur a bonded indebtedness of \$1,250,000 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, and maintaining a hospital in our district.

Alvarado has three voting precincts:

#### Alvarado Voting Precinct No.1:

Polling Place: The Eagles Hall on Vallejo Street  
Inspector: Helen Anderson  
Judge: Annie L. Baird  
Clerk: Isabel Menezes  
Clerk: Irma Silva

#### Alvarado Voting Precinct 2:

Polling Place: Alvarado Fire House  
Inspector: **Mabel Rodgers**  
Judge: Isabel R. Mondragon  
Clerk: **Mary R. Borges**  
Clerk: Emily D. Noia

#### Alvarado Voting Precinct 3:

Polling Place: Alviso School  
Inspector: Mayme Roderick  
Judge: Pauline Faria  
Clerk: Josie Duarte  
Clerk: Maria F. Luiz

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 10, 1952*

### **UPPEC Meeting:**

President Helen Perry presided at the regular meeting on Friday September 19<sup>th</sup>. President Perry appointed her standing committees for the year. They are:

Decorating: Genevieve Dutra                      Francis Allegre  
Publicity: **Mabel Rodgers**  
Visiting: Tessie Maciel                      Nora Vargas                      **Mary Borges**

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 10, 1952*

**Patricia Noia's Alvarado News Notes:**

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Walter Fasolis on the arrival of their son, Steven Michael. Steven was born October 4<sup>th</sup>.

How nice it is that Mr. & **Mrs. Johnny Shestack** and sons **Randy and Doug** have a beautiful 5-month old Collie pup.

Glen Hendricks celebrated his second birthday. Helping him celebrate were **LaVerne, Randy and Doug Shestack**. Glen is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Hendricks.

Little Judy Serpa celebrated her 10<sup>th</sup> birthday last Sunday.

**Mrs. Helen Goularte** had a good time celebrating her birthday last Saturday.

Last Sunday Frank Silveira, Frank Goularte and Vesta DeVincenzi went to Niles and saw President Harry Truman and daughter Margaret.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 10, 1952*

**Alvarado Eagles Auxiliary:**

The ladies of the Alvarado Aerie of Eagles will honor their Secretary Susie Davis and Treasurer Alice Menezes on their meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Leontine Costa and Mrs. Dorothy Ratekin were asked by President Mary Mattox to take over the chairmanship of the first for the affair. The refreshment committee was appointed: Hortense Maciel, **Mabel Rogers, Helen Goularte**, and Adeline Quadros.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 10, 1952*

**Dance Permit:**

(From a Board of Supervisor's Meeting held on September 23<sup>rd</sup>)

An application from Manuel C. Pinto Jr., for St. Anne's Church for a permit to conduct a dance in the S.D.E.S. Hall in Alvarado on September 28<sup>th</sup> was granted.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 12, 1952*

**Farm Bureau:**

Mrs. Martha Faria of Alvarado, chairman of the Farm Bureau for Washington Township, said forty women are to attend a tea at the Cowell Office on Friday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 13, 1952*

**New Street Offered for Downtown Alvarado (Castro St.):**

After the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce meeting on Thursday evening, October 16<sup>th</sup>, Alvarado Fire chief Elvin Rose told of the condition along Smith Street on the west side where there is not a single side street from Watkins to Fred Wiegman's. The reason old streets have been allowed to be lost through lack of use. We got the information that a street could be put through alongside the Post Office that would open up a new area and make the Post Office prominent on a corner. Elvin Rose owns this abandoned road area, and he made the promise to give the Supervisors a 350-foot length of property for a street extending from Smith Street frontage, and 45 feet wide.

President Warren Silva said he personally would also endorse this move for such a new street, and thought the chamber should endorse it also.

This fellow Rose deserves a big cheer for this offer. What if he does sell some lots for home at the end of the street, he has made a big contribution to the importance and development of the new Post Office area. This is always considered a prominent part of any town. Rose went further, he said he would fill in the low parts of the road, but would not go to a big expense in this. We agree with him. Soon Supervisor Stanley is to be asked to attend the next meeting in October.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 17, 1952*

**Classified Ad:**

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE:

4 rooms of furniture. Good condition. Owner moving.

Alvarado 55-847

*The Daily Review, October 18, 1952*

**Classified Ad:**

TRANSPORTATION:

Teacher wants ride to Alvarado School.

LUcerne 1-0850

*The Daily Review, October 18, 1952*

**School Enrollment Up:**

A 10 percent increase in the enrollment at Alvarado Grammar School since the beginning of the term has been reported by school principal Leslie H. Maffey.

*The Daily Review, October 22, 1952*

**New Teacher:**

Mrs. Gladys Dunham of Palo Alto will replace Miss Margaret Tetzlaff as teacher of the Seventh Grade at Alvarado Grammar School. Because of ill health, Miss Tetzlaff will remain on leave of absence for the remainder of the year.

*The Daily Review, October 22, 1952*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce has set up a committee to work with John J. Thomas and Wesley Weir, staff members of the Alameda County Planning Commission. Named to the committee were: Warren Silva, Manuel Goularte, Elvin Rose, Mrs. Suzy Lemos, Dr. John Bettencourt, Joe Lewis, Mrs. Genevieve Dutra, Mrs. Mabel Rogers, and Ray Kitayama.

*The Daily Review, October 22, 1952*

**Helen Vierra Engaged:**

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Vierra of Alvarado announced the engagement of their daughter, Helen, to Joseph Salvador of Irvington.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 24, 1952*

**Church of God & Christ:**

Mrs. Estelle Rigmaiden of Alvarado is extending a cordial invitation to the public to attend the dedication ceremonies of the new Church of God and Christ, which will open Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. The church property, which is located at 18<sup>th</sup> and V Streets in Alvarado, was recently purchased from the Presbyterian Church. The new pastor will be Rev. M. Mathias of San Jose, Calif.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 24, 1952*

**News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. Johnston, and children, from Placerville, visited Mr. & Mrs. Rafael Silva and daughters, Dolores, Kathy and Wilma.

Howard Conley, who formerly lived on Fair Ranch Road and who came back home from Anchorage, is now employed as a salesman at Joe Adams Ford in Centerville. Howard says it is sure good to be home in the township. He lives on the old farm in Alvarado.

On Saturday Dennis Machado, Carol Silva, Leroy Pinto and Frankie Tenorio attended the Confraternity Convention of Christian Doctrine in San Francisco. Sister M. Charles and Sister Christopher (Sisters of the Holy Family) took the children for religious instruction.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 24, 1952*

**Stabbing:**

Ignacio Amaya, 30, of Newark, was stabbed near the heart tonight in an argument outside an Alvarado café on Hiway 17. Amaya was taken to Highland Hospital in "fair" condition. Two men suspected of the deed are in custody.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 26, 1952*

**Body Found:**

The body of an unidentified woman was found in a beet field near Lowry and Marsh Roads, where she had apparently been dumped from an automobile. Sheriff's officers said she appeared to be a victim of a poorly executed operation. She is described as about 30 years of age, weighing about 140 pounds, and 5 feet 3 inches tall.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 27, 1952*

**Mrs. Adelena Martin Dies:**

Mrs. Adelena Silva Martin, 81, of Alvarado died on October 26<sup>th</sup>. The mother of Mrs. Emelia Silva, Manuel Martin Jr., and Joseph S. Martin, all of Alvarado. She was a native of Fayal, the Azores.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 28, 1952*

**Woman Murdered:**

Sheriff's officers have identified the body of a woman found in an Alvarado beet field as that of Florastine Jones, 33, of Oakland. Investigation yesterday centered on the theory that the woman was the victim of a sadist. Deputies believed earlier that she had died as a result of an illegal abortion. Further examination has disclosed that her body had been mutilated. The body was discovered 1½ miles south of Alvarado at the side of Alameda Creek levee.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 29, 1952*

**Newark Man Stabbed:**

Ignacio Amaya, 30 of Newark was stabbed near the heart by three Alvarado men near the El Diamante Bar, Alvarado Saturday night. The suspects, all farm laborers living in Alvarado are Bernardo Vidales, 43; Alfredo Esquivel, 24 and Salvadore Antuna, 30.

*The Daily Review, October 29, 1952*

**Recent Arrivals:**

To Mr. & Mrs. Eustacio T. Bermio of the Alvarado-Niles Road, Alvarado, a son, Edward Anthony, on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

To Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Chimpky, of Highway 17, Alvarado, a daughter, Diane Elizabeth, on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 31, 1952*

**News Note:**

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Emery will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday at the home of their daughter-in-law in Oakland. Roy Emery was born in 1876 in Alvarado to a pioneer family.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 7, 1952*

**Mrs. Mary E. Perry Dies:**

Mrs. Mary E. Perry of Creek Road Decoto passed away on November 5<sup>th</sup>. She was 74 years old and a native of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 7, 1952*

**News Notes:**

Mrs. Vesta DeVincenzi has been ill, but she did manage to get up to go out and vote.

Janelle Silva is back home in Alvarado after being away from home for a week. Joyce Caldeira babysat Doug and Randy Shestack while LaVern and Johnny celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary.

Members and guests of Alvarado Aerie No. 1695 celebrated their 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a dinner at the Eagles Hall in Alvarado last Sunday evening. In charge of arrangements were Manuel Rose and Joe Lewis. Twenty-year pins were given to Antone S. Monte, J.S. Dutra, Manuel Abreu, Serafine Noia and Manuel J. Gaspar.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 7, 1952*

**Alvarado School News:**

The Pioneer wishes to compliment the staff of the *Pony Express* for again publishing a fine weekly school paper. The next issue is Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

We wish to thank each and every mother who furnished the cupcakes, all who served, and any who helped Friday to make the party a success.

The Kindergarten carved a pumpkin.

The First Grade has a new boy in its room, Paul Bozon, from Alviso.

Bill Westgaard's grandmother is visiting here from Santa Barbara, and she came to our Halloween Party.

#### Fifth Grade:

Mrs. Griffin took Helen Moore, David Brune, Pat Vargas, Donna Sacramento, Frank Santos and Robert Velarde to Irvington on Thursday afternoon to a Folk Dance workshop. These pupils are now teaching the rest of the children to do these dances. Hortense Preciado's brother went to New Mexico.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 7, 1952*

#### **Classified Ad:**

FOR SALE - HOUSEHOLD:

Electric range, Hotpoint, 3 burner, 1 deep well, full size, 50.

Phone: **AL**varado 55-974

FOR SALE - USED CARS:

Chevrolet 1940, 2 door sedan, radio, heater, good motor and tires, new transmission. \$225 cash.

Phone: **AL**varado 55-974

*The Oakland Tribune, November 8, 1952*

#### **Christmas Seals:**

Organization work for the Christmas Seals drive is in full swing in Washington Township, according to Mrs. James Whipple, township chairman. Named to head this year's drive in Alvarado is Miss Mildred Nauert.

*The Daily Review, November 13, 1952*

#### **Knifing Suspect Convicted:**

Bernardo Vidales, 43 of Alvarado, pleaded guilty to battery and was sentenced to 120 days in jail for the October 29<sup>th</sup> stabbing of Ignacio Amaya of Newark in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 17, 1952*

#### **Presbyterian Church Sold:**

The Alvarado Presbyterian Church, one of the historic religious organizations of Alameda County, has been sold to the Unity Chapter of the Church of God in Christ, a Pentecostal Church with headquarters in Memphis, Tenn.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 18, 1952*

#### **Zoning Committee:**

Zoning board members from the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce will hold a special meeting with the county zoning commissioners at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the firehouse. Spot zoning in this area will be the main consideration for the group, according to Leslie Maffey, secretary.

Local zoning committee members are Warren Silva, Manuel P. Goularte, Elvin Rose, Mrs. Susan Lemos, Dr. John Bettencourt, Joe Lewis, Mrs. Genevieve Dutra, Mrs. Mabel Rogers and Tom Kitayama.

The regular Chamber of Commerce meeting is set for 8:00 p.m. Thursday in the firehouse.

*The Daily Review, November 18, 1952*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

Christmas dinner and a party was set for the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce and their families for December 11<sup>th</sup> in the school cafeteria. Handling the arrangements are Joe Lewis, Warren Silva, and Leslie Maffey. Appointed to the next meeting's nominating committee were: George Vargas, Frank Perez, John Ralph and Mabel Rogers.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 22, 1952*

**News Note:**

An Alvarado youth was arrested in San Francisco early yesterday accused of being drunk in an automobile after the car he was driving crashed into a parked car. Booked in the San Francisco jail is Raymond Guerra, 20, of Alvarado after he was treated at an emergency hospital for a nose injury he suffered in the mishap.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 23, 1952*

**Alvarado Unity Chapel Church:**

Regular church services are now being held at the recently remodeled church site at 18<sup>th</sup> and V Streets, Alvarado, by the Unity Chapel Church of God and Christ.

Improvements of over \$1,000 were completed on the church building before a formal parade and dedication program initiated the services. Reverend Milton Mathias is acting as pastor for the church, with Estelle Rigmaiden as missionary.

*The Daily Review, November 22, 1952*

**Alvarado I.D.E.S. Dance:**

Members of the Alvarado I.D.E.S. in their Alvarado Hall will sponsor a "Hard-Time" dance for the public Saturday evening. The Pinto Brothers Orchestra will be on hand to furnish the music. Weekly dances are held by the organization, with proceeds added to a fund for hall improvements.

*The Daily Review, November 28, 1952*

**PTA:**

The Alvarado PTA will sponsor a ham dinner and Christmas bazaar at the school next Thursday. While parents are shopping at booths offering needlework, baked goods and potted plants, children will be entertained with movie pictures.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 30, 1952*

**Classified Ad:**

Wedgewood gas range with incinerator, high, right hand oven, good condition.

Inquire 305 V Street, Alvarado

Phone **AL**varado 55-931

*The Daily Review, December 1, 1952*

**Gray Lady:**

Estelle Rigmaiden of Alvarado has volunteered as a Gray Lady. Gray Lady's duties consist of working at Hospital Wards, shopping for the bed patients, and arranging and giving parties. The hours for the volunteers are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. one-day a week.

*The Daily Review, December 4, 1952*

**Junk Yard Permit:**

Use permit for an auto junkyard on Alquire Road ([Dyer Street](#)), Alvarado, will be up for public hearing before the county board of supervisors. The proposed junkyard would be on Alquire Road between Whipple and Alvarado-Niles Roads.

*The Daily Review, December 9, 1952*

**New Arrival:**

Born in Hayward on November 23<sup>rd</sup> to Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Aranda of 1122 Maiden Lane, a son, Alexander Jr., 9 pounds.

*The Daily Review, December 10, 1952*

#### **Turkey Whist:**

A turkey whist, sponsored by the Alvarado S.D.E.S. will be held Sunday at Alvarado Grammar School. Mrs. Amelia Silva will be in charge of arrangements.

*The Daily Review, December 12, 1952*

#### **Zoning:**

Precise zoning suggestions for Alvarado area will be presented at the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce meeting next month according to arrangements completed Thursday night with John Jay Thomas, county planning director.

Chamber members met with Thomas to view the proposed Washington Township land use map and discuss the detailed plan illustrating present land uses in only Alvarado.

At the request of the local group, Thomas agreed to have his staff prepare another map covering Alvarado and presenting future zoning boundaries. No definite restrictions were indicated for incorporation in the plan by the chamber.

*The Daily Review, December 12, 1952*

#### **PTA:**

The Alvarado School Orchestra and Glee Club will entertain Alvarado PTA members, at their regular meeting. Later the faculty will hold open house so that parents and visitors may see the Christmas decorations made by the students for their rooms.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 17, 1952*

#### **Miss Marlene Andrade:**

Miss Marlene Andrade was the surprised sixteenth birthday honoree for a dancing party in the home of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Andrade of Fair Ranch Road, Alvarado. Present for the evening of dancing and games were: Shirley Mello, Delores Silva, Angie Preciado, Joseph Abreu, John Robert, Joyce Ann Cadero, Johnny Gualco, Mercedes Hernandez, Marlene Dias, Elaine Rebello, Harriet Andrade, Natalie Cicairos, Rita Cicairos, Arnold Gardetto, Richard Andrade, Betty Sue Barker, Leon Mings, Bob Dutra, Mike Andrade, George Lee, Marlene Pinto, Delores Pinto, Isolda Mondon, Carol Andrade and Norman Andrade.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 18, 1952*

#### **Alvarado Library:**

The anticipated opening of the Alameda County Library Branch in Alvarado at its new location will take place tomorrow, it was announced today. Situated adjacent to the Alvarado Fire House, on Smith Street, the new building will also house the new Post Office facilities, which are to be moved at the first of the year. The building was constructed by Joe E. Dutra, with Mrs. Genevieve Dutra assisting in the planning. Mrs. Eldora Pinto will be the attendant for the library.

*The Daily Review, December 18, 1952*

#### **Alvarado Man Knifed:**

George Aranda, 1014 Maiden Lane, Alvarado was taken to Fairmont Hospital for a knife wound. Aranda told Hayward Police he was standing on the corner of D and Watkins Streets in Hayward when two men attacked him. The attackers were in a car he said. No reason for the attack was given.

*The Daily Review, December 18, 1952*

#### **News Note:**

Mrs. Rosie Gualco of Fair Ranch Road Alvarado and Mrs. Emily Ciarlo of Decoto Road Alviso are mourning the passing of their mother, Mrs. Angela Armanini of Hayward who passed away yesterday at the age of 76.

*The Daily Review, December 29, 1952*

**News Notes:**

The SDES Lodge of Alvarado will hold a whist party on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Amelia Silva is chairman of the event.

Charles Cockefair is known as one of the Grandpa's of the Wedgewood's Rheem manufacturing division in Newark. He has worked for the firm for 47 years was born in Alvarado on February 16, 1873.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 9, 1953*

**News Note:**

Pvt. Manuel R. Soto, son of Mr. & Mrs. Manuel P. Soto of Alvarado, is now serving as a rifleman with the Second Infantry Division in Korea.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 12, 1953*

**New Arrival:**

Born in Hayward on January 5<sup>th</sup> to Mr. & Mrs. Francisco Villa of Alvarado, a son, Robert Campa, 7 pounds.

*The Daily Review, January 14, 1953*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

The **Alvarado Chamber of Commerce** has forwarded a letter to John Jay Thomas, county planning director, requesting him to meet with the chamber's zoning committee and discuss precise zoning of Alvarado a week before the next chamber meeting.

Thomas has indicated that the map will be completed by February and ready for presentation at that time, according to **Leslie Maffey**, chamber secretary. J.A. Ratekin was added as a member of the zoning committee last night, which is headed by **Warren Silva**.

Ratekin was also selected as the Alvarado chamber's representative to the countywide committee, being called together by the board of supervisors to plan this year's centennial celebration.

**George Vargas** was installed as chamber president, and named **Warren Silva, Bill Gianella** and himself as representatives to the Washington Township Chamber of Commerce. A new membership card, designed with a blue and gold color scheme to symbolize a centennial theme was approved by the chamber. New membership committee members are **Warren Silva**, Joe Lewis, Mrs. Tony Rogers and John Ralph.

*The Daily Review, January 16, 1953*

**News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lewis are the proud parents of a little boy, Darryl, born in December. Darryl's grandmother is Mrs. Mary Dutra.

Isabel & Frank Hernandez are the proud parents of a little girl, Shirley Ann, born on January 6<sup>th</sup>, they also have a son Norman. Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silveira of Granger Ave. are the proud grandparents.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 16, 1953*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

**George "Chick" Vargas**, appliance storeowner, has been named President of the **Alvarado Chamber of Commerce**, succeeding Warren Silva.

Vice-President:

**Warren Silva**

Secretary-Treasurer:

**Leslie H. Maffey**

Directos:

**William Gianella**

Angelo DeKidos

Damaso Diaz

Manuel Borges

Susie Lemos

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 16, 1953*



**Classified Ad:**

## SERVICES:

Desire Housework: Age 50; Mildred Kirkham. Paid by day. \$1 per hour. 986 Levee Street., Alvarado Calif. Phone: 55-764.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 16, 1953*

**News Note:**

The Board of Supervisors has granted the S.D.E.S., Inc. of Alvarado permission to hold dances every Saturday during 1953 at their hall at 846 Watkins Street in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 18, 1953*

**License to Marry:**

William Scanlon Jr., San Francisco, 29

Dolores Mullarkey, Alvarado, 28

*The Oakland Tribune, January 20, 1953*

**Classified Ad:**

## BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES:

Grocery and dry goods store, no credit, hot location, owner leaving, cheap rent, \$85, real bargain.

ALvarado 55-833

*The Oakland Tribune, January 25, 1953*

**News Note:**

The family of Thomas Patterson, 39, Alvarado sugar plant foreman, are seeking \$101,000 in damages for his death in a three-car crash near Mt. Eden. Mr. Patterson was a resident of Castro Valley.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 25, 1953*

**Liquor License Revoked:**

Severiano Amador, 1088 Levee Street, Alvarado, has had his liquor license suspended indefinitely for allowing a minor to consume alcohol on the premises.

*The Daily Review, January 30, 1953*

**News Notes:**

**Mrs. Mabel Rodgers**, Mrs. Tessie Maciel and Mrs. Alvina Leal of the Alvarado Eagles Auxiliary spent Tuesday afternoon at the Camp Parks Hospital.

UPPEC Council 131 will have a Valentine Apron & Necktie Dance on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

The SPRSI of Alvarado had a wonderful turkey dinner at the International Kitchen. After one year everyone found out who their secret pal was.

Sunday Mr. & **Mrs. Tony Rodgers**, Mr. & Mrs. Warren Silva, and Mrs. Frances Allegre visited Mrs. Borges mother who is in the hospital.

Last week was Mrs. Mary Silveira's birthday.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 30, 1953*

**Alameda County Centennial Committee:**

Formation of an Alameda County Centennial Committee to celebrate our county's upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> birthday has begun with the naming of the mayor's from Oakland, San Leandro, and Emeryville already on board. Today J. A. Ratekin from Alvarado has accepted an appointment to the committee as the representative from the town of our first county seat.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 1, 1953*

**Pony Express:**

(Alvarado Grammar School Newsletter)

Mrs. Dakin's class does swimming every Monday. They are going to have a lot more sales because they need more money.

The Eighth Grade is going to have its Constitution test on Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.  
Good Grooming class for girls has been changed to Thursdays instead of Tuesdays because Mr. Graves want to have Glee Club on Tuesdays.  
The Alvarado heavy and lightweight boys basketball teams and the Alvarado girl's volleyball A teams are going to play against Irvington's teams on Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.  
BY: Frances Alvarez

Bill Silva is back in school. He had the chickenpox. He says it was no fun.  
Dorothy Cicairos is absent. She has the measles. Others are absent on account of illness.  
There was a fire on Beard Road in Alviso. The Alvarado Firemen put it out. The fire took place last week.

The March Dimes Committee chairmen are as follows:

|                 |                  |             |             |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Louis Rigmaiden | Barbara Jones    | Tony Aranda | Timmy Louie |
| Martha Lopez    | Henrietta Melena |             |             |

They had a meeting and decided to have the monthly movie with a charge of up to ten cents for admission. There is to be a contest to see which room raises the most money.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Marie Perez has a new puppy. His name is Tiny.  
Rose Tenorio went to Hayward to see her aunt.  
Mary Ann Travers and Gloria Cheng are going to have a knitting club. It will start on Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Anyone who wants to join come to the Fourth Grade and ask for Gloria or Mary Ann.  
BY: Carol Banworth

Carol Silva went across the Carquinez Bridge to visit friends in Napa.  
Delia Villa visited in Hayward on Sunday.  
Walter Hendrickson's family went on a trip to San Jose.  
Frankie Tenorio visited his aunt in Hayward on Sunday.

Last week Bobby Harvey brought to school a very interesting copy of the Oakland Tribune dated April 9, 1890. It was 63 years old and the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade had fun looking at the advertisements, such as 44 pieces of dishes for two dollars and twenty cents, saddle horses for \$40, kids button shoes for \$1.00 a pair, and many more interesting items.

The item which was most interesting was one telling of the Alvarado School having one of the oldest flags in the State, bought in San Francisco in 1864 during the Civil War. The pole for it was donated by a patron and was a ship's spar. The flag only had 35 stars on it, instead of the 48 of today.

Money to buy the flag was collected from the students of the school by Mr. James Smith who gave a generous contribution towards its purchase and went to San Francisco to buy it for the school. The flag was 6 X 12 feet.

The teacher of Alvarado School at the time it was bought was a Mr. A.I. Fuller and had as his assistant a Miss Lloyd. The school had only one department at that time. The population of the entire county was about 10,000 people and Oakland was only a fair sized village.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, February 6, 1953***

#### **On Sale Beer License:**

Frank Macahilas has posted a notice that he intends to sell beer at his premises at 1045-55 Levee Street in Alvarado.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, February 6, 1953***

**Commercial Advertisement:**

LUSTAN MEATS

Formerly Mentrey's Meats

Former Hellwig's Location

Phone: 55-861

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 6, 1953***John Menezes Dies:**

John M. Menezes, beloved husband of Isabel, father of Mrs. Alberta Nunes of Centerville and Miss Alice Menezes of Alvarado, passed away on February 5<sup>th</sup>. A native of the Azores, he was a long time Alvarado resident and local barber.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 7, 1953***Boxing:**

Raul Villareal of Alvarado, representing the Pacific AAU Boxing Club of San Francisco, took home the 125-pound class title and was named "Diamond Boy" of this tournament.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 9, 1953***News Notes:**

Frank Richmond of Alvarado was chosen as a Bank of America Cup winner for outstanding citizenship and scholarship in the field of mathematics.

Frank V. Moisa, 48 years of age, died of a heart attack in front of the home of Joe Sanchez in Alvarado. He lived at 115 Levee Street and was a general laborer.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 13, 1953***Filipino Fiesta:**

The Catmon Organization of California is having a fiesta in commemoration of St. William, Our Patron Saint, says Ambrose Loyola of Alvarado. The Officers of the fiesta besides Mr. Loyola are:

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Secretary        | Pauline Arnejo   |
| Ass't Secretary  | Isabel B. Loyola |
| Treasurer:       | Sergio Rojas     |
| Ass't Treasurer: | Isabel B. Loyola |
| Sgt-At-Arms:     | Sergio Arnejo    |

Program 9:00 PM:

Song By All: The Philippine National Anthem and the Star Spangled Banner

Invocation: Father Thomas Gilbert

Duet: Mr. &amp; Mrs. Leonard Villarante

Folk Dances: Music by Bobby Diangson Gehrett

Salacot Dances: Miss Helen Agraviador Miss Erlene Agraviador

Laws Kawayan: Sharon Cadleron Linda Monticillo Walter Diangson

Artie Calderon

Boa Dance &amp;

Cocoanut Shell: Connie Cipriano Donna Sacramento Ann Agali (Ugale?)

Jayne Sacramento Tina Sacramento Teresa Enciso

Aringgingding-

Ginding Dance: Judy Jane Loyola Ben Ugale Jr.

South Sea

Island Dance: Zenaida Lou Loyola

Guest of Honor: Judge E.A. Quaresma

Guest Speaker: Hon. Jose P. Tabora, Vice Consul of the Philippines Consulate of S.F.

Closing Remarks: Tommy Branzuela

Committees:

Mrs. Demetrio Nuniza, Chairman

Pablo Moide Ben Estenzo

Danny Branzuela Anasasio Monticillo

Emil Pontillas

Pastor Roole

Paul Nuniza  
Aki Pontillas  
Mrs. G. Monticillo

Pete Branzuela  
Edna Branzuela

Mary Estenzo  
Annie Roble

Program Chair: Isabel B. Loyola, Chairman  
Felomena Gurrea, Co-Chair

Members: George Monticillo                      Matty Arizo

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 20, 1953*

### **Salt Production:**

Salt production began in earnest 150 years ago when the mission padres would come to the bay and scoop out salt for use at the mission for tanning hides. It was not until 1862 that the process of "salt making" began. Historians record that John Quigley began salt production at Union City (now Alvarado). He is credited with the initiating the use of ponds to speed "nature's solar evaporation" of seawater. Levees of earth formed "vats" for concentration, the basic principle still used today.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 25, 1953*

### **Alvarado Grammar School:**

The new officers of the Alvarado School Student Body are as follows:

President: Manuel Vasquez  
Vice-President: Barbara Jones  
Secretary: Rosemary Urrutia  
Treasurer: Beverly Ratekin  
News Reporter: Louis Rigmaiden  
Parliamentarian: Patricia Flores  
Sgt-AT-Arms: Bobby Velarde  
Athletic Monitor: Frank Angelo  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep: Patricia Noia  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep: Angel Ledesma  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep: Anthony Gualco  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep: Amador Melena  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep: Billy Harper  
Other Rep: Vera Bueno

Committees at School:

|                |                     |                  |                |
|----------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Block:         | Leroy Salido, Chair | Mary Ann Travers | Sandra Urrutia |
|                | Nellie Barrera      | Joan Vierra      |                |
| Gift:          | Pat Noia, Chair     | Richard Pinto    | Mike Vierra    |
|                | Elaine Pinto        |                  |                |
| Cconstitution: | Tony Aranda         | Henrietta Melena | Loretta Faria  |
|                | Rosemary Alvarez    | Jayne Sacramento |                |
| Finance:       | Timmie Louie, Chair | Donna Sacramento | Hope Urrutia   |

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 27, 1953*

### **News Notes:**

The UPPEC Council No. 131 held their regular meeting February 20<sup>th</sup> with President Helen Perry presiding. Anyone wanting to make reservation for the Birthday Pal Club at the Onstadia Restaurant in San Leandro should contact Genevieve Dutra. Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Diaz donated a statue of Our Lady of Fatima to used at all meetings. Mrs. Frank Richmond was initiated into the club. Portuguese donuts were served by Mrs. Rita Mello, Mrs. Frances Perry and Mrs. Helen Perry. Mrs. Isabel Mondragon will be hostess for March.

Surprised with a 21-inch blond RCA TV set was Mrs. Genevieve Fasolis. It was a birthday and anniversary present given by, who else, but Walt.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, February 27, 1953*

**County Fair Pageant:**

Alameda County's verdant beginnings a century ago in a little Courthouse in Alvarado will be hailed this June in three performances of a pageant that will tell the story of the county's growth. The pageant, to be held during the annual 16-day County Fair at Pleasanton, will graphically exhibit the county's change from agriculture to industry, and will do some guessing about the future.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 4, 1953*

**Fugitive Apprehended:**

Alert sheriff's deputies early this morning apprehended an armed fugitive for an armed robbery in San Francisco. Everett W. Taylor was taken into custody when the sheriff's deputies stopped to investigate a parked vehicle outside of Alvarado. According to the deputies he was carrying a substantial amount of money and gave police no trouble when taken into custody.

*The Daily Review, March 9, 1953*

**Well Baby Clinic:**

An urgent request for volunteer workers at the Alvarado well baby clinic went out this week. Held the third Tuesday of each month from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., the program is conducted under the supervision of the Alameda County Health Department. Appointments for the pre-school examinations should be made through the health office.

*The Daily Review, March 9, 1953*

**Zoning Changes:**

Minor detail changes in the proposed future land uses in Alvarado area are being incorporated into a new planning map that will be presented to the local Chamber of Commerce next month. Under consideration were proposals to retain the area across from the Sugar Mill on Alquire Road as agricultural, and extend residential land use northwest of town along the highway.

*The Daily Review, March 13, 1953*

**News Notes:**

The SPRSI of Alvarado nominated officers this past Sunday. Those who have been nominated are:

- Past President: Mae Santos
- President: Helen P. Goularte
- Vice-President: Delinda Pimentel
- Secretary: Mayme Roderick
- Treasurer: Angie Vargas
- MC: Mary Luiz
- Marshal: Eleanor Azevedo
- Guard: Millie Richmond
- Trustees: Mary Rivers Mary Silva Clara Flores
- Pianist: Elizabeth Flores
- Flagbearers: Anna Hendricks Helen Perry

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 13, 1953*

**Corned Beef & Cabbage:**

A home cooked corned beef & cabbage dinner is being prepared by the auxiliary members of the Alvarado Eagles Lodge for a special dinner party at 7 p.m. tomorrow night. The St. Patrick's Day event is being planned by Mrs. Mary Mattox, and will be open to all members, their families and friends. Tomorrow afternoon the auxiliary will sponsor a party for the Parks Air Force Base servicemen in the hospital.

*The Daily Review, March 16, 1953*

**Classified Ad:**

TRUCKS - COMMERCIAL CARS:

Ford 1950 - half-ton panel, 24,000 miles, non-commercial.

ALvarado 55-974

*The Oakland Tribune, March 16, 1953*

### **Jess Jacinto Signs Contract:**

Jess Jacinto, star infielder acquired by the Big Springs Broncs from Lubbock, has signed his 1953 contract. Jacinto hit .314 for the Lubbock team in WT-NM League play last year. He will probably play second base here. He winters in his hometown in Alvarado, California and will leave there for Texas March 24<sup>th</sup>.

*The Big Spring Weekly Herald, Big Spring Texas, March 20, 1953*

### **Alvarado Eagles Auxiliary:**

Nomination and election of officeres was held at Alvarado, Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, for the Auxiliary of Eagles Aerie No. 1694. The officers elected were:

|                 |                          |             |              |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| President:      | Leontine Costa (Decoto)  |             |              |
| Vice-President: | Dorothy Ratekin          |             |              |
| Chaplain:       | Esther Gardetto          |             |              |
| Conductress:    | Nellie Richmond          |             |              |
| Inside Guard:   | Isabel Mondragon         |             |              |
| Treasurer:      | Alice Menezes            |             |              |
| Outside Guard:  | Mary Dutra (Centerville) |             |              |
| Trustees:       | Adeline Quadros          | Alvina Leal | Aurora Lewis |
| Pianist:        | Wilma Silva              |             |              |
| Lodge Mother:   | Mabel Rodgers            |             |              |
| Secretary:      | Susie Davis              |             |              |
| Past President: | Mary Mattos              |             |              |

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 20, 1953*

### **News Note:**

Mrs. Isabel B. Loyola, chairman of the Volunteer Nurses of the Baby Conference of Alvarado Baby Clinic, expressed her high gratitude and sincere thanks to the volunteer nurses for their full cooperation in the duties performed as required by the health department of the baby clinic in Centerville. Among the volunteers are:

|                        |                      |                   |                    |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Mrs. Alvina Brune      | Mrs. Marie Falkowski | Mrs. Evelyn Silva | Mrs. Serafine Noia |
| Mrs. Leonard Silva     | Mrs. Warren Silva    | Mrs. Alma Bielar  | Mrs. Hilda Allegre |
| Mrs. Estelle Rigmaiden | Mrs. Lavern Shestack |                   |                    |

*The Alvarado Pioneer, March 20, 1953*

### **Plane Crash:**

Mystery still shrouds the crash of the Transocean Air Lines DC-4 in a barley field in Alvarado. The four engine plane was on its approach to Oakland Municipal Airport when it crashed and burned in a level field on the ranch operated by Richard and Frank Andrada a fourth of a mile from the intersection of Alquire Road and Whipple Road east of Alvarado.

The pilot had been cleared to the approach and reported passing over the Newark radio beacon at 6:36 p.m. Friday at 3500 feet. Lee Housman, chief of the CAA tower at Oakland Municipal Airport, said recordings of conversations between the tower and the pilot showed a completely normal procedure for the instrument approach.

Wilson said further that the plane "couldn't have been more than 100 yards off its exact bearing, if at all." He was unable to guess why the plane appeared in a steep bank, as reported by eyewitnesses, and also discounted any trouble because of icing conditions.

Wilson said the pilot would have reported severe icing by radio. Pilots who landed both before and after the crash had no icing problems.

The plane apparently hit first on one wing and cart wheeled across the field before it burst into flames. Victims and pieces of wreckage were scattered over a 350-yard wide area.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 22, 1953***

### **Plane Crash:**

Complete confusion today still surrounded the cause of Friday's crash of a Transocean Air Lines DC-4, which killed 35 persons, as Civil Aeronautics Board teams continued their investigation of the scene. On-the-spot probing will probably be finished today, although work on various parts of the airplane may possibly continue through the next two weeks.

A joint meeting of the CAB teams, covering witnesses and flight path, engine and propeller, and air frame disclosed nothing new this morning, the report stated.

Orvis Nelson, airlines president, admitted this morning that "complete confusion still exists, it just doesn't add up."

***The Daily Review, March 24, 1953***

### **Firemen's Association Election:**

The newly elected officers of the Alvarado Firemen's Association are as follows:

|                      |                |              |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------|
| President:           | Joe Goularte   |              |
| Vice-President:      | Joe Rose       |              |
| Secretary-Treasurer: | Tony Alexander |              |
| Sgt-At-Arms:         | Serafine Noia  | Manuel Perry |

***The Alvarado Pioneer, March 27, 1953***

### **News Notes:**

Pvt. Rojelio Barrera, whose parents live at 408 V Street, Alvarado, is a recent graduate of a seven-week course wheel vehicle course at the Iwo Jima Specialist School in Japan.

Mrs. Estelle Rigmaiden will be a guest speaker at the Newark Assembly Church on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, March 27, 1953***

### **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:**

Alameda County is 100 years old today.

It was on April 28, 1853 that Governor John Bigler signed the bill that mapped its current boundaries.

No special ceremonies are planned today in honor of the occasion; they will come with a three-day centennial celebration, featuring parades and historical dramatic pageants, at the County Fair in Pleasanton on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>.

[\(Editor's Note: This article was in the March 28, 1953 issue.\)](#)

***The Oakland Tribune, March 28, 1953***

### **Plane Crash:**

Authorities continued to sift debris; all that remained after Transocean Air Lines DC-4 crash, which claimed 35 lives, in a muddy barley field near Alvarado Friday night. Airline officials discounted the possibility of pilot error by saying Harvey W. Rogers, 41, of Lafayette, who was at the controls: "He was not only our chief pilot but our best pilot." Those dead included 30 Air Force men enroute to Guam from Roswell, New Mexico and the plane's crew of five. The DC-4 was approaching Oakland Airport for a landing at the time of accident, no clues as yet.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 29, 1953***

### **The Argonaut Club**

Washington Township pioneers held their first meeting in 1876. William Barry of Niles and William Morris Liston of Alvarado were the first to suggest organization of the Society of Pioneers of Washington Township, E.B. Thompson of the Washington Press at Irvington notes.

The first meeting followed printing of a notice in *The Independent* on November 11, 1876. George Bond was elected president; C.C. Scott and Wm. Liston were elected vice-presidents, L. E. Osgood was made treasurer and William Barry secretary.

All persons in Washington Township before March 26, 1853, and sons of pioneers over 21 were eligible. The organization was later to include Eden and Murray Townships. Annual banquets were held at the Gregory House in Centerville.

Later called the Argonaut Club, about 1887, the pioneers held their first banquet under the new name at the Riverside Hotel at Alvarado in 1890. Henry Dusterberry of Centerville, the "last man" died in 1920.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 30, 1953***

**Mrs. Minnie Perry Dies:**

Mrs. Minnie Perry of Alvarado died on March 29<sup>th</sup>. She was the mother of Mrs. Ethel Borges of Alvarado, Raymond Perry of Decoto, Gregory and James Perry, both of Hayward and devoted sister of Mrs. Anna Roderick of Alvarado. Mrs. Perry was a native of Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 31, 1953***

**Mrs. Louise Scribner Winegar Dies:**

Mrs. Louise Scribner Winegar passed away in Hayward at a rest home. She was the widow of the late Edward M. Winegar, and she was a native of Alvarado. She was the sister of Arthur Joyce of Oakland, Mrs. Dora Joyce Richmond of Centerville, Fred Joyce of Alvarado, and the late John M. Scribner and Mrs. Alice Lampher.

***The Daily Review, March 31, 1953***

**News Note:**

Alameda County's 1953 Board of Supervisor's will hold a special meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, marking the exact 100-year point when the county's first board met April 6, 1853 in the courthouse at Alvarado.

Minutes of that session, contained in a small leather bound business book, will be read into the 1953 record by the County Clerk.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 1, 1953***

**Prized Book:**

One of the prized possessions of Mr. & Mrs. R.A. Griffin of Irvington is a copy of the "Great Register of Alameda County, 1876." The register shows 9,400 voters in the county at that date and lists William Morris Liston, 53, a native of Pennsylvania, a stage agent, as fifth to register.

Liston, Griffin's grandfather, was one of the founders of the Society of Pioneers of Washington Township. He came to California in 1851 via the Panama and landed at Monterey. He went up to Mission San Jose and later built a warehouse for Henry C. Smith at Alvarado ([New Haven](#)).

Later he operated the Montgomery House in San Francisco and returned to Alvarado to operate the Brooklyn House, at the same time operating stages from Warm Springs to Oakland. He served as Justice of the Peace of Washington Township and died at Oakland at 71 years of age in 1884.

Others listed are Jose de Jesus Vallejo, 68, a farmer at Mission San Jose who built the flour mill at Niles; John M Horner, 45, a native of New Jersey, who built the steam mill at Alvarado about 1853; Calvin J. Stevens, 38, Centerville merchant, who bought the Horner mill at Alvarado and



moved it to Livermore in 1869; John Blacow, 46, native of England, a Washington Township farmer and many others whose names are familiar to our readers of county history.  
***The Oakland Tribune, April 2, 1953***

#### **News Notes:**

On the sick list this week is Mrs. Mabel Rogers and Mrs. Mary Silveira. We wish a speedy recovery to both.

Mr. & Mrs. A.A. Lee entertained their granddaughter Yvonne Vargas.

Raymond Diaz, son of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Diaz celebrated his birthday Monday. Helping him celebrate were: Patricia Vargas, John Roderick, Dennis Machado, Wayne Machado, Ritha Diaz and Norma Jean Silveira. Unable to attend were Marlene Lezand and Diane Lewis.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, April 3, 1953***

#### **Mrs. Minnie Perry Dies:**

Mrs. Minnie Perry of Alvarado, about 70 years of age, who died suddenly while attending a mass at a Hayward Church was given final rites at Centerville Wednesday. Mrs. Perry was native of Alvarado. She was the mother of Ethel Borges of Alvarado, Raymond Perry of Decoto, Gregory & James Perry, both of Hayward; and was the sister of Anna Roderick of Alvarado.

***The Alvarado Pioneer, April 3, 1953***

#### **Court of Sessions Meeting:**

The Board of Supervisors will meet on June 6<sup>th</sup> at Alvarado to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Alameda County. It was on that day, June 6, 1853, that Alameda County held its first Court of Sessions at the Alvarado Courthouse.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 7, 1953***

#### **Mother's Guild:**

The Mother's Guild of St. Mary's of the Palms Convent at Mission San Jose will hold a rummage sale Friday and Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Eagles Hall in Alvarado. Proceeds will go to the sisters for their building fund.

***The Daily Review, April 8, 1953***

#### **Mother's Club:**

New officers will be elected by the Alvarado Mother's at their next regular meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Alvarado Grammar School. For further information contact Mrs. Evelyn Silva, secretary.

***The Daily Review, April 9, 1953***

#### **Washington Township Town Names Derivations:**

Intriguing names grace Alameda County as well as other parts of the state.

*Mission San Jose:* Mission San Jose won its name in 1851 from the Mission San Jose de Guadalupe, founded in 1797.

*Alvarado:* Alvarado was named in honor of Don Juan Alvarado, governor of California from 1836 to 1842. Henry C. Smith, founder of the village, bestowed the name, although for a time he called it *New Haven*, in memory of the Connecticut city near where his father was born. Alvarado later enveloped *Union City*, named for the ship "The Union," often berthed at its wharves. John M. Horner established *Union City*.

*Niles:* Niles was once *Gopher Town* and then *Vallejo Mills*, after Don Jose de Jesus Vallejo who built his grist mill on Alameda Creek west entrance to Niles Canyon in 1844. When the Central Pacific Railroad came through the settlement in 1869 the town was renamed Niles after Judge Addison C. Niles, then an attorney for the railroad and later a member of the California State

Supreme Court. The business section moved across the tracks about 1890 and the original settlement retains the name of *Old Town*.

*Irvington*: *Irvington* was called *Washington Corners* in the 1870's and later *The Corners*. When the Post Office was established in 1884 it became *Irvington* when by an error a letter was addressed to *Irving, California*. Settlement leaders combined the name *Irving* with *Washington* and came up with *Irvington*.

*Warm Springs*: *Warm Springs* takes its name from *Agua Caliente*, the warm springs where early Spaniards and Indians bathed and washed clothing. *Agua Caliente Creek* is nearby. It was known as *Harrisburgh* in 1867, this Post Office being about a mile and a half south of *Warm Springs* where a Harris family resided.

*Centerville*: *Centerville* residents claim the town is a natural since the town is approximately in the center of *Washington Township*. Early historians pointed to the town being halfway between *Mission San Jose* and the *Alvarado* embarcadero.

*Decoto*: *Decoto* is the only town of eight communities in *Washington Township* named after its founder, Ezra Decoto. He and his brothers, John and Adolphus, bought large farms and established the town. When the railroad came in 1867 the station was called *Decoto*.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 12, 1953***

#### **Mother's Club:**

Mrs. Laverne Shestack was elected President for the Alvarado Mother's Club at their annual selection of officers last week. Assisting her will be: Mrs. Frank Sacramento, Vice President; Mrs. Marie Falkowski, Secretary; Mrs. Kay Silva, Treasurer; Mrs. Hilda Allegre, Sunshine Chairman; Mrs. Gladys Best, Publicity; Mrs. Isabel Loyola, Chairman of the Well Baby Clinic; Mrs. Alvina Brune, Hospitality. Mrs. Mae Santos was appointed by the President to visit other Mother and PTA organizations and to report on room mother activities. The May card party committee members are: Mmes. Amelia Silva, Margaret Andrade, and Helen Roderick. A club group was formed to visit Parks Air Force Base and deliver refreshments, they are: Mmes. Laverne Shestack, Jean Rose, Marie Falkowski, Hilda Allegre, and Alma Bielar.

***The Daily Review, April 13, 1953***

#### **Alvarado Man Injured:**

Harold Victor Martinez, 18, 1181 Marsh Road, today was undergoing treatment for a serious chest injury at Levine Hospital as a result of an accident near Decoto last night. Martinez was injured when another sideswiped the car he was driving shortly before 7:00 p.m. on Whipple Road.

***The Daily Review, April 13, 1953***

#### **UPPEC:**

Alvarado UPPEC members will convene for a business meeting at the Alvarado Eagles Hall on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Nomination of new officers is slated for June, according to Mrs. Mabel Rogers, Publicity Chairman.

***The Daily Review, April 13, 1953***

#### **Flood Control:**

The flood zone cost to tame Alameda Creek was put at \$3.7 million (Or \$11 a home per year for a 31 square mile area reaching from South Hayward to Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 15, 1953***

#### **94 Wetbacks Netted:**

U.S. Immigration officers and Alameda County Sheriff's Deputies nabbed 94 Mexican Nationals suspected of illegal entry into the U.S. in a sweep through the Southern Alameda County agricultural area last night. Raids lasting from 9:00 p.m. to midnight were made in the communities of Centerville, Irvington, Niles, Alvarado and Newark.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 15, 1953*

**“Kiss of Death” War Bride:**

It was an expressionless and emotionally restrained Hildegard Pelton who appeared before Judge E. A. Quaresma in the Centerville Justice Court. The war bride pleaded not guilty to the first-degree murder of her G.I. husband whose bullet-riddled body was found in his car on Alvarado-Niles Road.

Judge Quaresma set the preliminary hearing of the “kiss of death” case for 1:30 p.m. May 5<sup>th</sup> in Centerville court. During the press interview following the court session, the 32-year-old war bride maintained her tightly controlled composure and spoke voluntarily in barely audible, German accented tones.

Mrs. Pelton briefly traced her childhood, marriage, trip to the United States and the events leading to February 1<sup>st</sup>, the day when the body of her G.I. husband was found in his car, riddled with bullets on the Alvarado Niles Road.

She hesitantly related standing outside the sports car and firing in a blind action at her husband after he had told her “you have to go, you can never come back.” The German born bride described climbing into the car to fix a farewell kiss upon the victim’s forehead, and then she attempted to kill herself, but discovered the gun was empty.

Her cross-country flight was the only with the destination of “getting away” and ended at the General Delivery window of a New York Post Office, where she was expecting a letter from her mother, but was arrested by F.B.I. Agents.

*The Daily Review, April 15, 1953*

**Abandoned Property:**

The State Controller hereby gives notice that the accounts and money and property hereinafter listed, having been dormant for 20 or more years, are presumed to be abandoned property and will be delivered to the State Treasurer, State of California between June 15<sup>th</sup> and July 1, 1953 unless the owner makes claim to the State Treasurer.

CENTRAL BANK  
Alvarado Branch  
1014 Levee Street  
Alvarado, California

| <u>Acct Type:</u> | <u>Acct No.</u> | <u>Name &amp; Address</u>                                                | <u>Last Activity Date</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Savings           | 560             | SILVERIA, Maggie F.<br>1038 5 <sup>th</sup> Street<br>Oakland California | August 31, 1932           | \$194.20      |

*The Oakland Tribune, April 15, 1953*

**The Battle for the Courthouse:**

Two votes in the California Assembly in 1853 might have saved Alameda County a 20-year controversy over the location of its county seat.

Henry Clay Smith, who fathered the legislation that created the county, chose Alvarado as its first county seat. Alvarado was then the center of the county’s wealth and population, a bustling new town in the heart of the agricultural area. It was also the hometown of Smith. He established the village. And he rented the upper floor of his store building to the county as its first courthouse.

Even at that early date, Oakland, incorporated only the year before, had bidden for the county seat. Horace W. Carpentier, founder of Oakland, controlled the town, its waterfront, ferries and bridges, also was a member of the ([California State](#)) Assembly. He tried to amend Smith’s bill to

put the county seat in Oakland. He lost by a vote of 19-17. On that margin of two votes developed the major controversy of the formative days of the county.

For the business, industrial and professional people who were flocking into the new town of Oakland and the communities of Clinton and San Antonio, along what is now the estuary, Alvarado was not a popular location for the county seat. From the very beginning there was agitation for its removal.

Alvarado itself was hardly the fountainhead of law and order. Gambling establishments and brothels operated openly and if a new rich gold miner or a just paid farm worker escaped them, it was a good bet someone would come along with a gun or knife.

Fire damaged the "courthouse" on one occasion, and the entire treasury of \$12,000 was looted one night. The burglars dropped some \$7,200 in making a hasty get away so the county was back in business, but the balance was never recovered.

When the Court of Sessions, forerunner to the Board of Supervisors, considered plans for a county building in 1854, the matter came to a head. Petitions were circulated and County Judge A.M. Crane was persuaded to call an election. The vote on December 5, 1854 narrowed the contest to two communities, Alvarado and San Leandro.

San Leandro, then only a hamlet of only a few buildings and the Estudillo Ranch, got 782 votes, Alvarado 614, trailing were Alameda 232, San Lorenzo 220, Oakland 18 and Haywards 15. A runoff election between the two leaders was scheduled for December 30, 1854.

Two years before, Carpentier had won an Assembly contest with Robert S. Farrelly of Squattersville (San Lorenzo) by importing votes from San Francisco. Apparently that procedure worked again. The total vote for the second election jumped by almost 500 persons, with heavy balloting, much too heavy for the population, coming from Oakland Township. San Leandro won the election 1,301 to 1,067.

Amid strong protests from the outlying areas, the county government was moved to rented quarters in San Leandro. There the Court of Sessions completed its period of authority and the newly created Board of Supervisors took over.

Estudillo donated a block of land, and on it the county built a courthouse, a frame building, 30 by 60 feet in size, costing \$1,200. The county moved into this building July 10, 1855, but not for long. Protests against the election skullduggery developed into a court suit. On August 9<sup>th</sup> it was ruled that the county judge had lacked the authority to call the election and the county seat was moved back to Alvarado a week later.

But the northern part of the county still had an ace in the hole. It persuaded the Legislature to order the county seat back to San Leandro in February 1856. That seemed to settle the controversy and the Board of Supervisors ordered the construction of a courthouse and jail, which was completed in July 1857 at a cost of \$30,580. They held their first meeting in the new quarters on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

San Leandro was destined to finally lose the courthouse when Oakland captured the county seat March 25, 1874.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 15, 1953***

### **The Story of Alvarado Sugar:**

The first successful (beet) sugar manufacturing company in America was organized by two pioneers of Alameda County, Ephraim Herrick and Ebenezer Herrick Dyer at Alvarado in 1879.

The story of this establishment has been told by an autobiographical sketch by the Ebenezer H. Dyer that has been incorporated into the Dyer genealogy.

The brothers first invested in a company organized by Wisconsin experts in sugar making from beets in 1869. A factory was erected at Alvarado, but according to Dyer's story, "those Wisconsin experts after a trial of four years, subjecting the stockholders to a heavy loss each year, made [\(the venture\)](#) a complete failure."

The Wisconsin backers withdrew from the venture and built another factory in Santa Cruz [\(Soquel\)](#), which also failed. Two other factories were built, one at Brighton in Sacramento County and the other at Isleton; both of these ventures also failed.

Mr. Dyer continues, "Knowing that our beets were at least 2% better in sugar than the average sugar beet in Europe, I believed that the business could be made a success... I was determined to try it again if I could secure sufficient capital, which was hard to do in the face of the failures."

"In 1879...we rebuilt the Alvarado factory, I having previously purchased the lands and buildings...we made a financial success the first campaign (year), thus producing the first sugar from beets at a profit in the United States."

The factory was a small affair compared to later ones, using old machinery brought from the defunct Sacramento plant. During the first four years of operations, the Dyer's cleared \$104,000. The factory was destroyed by a boiler explosion in 1887.

Edward P. Dyer, Ebenezer's son, operated the plant until the explosion. The Dyer Company became renowned throughout the whole country for building sugar plants after the first successful one was established. The Dyer's built other plants at Ogden and Lehi, Utah, Le Grande Oregon, and Los Alamitos in Orange County California.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 15, 1953*

### **Alvarado & Salt:**

Since salt has always been an essential mineral for the human diet, it is not unusual that one of the first things the padres at Mission San Jose did when they came in 1797 was to set up a salt works on the shores of San Francisco Bay. The business has flourished ever since.

The Spanish Father's processing was crude and the end product slight, but the principal of solar salt gathering has not changed so very much in the intervening years. One of the country's largest salt producers, the Leslie Salt Company, processes the waters of the Bay at Alvarado much in the same way the Franciscan Fathers did. It is a time-honored system.

By 1850, Alvarado already was being described as the "leading salt producing center on the coast." In 1893, a total of 37,800 tons were being produced there annually, and by 1894 there were 18 different salt beds along the shore.

The Solar Salt Company, owned by B.F. Barton, gathered 2,500,000 pounds of salt in 1904. John Quigley, pioneer salt maker in the county, started the first commercial salt plant at Union City, later Alvarado, in 1862. He built vats into which the seawater was admitted, thus causing the evaporation of the water in a much shorter time.

In the same year the Union Pacific Salt Company established itself on 1,000 acres near the mouths of the Mt Eden and Alameda Creek and by 1878 it was the leading salt producer on the west coast. Another early salt-making company was the Crystal Salt Works, which set up operations in Washington Township.

The Leslie Salt Company was organized in San Mateo County in 1908 but later its production

Was concentrated in Alameda County. It was eventually merged with the two above named firms and several others to form the present company.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 15, 1953*

#### **News Note:**

Miss Marie Leite of Hayward was given a shower last month by Mrs. Rose Pinto of Alvarado and another given by Mrs. Charlene Leite. Miss Leite will soon be the bride of Arthur J. Pinto of Alvarado, son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pinto of Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, April 16, 1953*

#### **License to Marry:**

Lloyd Robert Silva, Alvarado, 34

Aleda Van Zanten Meyers, Alvarado, 22

*The Oakland Tribune, April 16, 1953*

#### **VFW:**

Paul E. Rivers Post No. 7906, VFW initiated new members at a special meeting held in Niles at the Veterans Memorial Building on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Taken into the VFW were:

|                  |                   |                   |                  |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Lester Medeiros  | Earle Medeiros    | Marcelino Ledesma | Alejandro Aranda |
| Ambrose Loyola   | Salvador Paniagua | Refugio Gonsalves | Robert Hernandez |
| William Martinez | Robert Ramirez    |                   |                  |

Taken into the Auxiliary were:

Mrs. Lucy Martinez **Mrs. Isabel Loyola** Mrs. Sally M. Ramirez

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 17, 1953*

#### **Alvarado Mothers Club:**

Election of officers for the coming year was on the agenda for the Alvarado Mothers Club, Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Those elected were:

|                 |                           |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| President:      | Mrs. Laverne Shestack     |
| Vice-President: | Mrs. Frank Sacramento     |
| Secretary:      | Mrs. Marie Falkowski      |
| Treasurer:      | Mrs. Kaye Silva           |
| Sunshine Chair: | Mrs. Hilda Allegre        |
| Publicity:      | Mrs. Gladys Best          |
| Health Clinic:  | <b>Mrs. Isabel Loyola</b> |
| Hospitality:    | Mrs. Alvina Brune         |

Mrs. Mae Santos was appointed to visit other Mothers Clubs or PTA and report next meeting on Room Mothers Programs.

Mrs. Laverne Shestack made a report on the tickets, which are being sold for the food basket raffle, which will be given away on May Day in the school. The enthusiasm over that is very satisfactory.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 17, 1953*

#### **Holy Ghost Planned:**

The Alvarado Holy Ghost Fiesta will be held at the SDES Hall in Alvarado on Saturday and Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The usual religious procession of the Queen with the crown to the church for religious rites will be observed in the usual faithful manner. The St. Anne's Church is the destination of the Sunday morning parade leading through town, with the Queen and entourage leading the way.

On this year's committee for the preparations of the dance and celebration are:

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| President:      | Alfred E. Silva |
| Vice-President: | Joseph Dolan    |

Secretary: Manuel Pinto  
Treasurer: Frank Goularte

This year's royalty:

Queen: Frances Alvarez  
Maids: Marlene Pinto                      Rose Marie Alvarez  
Bar Girls: Betty Pimentel                      Mary Ann Travers                      Alice Andrade                      Elaine Pinto

Baby Queen: Carol Andrade  
Maids: Judy Quadros                      Darlene Dolan  
Bar Girls: Dianne Diaz                      Pamela Perry                      Bunnie Silva.

The fiesta will start with the Queen going to the home of Matt Machado on Saturday evening at 8 p.m. for the crown. A dance will follow. On Sunday a parade will take place at 10 a.m. and mass be held at St. Anne's Church at 11 a.m. Following the regular barbecue, a dance will be held in the afternoon and also an auction. The Pinto Brother's Orchestra will play for both dances.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, April 17, 1953*

### **Chamber of Commerce:**

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce reaffirmed its opposition to incorporation again Thursday night. The membership restated their position following the report of President George Vargas on Wednesday's Washington Township Chamber of Commerce meeting, where the Decoto chamber signified their withdrawal from the township group and similar opposition to incorporation.

*The Daily Review, April 17, 1953*

### **Plane Crash:**

Deliberations continue on the Trans Ocean Air Liner that crashed in Alvarado with no specific cause yet found to explain the air crash.

Howard Bailey of San Lorenzo said he was driving near the site at the time of the crash when the airplane swooped low over Whipple Road, "with an orange flame spouting from the right inboard engine, and trailing smoke.

But investigators are greatly interested in a report by William E. Silva, an eye witness from Whipple Road, Alvarado, who said he found "chunks of ice" all over his lawn after the stricken airplane flashed over his home, crashed, and exploded.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 17, 1953*

### **New Arrival:**

Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Andrade of Granger Avenue, Alvarado, have announced the birth of daughter, Linda Carol, who was born Wednesday in a hospital in San Jose.

*The Daily Review, April 20, 1953*

### **Train-Car Crash:**

One man was fatally injured today when an auto and a Southern Pacific passenger train collided at the Marsh Road crossing at the Arden station.

The man who died at Fairmont Hospital without regaining consciousness was identified as David Yamez, 24, of Alvarado. The driver of the car was Jose Chavez, 23, also of Alvarado, who suffered a chest injury and a cut on the forehead. The crash was almost head-on, the tracks crossing the road at a sharp angle.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 20, 1953*

### **Confirmation Rites:**

His Excellency Bishop Merlin Guilfoyle will officiate at confirmation rites at St. Edward's Catholic Church, Newark, Saturday at 4:00 p.m. About 80 children from Newark and St. Anne's Catholic

Church from Alvarado will receive the sacrament, instructed by the Holy Family nuns of Mission San Jose, they will make a three retreat attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion Thursday, Friday, and Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m.

*The Daily Review, April 23, 1953*

#### **Mother's Club:**

The Alvarado Mother's Club is now making plans for a May 16<sup>th</sup> card party, which will be held in the Alvarado Elementary School auditorium. In charge of the arrangements are Mmes. Amelia Silva, Margaret Andrade and Helen Roderick. Several club members are also planning a visit to Parks Air Force Base May 13<sup>th</sup>, at which time they will entertain the airman. The group includes Mmes. Evelyn Silva, Hilda Allegre, Helen Perry, Wilma Silva, Laverne Shestack, Jean Rose, Marie Falkowski and Alma Bielar.

*The Daily Review, April 23, 1953*

#### **SPRSI Officer Installation:**

Installation of officers for the Alvarado SPRSI will be held tonight at the Eagles Hall at 8:30 p.m. Officers to be seated are: Helen P. Goularte, President; Delinda Pimentel, Vice President; Mary Luis, Mistress of Ceremonies; Eleanor Azevedo, Marshal; Nellie Richmond, General Guard; Mary Silva, Mary Rivers and Clara Flores, Directors; Angie Vargas, Treasurer; M. Roderick, Secretary and Elizabeth Flores, Pianist. Mrs. Mae Santos is the retiring President.

*The Daily Review, April 23, 1953*

#### **Holy Ghost Queen:**

Miss Frances Alvarez will be introduced as queen for the annual Alvarado Holy Ghost celebration in May during the pre-fiesta dance tonight in the Alvarado S.D.E.S. Hall. Opening the fiesta on May 2<sup>nd</sup> will be a parade at 8:00 p.m. from the S.D.E.S. Hall grounds on Watkins Street, through town to receive the queen's crown from Matt Machado's on Smith Street and back to the hall for dancing and entertainment. Music is to be furnished tonight and May 2<sup>nd</sup> by the Pinto Brothers Orchestra.

In charge of arrangements is Mrs. Ameilia Silva, assisted by Alfred E. Silva, S.D.E.S. President; Manuel Pinto, Secretary; Frank Goularte, Treasurer; Manuel Martin, Marshal. Attending the queen will be Miss Marlene Pinto, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pinto, and Miss Rose Marie Alvarez, sister to the queen and foster daughter of Mrs. Clara Souza.

Bar girls will be Mary Ann Travers, Alice Andrade, Betty Pimentel and Elaine Pinto. Acting as the younger queen will be little Miss Carol Ann Andrade. Side maids will be Judy Quadros and Darlene Dolin, and acting as bar girls for Carol Ann will be Bunny Silva, Lisa Diaz, Diane Diaz and Pamela Perry.

*The Daily Review, April 24, 1953*

#### **VFW:**

Amid contrasting spring floral decorations of gold and blue, Mrs. Bernice Dias was installed as President of the Alvarado VFW Auxiliary at rites officiated Saturday evening.

Honored guests were Mrs. Mary Rivers, mother of Paul E. Rivers, in whose name the post was named and another Gold Star (signifying a son lost in the War) mother, Mrs. Frances Allegre.

Presented with pins were Gene Rose, Patricia Gomes and Mildred Silva.

Other new auxiliary offers are Bernice Silveira, Lorraine Silva, Frances Roderick, Amelia Silva, Kay Silva, Mildred Silva, Emily Noia, Wilma Silva, Laverne Shestack, Beatrice Rose, Mary Vargas, Marjorie Lebon, Patricia Gomes, Marjorie Re, Mary Silveira, Jeanette Bratton, Clara Jacinto and Wilma McGee.

*The Daily Review, April 30, 1953*



**Alvarado Odd Fellows Lodge:**

Crusade Lodge, No. 93, instituted at Alvarado on November 26, 1859, was the first Odd Fellows Lodge in Alameda County.

The charter members were C. S. Eigenbrodt (died leading the Alvarado Hundred in a charge in the Civil War), A. E. Crane, James Hawley, W. M. Liston, William Morrison, William Hayes, W. H. Hawthorne, and George Simpson.

The lodge had 75 members in 1898 and owned the two-story hall on Smith Street, used as an armory during the Civil War, and now owned by the Eagles.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 30, 1953*

**Early Alameda County Post Offices:**

San Leandro's Post Office comes of centennial age today, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Post Office there. It takes some precedence over Alvarado, whose Post Office will become a centenarian on August 8<sup>th</sup>, but neither can claim distinction as the first in what is now called Alameda County.

That honor goes to the area's first settlement, Mission San Jose, where a Post Office was opened April 9, 1850, three years before Alameda County was created. The mission was then in Santa Clara County.

Four other Post Offices antedated San Leandro, at the ranch of Robert Livermore, July 28, 1851, Contra Costa, which later became Oakland, and Union at Union City (which later became Alvarado), both on November 6, 1851; and Elk Horn, a hamlet whose location has been forgotten, on May 7, 1852.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 3, 1953*

**Alvarado Eagles:**

Joint installation of officers of the Fraternal Order Eagles and Auxiliary of Alvarado Aerie No. 1694 will be held here on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

President elect of the men's organization is Frank Senn, and Mrs. Leontine Costa heads the Auxiliary for the coming year.

The new officers of the Aerie are Edward Silva, J. A. Ratekin, Manuel P. Rose, Joe Lewis, William Silva, C. W. Baird, Mike Gardetto and Frank Richmond.

Junior Officers of the Auxiliary are Dorothy Ratekin, Esther Gardetto, Nellie Richmond, Alice Menezes, Isabel Mondragon, Mary Dutra, Alvina Leal, Adeline Quadros, Aurora Lewis, Wilma Silva, Mabel Rogers, Mary Mattox and Susie Davis.

*The Daily Review, May 4, 1953*

**May Day Celebration:**

Principal Leslie H. Maffey of the Alvarado Grammar School announced that a May Day Festival postponed from last week because of inclement weather would be held on Thursday. The fiesta includes an all-day program consisting of folk dancing and group games, as well as a baseball game between student teams.

*The Daily Review, May 4, 1953*

**Frances Silva Dies:**

Frances L. Silva of Hop Ranch Road Alvarado, passed away May 3<sup>rd</sup>. She was the beloved mother of Clarence Frates of Alvarado, Mrs. Agnes Pavao of Hayward, Richard Silva of Idaho, and Alden Chamness of Newark.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 5, 1953*

**Mother's Club:**

New officers were elected today by the Alvarado Mother's Club, with Mrs. Laverne Shestack heading the slate. She succeeds Mrs. Eldora Pinto. Assisting the President is Mrs. Frank Sacramento, Mrs. Marie Falkowski, Mrs. Kaye Silva, Mrs. Gladys Best, Mrs. Isabel Loyola and Mrs. Alvina Brune. Plans for the club's annual dinner are nearing completion.

*The Daily Review, May 7, 1953*

**Flood Control:**

The Board of Supervisors yesterday approved the plan for establishment of Zone 3A of the Alameda Flood Control District. Zone 3A consists of a 31 square mile area generally extending from C. Street in Hayward on the north to a line just south of Alvarado and San Francisco Bay on the west to the ridge line of the hills in the east. Principal communities in the zone are Mt. Eden, Baumberg, Alvarado, a portion of Hayward, and the Highland, Fairview, Tennyson, Valle Vista and Hillview areas.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 8, 1953*

**Mother's Club:**

The Mother's Club of Alvarado Grammar School met Thursday evening in the Special Classroom. Discussion was held on obtaining a playground instructor for the summer. Room mothers and rules for room mothers were discussed.

In charge of arrangements for installation of club officers on June 4<sup>th</sup> at the school cafeteria are Angie Vargas and Winifred Harper, with junior past president Mrs. Jean Rose as installing officer.

*The Daily Review, May 12, 1953*

**Alameda County Centennial:**

Members of the Alameda County Centennial Commission who are preparing an observance of our county's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary for Alvarado were announced today. They are: Frank P. George, Leslie H. Maffey, John Ratekin and Warren Silva. Part of the anniversary ceremonies will be the dedication of the early day courthouse site. Ceremonies for Alvarado will be held June 6<sup>th</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 15, 1953*

**Soldier Dies:**

In Germany, April 24<sup>th</sup>, Pvt. Thomas W. Bratton, U.S. Army from Hayward California. He was the grandson of Mrs. Essie Bigbey of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 15, 1953*

**School Graduation:**

The schedule of events honoring the 31 graduates from **Alvarado Grammar School** have been completed and announced by **Leslie H. Maffey**, District Superintendent. Starting of the annual events will be a sneak day on May 28<sup>th</sup>, being planned by class members. The following day members of the Seventh Grade will fete the graduates with a party in the school auditorium. The graduation ceremony will take place on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

*The Daily Review, May 20, 1953*

**School Registration:**

Pre-school registration of Kindergarten pupils has been set at **Alvarado Grammar School**. Students for Kindergarten and First Grade will be registered from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., May 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> according to **Leslie H. Maffey**, Principal.

*The Daily Review, May 20, 1953*

**Junior Traffic Patrol:**

Twenty-four school members of **Alvarado School's** Traffic Patrol will be treated to a San Francisco Seal vs. Oakland Oaks baseball game May 23<sup>rd</sup> and all day outing June 8<sup>th</sup> for their work during the past school term. Lunches for the annual trip to Alum Rock Park in San Jose will be provided by the school cafeteria staff, assisted by Mmes. Eva Vierra, Emily Noia and Josephine Tenorio.

*The Daily Review, May 20, 1953*

**Centennial Celebration:**

Local preparations for the June 6<sup>th</sup> Centennial Celebration and designation of the first County Courthouse building in Alvarado were taken into the final stages Wednesday night by the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce.

The Alvarado committee to work with the county committee to supply any facilities needed here and to secure a speaker's platform and complete decorations are Manuel Borges, Damaso Diaz, **George Vargas** and Leslie Maffey. The County Committee members from Alvarado are **Warren Silva**, John Ratekin and Frank George.

In other chamber business: precise zoning suggestions for Alvarado were received from the county planning commission's technical staff and referred to the chamber's planning committee for study and report. Silva heads the committee, which will meet on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

A group named by President Silva to investigate and propose a new house numbering system for Alvarado is **Elvin Rose, George Vargas** and **Warren Silva**.

**Elvin Rose** was also appointed to contact all property owners along the new Castro Street, asking if they will finance their share of bringing the road to minimum standards for acceptance as a county road.

*The Daily Review, May 21, 1953*

**Eagles Auxiliary:**

Auxiliary members to Eagles Aerie, No. 1165, hosted past presidents with breakfast party May 17<sup>th</sup> in the Eagles Hall. Each honoree was presented with a plaque. On May 25<sup>th</sup> the group will hold a memorial service for the late Virginia Enos.

*The Daily Review, May 25, 1953*

**UPPEC:**

Alvarado UPPEC members held nomination of new officers during their fifth anniversary meeting. Heading the new roster is Mrs. Del Dias, President. Other new officers are Mmes. Isabel Mondragon, Mabel Rogers, Martha Faria, Genevieve Dutra, Helen Goularte, and Millie Richmond. Nominated as Directors are Angie Vargas, Anna Hendricks, and Dorothy Serpa while Mrs. Mary Borges was named door guard.

*The Daily Review, May 25, 1953*

**Plans for Centennial Celebration:**

Alameda County's centennial celebration will be appropriately opened on June 6<sup>th</sup> in Washington Township, when a marker will be placed at the first county court house in Alvarado and the township historical society will present a special program in Centerville.

Residents of Washington Township have been urged to display any historical material they may have. Volunteering material from Alvarado are Miss Nancy McKeown, pictures and Mrs. L.E. Bailey, closed case articles, such as jewelry.

*The Daily Review, May 29, 1953*

**Local Schools to Graduate Students:**

This year's graduates for the Alvarado and Alviso Grammar Schools are:

**ALVARADO:**

Frank Angulo, Frank Avila, Timmie Louie, Thomas Rigmaiden, Joseph Tenorio, Manuel Vasquez, Artennesa Apadaca, Frances Alvarez, Ramona Barrera, Barbara Cicairos, Patricia Flores, Mary Martinez, Connie Moreno, Susan Preciado, Beverly Ratekin, Tony Aranda, Jesus Gonzales, Leroy

Salido, Melvin Silva, Gonzalo Torres, Thomas Villegas, Sally Avendano, Isabell Bueno, Virginia Corrales, Barbara Jones, Mary Melena, Patricia Noia, Lucille Rigmaiden and Rosemary Urrutia.

ALVISO:

Robert Emery, Alvin Faria, Elvera Garcia, Jimmy Nunes, Norma Orsetti, Fauleta Sudbury.  
*The Township Register, Niles California, June 1, 1953*

**Alexander B. Hill Estate:**

The estate of Alexander Blake Hill Jr., 54, who died on May 3, 1953, has left an estate valued at nearly \$300,000. The bulk of the property is in real estate, including an \$115,875 interest in the Golden Eagle Milling Company at Petaluma and a one third interest at his Alvarado Ranch valued at \$84,000.

His will leaves all real property except the ranch to his wife Mrs. Dorothy Patricia Hill. The interest in the Alvarado ranch is shared with his two brothers and will leave one-third interest to his daughter Mrs. Julia H. Decker of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 4, 1953*

**Historical Site Dedication:**

Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. the California State Historical Marker designating the spot of the first county seat in Alameda County will be dedicated in Alvarado. The Honorable Joseph Knowland will preside over the festivities.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 5, 1953*

**Alvarado's First Schoolhouse:**

Alvarado, being the first county seat, received early attention from school authorities. Their first school was erected on Smith Street in 1860 and served until 1924. A prior school operated in Captain Marston's home. Five students were enrolled in the first class.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 7, 1953*

**First 100 Years:**

A second century of growth was underway officially today in Alameda County. This was stressed by the three principal speakers as the county's first courthouse—its "cradle of government" at Alvarado—was dedicated as a state landmark Saturday. The ceremony was the first major event sponsored by the Alameda County Centennial Committee in observance of the county's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

*The Daily Review, June 8, 1953*

**Grads Feted:**

Members of the graduating class of the Alvarado Grammar School will be honored at a dinner preceding graduation ceremonies Wednesday night. Faculty members of the school board, parents, and graduates are invited to dinner being served by Mrs. Mary Gastelum and Dorothy Vargas, of the cafeteria staff.

*The Daily Review, June 9, 1953*

**SPRSI:**

President Helen Goularte, Alvarado SPRSI announced that the next meeting would be June 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. at the Alvarado Eagles Hall.

*The Daily Review, June 11, 1953*

**Crop Duster Crash:**

George Ball, about 35, was killed today when the airplane in which he was crop dusting crashed in a field off of Beard Road, two miles south of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 13, 1953*

**Mother's Club:**

At the last meeting of the Alvarado Mother's Club it was decided to buy playground equipment for the school. The executive board and the principal will meet with the trustees to discuss the proper equipment. All interested parties are invited to attend.

*The Daily Review, June 16, 1953*

**Farm Bureau:**

Alvarado Farm Bureau will hold the annual picnic Tuesday at noon at Hayward Memorial Park. Project for their meeting Thursday was a review of past projects.

*The Daily Review, June 26, 1953*

**VFW:**

Flower arrangements for the VFW convention in Oakland were made by Alvarado's Paul E. Rivers VFW Auxiliary. On the committee were Marjorie Re, Mary Silveira, Wilma Silva, and Mildred Silva. Attending the convention were members Marjorie Re, Mrs. Silva, Leonard Silva, Gene Rose and Norman Silveira.

*The Daily Review, June 26, 1953*

**Classified Ad:**

WOMEN WANTED:

General Office, Alvarado (25-30), \$200 Up.

At Hoppes Agency

1815 Telegraph Ave, Fox Oakland Building

*The Oakland Tribune, June 30, 1953*

**Judge Quaresma:**

Judge E. A. Quaresma of Niles was elected president of the Washington Union High School Board of Trustees during a meeting Wednesday night. Succeeding S. C. Scott of Newark, Judge Quaresma will be assisted by M. J. Bernardo of Centerville and Andrew K. Logan of Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, July 2, 1953*

**Alvarado SPRSI:**

The Alvarado SPRSI has named its delegates to the SPRSI convention to be held in Fresno July 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>. The delegates are Helen Goularte, Mayme Roderick, Angie Vargas, and Mae Santos.

*The Daily Review, July 2, 1953*

**Auto Mishap:**

Consuelo Diosdado Saucedo of Alvarado was involved in an auto mishap near at Arf Avenue, near Mt. Eden recently. She was not injured.

*The Daily Review, July 8, 1953*

**A.S. Dutra Dies:**

Antone S. Dutra of Hayward passed away July 12<sup>th</sup> at age 56. He was a brother to Manuel Dutra of Alvarado and grandfather to Deborah and Tom Dutra of Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, July 13, 1953*

**War Casualty:**

PFC Gilbert Villareal, brother of Abel V. Villareal of Alvarado, has been reported as wounded in action in the Korean conflict.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 19, 1953*

**American Pipe Co.:**

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce will honor officials of American Pipe and Construction Company during a groundbreaking ceremony for their new \$750,000 Alvarado Plant here.

Three months of site preparation by East Bay Excavating Company has now been completed and construction is ready to commence on the building between the future freeway and Alquire Road north of Holly sugar.

Manufacturing is anticipated to begin on a small scale late this summer, gradually increasing toward a date later next year when the entire present plant at 85<sup>th</sup> Avenue and San Leandro Boulevard, Oakland, will be transferred to this site.

*The Daily Review, July 20, 1953*

#### **Castro Street:**

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce has petitioned the Board of Supervisors for acceptance of Castro Street in Alvarado as a County Road. The request has been referred to the County Surveyor and the Planning Commission.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 27, 1953*

#### **T.P. Harvey Estate:**

The estate of T.P. Harvey has been appraised at \$447,170, according to a report filed in the Alameda County Superior Court Friday. Mr. Harvey, an Alvarado rancher, was found dead beside a fishing stream east of Decoto on May 19, 1952. The bulk of his estate is left to his present wife, Mrs. Margot Harvey.

*The Daily Review, July 28, 1953*

#### **Edwin A. Richmond:**

Much of the history of Washington Township is recorded in the name of Edwin A. Richmond, 77, of Centerville, who this week turned his job over to General Manager of the Alameda County Water District to Mathew Whitfield Jr. Richmond is the brother of the late Supervisor Ralph Richmond of Alvarado. His father was Edmond Addison Richmond, Washington Township Justice of the Peace and long time Postmaster for Alvarado. Mr. Richmond has served the district since 1930 and will continue on as a consultant.

*The Daily Review, July 29, 1953*

#### **Early Movie Actor Dies:**

A former rodeo rider who appeared in early Essanay Films produced in Niles when Mary Pickford was there, died yesterday at his home. He was Peter Campana, 58, 436 Alquire Road, Alvarado.

Mr. Campana was known as a rider in rodeos in Salinas, Modesto, Livermore and other local points. Until a few months ago, he had lived in Oakland where he had retired as an auto wrecker.

*The Daily Review, July 31, 1953*

#### **News Note:**

Earnest R. Andrade of Alvarado has had his driver's license put on probation.

*The Daily Review, August 4, 1953*

#### **Korean War Casualty:**

PFC Manuel R. Soto, son of Mr. & Mrs. Manuel P. Soto of Alvarado, was wounded in action in Korea during two weeks before the Armistice. A native of Madeira, he joined the Army in 1951 and was assigned to overseas duty six months ago.

*The Daily Review, August 10, 1953*

#### **Sugar:**

Farmers are harvesting sugar beets in Washington Township signaling the opening of the Holly Sugar mill run for 1953. Holly is expecting to refine 600,000 100-pound bags of sugar this season, which will exceed last year's production by 20 per cent. Alvarado will also process beets from other parts of Alameda County as well as from inland farms.

*The Daily Review, August 12, 1953*

#### **Alvaradan Jailed:**

Everisto Arreola Torres, 38, of 18 V Street, Alvarado, was placed under arrest for running a "wetback" boarding house in Oakland. Mr. Torres boarded 10 Mexicans in a small flat in Oakland

and hired a woman to cook for them and then transported the workers each day to a pear orchard near Alvarado to work as fruit pickers.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 21, 1953*

#### **News Note:**

Reorganization of the Washington Township Chamber of Commerce moved a step nearer last night as the chamber voted for the appointment of a committee to draw up reorganization plans. Named on the committee from Alvarado was George Vargas.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 25, 1953*

#### **Graduate Joins Health Department:**

Miss Angelita Preciado, a recent graduate of Washington Union High School, has joined the staff of the Alameda County Health Department according to word received from Chester Stanley, Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

Miss Preciado, who is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Preciado of Alvarado, will be the clerk for the public health laboratory located in San Leandro.

*The Daily Review, September 8, 1953*

#### **Mother's Club:**

The Alvarado Mother's Club is throwing a luncheon tomorrow at the Alvarado Grammar School for the teachers.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 9, 1953*

#### **Mosquitoes:**

Just the other day we heard reports that culex tarsalis was rampant around the marshes west of Alvarado and that anopheles had sprung up in Niles Canyon. Though not quite sure what these evil things were, we had an idea that maybe germ warfare had finally arrived. Come to find out, they were merely technical names for plain old mosquitoes, and the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District already has the situation under control.

*The Daily Review, September 10, 1953*

#### **Amador Melena Dies:**

Final rites were today here for Amador Melena, 51, of Alvarado, the father of 11 children who died at UC Berkeley Hospital. He leaves his wife, Maria and children: Marcelino, Manuel, Lupe, Mary, Henrietta, Amador Jr., Gloria and Alfred Melena.

*The Daily Review, September 16, 1953*

#### **Simeon Buchannan Dies:**

Simeon Augustus Dunn Buchannan, 82, died last night in a Hayward Sanitarium where he had been staying during a yearlong illness. Mr. Buchannan, a descendant of a pioneer Alvarado-Newark area family, was a native of Alvarado and was a partner in a general store in Newark for many years with the late supervisor, Ralph Richmond. Following his retirement 20 years ago he had been living on his farm on Lowry Road, Alvarado.

He was the brother of Mrs. Margaret W. Emery of Newark (a native of Alvarado), the uncle of Weston B. Emery, Mrs. Orma Decker, all Alvarado natives. He was a bachelor.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 17, 1953*

#### **TB X-Rays:**

To help locate unknown cases of TB in Washington Township, a mini-film chest X-Ray survey will be conducted in October County Health officials said today. The TV detection project will be sponsored cooperatively by the Alameda County TB and Health Association and the Alameda County Health Department, with Mrs. J. R. Whipple of Niles, chairman.

The coordinator for the Alvarado area is Mrs. Marie Falkowski. The equipment will be in the Alvarado area on October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

*The Daily Review, September 23, 1953*

**Upcoming Election:**

SPECIAL BOND ELECTION, PRECINCT J:

(Comprising portions of general election precinct Nos.: Alvarado 1 & 2, and the first precinct of Decoto).

POLLING PLACE: F.O.E. Hall, Vallejo Street, Alvarado

Inspector: Helen Anderson

Judge: Isabel Menezes

Clerk: Annie L. Baird

*The Daily Review, September 25, 1953*

**Labor Camp Death:**

Agustin Quintero, 27, believed to be a Mexican "wetback," who has been in this country a short time, was killed in a melee at the Alvarado Labor Camp on Fair Ranch Road at approximately 3:00 a.m. today. Quintero was pronounced dead by a Niles physician. His death was apparently caused by a blow to the head with four-foot tree limb. A suspect in the case, Serifino T. Rios, 27, also a Mexican "wetback" was held for questioning.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 29, 1953*

**Static Stench:**

Things are a standstill in the Washington Township stink probe, with the Chamber of Commerce having asked the County Board of Supervisors to investigate. For about two weeks, varying in strength from merely nauseating to overpowering, the smell has wafted around Alvarado, Newark, Niles, Centerville and Irvington. A reaction with paint pigments have given a brown stain to many residences, which doesn't add much cheer to the residents.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 29, 1953*

**Theodore Lemos Dies:**

Theodore L. Lemos, 51, a native of Alvarado died in Hayward September 29<sup>th</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 30, 1953*

**News Notes:**

Pvt. Kay Mayeda, son of Mr. & Mrs. Asago Mayeda of Alvarado, recently graduated from the Engineer Spare Parts Specialists School at the Yokohama Engineer Depot in Japan.

Mrs. & Mrs. Frank Vargas took in the Sinaloa Club in San Francisco recently.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 1, 1953*

**Driver's Licenses:**

Joe V. Ramirez of Alvarado has had his driver's license revoked. Everado Gonzalez of Alvarado has had his driver's license reinstated.

*The Daily Review, October 3, 1953*

**Bond Issues:**

Information on the coming October 14<sup>th</sup> flood control elections will be given at a public mass meeting to be held tomorrow night by the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce. Alvarado is part of Zone 3-A, which includes parts of Mt. Eden, Tennyson, Baumberg, Valle Vista, Hillview Crest, Fairway and southern Hayward.

*The Daily Review, October 6, 1953*

**Bond Issues:**

Bond issues totaling \$5,756,000, which will finance storm drainage and flood control in the southern part of the Hayward and areas south of Hayward were approved in special elections yesterday. In zone 3-A, largest and most important affecting the Hayward area the measure carried by a margin of 449 over the two-thirds required for a win.



Zone 3-A covers southern Hayward, Tennyson, Valle Vista, Fairway and Hillview, Mt. Eden, Baumberg and Alvarado. The vote in Zone 3-A was Yes 1,060, No 285.

*The Daily Review, October 15, 1953*

### **Plane Crash:**

The Civil Aeronautics Board said today that heavy ice forming on the wings of a Trans Ocean Air Liner probably was the cause of its crash, which killed 35 persons in an Alvarado barley field last March 20<sup>th</sup>. The DC-4, carrying mostly military personnel from Roswell, New Mexico, crashed as it was approaching Oakland Airport.

*The Daily Review, October 15, 1953*

### **Around Town:**

Houseguests for the coming season at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Antone Santos, 1929 Vallejo Street, Alvarado, are the Manuel Pacheco's of New Bedford, Massachusetts. Mrs. Pacheco is Mrs. Santos' cousin.

Little Michael Bratton of Alvarado, now recovering at San Jose Hospital where he was rushed with a serious case of pneumonia last week. He is due home soon.

Mr. & Mrs. Jess Jacinto Jr. is now occupying a new home in Centerville's Glennwood Garden's tract, with sons Terry and Michael. Jacinto is associated with his father in the grocery business in Alvarado.

Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Ramm and son of Berkeley visited the Frank Silveira's of Granger Avenue last Sunday.

*The Daily Review, October 19, 1953*

### **Evidence of Early Inhabitants:**

Anthropology diggings done under the auspices of the San Francisco State College Anthropologist Dr. Adam E. Treganza, has unearthed evidence of "Costanoan Indian" burial mounds on the Patterson Property (near the Coyote Hills) that date back from 1000 to 1500 B.C., the oldest inhabited site found thus far in the immediate Bay Area. Although the sites are primitive they do not reveal much about the inhabitants as to burial objects and every day utensils.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 29, 1953*

### **News Notes:**

It is good news to hear that Patrick Bratton is now home and feeling fine after being in the San Jose Hospital for a week with bronchial pneumonia.

Also on the sick list are Norma Jean and Debbie Silveira and Pamela Perry.

It was a beautiful day last Sunday for the Rosary Procession and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at the Holy Family Novitiate in Mission San Jose. The girls from Alvarado who marched in the procession were: Elaine Pinto, Mary Ann Travers, Betty Jean Pimentel, Carol Silva, Carol Andrade, Christine Silva, Joan Vierra, Sharon Alexander, Rosemarie Alvarez, Frances Alvarez, Frances Araya, Pat Flores and Pat Noia.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, October 29, 1953*

### **Washington High Carnival:**

The Washington Union High School annual carnival is scheduled for Saturday evening. This year's affair will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. in the high school gymnasium in Centerville. Fifteen different concessions will be featured, as well as dancing and refreshments. Highlight of the evening will be the coronation of the carnival queen. The girl who sells the greatest amount of tickets will reign over the evening's events.

The contestant from Alvarado is Miss Isabel Hendrickson.

*The Daily Review, November 2, 1953*

### **Township Cake Contest:**

Competing with 87 contestants, Mrs. Caroline Brown of Centerville walked off with top honors in a cake-baking contest held last week at Washington Union High School. In the "teenage" division, Beverly Spurlock, 2045 Smith Street, Alvarado, won first prize. Special prizes went to Mrs. Rose Escobar of Irvington and Diana Caldeira Newark.

*The Daily Review, November 2, 1953*

#### **News Notes:**

To the family of Irvin Leroy Sibley, a son, J.C. Sibley, born November 8<sup>th</sup>. The family resides at 1311 Smith Street, Alvarado.

Last Friday evening, Mrs. Margie Re was given a surprise birthday party by a group of 25 former working pals at Rheem in Newark.

Mr. & Mrs. Ivan Best have announced the engagement of their daughter, Margie to Frank Adams of Newark.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 12, 1953*

#### **New Arrival:**

Born in Hayward on November 3<sup>rd</sup> to Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Ruiz, a daughter, Vivian, 7 pounds 2 ounces.

*The Daily Review, November 12, 1953*

#### **News Note:**

Isabel Hendrickson of Alvarado was named as a runner-up to Donna Bettencourt as queen of the Washington Union High School PTA carnival.

*The Daily Review, November 12, 1953*

#### **Show Birds:**

Ever hear of red, pink, orange, white and bronze canaries? Mrs. Mary Spurlock of Alvarado who raises them for show says that people with birdbrains call them "dimorphic canaries," which translates to mean, "layer upon layer of color." Anyhow, a note from that part of the county says Mrs. Spurlock and friends will be in Santa Cruz for the California Color Breeders show tomorrow.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 12, 1953*

#### **News Notes:**

Having dinner last week at Fisherman's Wharf were Elvin, Jean, Danny, Dickie, Stanley, Dale and Marvin Rose. They celebrated Dickie's 9<sup>th</sup> birthday and had a very nice time.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Banworth of Alvarado entertained Mr. Otto Banworth and son Walter of Oakland. Sharon Alexander celebrated her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday. She had a few friends and they went to the show and had a marvelous time. She received many fine gifts.

Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Hendricks and son Glenn; Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Freitas, and son Kenneth; Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Freitas, and daughter Charlene; attended a dinner in San Francisco at the home of Mr. & Mrs. James Wallace.

*The Alvarado Pioneer, November 19, 1953*

#### **Friden Calculator Service Pins:**

Friden Calculating Machines of San Leandro will present service awards to 102 employees at the firm's 10<sup>th</sup> annual awards and dinner ceremony to be held Friday evening at the Claremont Hotel.

Mary Hughes, 891 Watkins Street and Marie Jardin P.O. Box 134 of Alvarado will be recipients of service awards.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 3, 1953*

#### **News Notes:**

From Hillview Crest to Vallejo Street, Alvarado, are Mr. & Mrs. James Stiarwalt, Renee, Jimmy, Johnny and Sherryll.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Andrade formerly of Alvarado, now of Mission San Jose, are the proud parents of a baby girl born on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Enjoying Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Andrade were: Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Andrade and daughter Linda, Mr. & Mrs. Norman Andrade and daughters, Mr. & Mrs. George Andrade and children, Marlene Andrade, Dick Andrade, and Sharon Perry.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 3, 1953*

**Commercial Advertisement:**

BARNEY BERNARD  
Is the new owner at the  
ALVARADO LIQUOR STORE  
Next to Central Bank --- Alvarado  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 3, 1953*

**Commercial Advertisement:**

GEORGE'S TV --- ALVARADO  
Services Television Sets  
Phone: ALvarado 55-721 or 55-728  
GEORGE FAMILY  
Represents 21 Years with General Petroleum  
Television Repairs by Experienced Technicians  
F.P. GEORGE & SON  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 3, 1953*

**Classified Ad:**

FOR SALE:  
1-Money weight Dayton scale, style No. 1144, priced to sell \$200.  
1-American slicing machine, priced at \$60.  
See Barney at the Alvarado Liquor Store.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 3, 1953*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce will meet at the fire hall Thursday at 8:00 p.m. The meeting is set one week ahead due to a conflict with the Christmas program at the school on December 17<sup>th</sup>.  
*The Oakland Tribune, December 8, 1953*

**Clothes for the Needy:**

The Girls League of Washington Union High School here is now collecting clothing for needy children. Most of the garments will go to Navajo children, but bundles will be sent to other countries if a sufficient number are collected.

Residents of Washington Township wishing to donate articles of clothing are asked to contact high school students in their neighborhoods or to call the high school. Among those working on the drive are Isabel Hendrickson, Alvarado; Marilyn Ratliff, Irvington; and Shirley Caldwell of Niles.  
*The Daily Review, December 8, 1953*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

New officers for the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce will be appointed January 7<sup>th</sup> by a board of directors, which was re-elected at a meeting of the chamber last night. Directors serving for another term include Joe Lewis, George Vargas, Leslie Maffey, Warren Silva, Mrs. Susie Lemos, Damaso Diaz, Manuel Borges, Bill Gianella and Angelo Dekidos.  
*The Daily Review, December 11, 1953*

**Murder Suspect:**

Serfino Rios Tofolla, 29, a Mexican national, will appear before Superior Judge James R. Agee tomorrow for sentencing on a second degree murder charge, which carries a penalty of five years to life in San Quentin prison.

Tofolla was found guilty yesterday by jury of the September 27<sup>th</sup> slaying of fellow countryman Augustine Quintero, whom he clubbed to death outside a tavern in Alvarado.  
*The Oakland Tribune, December 17, 1953*

**Auto Crash:**

Jesus M. Garcia, 30, 1022 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Alvarado, escaped serious injury although his car was demolished last night when it hit a concrete railing of a bridge at Alquire Road and Smith Streets in Alvarado. Garcia was traveling east on Smith Street when he apparently lost control of his car and hit the curved railing.  
*The Daily Review, December 21, 1953*

**News Notes:**

Momoyo Nishi passed away December 21, after a lingering illness. She was a native of Japan and was 68 years old. She is survived by her husband Teisuke Nishi of Alvarado.  
George Andrade of Hayward, son of Carrie and Henry Andrade of Alvarado, was operated on for appendicitis.  
Henry and Carrie Andrade and Dick and Isolda Mondon, his nurse, are planning a trip to Mexico after the first of the year.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 24, 1953*

**News Notes:**

Attending the Holy Communion at the Holy Ghost Church in Centerville and the subsequent breakfast at the hall near the church from Alvarado were:

|                  |                    |                |              |
|------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Helen Villalobos | Isabel Hendrickson | Susan Preciado | Pat Noia     |
| Frances Alvarez  | Frances Araya      | Pat Flores     | Bob Richmond |
| Frank Richmond   |                    |                |              |

Spending Christmas Eve at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Chick Vargas and Mel Silva Jr., were Mr. & Mrs. Mel Silva of San Leandro, Mrs. Frances Allegre of Creek Road and Mr. & Mrs. Tony Borges. They all had a very nice time.  
*The Alvarado Pioneer, December 31, 1953*

**Zoning Master Plan:**

A group of men, all experts in their field, are working quietly to change the map of Southern Alameda County. With the result that one of these days there may be a planned system of industry, business sections, farms and residential areas stretching solidly from here ([Oakland](#)) to San Jose. Everybody probably realizes that the star of the future development shines in the open lands of Eden and Washington Townships.

The master plan, when it is finished, will set forth for consideration by county officials, already working on the problem on their own, the ideas of some of this county's leading men on the future use of thousands of acres. One of the projects being discussed, as an example, is the zoning of between 1,500 to 2,000-acres in the Alvarado area, which has access to both the Southern Pacific and Western Pacific Railroads and direct access to the proposed new Eastshore Freeway for industry.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 3, 1954*

**Alvarado Air Disaster:**

Alvarado had the dubious honor of placing 6<sup>th</sup> on the top ten news stories in California in 1953. UPI has named the tragic crash of the Trans Ocean DC-4 crash of March 20<sup>th</sup> as the 6<sup>th</sup> most newsworthy even in California in 1953. That crash took the lives of 35 (32 servicemen) persons when their plane crashed in Frank Andrada's barley field near Whipple and Alquire Road.  
*The Daily Review, January 6, 1954*

**News Notes:**

Mr. & Mrs. John Ratekin and daughter Beverly had a wonderful time visiting in Grand Junction, Idaho over the Holidays.  
Kay Dudinsky, formerly of Vallejo Street, Alvarado, spent a few days with Mr. & Mrs. Frank Banworth.

A very good time was had at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Azevedo, Marlene, Kathy and Michael on New Year's Eve. In attendance were:

|                            |                           |                      |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Flores | Elizabeth & Pat Flores    | Mr. & Mrs. John Bond |
| Ruthie Bond                | Mr. & Mrs. Frank Roderick |                      |

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Perry and family entertained:

|                            |                                  |                     |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Goularte | Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pimentel Family | Mrs. Anna Rodriguez |
| Mrs. Mary Faria of Alviso  |                                  |                     |

Mr. & Mrs. Emilio Re entertained the following on New Year's Eve:

|                                |                          |                        |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Bettencourt | Mr. & Mrs. Walter Hansen | Mr. & Mrs. Joe Perry   |
| Mr. & Mrs. Antone Rodgers      | Mr. & Mrs. Mike Gardetto | Mr. & Mrs. Joe Lewis   |
| Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Goularte     | Mr. & Mrs. David Priego  | Mr. & Mrs. Gene Sylvia |
| Mr. & Mrs. Edward Vargas       | Mr. Silvio "Dutch" Re    |                        |

*The Alvarado Pioneer, January 7, 1954*

### **Alvarado School:**

Events noted by an Oakland Tribune reporter while visiting Alvarado Grammar School:

The Fifth Graders made some good safety rules that should be followed. The Junior Traffic Patrol staged a flag ceremony with Captain Tadao Hisaoka in charge. Bobby Velarde, 12, who has a beautiful voice, sang the "Star Spangled Banner." My helpers at the Alvarado School were Richard Amador, Mathew Avendano and Alex Villalobos, all sixth graders.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 8, 1954*

### **Chamber of Commerce:**

Warren Silva was re-elected president of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce Thursday night. Also re-elected was Leslie Maffey as Secretary and Joe Lewis was named as Vice-President. The officers were elected by a Board of Directors that includes George Vargas, Mrs. Susie Lemos, Damaso Diaz, Manuel Borges, Bill Gianella, Angelo Dekidos, Warren Silva, Leslie Maffey and Joe Lewis.

*The Daily Review, January 11, 1954*

### **Mother's Club:**

The Alvarado Mother's Club plans a "giant" card party for February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the Alvarado School auditorium. There will be prizes and refreshments.

*The Daily Review, January 21, 1954*

### **Chamber of Commerce:**

A decision to withhold its dues in the Washington Township Chamber of Commerce was reached last night by the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce members have agreed that the dues will be withheld until the township body completes its current efforts to reorganize.

*The Daily Review, January 22, 1954*

### **Registration:**

In order to vote in elections you must have been a resident of California for one year and a resident of Alameda County for 90 days, plus you must register at least 54 days before the election.

In Alvarado you may register with Mrs. Mae Santos, 1070 Levee Street, Alvarado.

The office is open on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Closed between 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.)

*The Daily Review, February 4, 1954*

### **American Pipe:**

American Pipe and Construction Company is now fully operational at its new \$1,000,000 plant in Alvarado on Alquire Road. The plant manufactures steel-reinforced concrete pipe for storm drains, culverts and sewers. It is the fourth pipe manufacturing plant in Washington Township. Others are the California Pottery Company, U.S. Pipe and Foundry Company, and Orangeburg Manufacturing Company.

*The Daily Review, February 9, 1954*

### **Hot Rod Racing:**

Fifty radio-equipped hot rods apparently made a clean get away late last night as units from the California Highway Patrol and Hayward Police Department converged to assist sheriff's deputies in stopping a hot-rod gathering.

Some 200 teenagers, according to the report for help radioed by sheriff's deputies, were racing 50 hot rods up and down the highway on Marsh Road between Alvarado and Decoto ([Newark?](#)).

*The Daily Review, February 9, 1954*

### **License to Marry:**

Joseph Anthony Silva, Alvarado, 21  
Beverly Jean Whitney, Alvarado, 18

*The Oakland Tribune, February 20, 1954*

### **Chamber of Commerce:**

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce has endorsed a move by the Alvarado School District Board to raise taxes from 90¢ per \$100 of assessed value to \$1.40. The issue will be on the March 26<sup>th</sup> ballot.

Joe Lewis and John Ratekin were appointed to study costs of building a bus shelter for Washington High School students.

*The Daily Review, February 22, 1954*

### **Firemen See Oil Fire Film:**

Members of the Alameda County Firemen's Association saw a special film demonstrating the methods of extinguishing oil fires during a meeting of the association held here on Friday. Fire Chief Whitey Klaus of the Avon Refinery, Martinez, showed the film to nearly 100 firemen. Alvarado Fire Chief Elvin Rose acted as host.

The meeting of the group will be held March 26<sup>th</sup> at the Cherryland Fire Department according to Ken Garcia, President of the Decoto Fireman's Association.

*The Daily Review, March 2, 1954*

### **Mrs. August May Dies:**

Mrs. Jeanette Decoto May, aged 83, died yesterday in her Alvarado home at 947 Vallejo Street. She was the widow of the late August May, prominent Alvarado businessman and pioneer. Mrs. May was the daughter of Ezra Decoto, pioneer settler in this area for which the town of Decoto is named. Mrs. May was well known and loved in Alvarado for social and charity work.

*The Daily Review, March 5, 1954*

### **Classified Ad:**

FOR SALE – USED CARS:

1953 Mercury Monterey, hardtop, radio, heater, spotlights, low mileage, perfect condition.  
\$2,495 or best offer.

Phone: **AL**varado 55-826 after 6 p.m.

*The Daily Review, March 5, 1954*

**Classified Ad:**

FOR MISCELLANEOUS:

Neon Signs:

Reads Pottery, 4 X 5 feet.

Phone: **AL**varado 55-826 after 6 p.m.

*The Daily Review, March 5, 1954*

**Basketball Tournament:**

Washington Union High School's invitational tournament for elementary schools in the township ended on the weekend with Centerville, Alvarado, and Barnard School of Decoto winning the final games in the lightweight, intermediate, and unlimited classifications respectively. Scores for the final games, Centerville 14, Newark 5; Alvarado 14, Centerville 6; Barnard School 34, Mission San Jose 21. Coaching the Alvarado squad was Mr. John Bond.

*The Daily Review, March 7, 1954*

**PTA:**

The Alvarado PTA will be shown films of the atomic bomb explosions at Yucca Flats. The meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. at the Alvarado School and the public is invited to attend the movie.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 8, 1954*

**Louis Joseph Dies:**

Louis Joseph of Centerville passed away March 11, 1954 at the age of 75 years. He was the devoted husband of Mary Joseph. Mr. Joseph was a native of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 14, 1954*

**National Guard Unit:**

Albert J. Hernandez, of Alvarado, has joined the Centerville National Guards "C" Battery of the 629<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion, which is located at the end of Alder Avenue in Centerville. This is a newly formed unit and last night the dedicatory celebration of the new armory plus the swearing in of five new soldiers.

*The Daily Review, March 19, 1954*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

Foregoing their regular April meeting, the members of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce will hold a tamale dinner April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Alvarado Grammar School. Members of the Alvarado Fire Department will be their special guests.

*The Daily Review, March 20, 1954*

**School Tax Hike:**

A tax raise, from the present 90¢ to \$1.40, will be sought by **the Alvarado School District** for the coming year according to District Superintendent Leslie Maffey. The added money will be used to buy a new school bus and make needed improvements to the school. The present school bus is on loan from the county.

*The Daily Review, March 24, 1954*

**Alvarado School Student Body Officers:**

**Alvarado Grammar School** has elected its Student Body Officers. They Are: Cruz Figueroa, President; Tadao Hisaoka, Vice President; Carole Burns, Secretary; Mary Ann Travers, Treasurer; Patricia Vargas, Parliamentarian; Bobby Velarde, Sergeant-at-Arms; Mary Rigmaiden, Reporter; Albert Cicairos, Monitor.

*The Daily Review, March 24, 1954*

**Liquor Permit:**

The State Board of Equalization said it proposes to revoke the on-sale beer license of T. Estrada, 1090 Levee Street, Alvarado, for possession of distilled spirits and unbroken bottles.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 26, 1954***

**Sugar:**

The purchase of an office building site in San Mateo was announced here today by the Holly Sugar Company. Completion of the building will mean removal of the company's engineering section from the Alvarado factory, but will not change the operation of the sugar factory.

Other units to be housed in the new office building will be production, agricultural and accounting departments now located in Stockton, and western sales offices, now located in San Francisco.

***The Daily Review, March 30, 1954***

**Around Town:**

**Mrs. F. M. Best** of Alvarado, and her cousin, Mrs. Elzie Lilja of Shell Lake, Wisconsin, recently concluded a five-week trip to Duluth Valley, Boulder Dam, the Grand Canyon and National City. Mrs. Lilja, who arrived here in January, will remain for a few more weeks before going on to visit relatives in Everett, Washington.

The Galloping Goose Pinochle Club met at the home of **Mrs. F.M. Best** in Alvarado.

***The Daily Review, March 30, 1954***

**Township Newspapers:**

Four Washington Township newspapers have consolidated under one management, according to an announcement made yesterday by George Oakes, publisher of the Washington News and the Alvarado Pioneer, and Stuart Nixon, publisher of the Township Register and the Newark Express.

The four newspapers, and the Milpitas Star, also published by Oakes, will become one corporation, Washington Township Newspaper Incorporated.

***The Daily Review, April 2, 1954***

**News Note:**

Frank S. Richmond is mourning the passing of his father, Charles P. Richmond in Phoenix Arizona on March 31st.

***The Oakland Tribune, April 2, 1954***

**Alvarado PTA:**

The Alvarado Mother's Club voted to join the Alvarado PTA at a monthly meeting Thursday. A resolution was presented and passed to dissolving the Alvarado Mother's Club.

The nominating committee for the election of the new PTA officers was chosen as follows: Mmes. Mary Spurlock, Eldora Pinto, Jane Dakin, Evelyn Silva, and Zola Smith. The by-laws committee was also elected: Mmes. Gladys Hersey, Emily Noia, and Alice Mendes.

***The Daily Review, April 7, 1954***

**Improved Phone Service:**

Decoto and Alvarado telephone subscribers will have dial service to Hayward numbers beginning Sunday. S. D. Smith, district manager for Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company said that the improved service would include telephone numbers with the prefixes of **LU** (**LU**cerne), **BR** (**BR**owning), and **JE** (**JE**fferson).

A central exchange for intertown dial service for Irvington, Mission San Jose, and Warm Springs has been approved, but until installation is completed residents of other Washington Township communities will have to continue to call the Operator for all numbers outside their respective communities.

***The Daily Review, April 8, 1954***

**Villareal Promoted:**



Promoted to Sgt. recently was Gilbert V. Villareal, son of Mr. & Mrs. Luis Villareal. The new sergeant is a squad leader in the 17<sup>th</sup> Regiment's Company F of the 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, now serving in Korea. He has been in the Army since October 1952, and was stationed at Fort Ord in Monterey California before his present assignment in Korea.

*The Daily Review, April 8, 1954*

**Mary E. Pimentel Dies:**

Died in Hayward on April 8<sup>th</sup>, Mary E. Pimentel, wife of the late Joseph J. Pimentel. Aged 63 years Mrs. Pimentel was a native of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 9, 1954*

**Polio Vaccine Tests:**

In recent action taken by trustees of the Alvarado and Niles school district, the polio vaccine field trials have been approved for primary school children of the district subject to the approval of their parents. The vaccine will not be administered to any child without the prior written approval from his parents.

*The Daily Review, April 12, 1954*

**VFW:**

Ernest Machado will be installed as commander of Paul Rivers Post, No. 7906, VFW of Alvarado. Norman Silveira was installed as Senior Vice-Commander. Other officers installed were: Jess Jacinto, Edward Silva, Alfred Labon, Bradley Martinez, Harold Delgado, Ed Fantuzzi, Gene Rose, Leonard Silva, Raymond Dias, Edward Mello, John Shestack, Frank Sacramento, and William Silva.

*The Daily Review, April 14, 1954*

**Classified Ad:**

TRUCKS & COMMERCIAL CARS:

DODGE 1952 ½ ton pickup; heater; good condition.

Alvarado 55-760, through Friday. Evenings.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 17, 1954*

**New Arrival:**

To the wife of Mr. Nicholas Campbell, General Delivery, Alvarado, April 10<sup>th</sup>, a daughter Wanda Lorraine.

*The Daily Review, April 15, 1954*

**New Arrival:**

To the wife Alexander Aranda, Alvarado, a girl.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 20, 1954*

**School Faculty:**

The school faculty (certificated & non-certificated) are: Mrs. Virginia Moy, Mrs. Mary Gastelum, Ms. Sharon Hersha, Mrs. Evalene Griffin, Mrs. Dorothy Vargas, Mrs. Gladys Hersey, Mr. Stephen Graves, Mrs. Jane Dakin, Ms. Zoe Smith, Mr. Tony Alexander, Mr. Norman Silveira, Mr. John Bond, Mr. Leslie Maffey and Mrs. Hilda Widdop.

*The Daily Review, April 21, 1954*

**If a Woodchuck Could Cut Wood...:**

For 20 minutes Tuesday, the highest governing body in Alameda County, the Board of Supervisors, devoted lengthy and verbose attention to a request from the I.D.E.S. Lodge of Alvarado. The lodge wants permission to hold a parade next month.

There was not question about whether or not the permit would be granted. It's all a matter of protocol. The supervisors fell to arguing over whether the request should be channeled first to the Sheriff's Department and, if that department approved then on to the supervisors, or vice versa.

The weighty matter was finally left hanging as Supervisors Harry Bartell and Clifford Wixson voted against granting the permit until the sheriff has had a chance to make sure there'll be no traffic jams in Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, April 22, 1954*

### **School Trustee Elections:**

Local elections for school trustees:

In the Alvarado School District, Wilbert Hendricks, incumbent, running unopposed.

In the Alviso School District, Ralph Logan, incumbent, running unopposed.

*The Daily Review, April 23, 1954*

### **Hot News Area:**

The Washington Township Chamber of Commerce gulped a collective gulp last night as it sat down to do business with no less than seven newspapers represented. The poised pencils almost outnumbered the eleven C of C members aboard, scribbling notes for the Oakland Tribune, the Washington News, the Niles Register, the Hayward Review, the Alvarado Pioneer, the Newark Express, the San Jose Mercury-News Herald and the Milpitas Star. Nothing hot was going on. The coverage indicates that Southern Alameda County is a big and bustling beat.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 27, 1954*

### **Bethel:**

Members of the Centerville Jobs Daughters Bethel area attempting to organize in Centerville with Mrs. Edith Slater of Newark named as guardian. On May 5<sup>th</sup> a meeting of prospective members and their mothers will be held at 1310 Smith Street, Alvarado, at 7:30 p.m. All girls between the ages of 12 and 21 years of age who live in Washington Township and who have Masonic affiliation are eligible to join.

*The Daily Review, April 28, 1954*

### **Local Soldier on Maneuvers:**

PFC Robert R. Preciado, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joe J. Preciado of 1069 W Street, Alvarado, will move to Yakima Washington for Exercise Hill Top next month. Exercise Hill Top will be a full-scale training maneuver for the Forty-fourth Division, and will be the largest joint Army-Air Force operation ever to take place in the northwest.

*The Daily Review, April 29, 1954*

### **Sugar:**

Processing of nearly 100,000 tons of sugar beets will require 300 additional employees at the Holly Sugar Mill, it was announced today by John Ratekin. The work will run for nearly two months and will produce between 26 and 30 million pounds of sugar.

The sugar company, which employs an off-season staff of 75, is the oldest sugar beet factory in the United States. Normally the season begins in the summer, but Holly, like ten other California plants, has started a spring run because of increased production in the Imperial Valley where 53,000 acres of beets will be harvested this year.

*The Daily Review, April 29, 1954*

### **License to Marry:**

Antonio Fierro, Niles, 25

Josephine Mercado Aranda, Alvarado, 22

*The Oakland Tribune, April 30, 1954*

### **Pedestrian Struck:**

A pedestrian, John Rubio, 20, of 1265 Hiway 17, Alvarado, suffered shock and compound fractures of both legs when he was struck by an auto driven by Leslie Conley, 22, of Newark. The accident occurred in front of the Alvarado Theater on Marsh Road. The injured youth is in serious condition at Highland Hospital.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 1, 1954*

**Manuel Mendonca Dies:**

Manuel T. Mendonca, husband of the late Lorena Mendonca, died May 5<sup>th</sup> in Hayward at the age of 60. He was a native of Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, May 6, 1954*

**Mother of the Year:**

The Eagle's Ladies Auxiliary will honor Mrs. Aurora Lewis as "Mother of the Year" at Monday's Mother's Day at the Eagle Hall in Alvarado. Mabel Rogers, past mother of the year, and Mary Amaral, honorary mother, will share the limelight with Mrs. Lewis.

*The Daily Review, May 8, 1954*

**Knifing:**

One man is in critical condition at Highland Hospital and another is in custody of sheriff's deputies this morning following a brawl in Alvarado last night. Leno Gevara, 25, an Alvarado ranch hand, was stabbed in the abdomen following an argument at the Luneta Café on Smith Street. Isa Topete, 39, of Gilroy, was being held at the sheriff's Washington Township substation for investigation of assault with a deadly weapon.

*The Daily Review, May 8, 1954*

**PTA Dinner:**

A "just-for-fun" dinner will be held by the Alvarado PTA, without any program, after dinner speaker, or any PTA business will be held next Wednesday evening says **Mrs. Manuel Pinto**. The dinner will be held at the Pioneer Village in MacArthur Boulevard in San Leandro.

*The Daily Review, May 10, 1954*

**PTA:**

First officers of the newly reorganized PTA in Alvarado were seated at installation ceremonies last week by **Mrs. Manuel Pinto**, past president of the Mother's Club. Members of the Mother's Club voted last month to disband and reorganize under the PTA.

The new President is Mrs. Laverne Shestack, assisting her will be: Mrs. Frank Sacramento, John Bond, Mrs. Evelyn Griffin, Mrs. Kay Silva, Stephen Graves, Mrs. Mary Spurlock, Mrs. Hilda Allegre, and Mrs. Alice Mendes.

*The Daily Review, May 10, 1954*

**Holy Ghost:**

Alvarado's festival of the Holy Ghost, first of the traditional religious and social celebrations of the Portuguese in this area, will be held on Saturday and Sunday. The Alvarado festival is held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter will be followed by similar festivals at Centerville, Mission San Jose, and Newark in Washington Township.

The history of the event dates back to the days of Queen Isabel of Portugal, a good ruler with two passions in her life, care of the poor and the adoration of the Holy Ghost. Birth of the celebration dates to a year of famine, the story relates. A religious procession to the church, to pray for food, was halted by the queen while she placed her own crown on the head of a small child, to teach that all are equal in the eyes of God. As she set the crown on the head of the child, a ship bearing food was seen entering the harbor. Thereafter the king declared the day one of celebration.

The festival vows combine religious and social observances. Queens are chosen through a succession of years of service. A little queen rules each year beside the major queen. As the years pass, she progresses through her role of attendant to side maid, and from side maid to queen. A queen must be unmarried, and must have served the required years in attendant roles before she is eligible to reign.

The fete opens Saturday night with a procession. It begins at 7:00 p.m. from the home of Mr. & Mrs. M. C. Pinto, Alvarado, parents of this year's queen, Marlene Claire Pinto. The procession travels from the Pinto home of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silveira, where Frances Silveira, Alvarado, who was last year's queen, joins the retinue and presents the lesser crown to Queen Marlene. This crown is of sterling silver and simpler in design than the one to be used in the formal coronation the following day.

*The Daily Review, May 11, 1954*

### **Washington Township Precincts:**

POLLING PLACES:

ALVARADO:

Precinct 1: Fraternal Order of Eagles Hall, Vallejo Street, Alvarado.

Precinct 2: Firehouse, Alvarado.

Precinct 3: Alviso Grammar School, Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 12, 1954*

### **News Note:**

Isabel Ripoll of Alvarado has been elected Cheer Leader at Washington Union High School.

*The Daily Review, May 12, 1954*

### **Knifing:**

Isa De Topete, Gilroy farm worker, was arraigned in Centerville's Justice Court yesterday on a charge of assault with deadly weapon. His case was continued when he asked for time to consult a lawyer.

De Topete, who speaks no English, allegedly stabbed Leno H. Gevara, an Alvarado ranch hand during a brawl at the Luneta Café in downtown Alvarado. Gevara is in Highland Hospital, still in serious condition, with a knife wound in his abdomen.

De Topete yesterday apparently had little understanding of the seriousness of his act. Speaking with the aid of an interpreter, he asked the court to check his work references and character, which he contended was good.

*The Daily Review, May 12, 1954*

### **Whist Party:**

There will be a Whist Party at the I.D.E.S. Hall, Watkins Street, Alvarado, on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. The benefit is for St. Anne's Church in Alvarado. Those who attend will be asked to make a small donation. Prizes are offered by the planning committee.

*The Daily Review, May 19, 1954*

### **New Arrival:**

Born to the wife of Ramiro Perez Jr., Alvarado, a boy.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 19, 1954*

### **School Board Meeting:**

Fences and school buses, to be purchased for next year's school term were discussed at this week's meeting of the trustee's of the Alvarado Elementary School. Board members decided to buy a 55-passenger school bus for the district's transportation needs. This is the first bus to be purchased by the district. Trustee's voted to purchase lumber and construct a fence around the primary play yard. All nine teachers were rehired for the coming year.

*The Daily Review, May 20, 1954*

### **Troops Come Home:**

The military transport Gen. John Pope arrived at the San Francisco Port of Embarkation today with 1,716 Army personnel from Korea aboard. Among them is PFC Rojelia Barrera, 408 V. Street, Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 21, 1954*

**Marlene Pinto Engagement Announced:**

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pinto, of Alquire Road, Alvarado, this week announced the engagement of their daughter, Marlene Claire, to Joseph Gaspar of Cupertino. Miss Pinto is now a student of Washington Township High School. She was recently queen of the Holy Ghost festival in Alvarado.  
*The Daily Review, May 21, 1954*

**John Silva Dies:**

John Costa Silva died in Alvarado May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the age of 73. He is the husband of Annie C. Silva and father to Mrs. Margaret Cardoza and Leonard and John Silva, all of Alvarado. He was a native of the island of Fayal, Azores.  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 24, 1954*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

In one of the most chamber-like meetings held in Washington Township this month, a handful of the membership of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce gathered last night to sing the praises of Alvarado. Routine reports were presented with examples of Alvarado's excellence in qualities that ranged from the cooking of beans to possession of the most desirable features for buying a home.

Figures quoted that showed the estimated influx of residents into California is now fixed at 1,000 persons per week. The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce members agreed that a good share of those people 1,000 people could be expected to choose locations in Alameda County, and they felt they could make no better choice than a residence in Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, May 28, 1954*

**Plane Comes Down:**

John Kettlehut, Bakersfield, an entrant in the private plane race from Tucson Arizona to Hayward California, ran low on fuel on the flight to Hayward. He landed his light plane in a tomato field on the Henry Andrade farm in Alvarado. He had it trucked to Hayward.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 29, 1954*

**Blowing of the Horn:**

(Editorial from the [Hayward Daily Review](#))

If there's one thing Alvaradan's like, it's Alvarado. At a recent meeting of the Washington Township Chamber of Commerce, the talk was sweet (naturally) to the ears of any Chamber of Commerce leader. The secretary began the meeting with a recent report on the recent county traffic patrol meet at Livermore for school traffic squads. Talk turned to refreshments, and it was reported that Alvarado had been asked to furnish the beans. "And they were the best beans there," the speaker asserted. "All the principals and school officials waited for lunch until they brought out the bean pots with the Alvarado label on them, and then they all got hungry, because the Alvarado beans were the best!" The meeting progressed and the talk turned to the population exodus to California. In general conversation it was agreed that (1) California is the best state; (2) Alameda is the best county; and (3) Alvarado was the best place to live. Members agreed they didn't want any mushrooming development like some other areas of Washington Township are seeing. "Alvarado's quieter, and we like it better that way," they nodded.

Reports went on and the speaker turned to recap of a recent Associated Chamber of Commerce meeting in Livermore. He rhapsodized over the dinner, and the quality of the barbecued steak served. "Was it Alvarado Steak?" came a sarcastic comment from the back of the room.

*The Daily Review, June 1, 1954*

**SPRSI:**

New officers were installed at the recent meeting of the SPRSI Council, No. 21, Alvarado.

Seated in office were: Helen P. Goularte, President. Assisting her will be Delinda Pimentel, Mary Silva, Mary Rivers, Isabel Mondragon, Mayme Roderick, Angie Vargas, Mary Luis, Eleanor Azevedo, Nellie Richmond, Elizabeth Flores, Anna Hendricks and Helen Perry.

Nine new members were initiated: Jennifer Mendonca, Adele Allegre, Ruth Bond, Sharon Alexander, Marlene Rogers, Ellen Pinto, Maria Jerome, Lorraine Morrera, and Theresa Sinee.  
*The Daily Review, June 4, 1954*

**News Note:**

Mrs. F. M. Best of Alvarado will be departing for a three-weeks trip to Wisconsin, with her son Ivan and her brother Charley Simpson from Stockton. They will visit many friends and relatives in her native state.

*The Daily Review, June 9, 1954*

**Classified Ad:**

FOR SALE – MISCELLANEOUS:

Squirrel cape/stole, sable dyed. Size 14 – 20, like new. \$50

Phone: **AL**varado 55940 for appointment to see.

*The Daily Review, June 10, 1954*

**Wetbacks Apprehended in Theater:**

Immigration officers stationed themselves in the lobby of the Alvarado Theater and waited for the movie to end. When fewer people came out that went in, the immigration officers went in and found twelve Mexicans hiding in the rafters. They were removed to a detention center for deportation. Similar raids were conducted at theaters throughout Washington Township.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 11, 1954*

**Local Schools to Graduate Students:**

This year's graduates for the Alvarado and Alviso Grammar Schools are:

**ALVARADO:**

Sharon Alexander, Joe Aranda, Carol Burns, Cruz Figueroa Jr., Tadao Hisaoka, Rudolph Horton, Harold Kuratori, Angel Ledesma, Alma Lopez, Henrietta Melena, Richard Pinto, Diane Ramirez, Mary Rigmaiden, Alvin Silvey, Lupe Torres, Patricia Vargas and Joan Vierra.

**ALVISO:**

Mary Alvarez, Marlene Azevedo, Georgia Brown, Nicholas Fletcher, Thelma Freitas, Richard Gomez, Jane Kato, Bonnie King, Pat Lynch, Lela Orsetti, Jean Rogers and Barbara Stone.

*The Township Register, Niles California, June 17, 1954*

**Clarence Frates Dies:**

Clarence Frates, 50, was found dead in his home on Hop Ranch Road in Alvarado, an apparent victim of a heart attack. A daughter, Jean Gail of Decoto, survives him. Mr. Frates was a native of Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, June 18, 1954*

**Plans Mapped for Final Freeway Link:**

A route for a "million dollars a mile" link for the East Shore Freeway between Oakland and San Jose has been mapped by the State Division of Highways and submitted to the County Board of supervisors.

Maps of the 14-mile, four-lane section between Mt. Eden (Jackson Street, Hayward) and Warm Springs (near the merging of the Mission San Jose Hiway and the Old Oakland Road) and a proposed Freeway arrangement with the supervisors are expected to be accepted after minor revisions. The cost is pegged at \$14,000,000.

The county has raised the question of the Baker Road ([east of Lowry Road](#)) slice that would remain after the freeway cuts through. Baker Road presently stretches from Hiway 17 east to Alameda Creek. The new freeway will cut the road in half and leave the eastern half of Baker Road without an entrance or an exit.

*The Daily Review, June 19, 1954*

### **Independence Day Celebration:**

Alvarado's Filipino community will have a double reason for celebrating on July 4<sup>th</sup>. In addition to our own Independence Day, the date will also mark the ninth year of Independence for the Philippines. Officials of both nations will be on hand for the festivities, which include a program of island dances.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 30, 1954*

### **Ribbon Cutting:**

The East Shore Freeway touched the southern boundary of the Alameda County line yesterday when officials of Alameda County and Santa Clara County joined with State of California officials for ribbon cutting for proposed 14-mile link between Warm Springs and Hayward. The construction project is scheduled to be completed in 1955 or 1956. When completed Washington Township will be linked to Oakland via a high-speed freeway.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 3, 1954*

### **Sugar:**

Mr. Ratekin, Superintendent of the Holly Sugar Mill in Alvarado, speaking of the Alvarado mill "as not the smallest, but then it's not the biggest either." According to Ratekin the mill produces 600,000 bags of sugar in a normal season. The sugar beets come from as far as Coyote ([between San Jose & Morgan Hill](#)), but the principal supplies are harvested in the San Joaquin and Sacramento Valleys, and in the Stockton area. The mill operates some farms, but depends primarily on purchasing its raw products.

*The Daily Review, July 9, 1954*

### **Manuel Andrade Dies:**

Henry Andrade of Alvarado is mourning the passing of his brother, Manuel Andrade of Centerville who passed away yesterday of a heart attack at the age of 60.

*The Daily Review, July 9, 1954*

### **Thugs Mug Niles Man:**

Two thugs jumped a Niles man on an Alvarado street early Sunday morning, hit him over the head and fled with his wallet containing \$148. The men were not apprehended.

*The Daily Review, July 12, 1954*

### **Classified Ad:**

HELP WANTED – MALE:

3 Handymen for building repair. \$1.00 per hour, steady.

Phone: **AL**varado 55-826 after 7 p.m.

*The Daily Review, July 20, 1954*

### **Classified Ad:**

STOCK – POULTRY SUPPLIES:

Baled hay, wild rye, volunteer barley with head on. \$20 a ton.

Conner, Phone: **AL**varado 55-826

*The Daily Review, July 23, 1954*

### **Marriage License:**

Jesse Perez de Anda, 19, Niles

Natalie Joyce Cicairos, 18, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, August 4, 1954*

**News Note:**

Joe Shestack of Alvarado is one of twenty-eight new sheriff's reserve for Washington Township.  
*The Daily Review, August 5, 1954*

**Filipino Community Dance:**

The board of supervisors have granted a request from the Alvarado Filipino Community to hold a dance in the I.D.E.S. Hall on Watkins Street in Alvarado on August 29, 1954.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 16, 1954*

**Classified Ad:**

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE:

Commercial reach-in, 8 foot; practically new. Best offer takes.

Alvarado 55-833

*The Oakland Tribune, August 16, 1954*

**Miss Marlene Pinto to Wed:**

An early fall wedding date has been selected by Miss Marlene Pinto, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pinto, Alquire Road, Alvarado. She will wed Joseph Gaspar of Cupertino.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 17, 1954*

**Shoreline Improvement:**

The state has allocated \$500,000 to Alameda County and its municipalities to be used with matching city-county funds for acquisition of shoreline for beaches and parks. The money will not be released to the county until a completed master plan, encompassing both city and county projects, has been filed with the state division of beaches and parks is approved.

Boat harbors and swimming beaches would be dotted along the south county shoreline at San Lorenzo, Mt. Eden, near Alvarado, and Newark, with a golf course at the mouth of the San Lorenzo Creek.

*The Daily Review, August 18, 1954*

**Eagles Auxiliary:**

"Secret pals" will be revealed at a dinner to be held tomorrow, it was announced by Mrs. Mary C. Mattox, president of the Alvarado Auxiliary of Eagles. The dinner is to be held at the Villa Jeray in Centerville beginning at 7:30 p.m.

*The Daily Review, August 18, 1954*

**Eagles:**

Plans for an August 29<sup>th</sup> "fish fry" were outlined at last night's regular meeting of the Alvarado Eagles. The Sunday outing, to which friends and families are invited, will be held at Martin's Beach, seven miles south of Half Moon Bay.

General chairman Ray Cunha urged that members make reservations early for the event. Those who plan to go may list their reservation either with Cunha or the lodge secretary.

*The Daily Review, August 18, 1954*

**Baby Shower:**

A baby shower was given Friday for Mrs. Delores Pinto Vierra, of Alvarado, at the home of the Portugal Radio Station announcer, Armando Santos, 21343 East 14<sup>th</sup> St., Hayward.

*The Daily Review, August 25, 1954*

**VFW Dance:**

A benefit dance, sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary, Paul Rivers Post 7906, will be held at the I.D.E.S. Hall in Alvarado on Saturday. The dance will begin at 9:00 p.m. to the music of the Pinto Brothers Orchestra. Dance proceeds will be used to buy colors for the auxiliary says Marjorie Re, chairman.

*The Daily Review, August 26, 1954*



**Officer Bribed:**

A bribery charge will probably be filed against a Roseville woman after she reportedly approached Sheriff's Captain Richard Condon and offered to "make it right" if he allowed her to establish a house of prostitution in Alvarado.

Millie Mayze, known as Terry Thompson, is being held at Santa Rita Rehabilitation Center for investigation of offering a bribe to an officer. Condon, who said charges would probably be filed today, reported that the woman arrived at the Centerville substation yesterday afternoon after first telephoning from Roseville for an appointment.

He said that she outlined a plan for setting up a three or four girl house and offered to take care of "Condon if he allowed her to go ahead with her plans without being bothered."

*The Daily Review, August 31, 1954*

**Cockfight:**

Fifteen men, alleged spectators at a cockfight Sunday, appeared before Judge E. A. Quaresma. The men were rounded up on a Sunday raid on the Andrade Ranch, Whipple Road, between Alvarado and Decoto. They are charged with being present where preparations were being made for the exhibition of game bird (cock-fighting). It seems officers arrived before fighting began and the arrestees are vigorously pursuing innocent pleas.

*The Daily Review, September 1, 1954*

**F.O.E. Hall:**

Tentative plans for remodeling the F.O.E. Hall were discussed at this week's meeting of the Alvarado Eagle's; according to publicity chairman Ray Cunha. No decision was reached, but members held a general discussion pertaining to interior painting and redecorating plans.

*The Daily Review, September 1, 1954*

**Music Instruction:**

THE MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA, SOUTHERN ALAMEDA COUNTY BRANCH wishes to announce the beginning of the fall teaching program. The following music teachers are qualified to give expert instruction:

Patricia Graves, Piano & Woodwinds  
835 Watkins St.  
Alvarado, Calif.

*The Daily Review, September 1, 1954*

**Woman Charged With Bribery:**

Millie Mayze of Roseville will be arraigned in the justice court in Centerville tomorrow on a charge offering a bribe to a law officer. The complaint was signed by Sheriff's Captain Richard Condon who alleges she promised to reward him financially in exchange for "protection" for a house of prostitution she assertedly wished to establish in Alvarado. She is being held in the Santa Rita Rehabilitation Center.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 2, 1954*

**Jobs Daughters:**

August was a month set aside for fun at the Centerville Bethel of Jobs Daughters. Last weeks 24 members were called to the home of Beverly Spurlock in Alvarado for a "come as you are" breakfast. After rolls and hot chocolate, the group adjourned to the out of doors for a morning of fun on the playground equipment of the young Spurlock's.

*The Daily Review, September 3, 1954*

**News Note:**

Friends and relatives gathered in the patio at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Antone Santos of Alvarado to honor Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Pacheco, of New Bedford, Mass at a surprise goodbye and birthday party. Mr. & Mrs. Pacheco are cousins to Mrs. Santos and have been staying with them for the past year. The table was appropriately decorated with airplanes, colorful serpentines, and miniature suitcases were used as nut cups. Mrs. Pacheco received many presents for her birthday and going away.

*The Daily Review, September 7, 1954*

#### **St. Anne's Bazaar:**

St. Anne's Church, Alvarado will hold its bazaar on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> with Manuel Pinto as chairman. Activities will include booths, entertainment, a dance and on Sunday at noon, a barbeque.

*The Daily Review, September 11, 1954*

#### **Pedestrian Accident:**

A man tentatively identified as Alfredo Acosta, of 1017 W Street, in Alvarado, was injured critically last night in an auto-pedestrian accident in Alvarado. CHP Officers say that a pick-up truck struck Acosta as he attempted to cross Hiway 17 at Watkins Street. The driver of the car was not cited.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 13, 1954*

#### **Trial for Cockfight Spectators:**

The next best thing to a cockfight in the country is a jury trial and that's what three men charged with "being present while fighting birds were being prepared for exhibition" at Alvarado are demanding. Twelve others held on the same charge will be tried without juries.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 13, 1954*

#### **Mrs. Joaquina Perez Dies:**

Mrs. Joaquina F. Perez of Alvarado, aged 72 years, died September 13<sup>th</sup>. She was the wife of the late Francisco L. Perez and the mother of Joe and Frank Perez of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 14, 1954*

#### **Alvarado School Enrollment:**

Alvarado Grammar School has reported 265 students have registered so far this year for school. This was 10 more students than expected, but that slight increase will not cause any space problems. The Alviso School on the other hand reported 93 students in their seats, down from 105 last year.

*The Daily Review, September 14, 1954*

#### **Alfredo Acosta Dies:**

Funeral services for Alfredo Acosta, who died from injuries suffered in an accident near Alvarado last Sunday, will be held today. Mr. Acosta was struck down by an automobile on Highway 17. Mr. Acosta was 49 years old and was survived by his wife, Anita Acosta, and three small children, Alfred, Antonio and Maria Acosta.

*The Daily Review, September 18, 1954*

#### **Zoning & Flood Control:**

Zoning and flood control measures in the Alvarado area troubled the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce members in this week's first meeting of the fall season. Members questioned progress on modifying the present zoning restriction, which requires builders to fill lots to a height of eight feet above the mean tide level before any construction is begun. Those present said that the Alameda County Planning Commission had indicated that there would be a modification to this requirement.

*The Daily Review, September 18, 1954*

#### **Marriage License:**

Joseph D. Gaspar, Alvarado 19

Marlene C. Pinto, Alvarado 18  
*The Oakland Tribune, September 23, 1954*

**United Crusade Drive:**

Mrs. Byrde Duffey, residential chairman of Washington Township's United Crusade, last week announced local appointments to head the fund raising drive. Named to head the Alvarado drive is Mrs. Felix Diangson.

*The Daily Review, September 27, 1954*

**Classified Ad:**

USED CARS:

1952 Ford Mainliner, 2-door sedan, sacrifice equity, \$100 cash, due to poor health. Balance due \$59.11 per monthly.

Call: **AL**varado 55-779

*The Daily Review, September 28, 1954*

**Man Sentenced:**

Ulysses Hitcheye, 29, year-old convict, today was sentenced for five years to life in San Quentin for slugging and robbing a man outside an Alvarado bar on July 11<sup>th</sup>. A jury yesterday found Hitcheye guilty of accosting Cecil F. Batey of Niles, and taking Batey's wallet and \$148 after hitting the victim of the head. Judge Donald K. Quayle imposed sentence. Hitcheye had been living in San Francisco.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 28, 1954*

**PTA:**

Committee chairmen for the New Year were appointed at a recent meeting of the executive board of the Alvarado PTA. Laverne Shestack, President, announced assignments: Mary Silva, Sewing; Jean Rose, Sunshine; Mary Gastelum and Dorothy Vargas, Cafeteria; John Bond, Recreation; Bernice Silveira, Membership; Marie Falkowski, Health; Kay Silva, Budget and Finance; Hilda Allegre, Hospital; and Jane Dakin, Founder's Day.

*The Daily Review, September 29, 1954*

**Classified Ad:**

FOR SALE – MISCELLANEOUS

TD-6 Tractor, with hydraulic pump, 7½ foot disc, 3 bottom 14" plow, 10 foot Re-Ge hydraulic scraper.

Phone: **AL**varado 55-731

*The Daily Review, September 30, 1954*

**Classified Ad:**

USED CARS:

1929 A Roadster, loaded, Merc. mill.

Phone: **AL**varado 55-931

*The Daily Review, September 30, 1954*

**Classified Ad:**

USED CARS:

1929 A-Roadster; loaded, Merc mill.

**AL**varado 55-931

*The Daily Review, October 5, 1954*

**Eagles:**

Plans for a proposed October dance were discussed at a short business session held by the Alvarado Eagles this week. The planning committee promised a full report at next months meeting. Also on the club calendar in the near future, is an initiation of candidates. Date for that meeting has not yet been set.

*The Daily Review, October 8, 1954*

**Alvarado Fiesta:**

The annual fiesta of St. Anne’s Church of Alvarado, it was announced today by Manuel Pinto Jr., general chairman. The fiesta opened Wednesday. Tonight there will be a dance, with music by the Pinto Brothers Orchestra.

Sopas will be served Sunday beginning at noon. Beginning at 7:00 p.m., that day, there will be sopas available for sale for home consumption. After the Sunday dinner hour, there is again to be a dance, accompanied by other entertainment, Pinto said.

*The Daily Review, October 9, 1954*

**News Note:**

Job’s Daughters of Centerville initiated six new members including Cheryl Stiarwalt of Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, October 14, 1954*

**Train Collision at Hall Crossing:**

Allen W. Eastman of Oakland, driver for the Hunt Foods, Inc. Hayward had a narrow escape from a brush with death yesterday morning, but his truckload of tomatoes didn’t fare so well. In fact, when the CHP arrived most of the tomatoes were garnishing the highway between Alvarado and Centerville at the Hall Station crossing. The driver said he failed to hear the trains whistle and was already on the tracks when he saw the train. Eastman managed to get most of his truck across the tracks before the train slammed into his truck. He escaped unhurt.

*The Daily Review, October 19, 1954*

**Kay Mayeda Returns:**

Sgt. Kay Mayeda, son of Mr. & Mrs. George A. Mayeda of Alvarado, is returning to the U.S. from Korea after serving with the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. Sgt. Mayeda, who was a general’s orderly with headquarters of the division, had been in the Far East since last May. He entered the Army in September 1952.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 19, 1954*

**Classified Ad:**

FOR RENT – BUSINESS:

Store building, 24 X 42. Available November 1<sup>st</sup>. Ideal for electrical contractor or grocery.

Phone: **AL**varado 55-835 between 12 & 1 or after 5 p.m.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 19, 1954*

**News Note:**

Manuel S. Abreu of Alvarado has been named as an alternate member of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee for Alameda County.

*The Daily Review, October 20, 1954*

**Tax Vote:**

Washington Union High School’s 50¢ permissive tax increase voted on yesterday carried by a margin of over 500 votes. Following is a tabulation by district.

| Precinct         | Yes | No  |
|------------------|-----|-----|
| Alviso           | 40  | 78  |
| Alvarado         | 85  | 76  |
| Decoto           | 72  | 106 |
| Hillview Crest   | 116 | 49  |
| Barnard (Decoto) | 29  | 42  |
| Niles            | 321 | 225 |
| Centerville      | 408 | 207 |
| Warm Springs     | 41  | 43  |

|                  |             |             |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Mission San Jose | 114         | 99          |
| Irvington        | 242         | 146         |
| Masonic Home     | 96          | 5           |
| Newark           | 209         | 130         |
|                  | <u>1773</u> | <u>1206</u> |

*The Daily Review, October 20, 1954*

**Eagles Auxiliary:**

Guests from the Hayward Aerie visited Alvarado at the last regularly scheduled meeting. The Alvarado Aerie hostesses were: Mrs. Mattox, President; Mrs. Millie Richmond, Conductress; Mrs. Susie Davis, Secretary; Miss Alice Menezes, Treasurer; Mrs. Leontine Costa, Junior Past President; and Mrs. Laura Gallo, Member.

*The Daily Review, October 21, 1954*

**Fowl Play:**

The power failure that blacked out Alvarado, Decoto, Mt. Eden and parts of Centerville and Niles for 35 minutes last night was blamed on birds. Spokesmen from PG&E said a flock of geese or ducks hit main power lines somewhere on the marsh near Alvarado at approximately 10:25 p.m. The incident caused the power to go out in the southern Alameda County towns for about 35 minutes.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 29, 1954*

**Auto Accident:**

Victoria Benites, 27, of 1144 Marsh Road Alvarado received only minor injuries when she lost control of her vehicle at the intersection of Highway 17 and Tennyson Road. The occupant of the other car received a possible fractured skull.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 5, 1954*

**Eagles:**

Members of the Alvarado Eagles planned a visit to Livermore Aerie next week, at this business week's meeting, it was announced today by Ray Cunha, publicity chairman. The Livermore meeting is planned for next Tuesday evening.

Progress reports were given on plans for the annual Christmas dinner, for members and families, and the traditional New Year's Eve party.

*The Daily Review, November 11, 1954*

**New Arrival:**

Born to Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pinto of Alvarado, a son, Edward Francis on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

*The Daily Review, November 11, 1954*

**Alvarado Fire:**

Either faulty wiring or a defective gas heater caused fire that damaged the home of Mrs. Caroline Burgos, 2005 Smith Street, Alvarado, early yesterday afternoon. Elvin Rose, Alvarado Fire Chief, said the living room and all its furniture was destroyed. Damage was estimated to be \$2,500.

*The Daily Review, November 12, 1954*

**Mt. Eden Hospital:**

Mr. & Mrs. Teodosio Olacio of 736 V Street, Alvarado are the proud parents of the first newborn at the new Mt. Eden Hospital. The new daughter is named Donna Lee.

*The Daily Review, November 18, 1954*

**Central Bank Now First Western Bank:**

The Central Bank and the San Francisco Bank, which recently became one great bank, will now be known at First Western Bank and Trust Company.

The personnel at all our offices remains the same, people with whom you have always dealt, and our officers are those with whom you are acquainted. Nothing has changed except the name.  
*The Daily Review, November 19, 1954*

**Classified Ad:**

BOYS & GIRLS FREE WANT ADS:

Babysitting, days or nights. In Alvarado area.

Phone: **AL**varado 55-863; Carmen Moreno, Age 16, 931 W Street.

*The Daily Review, November 22, 1954*

**House of Ill Repute Refuted:**

Mrs. Millie Mayze, charged with bribery, has been held to answer in Superior Court of Alameda County. The Roseville woman is charged by Capt. Thomas Condon of Washington Township substation with offering him money to pay for protection for a house of prostitution she said she planned to open in Alvarado. Mrs. Mayze refutes this. She has pleaded innocent.

*The Daily Review, November 24, 1954*

**Eagles:**

Final plans for the annual Christmas Party were outlined at this week's meeting of the Alvarado Eagle's. The party is to be held jointly with the Alvarado Eagles Auxiliary. A new candidate, Sid Gallo, was accepted into the organization. His initiation is scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup>.

*The Daily Review, November 24, 1954*

**Free Vision Check Up:**

Free check ups on vision will be available to residents in Alvarado, Centerville and Irvington next week when Community Vision service's new mobile vision screening visits here. The 30-foot trailer will arrive in Alvarado on Tuesday and will park in front of the Central Bank Building.

*The Daily Review, November 29, 1954*

**Student Field Trip:**

Members of the Science Club of Washington Union High School made a combined field trip to the Holly Sugar Mill in Alvarado and to the installations of the Morton and Leslie Salt Company's at Newark recently.

*The Daily Review, November 30, 1954*

**Robert A. Blacow Retires:**

Robert A. Blacow who has been through three name changes of bank names in the past 35 years (Bank of Alameda County, Central Bank and First Western Bank) will retire January 1<sup>st</sup>, it was announced this week. Mr. Blacow started his banking career in Alvarado with the Bank of Alameda County. Blacow will continue to act as chairman of the advisory board of director's for First Western's three offices in Washington Township at Nilas, Irvington and Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, November 30, 1954*

**VFW:**

The holiday spirit has set in early for the Paul Rivers Auxiliary No. 7906 of Alvarado. In an outbreak of giving at a recent meeting the Auxiliary voted contributions to: Korean Children's Relief, White Cane Drive, Hospitalized Veteran's Fund, Cancer Fund and help for a needy family in Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, December 4, 1954*

**Unheeded Traffic Citations:**

A two-year's accumulation of unheeded traffic citations in San Francisco caught up with Robert Romo yesterday. Deputies of the Washington Township substation last night took Romo into custody at the request of San Francisco Police. They held 16 separate warrants, evidence of Romo's traffic violations in the Bay City. Romo, a steel mill employee, lives at 1457 Smith Street. Bail on the 16 warrants totaled \$175.

*The Daily Review, December 10, 1954*

**New arrival:**

Born to the wife of James Burgos, Alvarado, a boy.  
*The Oakland Tribune, December 15, 1954*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

A new list of directors to serve for the coming year was presented at last night's meeting of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce. Named were: Warren Silva, Mrs. Mabel Rogers, John Ratekin, Mrs. Susie Lemos, Leslie H. Maffey, Henry Leidsen, Manuel Borges, Damaso Diaz and Bill Gianella.  
*The Daily Review, December 16, 1954*

**Township Card Rooms:**

Alameda County Sheriff Gleason responding to Washington Township card room operators that card cheats and shills operate only in Hayward said: "We've had complaints from Washington Township too, particularly from the Alvarado area." An attorney from the Washington Township area visited the sheriff later to pick up a copy of the new ordinances.  
*The Daily Review, December 22, 1954*

**Flood Control Levee:**

Engineers of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District will recommend tomorrow that county supervisors accept the \$27,257 bid of Souza Brothers and McCue, Yuba City contractors for construction of the Alvarado levee between Marsh Road and the main channel outlet of Zone 3A.

The two-mile channel will follow the old Plummer Slough levee west from Marsh Road for about a mile, then turn north to a junction with the old Alameda Creek channel west of Alvarado. The levee work includes about 44,000 cubic yards of embankment and the installation of corrugated metal pipes and tide gates for local drainage.

Engineers said it would do much to protect Alvarado from future flooding from floodwaters from the south. The Plummer Slough levee was completely destroyed in many places by the 1950 and 1952 floods.

*The Daily Review, December 22, 1954*

**Mrs. Mary Amaral Dies:**

Mrs. Mary M. Amaral of Alvarado died on December 25<sup>th</sup>. She was the wife of the late Joseph Amaral and mother of Joseph and Manuel Amaral, Mrs. Susie Davis and Mrs. Edith Pfau all of Alvarado. She was 77 years old.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 27, 1954*

**New Year's Ball:**

Final plans for the traditional New Year's Eve Ball were announced at this week's meeting of the Alvarado Eagles by Ray Cunha, chairman of the planning committee. The ball begins on New Year's Eve at the IOOF Hall at 9:00 p.m. Dancing will be to the music of Walter Fasolis' Orchestra. Refreshments, noisemakers, and favors will be provided. Assisting Cunha, an Irvington resident, will be Bill Silva, Joe Lewis, and Joe Martin, all of Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, December 30, 1954*

**W.T. Parks & Recreation**

Joseph Jacinto Jr. of Alvarado is one of three persons that have filed nomination papers for election to a five-man board of directors for the Washington Township Parks and Recreation Department election, which is to be held January 25<sup>th</sup>.

*The Daily Review, January 4, 1955*

**Alvarado School:**

An arithmetic demonstration to be staged by the third grade pupils of Mr. Stephen Graves is planned for a program of today's Alvarado PTA meeting, it was announced today by Mrs. Gladys Hersey, publicity chairman. The meeting will be held in the school cafeteria.  
*The Daily Review, January 5, 1955*

**Jail for Briber:**

Mrs. Millie Mayze, 37-year-old Folsom waitress, today was given six months in the county jail and five years probation for attempting to buy protection for a projected house of prostitution in Alvarado. She had attempted to bribe an Alameda County Sheriff.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 6, 1955*

**Prowlers Break Window:**

Prowlers who broke a window at the Alvarado Liquor Store, 1018 Levee Street in the early morning hours yesterday have been charged with malicious mischief. The broken window tripped a burglar alarm and the men did not enter the store. Two men seen running away were later captured and brought to the Sheriff's Washington Township substation.  
*The Daily Review, January 6, 1955*

**Marriage License:**

Salvador Villegas Villanueva, 25, Newark  
Maria Flores Melena, 38, Alvarado  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 7, 1955*

**Alvarado PTA:**

Tentative plans are being made for a variety show to be held in late February. Mrs. Marie Falkowski and Mrs. Hilda Allegre were named to a planning committee for the event.

A nominating committee was selected to bring a slate of candidates to the next meeting. Serving on the committee are: Mrs. Peggy Clark, Mrs. Falkowski and John Bond.

It was announced that the February meeting, to be held at 7:30 p.m., will be a Founder's Day candlelight service. Mrs. Jane Dakin is in charge of plans. A life membership, first to be awarded in Alvarado, will be presented at the meeting. Mrs. Josie Tenorio was asked to plan for refreshments for the February meeting.  
*The Daily Review, January 12, 1955*

**Classified Ad:**

FOR SALE MISCELLANEOUS:  
Rocking Horse. Good condition. \$10  
Alvarado 55-918  
*The Daily Review, January 12, 1955*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

Plans to build a greater county were discussed last night at a meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce for Alameda County. The meeting was held in the new Oakland chambers on Webster Street. Attending from Alvarado were Warren Silva and Leslie Maffey.  
*The Oakland Tribune, January 13, 1955*

**Robbers Caught in Alvarado:**

A gun slinging cowboy held up the last "watering hole" on the way to the San Mateo Bridge tonight, took \$500 from the bar and one patron, and escaped in a red convertible.

Two deputies responding to a radio broadcast spotted the red convertible parked outside the Alvarado Hotel bar in Alvarado moments later. They entered and saw Arthur G. Conant, 25, and Victor R. Hibner, 28, both of 107 W. 150<sup>th</sup> Avenue, San Lorenzo inside.



Hibner ran into the men's room and the deputies followed. There they recovered an automatic pistol. From Conant they took a revolver and \$176. In the car they found a cowboy hat and \$11 in change. Both Hibner and Conant were arrested for investigation of armed robbery.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 16, 1955*

#### **Chamber of Commerce:**

New officers will be installed at tomorrow's meeting of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce, it was announced today by Leslie Maffey, Secretary. The meeting is to be at the Alvarado Fire Station at 8:00 p.m.

Officers to be seated include: Henry Leidsen, President; Joe Lewis, Vice-President; and Leslie Maffey, Secretary-Treasurer. Lewis is chairman in charge of plans for the social hour, which will follow the meeting.

*The Daily Review, January 18, 1955*

#### **Chamber of Commerce:**

Henry Leidsen was seated as president of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce at this week's regular meeting. Installed with him were Joe Lewis, Vice President and Leslie Maffey, Secretary-Treasurer.

Leidsen's first official act was to appoint a membership committee headed by Warren Silva, his predecessor in office. Serving with Silva are Charles Baird, Damaso Diaz, Manuel Borges and Mrs. Mabel Rogers.

Maffey was instructed to check with John Thomas, county planning engineer, to determine if the Chamber of Commerce can assist in further zoning of Alvarado at this time. The opinion was expressed that planning and zoning must await completion of pending flood control projects.

R. K. Scott outlined the objectives of Washington Township Baseball, Inc. Members discussed a proposed township recreation district, but took no action on it.

Tom Kitayama was named as replacement for John Ratekin on a township incorporation study committee. Ratekin asked to be relieved because of his other duties.

*The Daily Review, January 21, 1955*

#### **Classified Ad:**

PETS FOR SALE:

Red factor canaries. Hens bred from show stock. \$3.00 each. 2045 Smith Street.

Alvarado 55-924

*The Daily Review, January 22, 1955*

#### **Whistle Blows, Occupants Flee:**

Manuel L. Barbosa, a barber from San Leandro, and his wife were caught in a dense fog while driving Hiway 17 near Alvarado last night. Barbosa thought he was following the white line around a curve. The line turned out to be a railroad track, where it ran across the road. The car got stuck, the train whistle blew and Mr. & Mrs. Barbosa fled into the fog. The car was wrecked by a Southern Pacific freight train.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 26, 1955*

#### **Alvarado School Teacher Salaries:**

A salary schedule presented by a committee of teachers from Alvarado School will be taken under advisement, trustees promised at their recent meeting. Committee members included John Bond, Evalene Griffin, Stephen Graves and Zola Smith. The schedule submitted was based on that adopted by Washington Township Trustees Association last year.

Trustees authorized minor installations in the school kitchen, asked to look at samples of darkening shades to be ordered for two rooms, ordered automatic shut-off valves for school radiators and authorized an inspection of school foundations.

*The Daily Review, January 26, 1955*

### **Alvarado Man Joins Marines:**

Five Hayward area men enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp under the "buddy system." The system permits the men to remain together while undergoing basic training. Joining from Alvarado was Arnold M. Gardetto.

*The Daily Review, January 28, 1955*

### **Mrs. Margaret Emery Dies:**

Mrs. Margaret W. Emery, 89, a member of a pioneer family in southern Alameda County, died yesterday in Oakland. Mrs. Emery, the wife of the late Orman J. Emery, is survived by her children, Mrs. Howard O. Decker, of Concord, and Weston E. Emery of Alvarado. Mrs. Emery resided in Alvarado on Smith Street for many years.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 1, 1955*

### **Farmers Plight:**

How long can farmers hold out in the fast developing Southern Alameda County suburban area? Farmers themselves kicked the subject around last night and came out confused. An Alvarado farmer said there wouldn't be an acre to harrow in five years. Another suggests a poll by the Farm Bureau to determine how many farmers want to convert to real estate and get out.

But it took a couple of local ladies to suggest: (a) some farmland should be preserved in order for our future children to remember what a cow looks like, and (b) green fields furnish healthy surroundings and in case of disaster, open space for dispersal of city residents.

Consensus: They'll beat many a plowshare into a patio ornament before 1960.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 1, 1955*

### **La Vista Annexation:**

Residents of two proposed La Vista area annexes will vote in April to see if more than 500 acres will be added to the city of Hayward. The Hayward City Council last night set public hearings on the annexes for March 15<sup>th</sup> and a tentative election of date of April 5<sup>th</sup>.

One annex, known as East La Vista, contains 327 acres. The other, known as West La Vista contains 198 acres. Both are adjacent to the Niles Highway ([today's Mission Blvd.](#)) north of the Hayward Golf Course ([Alquire Road, known today as Industrial Blvd.](#)).

[NOTE: This article is mentioned because it gives a good reference of the La Vista area \(north of the old Holiday Bowl\) and it is the start of Hayward's push south. Although all of this area is in Eden Township, Washington Township lies just south of here in the Fairway Park subdivision.](#)

*The Daily Review, February 2, 1955*

### **Alvarado PTA:**

The first life membership pin ever to be awarded and the first Founder's Day program ever to be celebrated will mark tonight's meeting of Alvarado PTA, it was announced today by Mrs. Gladys Hersey, publicity chairman. This is Alvarado's first year as an organized PTA rather than a Mother's Club. The meeting will be held in the Alvarado School auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

The business meeting will be followed by the candlelight Founder's Day ceremony. Candles are to be lighted by Mrs. Laverne Shestack, PTA President and Mrs. Jane Dakin. Theme of the program is to be the four cornerstones, "home, school, church and community." Mrs. Evalene Griffin and Mrs. Zola Smith will present a playlet enlarging on this theme.

At the conclusion of the meeting refreshments will be served in the school cafeteria by Mrs. Josie Tenorio and her committee.

*The Daily Review, February 3, 1955*

### **Roy Emery Dies:**

Roy W. Emery of Oakland died February 2<sup>nd</sup> at age of 78. He leaves a wife and several children all of the Oakland area. He was a native of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 4, 1955*

### **School Trustee Honored:**

Manuel P. Goularte, who for nine years was clerk of the Alvarado School's District Trustees, was awarded the first honorary lifetime membership ever given by the Alvarado PTA, at ceremonies at Alvarado School last week. Goularte, who retired from the board two years ago, was instrumental in securing from the Armed Forces the auxiliary buildings now in use by Alvarado School.

Also honored at Alvarado's first founder's day ceremony were past and present trustees of the district, and their wives, those in attendance were: Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Hendricks, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Perry, Mr. & Mrs. Warren Silva, Mr. & Mrs. Goularte, Mrs. Frank Machado, **Mrs. Graydon Spurlock**, and Mr. & Mrs. George Hocking.

Past presidents of the PTA, were also honored guests and were also recognized. Among those present were: Miss Mary Hughes, Mrs. Joseph Lewis, Mrs. Mae Santos and Mrs. Eldora Pinto.

Mrs. Jane C. Dakin planned the Founder's Day program. The theme was "Four Cornerstones – Home, School, Church, Community." Mrs. Dakin and Mrs. Laverne Shestack, PTA President, conducted the candle lighting ceremony. Committee members who assisted in producing this memorable "first" for Alvarado PTA included Mrs. Melvin Allegre, Mrs. Vincent Fontejon, **Mrs. Spurlock**, and Mrs. Elvin Rose.

*The Daily Review, February 9, 1955*

### **Classified Ad:**

USED CARS:

1953 Pontiac convertible, 2,900 miles, power steering, hydramatic, radio, heater. Must Sell. Phone: **AL**varado: 55-775, between 8 – 7.

*The Daily Review, February 11, 1955*

### **New Arrival:**

Born on January 25<sup>th</sup> to Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Fierro of 1036 "W" Street, Alvarado, a daughter, Sylvia.

*The Daily Review, February 11, 1955*

### **Hayward to Circulate Petitions:**

Backers of the Treeview Annexation to Hayward were today mapping plans for a concentrated drive to obtain voters signatures on petitions beginning March 4<sup>th</sup>. That date, 21 days from the publication of legal notices yesterday, is the first day petitions calling for an election on the annexation issue can be circulated legally.

The proposed annexation, largest in history, would add 2,400-acres or half of Hayward's present size to the city, if successful. Signatures of 25 percent of the registered voters will bring the issue to a vote. A simple majority will pass it.

The area in question includes Hillview Crest, the only densely populated part, and hundreds of acres of industrial and undeveloped land. It reaches from Hayward south to the edge of Decoto and Alvarado and west to the end of Arden Road.

*The Daily Review, February 12, 1955*

**Mrs. Johanna Behrmann Dies:**

Mrs. Johanna Behrmann of Livermore died today of a lengthy illness at the age of 82. A resident of Livermore for the past eight years, Mrs. Behrmann had resided in Hayward, Mt. Eden and Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, February 12, 1955*

**Jobs Daughters:**

Eight new candidates of the Jobs Daughters Bethel of Washington Township were entertained at a tea at the home of Mrs. Beverly Ratekin, 1310 Smith Street in Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, February 16, 1955*

**Washington Township Girds for Hayward Land Grab:**

Washington Township communities will organize a united front against Hayward's proposed annexation plan at a meeting tomorrow night.

Delegations from the Centerville, Irvington, Niles, Decoto and Alvarado Chambers of Commerce will join together at a strategy meeting at 8:00 p.m. in the Alvarado School auditorium. The Irvington and Niles chambers adopted a resolution yesterday opposing Hayward's announced intention to annex four square miles north of Decoto and east of Alvarado. The Centerville Chamber had voted its opposition earlier.

The land Hayward is trying to annex is just north of Whipple Road in the area known as the Hillview Crest subdivision and a block of land north of Hillview Crest.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 16, 1955*

**Hayward to Annex Key Industrial Area:**

Industry is the unknown quantity on which depends the success or failures of the proposed Treeview annexation to Hayward, Washington Township residents were told last night at a meeting of directors of the **Chambers of Commerce** of Alvarado Sanitary District and representatives of the fire districts of Alvarado and Decoto. The meeting was held at the Decoto Fire Station.

Representatives of Holly Sugar and U.S. Pipe and Steel were present, but said they had no answer to the question of industry's stand last night. They promised an answer at the time of Alvarado's Chamber of Commerce meeting on Thursday.

As far as **local schools** are concerned they emphasized at the meeting that there will be no effect on any school district, either elementary or high school because of the annexation.

*The Daily Review, February 16, 1955*

**C of C:**

The proposed Treeview annexation to Hayward, which includes a large area of land in **Alvarado Elementary School District**, will be discussed at Thursday's meeting of the **Alvarado Chamber of Commerce**, it was announced today by Leslie Maffey.

*The Daily Review, February 16, 1955*

**Re-Birth of Union City:**

Union City, 104 years after its first birth, was shaken awake from a long, long siesta last night in the preparation for what might be a new governmental era in Washington Township.

The name was the unanimous choice of 150 township residents for a proposed incorporated city to be formed of the area with Decoto and Alvarado school districts, excluding the Hillview Crest tract.

The first Union City was founded in 1851 by John Horner on the banks of the Alameda Creek a point known as "Devils Elbow." The new Union City is Washington Township's answer to a

proposed annexation by Hayward of 2,400 acres, much of which lies within Washington Township's boundaries. Residents of Hillview Crest filed the annexation petition with Hayward.

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce was informed by legal advisors that a petition of incorporation, if filed before the City of Hayward's annexation petition, could stop the "land grab" by the city. Dr. Lyle Buehler of Niles, asked, "Can't the township do something? Maybe we can annex Hayward if we move fast enough."

*The Daily Review, February 18, 1955*

### **Three Sides to Hayward Annexation:**

The current Hayward Vs. Treeview annex dispute raging in Washington Township is a question of three sides not two, C. E. Warner of Hillview Crest, said at a mass meeting held at Hillview Crest school yesterday. Cook said voters need not choose between Hayward or Washington Township allegiance at an election, but could reject any proposal to change and keep their status quo.

Yesterday's meeting was called by several Hillview Crest residents who attended the mass meeting at Alvarado School on Thursday. They felt that a presentation of cost figures outlined at that meeting should be repeated for Hillview Crest residents.

Cook concluded, "I am not in favor of Hayward, and I am not certainly in favor of being the back door of Decoto and Alvarado. I like it here, and I would like to keep it the way it is."

A member of the audience queried whether, "This is a Hillview Crest fight or an industrial fight under discussion?"

Proponents asked to justify an annexation of an area far outside of Hillview Crest boundaries, explained they felt the area a part of Hillview, because of the flood control election that united them.

*The Daily Review, February 19, 1955*

### **On The March:**

It's all-out war in Eden and Washington Townships, where is Hayward is accused by her neighbors to the south of pulling a sneak attack trying to annex four square miles of open land. So Alvarado and Decoto are rushing out petitions, to go into circulation Friday, to incorporate Alvarado and Decoto into "Union City" to file as much of the same territory and precipitate a knockdown drag-out fight.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 21, 1955*

### **Boundaries for New Union City:**

Proposed boundaries for Union City were approved yesterday by the Alameda County Boundaries Commission. The proposed incorporation is sparked by Decoto and Alvarado where residents plan one city under a new name to throw a legal block at the Treeview annexation that would add 2400 acres of land including valuable industrial properties to the city of Hayward.

The boundaries as approved by the commission include all of the Decoto and Alvarado school districts except those parts within Hillview Crest and a small portion inside Hayward.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 22, 1955*

### **Marriage License Issued:**

Eddie Godines Soto, 21, of Alvarado and Martha Marie Munoz, 18, of Oakland.

*The Daily Review, February 22, 1955*

### **Armed Camps:**

The Hillview Crest Improvement Assn., representing the 600-home tract Hayward wants to annex along with four square miles of nearby territory, meets tonight to hear the pros and cons. In Decoto and Alvarado the opposition will meet tonight and tomorrow to drum up support for

incorporating "Union City" to beat Hayward to the punch. When the meetings are over both groups will send petition packers in all directions for signatures to back their views.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 23, 1955*

### **Ford Moves Plant:**

A 90-truck caravan moving equipment from the 25-year old Ford assembly plant in Richmond will begin arriving in the Hayward area this evening on route to the huge new Ford assembly plant in Milpitas ([today's Great Mall of the Bay Area in Milpitas](#)).

The gigantic move will leave Richmond at 6:00 p.m. today and will follow a 51-mile route down the Eastshore Freeway and Highway 17 via San Lorenzo, Mt. Eden, Alvarado, Centerville, Irvington and Warm Springs.

*The Daily Review, February 23, 1955*

### **Incorporation Happy:**

With all the irons in the fire, its just as well for the Washington Township Incorporation Study Committee to come up now with a plan to incorporate all of the south county into one big city. They have a Name Committee in action, so far mulling over names like Fremont City, Union City, Alvarado, Peralta, Washington City, Dumbarton and Mission City. This is not to be confused with another drive under way to unite Decoto and Alvarado into Union City to fight Hayward's drive for open territory.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 24, 1955*

### **Incorporation Petition:**

A swift sign-up of petitions for incorporation of the communities of Alvarado and Decoto into a new Union City was set in motion by 100 Washington Township residents at a meeting last night in the Alvarado School Auditorium. The move is planned to block further annexation of Alvarado/Decoto unincorporated land by the city of Hayward. Under the chairmanship of Frank Borghi Jr., president of the Decoto Chamber of Commerce, 46 petitions were distributed to workers for incorporation.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 25, 1955*

### **Incorporation of Union City:**

Proponents of incorporation of a new 15,000-acre Union City in Southern Alameda County took a major step toward their goal today. At 8:55 p.m. they filed petitions with county clerk Jack Blue asking the County Board of Supervisors to get eh machinery of incorporation rolling.

The petitions ask the board for incorporation of Union City as a city of the sixth class, where all city officials, with the exception of five councilmen, will be appointed. Councilmen will elected by districts, with district reapportionment required each four years, according to the petitions.

*The Daily Review, February 28, 1955*

### **Hayward Acts on Annexation:**

Formation of a new "Union City" in the Decoto-Alvarado area was blocked today as the Hayward City Council started proceedings to annex a major portion of the area. The council last night adopted a resolution acknowledging receipt from property owners in the district of notice of intention to annex and authorizing circulation of petitions for an election.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 2, 1955*

### **Union City is not Dead:**

Union City is not dead. Its life was spared, at least temporarily, by a technicality that stalled action by the County Board of Supervisors that would have authorized Hayward to proceed with annexation in the territory sought by both.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 3, 1955*

### **Alvarado News:**

John, Mike and Paula Vierra of the Creek Road ([Alvarado-Niles Road](#)) and Ernest and Janet Delgado of Decoto went to Strawberry Lake recently where they went tobogganing.

Saint Anthony's Society held a whist party at the S.D.S. Hall on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Refreshments were served.

Mr. & **Mrs. Tony Borges** attended the wedding of Mr. Borges' cousin, the former Audrey Phillips of Benecia. They also spent a few days with some other cousins in Vacaville.

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Rossi and daughter Judy visited **Mr. & Mrs. Mike Gardetto** last Sunday. The Rossi's are from San Mateo.

Del Diaz, president of the UPPEC, would like to thank everyone who attended the UPPEC dance at the S.D.E.S. Hall two weeks ago.

Carol and Ernie Andrade had dinner at the Italian Village in Niles with Frank Mendonca of Niles. The Andrade's had guests Friday evening. They were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Souza and daughter, Lynette, of Centerville.

The Eagle Auxiliary of Alvarado visited Oak Knoll Hospital on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. They entertained the boys by playing games and awarding them prizes. Those who went were: Mrs. Laura Gallo, Chairman; **Mrs. Esther Gardetto**, Mrs. John Posey, Mrs. Katherine Silva, Mrs. Mary Smith, and Mrs. Tina Costa.

S.P.R.S.I Council No. 21 of Alvarado nominated officers for the '55 and '56. They are: Past President, **Mrs. Helen P. Gularte**; President, Miss Delinda Pimentel; Vice President, Mrs. Eleanor Azevedo; Secretary, Mrs. Mayme Roderick; Treasurer, Angie Vargas; Mistress of Ceremonies, Mrs. Millie Richmond, Marshal, Mrs. Isabel Mondragon; Guard, **Mrs. Hilda Allegre**; Trustees, **Mrs. Mae Santos**, Mrs. Anna Hendricks and **Mrs. Mary Borges**. The pianist is Mrs. Isabel Martin. Fiasos were, Portuguese doughnuts, were served by the refreshments committee: Mrs. Rita Perry, Mrs. Mary Cardoza, **Mrs. Lavern Shestack**, Mrs. Bernice Silveira, **Mrs. Mae Santos** and **Mrs. Helen P. Gularte**.

**Mrs. Mary Borges** and Mrs. Helen Perry attended the golden anniversary of the UPPEC Council 23 of Oakland on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Belated happy birthday to Joe Goularte who celebrated on Monday.

**Mr. & Mrs. Mike Gardetto**, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Rodgers and Mr. & Mrs. Jessie Perry attended a meeting of the Benevolent Society of Warm Springs.

A speedy recovery to Mrs. Anna Rodriguez who is convalescing at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Gularte.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., March 3, 1955*

#### **Alvarado PTA:**

There will be an election of officers and an appointment of delegates to the coming state convention in Long Beach in May at tonight's meeting of the Alvarado PTA, it was announced by Mrs. Gladys Hersey. The meeting will be called to order at 7:30 p.m. by **Mrs. Laverne Shestack** in the Alvarado School cafeteria. Refreshments will be served at the social hour by a committee headed by **Mrs. Hilda Allegre**.

*The Daily Review, March 3, 1955*

#### **Union City Dealt a Blow:**

Alvarado and Decoto residents decided on a new strategy today to salvage their plan for incorporation of the area into Union City. The decision came after the Board of Supervisors handed them a setback late yesterday by tabling a petition for an incorporation election, giving Hayward a clear field in the race to annex Hillview Crest property.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 4, 1955*

#### **Alvarado Summer Recreation Committee:**

A summer recreation program for pupils of Alvarado Elementary School District was discussed at the last Alvarado PTA. President Laverne Shestack appointed a committee to study the matter and recommend a program. Funds to finance a summer program in the district have been allotted by the Community Chest.

**Shirley Banworth** was elected new president of the Alvarado PTA. Chosen to assist her are: Bernice Silveira, Leslie Maffey, Rene Stiarwalt, Hilda Allegre, Gladys Hersey, **Bernice Diaz** and Margaret Cardoza.

An Easter egg hunt to be organized in divisions according to children's age groups was announced for April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Alvarado PTA would sponsor. Named to the arrangements committee were: Zola Smith, Evalene Griffin, Alma Bielar, Kay Silva, **Shirley Banworth**, Josephine Tenorio, Emily Sacramento, **Bernice Diaz**, and Rita Urrutia.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 7, 1955*

#### **Cerebral Palsy Drive:**

Area representatives for the Washington Township Cerebral Palsy fund raising drive have been named. Representing Alvarado will be John Shestack.

*The Daily Review, March 7, 1955*

#### **VFW Plans Whist Party:**

The Auxiliary of the Paul E. Rivers VFW Post in Alvarado is planning a whist party to be held at the Alvarado School auditorium March 20<sup>th</sup>. Prizes will be awarded.

*The Daily Review, March 8, 1955*

#### **Treeview Annexation:**

Latest moves and countermoves in the proposed Treeview ([Hillview Crest](#)) annexation to Hayward will be explained at a mass meeting to be held in Alvarado Elementary School at 8:00 p.m. tomorrow. Purpose of the meeting, according to the committee in charge, "is to acquaint you with what has been done so far to stop the "grab."

There will be a speaker who will outline all events up to meeting time, committee members said. The meeting has been called by the Committee for Alvarado. Its membership includes George Hocking, Graydon Spurlock and Elvin Rose.

*The Daily Review, March 9, 1955*

#### **Eagles Dance:**

A St. Patrick's Day dance is being finalized at this week's meeting of the Alvarado Eagle's according to Ray Cunha, publicity chairman. The dance will be held at the Eagle's Hall in Alvarado on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

*The Daily Review, March 10, 1955*

#### **Alvarado News:**

The delegates appointed to go to the 16<sup>th</sup> District convention (PTA) at Hayward on March 28<sup>th</sup> are: Mae Santos, Hilda Allegre, Josephine Tenorio, Angie Vargas, Wilma Silva and Lavern Shestack.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., March 10, 1955*

#### **Union City Proponents File Suit:**

A pair of legal actions guarantee life and health to Union City for some weeks yet, attorney LeRoy Broun said at a mass meeting at Alvarado School.

The first action, to be carried direct to the Supreme Court by a Writ of Mandate, concern a question of jurisdiction. The question to be decided is the meaning of "filed" in the code, which defines the procedure, Broun said. He contends that Union City's petition for incorporation was "filed" when it was presented to the County Board of Supervisors by the clerk at approximately 2:00 p.m. on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

However, a ruling by the District Attorney interpreted the word to mean acceptance by supervisors, after the clerk had been instructed to check names and fix filing fees. That did not occur until the following day. Meanwhile Hayward, the district attorney ruled, gained jurisdiction by approving a resolution acknowledging intention to circulate petitions in the area of the Treeview annexation.



The second action, to be initiated in Superior Court, must await the outcome of a public hearing March 31<sup>st</sup> the attorney said.

"There is a grave legal problem involved here," Broun declared. "The problem here is, can 100 acres of inhabited land attach 2,300 hundred acres of uninhabited land and take it into the city against the wishes of its owners?" He said in this action an attempt would be made to prove a "fraud" against the landowners.

The second action cannot be initiated until petitions of exclusion have been presented by industrialists and agriculturalists at the public hearing March 31<sup>st</sup>.

*The Daily Review, March 11, 1955*

#### **Alvarado News:**

**Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rodgers** spent Sunday in Tracy visiting Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Rodgers and daughter, Debbie. Also with them were Mr. & Mrs. Bob Rodgers and children of Hayward.

Little Dougie Shestack is back home now after spending a week with Mr. & Mrs. Joe Mendes and sons of San Jose. The Mendes are formerly from Alvarado.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Costa and children of Niles were guests of the **Ernest Andrade's** on Saturday. A belated birthday greeting to Johnny Shestack!

Spending Sunday in San Lorenzo were Mr. and **Mrs. Tony Borges** and **Mrs. Raphael** who visited Mr. & Mrs. Gus Silva. Also visiting the Silva's were Mr. & Mrs. John Abreu from Patterson.

Mrs. Anna Rodriguez would like to thank everyone who sent her get-well cards.

**Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Andrade**, Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Silva and Mr. & Mrs. Frank Avila attended Cottonseed Clark's dance in Redwood City.

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Soito and Mrs. Rodriguez of Alviso District visited **Mrs. Mary Raphael**.

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Gardetto, **Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rodgers** of Alvarado, and Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Perry of Hayward had dinner at the Villa Jeray in Centerville and later attended the Eagles dance.

The ladies Auxiliary of the Paul Rivers VFW Post had a card party last Sunday at the Alvarado Elementary School.

Mr. & Mrs. Dave Rose have moved to their new home in Cabrillo Park. They have been living with Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Vargas.

SPRSI District No. 4 had their annual communion at Saint Edward's Church in Newark followed by a breakfast at the Alvarado School cafeteria with an attendance of sixty members. Mary Silva handled cooking duties with her staff, which included, **Helen Perry**, Lavern Shestack and Hilda Allegre. The tables were decorated by Angie Vargas. There was a piano solo by Jack Kettman of Newark. Mary Ann Monterio, also of Newark, was accompanied by **Eleanor Azevedo** on the piano. District 4 consists of Centerville Council No. 4; Alvarado Council No. 21; Newark Council No. 58; and Niles Council No. 79.

Thursday evening **Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Andrade** helped Jack Duarte celebrate his birthday at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Bud Rissman. Other guests included: Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Perry, Mr. & Mrs. Elden Andrade, Mr. & Mrs. Mel Bollinger, Mr. & Mrs. Morris Perry, Frank Mendonca, Terry Rissman, Linda Andrade, Sharon Perry and Jackie Perry.

A miscellaneous bridal shower was given to Elizabeth Flores of Vallejo Street by Carol Hocking of Alvarado-Niles Road, Bernice Lemos of Niles and Rosemary Gunn of Newark. Guests included: Mrs. George Hocking, Miss Elaine Hocking, Mrs. Gunn, Dianne Reider, Bernadine Abreu, Marlene Dias, **Eleanor Azevedo**, Marlene and Kathy Azevedo, Mayme Roderick, Ann Flores, Pat Collins, Jeanette Rose, Marcia Crump, Mrs. Miriam Sessions and Sandy Sessions. Liz will marry Jerry Sessions this summer.

**Mrs. Mary Borges**, Mrs. Frances Allegre and Mrs. **Helen Perry** made an official visit to the UPPEC Council in Castro Valley. At the last regular meeting of the UPPEC Mr. & Mrs. Laurence Rose joined the lodge.

Mr. & Mrs. Norman Andrade and Mr. & Mrs. John Flower of Alvarado and Mr. & Mrs. Otto Kline of Hayward had dinner at Banchero's Saturday evening celebrating the birthdays of Norman Andrade and Frances Flower.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Gularte both had their birthdays last week and they celebrated by having dinner Sunday with Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Serpa and daughters, Judith and Donna Mae of Hayward at the Pioneer Village in San Leandro.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., March 17, 1955*

### **New Alvarado:**

Historic Alvarado is a name most suited to a nameless township city, members of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce declared last night. To the last member, they voted endorsement of "Alvarado" as the name of their choice for proposed incorporated city of Washington Township.

*The Daily Review, March 18, 1955*

### **Union City Fight Begins:**

Sparked by the battle cry "the fight has just begun," Union City forces will file a petition with the state Supreme Court Tuesday asking that their incorporation move be ordered to proceed.

Attorney LeRoy Broun, legal adviser to the Union City Steering Committee, said at a Decoto meeting last night he will ask the high court to issue a Writ of Mandamus which, if granted, would order the Alameda County Board of Supervisors to proceed with Union City incorporation by setting a public hearing and ordering an election.

"The fight has just begun," Broun said as he outlined contemplated legal steps. This statement followed a remark by Decoto rancher Keith Whipple that "people here do not know what is going on, they don't know that Union City has a chance to succeed."

Others agree that many Decoto and Alvarado residents had decided, "nothing can be done" since the supervisors ordered the Union City petition filed without action.

*The Daily Review, March 18, 1955*

### **Classified Ad:**

FOR RENT - FURNISHED:

1-Bedroom house, furnished.

Phone: **AL**varado 55-835, 1588 Smith, Alvarado

*The Daily Review, March 18, 1955*

### **Eagles Plan Memorial:**

The March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Alvarado Eagles, 1695, will be devoted to a memorial service for recently departed members, Mrs. Mary Mattox, President, announced at the recent meeting. The services will honor Mrs. Mary Amaral and Mrs. Mary Dutra, both of whom recently died.

*The Daily Review, March 22, 1955*

### **Progress Report on Union City:**

A progress report on Union City will be made to residents of this community today, Frank Borghi, chairman of the Union City Steering Committee reminded. All residents are urged to attend a meeting to be held at Decoto School beginning at 8:00 p.m.

LeRoy Broun, Union City legal adviser, is expected to outline the latest developments at tonight's meeting. It was estimated that Tuesday that it might take several days before the Supreme Court could announce its decision on acceptance on the petition for writ of mandate.

A fund drive to finance the legal action, which seeks to save Union City, is now under way in Decoto and Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, March 24, 1955*

### **School Trustees Meet:**

A special meeting of Alvarado Elementary School district trustees scheduled for Thursday evening was postponed until March 31<sup>st</sup>, according to Leslie Maffey, District Superintendent. The trustees were to have adopted a new salary schedule for the district, but delayed the meeting because two of the members of the board weren't available.

Because of the scheduled protest hearing on the Treeview annex to Hayward and a meeting of the schools re-districting committee scheduled for March 31<sup>st</sup>, an attempt may be made to have the special session Wednesday, Maffey said.

*The Daily Review, March 26, 1955*

### **Eagles Ball:**

A crowd estimated at 150 persons attended a dance at the Eagles Hall in Alvarado recently, according to Ray Cunha, publicity chairman for the Eagles. Cunha urged all members to attend the next regularly scheduled meeting of the group tonight at the Eagle's Hall.

*The Daily Review, March 28, 1955*

### **Union City Wins First Round:**

Union City has won the first round in its battle to survive. Yesterday the District Court of Appeals fixed April 25<sup>th</sup> as the final date for the Alameda County Board of Supervisors to show why Union City's incorporation election shall not be held. The action came at the request of LeRoy Broun, Union City attorney, for an alternate writ of mandate.

*The Daily Review, March 30, 1955*

### **Marriage License:**

Joseph Lozano, 38, Decoto

Georgia Olacio, 31, Alvarado

*The Daily Review, March 30, 1955*

### **Alvarado News:**

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rodgers, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Rodgers and children of Hayward, Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Rodgers and their daughter of Tracy, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Perry of Hayward, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Silva and sons of Centerville all enjoyed Easter dinner at the Châteaux in Crow Canyon and spent the rest of the day at the home of Robert Rodgers.

Dougie Shestack celebrated his birthday and enjoyed Easter dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pimentel. Also present at the dinner were Mr. & Mrs. John Shestack and Randy, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Gularte, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Perry and family, Mrs. Louisa Machado, Mrs. Anna Rodriguez and Marian Hemple.

The 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grades of the **Alvarado School**, with their teacher, Mrs. Evalene Griffin, went to Moss Beach to hunt for sea animals. Also enjoying the trip were Mr. Griffin, **Mr. & Mrs. Elvin Rose** and sons, Mrs. Martha Faria, Mrs. Flora Dutra, Mrs. Marie Falkowski, Mrs. Emily Sacramento and Mrs. Joe Pimentel.

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Pinto and children and Mrs. Martin Rose had Easter dinner at Mr. Mrs. Pinto's home on Watkins Street.

**Mr. & Mrs. Elvin Rose** and sons were guests of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lindbergh of San Leandro Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Silva and daughters, Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Ramin and son, and Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hernandez were the guests of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silveira for Easter dinner.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., April 1, 1955*

**School Trustee Position:**

There is one position up for election on the **Alvarado School** Board. There are three candidates running to fill that position. They are: Warren Silva, Incumbent, William Edward Silva, and Joseph J. Shestack.

*The Daily Review, April 1, 1955*

**Teachers Pay:**

Paychecks will be fatter for Alvarado schoolteachers next year. Trustees this week met in a special session to approve increases for the Alvarado School staff. Salaries will be hiked from \$90 to \$690 annually, according to the approved schedule.

Beginners with provisional certificates will receive \$3,600 a year at Alvarado. Fully accredited beginners will receive \$3,750 annually.

*The Daily Review, April 2, 1955*

**Classified Ad:**

TRUCKS & TRACTORS:

A steal! 1938 Dodge, 8 X 12 bed, big Chrysler motor, A-1 shape, \$195.

**AL**varado 55-967, after 6:30 p.m.

*The Daily Review, April 6, 1955*

**Alvarado News:**

Mr. & Mrs. Andy Gardetto celebrated their wedding anniversary Saturday by having dinner at Valles and later attending a movie.

**Mr. & Mrs. Norman Andrade, Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Andrade, and Mr. Johnny Flower** went bowling at the Hayward Bowl last Saturday with Mr. & Mrs. John Aguillar of Newark.

The Alvarado PTA sponsored an Easter egg hunt for the students of Alvarado Grammar School Friday. Each child received candy plus the eggs they found. Prizes were also given.

**Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Andrade** attended a housewarming for Mr. & Mrs. Bud Rissman. The party was given Saturday evening at the Rissman's new home in Newark by the following people who also attended the party: **Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Flower, Mr. & Mrs. Norman Andrade**, Mrs. Carrie Andrade and daughter Marlene, Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Andrade, Mr. & Mrs. Elden Andrade, Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Perry, Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Mozzetti, Mr. & Mrs. Dave Priego, Mr. Jack Duarte, Mr. & Mrs. Mel Bollinger, and Mr. & Mrs. Ray Souza.

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Gardetto, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rodgers, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Lewis, and Mr. & Mrs. Joe Maciel attended the birthday of Mary Mattox of Niles Thursday evening. Other friends and relatives were present.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silva and Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Silva and children of Oakland; Mr. & Mrs. Frank Raphael and son of San Francisco; Mrs. Frances Allegre, and Mr. & Mrs. Tony Borges of Alvarado gave a surprise birthday party to Mrs. Mary Raphael at the Borges home on Sunday.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., April 8, 1955*

**Marriage License:**

Lorenzo A. Munoz, 27, Alvarado

Virginia M. Del Fino, 26, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, April 10, 1955*

**Eagles:**

Ray Cunha is the new President of the Alvarado Eagles. Selected to serve with him are: Elmer Posey, Vice President; Wilbert Hendricks, Chaplain; Joseph Lewis, Secretary; W. E. Silva,

Conductor; Michael Gardetto, Inside Guard; Sylvester Gallo, Outside Guard; and J. A. Ratekin, 3-Year Trustee.

Elected as delegates to the June Convention in Long Beach are Cunha, Silva and Joseph Martin.  
*The Daily Review, April 14, 1955*

**Classified Ad:**

For Sale real Estate:

Note the price: Neat, modern 2-bedroom home centrally located in Alvarado, \$6,500

*The Daily Review, April 15, 1955*

**Road Improvements:**

The Alvarado-Niles Road is to provide for a complete traffic interchange at its junction with the Eastshore Freeway. North of the freeway it is to be widened up four traffic lanes on an 80-foot right of way. South of the freeway, Alvarado-Niles Road is to be a divided highway with four lanes of moving traffic, two parking lanes and two sidewalk areas. The right of way is to be 110-feet wide. Estimated cost of construction is \$600,000.

Whipple Road is to be widened to 92-feet. There are to be four moving lanes of traffic, parking lanes and sidewalks, in addition to a center divider. The "dog- leg" at Alvarado is to be eliminated and there will be a direct connection to a freeway on-ramp.

Present traffic flow on Whipple Road is 480 cars vehicles per day. By 1975 it is estimated that figure will be increased to 12,000 to 15,000 vehicles a day.

*The Daily Review, April 21, 1955*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

Zoning of Alvarado and a report on Union City are twin topics on the agenda of tonight's meeting of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce, it was announced today by Henry Leidsen, president. The meeting opens at 8:00 p.m. in Alvarado's fire station.

*The Daily Review, April 21, 1955*

**Alvarado News:**

**Mr. & Mrs. Tony Borges** and Mrs. Mary Raphael visited Mr. and Mrs. John Novo of Centerville last week. Saturday night they visited Manuel Borges who is home from the hospital after an operation.

A speedy recovery is wished to Joe Lewis who is recently home from the hospital.

On May 19<sup>th</sup> Lavern Shestack will be installed as historian in the P.T.A. Phoebe Hearst Council.

The installation will follow a dinner at the Pioneer Village.

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Borges visited **Mr. & Mrs. Tony Borges** Wednesday evening.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., April 21, 1955*

**Alvarado School Salaries:**

Trustees of the Alvarado Elementary School District last night accepted salary recommendations of a teacher's committee, in granting \$150 annual increases, according to Leslie Maffey, Principal and school district superintendent.

Starting with a minimum of \$3,750 per year, the salaries advance to \$5,600 per year. The new schedule is based upon years in service, degrees acquired, and personal scholastic advancement while teaching.

*The Daily Review, April 22, 1955*

**Alvarado Zoning:**

Precise zoning for Alvarado will be accomplished in about a month. A representative from the Alameda County Planning Commission's technical staff appeared at Thursday night's Chamber of

Commerce meeting to display tentative maps and seek zoning suggestions from residents. He explained that Alvarado would be limited to an area bounded on one side by the East Shore Freeway (I-880), and on the other by a flood control levee (Lowry Road), which is still to be constructed. He said any residential construction must go inside that area. The speaker warned that Alvarado is unprepared for any tract development. He said if homes were to be constructed in the community, a high tax rate must result because of inadequate sanitation, need for enlarged schools, and lack of industry.

*The Daily Review, April 23, 1955*

**Mrs. Mildred (Martin) Silva Dies:**

Mrs. Mildred A. Silva died Saturday in San Francisco, at age 29. A native of Alvarado, she was a member of the Alvarado Eagles Auxiliary and the Paul. S. Rivers VFW Auxiliary. Mrs. Silva is survived by her husband, Edward and their children, Gary and Jo Ann; as well as her parents Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Martin, all of Alvarado and a sister Mrs. Wilma Silva and a brother Glenn Bachelor, both of Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, April 25, 1955*

**Union City gets Hearing:**

The Union City vs. Treeview dispute was the sixth case on the calendar of the District Appellate Court in San Francisco today. At issue in the case, which is calendared as "Frank Borghi vs. the Alameda County Board of Supervisors," is 2,400 acres of industrial land south of Hayward's borders. Hayward proposes to annex the area and the residents of Alvarado and Decoto want to incorporate into Union City.

The action involves the board of supervisors because its members decided last month that they could not accept Union City's annexation petitions because, in the opinion of their legal counsel, Hayward's annexation had priority.

*The Daily Review, April 25, 1955*

**Irvington Looks to Incorporate:**

Members of the Irvington Chamber of Commerce last night approved the chamber incorporation committee's recommendation to initiate an immediate survey to determine the practicality of a tri-city incorporation of the communities of Irvington, Warm Springs and Mission San Jose.

Patrick Henry, budget analyst for the Alameda County Taxpayers Association, was asked if he thought incorporation here (Irvington), either on a township-wide or a tri-community basis was premature. He replied, "It is not premature, you only have a limited amount of time in which to do something. The subdividers will be moving into Alvarado this year. How much time there will be before they completely engulf the town (Alvarado) is uncertain.

*The Daily Review, April 27, 1955*

**Jeany Cheng:**

Jeany Cheng, daughter of Mrs. Gum Hoo Cheng, Alvarado, has been announced as winner of the annual essay contest of the Auxiliary to Joseph & Stanley Bernardo Post, VFW, at Washington Union High School.

Jeany is a senior at Washington High. She is treasurer for her class, secretary of the Girl's League, and a member of the California Scholastic Federation.

*The Daily Review, April 27, 1955*

**Alvarado School/PTA Variety Show:**

Native dances of Japan, the Philippines, Mexico and Hawaii will highlight the Alvarado PTA Variety Show, to be presented tonight and tomorrow at the Alvarado School auditorium at 8:00 p.m. Both parents and children of the PTA and Alvarado School are combining their talents for the show, the proceeds of which go to the PTA's treasury. Mrs. Emily Sacramento is general chairman for the show. Warren Silva is to be master of ceremonies.

Mrs. Gladys Hersey, publicity chairman, has announced these numbers for the weekend show: Mary Ann Travers and Carol Andrade, tap dance; Elaine and Leroy Pinto, piano and accordion duet; **Pat Flores**, pantomime; **Dorothy Matsumoto**, Japanese number; Loren Pinto and Diane Perry, vocal and "Be-Bop" dance; Thomas Rigmaiden, piano solo; Judy, Lou, and Bruce Loyola and Ben Ugale, Filipino folk dance; Evalene Griffin, monologue; Pinto Brothers, Orchestral music; Donna, Jayne, and Tina Sacramento, hula; Jesse and Diane Ramirez, Mexican number; Billie and Bonnie Silva, song and tap number; Donald and David Brune, Hawaiian and steel guitar duet; Ann Ugale, vocal; Ellen Louie, **Pat Flores**, Pat Vargas, Pat Noia, Pat Vierra and Rosemary and Frances Alvarez, "Goofus"; Mary Fontejon, Josephine Tenorio, Mildred Naharro,, and **Dorothy Matsumoto**, "Four Dettas"; Harold and Loretta Faria, piano and saxophone duet; Corky Naharro, vocal.

*The Daily Review, April 28, 1955*

### **Eagles Meeting Cancelled:**

The regular meeting of the Alvarado Eagles, to have been held last Monday evening, was suspended by the local lodge, in mourning for Mrs. Mildred Silva, wife of Edward Silva, a long time member.

*The Daily Review, April 28, 1955*

### **Fire District:**

The Alvarado Fire Commission has asked the County Board of Supervisors and the District Attorney's Office to "initiate immediate action to test the validity of Hayward's (Treeview) annexation proposal.

In a letter to the board, chairman of the commission, A. A. Lee said, "three-fourths of the Alvarado Fire District will be lost to Hayward if the Treeview annex is successful. On the district's twenty cent tax rate, this would mean that revenues would be cut to \$800." It's obvious, Lee's letter stated that the, "department could not operate on that amount and its economically impractical to raise taxes sufficiently to provide adequate for fire protection for what will be left for the rest of the district."

*The Daily Review, April 29, 1955*

### **School Enrollment:**

With a peak enrollment this year in the school system of Alameda County, Hayward and the surrounding areas are high in school attendance.

For our local area the count was: Alvarado 238, Centerville 1,014, Decoto 1,529, Irvington 781, Mission San Jose 411, Newark 1,033, Niles 756, Warm Springs 101.

*The Daily Review, May 2, 1955*

### **Alvarado News:**

Mrs. Mae Santos, Mrs. Mary Borges, Mrs. Helen Gularte, and Mrs. Helen Perry attended an SPRSI meeting in Warm Springs Saturday afternoon.

**Mrs. Ernie (Carol) Andrade** attended a bridal shower for Carole Pine of Niles Friday evening at the home of Bea Hugel in Cabrillo Park.

A variety show, sponsored by the Alvarado P.T.A., was presented Thursday and Friday.

Mr. & Mrs. Serafin Noia, Pat & Carol, visited relatives in Kerman, near Fresno, this weekend. They also attended a joint birthday party for Joe Porto and his grandson, Danny.

Mr. & **Mrs. Ernie Andrade**, Linda and **Sharon Perry**, helped Melvin Perry celebrate his seventeenth birthday at the home of **Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Perry** on Sunday.

Alvarado Alumni of Washington Union High School, call of 1940, who attended the buffet dinner and dance Saturday evening were: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Rodgers, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Joyce, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Pine, Mr. & Mrs. Emilio Re, Mr. & Mrs. Warren Silva, Mr. & Mrs. William Silva, Mr. & Mrs.

Everett Alameda, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Silva and Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Pine. After the dinner they were taken on a tour through the new facilities and later enjoyed dancing in the girl's gym.

A surprise bridal shower was given Sunday by Eleanor Azevedo and Mayme Roderick to Elizabeth Flores. Guests at the Azevedo's home were: Mrs. Peter Pinto, Mrs. Minnie Rose, Mrs. Louise Machado, Mrs. Manuel Perry and Diane, Mrs. Elvin Rose, Mrs. Mary Flores, Mrs. Clara Flores, Mrs. Mamie Alexander and Sharon, Mrs. Mary Avila, Madeline Woodard, Mrs. Edith Lemos and Arlene, Mrs. Edith Mello, Mrs. Ann La Blanc, Mrs. Geraldine Rodgers, Mrs. Mary Silva, Mrs. Louise Miguel and Carol, Clara Mendonca, Mary Azevedo, Clara Leonardo, Mrs. John Bond and Ruthy, Mrs. Miriam Sessions and Sandy, Marlene and Kathy Azevedo, Anna Amaral, Ann and Pat Flores.

Attending a farewell party for Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Homen and Larry of Centerville, who left today for a trip to Portugal, were (from Alvarado), Mr. & Mrs. Norman Silveira, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silveira, **Sharon Perry** and Linda Andrade. The party was given at the home of **Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Perry** of Cabrillo Park.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., May 5, 1955*

### **PTA Fashion Show:**

A fashion show put on by Mrs. Dakin's "good grooming" class will be staged for today's meeting of the Alvarado PTA. The meeting begins at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Alvarado School. Girls who will participate in the show include: Mary Jane Rangel, announcer; Donna Sacramento, Connie Lopez, Betty Bielar, Sondra and Isabel Urrutia, Hortense Preciado, Vera Bueno, Jayne Sacramento, Petra Aranda, Hortensia Garcia, and Helen Moore, models. Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Emily Sacramento, Josephine Tenorio, Isabel Loyola and Mildred Naharro.

*The Daily Review, May 5, 1955*

### **Holy Ghost:**

The annual Holy Ghost S.D.E.S. Festival will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> in Alvarado. A parade will be held at 8:00 p.m. Saturday, followed by dancing. A parade at 9:30 a.m. will be held Sunday, with the crowning of the queen will be featured, followed by a "sopas-and-meat lunch" and dancing to the music of Pinto's Orchestra.

Supervising arrangements are Joseph Dolin, Manuel Pinto, Frank Goularte, with Frank Pinto as Master of Ceremonies and Manuel Morreira, Mat Machado, and Manuel Martin assisting.

The queen will be 14 year-old Rosemary Alvarez, daughter of Mrs. Clara Souza. Side-maids will be Myrna Jean Dutra and Mary Ann Travers; cape holders Jerry Souza, Jennifer Mendonca and Steve Silva; bar-girls, Elaine Pinto and Alice Andrade; and bar-boys, Melvin Silva and Donald Martin.

Baby queen will be Darlene Anne Dolin, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Dolin of Hayward. She will have as side-maids, Doreen Anne Janero and Laura Helen Cabral; cape-holders Georgeanna Amaral and Gregory Silva; bar-boys Wayne Amaral, Dennis Machado and Edward Gomes.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., May 5, 1955*

### **Holy Ghost:**

A tradition observed in Washington Township since 1869 will be re-lived this week as Alvarado celebrates its annual Holy Ghost festival. The Alvarado Holy Ghost is followed in succeeding weeks by Holy Ghost festival's in Centerville, Mission San Jose and by Newark.

This year's Holy Ghost Queen for Alvarado is Rosemarie Alvarez. She will be attended by Mary Ann Travers, and Myrna Jean Dutra as side guards. Darlene Dolin is this year's little Queen.

Saturday and Sunday will be celebrated with parades, a dance, sopas, and an auction. There will be a carnival on site with rides for the children.

*The Daily Review, May 6, 1955*



**PTA:**

The annual dinner of the Alvarado PTA will be held this year at the Crow Canyon Chateau, according to Mrs. Gladys Hersey, publicity chairman. The dinner is set for Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Mae Santos, Hilda Allegre and Eldora Pinto are in charge of reservations.

*The Daily Review, May 9, 1955*

**Treeview Vote:**

In a heavy turnout yesterday, Treeview residents voted 453-145 to become part of the city of Hayward.

"There was wonderful feeling in Hillview Crest last night within a couple of hours after the polls closed, when word about the results got around," A.J. DeMamiel, Treeview committee chairman for the annex, reported.

The result was a bitter pill to swallow for Alvarado and Decoto residents who had hopes of taking Treeview into Union City.

*The Daily Review, May 11, 1955*

**School District Consolidation:**

Trustees of four elementary school districts will study a proposed district unification, but voters must approve ultimate action. This was decided at a meeting last night between school officials and a committee of Washington Township businessmen, industrialists and agriculturalists. Districts participating the study include Decoto, Alvarado, Niles and Alviso.

Reasons advanced in favor of the proposal were economy, greater influence to be exerted by a larger group, and opportunity to extend a larger educational opportunity to the children.

*The Daily Review, May 11, 1955*

**Flood Control:**

Bids will be sought next week for the first major section of the Alvarado-Decoto-Hayward flood control system. Specifications are being completed for a four-mile section of a 400-foot-wide drain channel running from the Southern Pacific tracks (west of Alvarado) to the Bay. When complete it will carry to the Bay excess water of an area with an estimated eventual population of 180,000 people.

*The Daily Review, May 12, 1955*

**Alvarado News:**

Mr. & Mrs. John Abreu of Patterson, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silva of Oakland, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Raphael and family of San Francisco, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Raphael of San Mateo, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Borges of San Leandro, Mr. & Mrs. Gus Silva of San Lorenzo, and Mrs. Mackie Marks of Oakland visited Mr. & Mrs. Tony Borges and Mrs. Mary Raphael Sunday. Mrs. Raphael received many gifts from her children, and Mrs. Borges also received gifts, as it was Mother's Day.

Sunday, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Gardetto visited Mrs. C. Columbo of San Mateo.

**Mr. & Mrs. Andy Gardetto** visited Mr. & Mrs. John Soto of Decoto.

Mrs. Eva Howlette of San Leandro spent the weekend at the home of Mrs. Elvin Rose and family. A Happy Birthday to Elaine Pinto who celebrated her 12<sup>th</sup> birthday Sunday.

PFC Arnold Gardetto visited his parents, **Mr. & Mrs. Mike Gardetto** on a 72-hour pass from Camp Pendleton. He will again be home approximately on May 25<sup>th</sup>, and after that he will go to Florida to the Air Delivery School. Arnie was a sponsor for David Brune at the latter's Confirmation last Saturday. They were later entertained at a dinner at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Brune, where other relatives and friends were present.

Mr. & Mrs. Bud Rissman, Mr. & Mrs. Norman Andrade, Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Andrade, Mr. & Mrs. John Aguiar, and Mr. & Mrs. Richard De Motte visited Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Andrade Saturday evening. They later went to the dance at the S.D.E.S. Hall, and then went to the El Mateo in Mt. Eden.

On May 24<sup>th</sup> between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., sixteen local marchers will collect donations for the Cerebral-Palsy Fund. Chairman is John Shestack and co-chairman is Lavern Shestack. Two marchers will stop at each home with identification. All marchers will be protected by the Sheriff's Reserve.

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Rodgers and children of Hayward, Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Rodgers and daughter of Tracy, and Donald Garren of Louisiana spent Mother's Day at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rodgers. Donald is at present stationed at Hunter's Point with the Navy.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Eagles met Monday evening at the Eagles Hall. They had a Mother's Day program. Each member was presented with a carnation with the exception of the "Past Mother" Aurora Lewis and the "New Mother" Tina Costa. They each received a gift and a corsage. The members also had a White Elephant Draw. The refreshment committee was as follows: Anna Perry, chairman; Mabel Rodgers and Mary Smith.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., May 12, 1955*

### **School Redistricting:**

Washington Township schools have been promised a redistricting study will be launched in their district by the Alameda County Committee on School District Organization.

Dr. Harold Schoenfeld, Superintendent of Decoto Elementary School District, presented the request of Alviso, **Alvarado**, Niles and Decoto **Elementary Schools** for a reorganization study in their areas last night.

Industrialists, agriculturalists and school trustees of the areas agreed unanimously earlier this week to petition the committee for the study on the grounds consolidation of their districts might result in economies of operation.

Schoenfeld also asked trustee boards of Hayward and Washington Union High School districts to get together on a revision of district boundary lines to coincide with school attendance areas. Unless they do this, he said, some students who live within a mile of Washington's new site in Decoto will be walking almost two miles to Hayward's proposed high school in LaVista.

*The Daily Review, May 13, 1955*

### **Eagles Auxiliary:**

A retiring mother of the year and one newly elected to that office were co-guests of honor at this week's meeting of the members of Alvarado Eagles Auxiliary, No. 1695. Mrs. Aurora Lewis, retiring mother of the year, was presented with a corsage and Mrs. Tina Costa newly elected to that position, received a gift.

A "white elephant" grab bag entertained members and guests at a social hour following the business meeting.

*The Daily Review, May 13, 1955*

### **Trustee Resigns:**

Graydon Spurlock, trustee of **Alvarado Elementary School District**, has resigned his position. Mr. Spurlock has moved out of the district and can no longer represent the school. The two remaining members of the board are Wilbert Hendricks and Warren Silva.

*The Daily Review, May 13, 1955*

### **Alvarado Eagles:**

The Alvarado Eagles have named four delegates to the Eagles convention to be held in Los Angeles sometimes in June. They are: M. E. Silva, Joe Martin, John Ratekin and Ray Cunha.  
*The Daily Review, May 17, 1955*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

President Henry Leidsen has prepared a four-point agenda for tomorrow's meeting of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce members. The meeting gets underway at 8:00 p.m. at the Alvarado Fire Station. Slated for membership discussion are plans for the annual chamber dinner, sponsorship of the Alvarado queen candidate at Park Air Force Day, and Alvarado zoning.  
*The Daily Review, May 18, 1955*

**Alvarado School Trustee Election:**

There are three persons seeking to fill one position on the Alvarado School Board of trustees. They are: Warren Silva (incumbent), Joseph J. Shestack and Edward Silva.  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 18, 1955*

**Mrs. Mary Raphael Dies:**

**Mrs. Mary E. Rafael**, 81, died in Alvarado yesterday. She had lived with her daughter, **Mrs. Antone Borges** for the last six months. A native of Portugal, she had lived in Livermore with her late husband John Rafael for the past 50 years.  
*The Daily Review, May 19, 1955*

**Parks AFB Beauty Contest:**

Eastbay feminine youth, beauty and personality will be visible, and audible now and then, on "San Francisco Tonight," on KGO TV at 10:50 p.m. tonight. Eight lovely specimens of Eastbay loveliness herald the festivities to take place tomorrow at Parks Air Force Base on Armed Services Day celebration.

Representing Alvarado in the beauty contest is Jessie Torres, 18.  
*The Daily Review, May 19, 1955*

**Alvarado News:**

Friday evening, Dick Andrade marked his birthday. Helping him celebrate were: Mr. & Mrs. Henry Andrade and Marlene, Mr. & Mrs. George Andrade and sons, Mr. & Mrs. Norman Andrade and daughters, Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Andrade and Linda, and Miss Isolda Mondon.

A surprise housewarming was given to Mr. & Mrs. Frank Goularte and sons Saturday night by their relatives. Those hosting the Goularte's were: Mr. & Mrs. Frank Vargas and Pat, Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Aguiar and sons, Mr. & Mrs. Norman Silveira and daughters, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hernandez and family, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Silva and daughters, Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Ramm and son, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silveira, Mrs. Rose Hernandez and family, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Delgado and sons, Mr. & Mrs. Carlos Renteria and family, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Rivers, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Hernandez, Mrs. Vesta Di Vincenzo, Mr. & Mrs. Laverne Di Vincenzo and son, Mr. & Mrs. Mel Mathison, Mrs. Everest Fields, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Gonsalves and son, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Rose and son, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Fields and family, Mr. Joe Lezand, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Diaz and family, Mr. & Mrs. Frankie Lewis and family, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Lezand and daughter, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Goularte, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Joe Goularte and family and Mr. & Mrs. George Goularte and family.

SPRSI Council 21 of Alvarado is having their official visit and installation of officers on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. It will be held at the S.D.E.S. Hall on Watkins Street. All councils and member are asked to attend.

**Mr. & Mrs. Tony Borges** and **Mrs. Mary Raphael** motored to Manteca to visit Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Silva.

Next Tuesday, where will be a Cerebral Palsy Parade between 7 & 9 p.m. The local marchers will be protected by Sheriff's Deputies.

Johnny Shestack marched with the Sheriff's Reserves in the Alvarado Holy Ghost. Sorry to hear that Stanley, Dale and Marvin Rose are ill. Sunday evening, **Mr. & Mrs. Tony Borges** enjoyed their dinner with Mr. & Mrs. Bob Rodgers and family of Hayward. Mr. & Mrs. Andy Gardetto and daughters attended a housewarming for Mr. & Mrs. Louis Gonzalez of San Leandro Sunday. Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Silva, Helen Moore and Betty Bielar visited Mr. & Mrs. Joe Mendes and sons of San Jose Sunday. The Mendes' are formerly of Alvarado. V.F.W. Post 7906 of Alvarado led the Holy Ghost Parade in Hayward Sunday. Mr. & Mrs. Charles Yuhara are proud parents of a baby girl.

***The Niles Register, Niles Calif., May 19, 1955***

### **Alvarado Incorporation:**

If annexation to Hayward of industrial land in Washington Township is upheld in the courts, Alvarado may formulate incorporation plans. This was the sentiment of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce. J. A. Ratekin, Superintendent of the Holly Sugar Mill favors Alvarado incorporation. Said Ratekin, "Holly Sugar will back you (Alvarado) 100%, we will even put our lawyer to work on it."

***The Daily Review, May 20, 1955***

### **Alvarado School Graduation Dance:**

Lack of a quorum canceled this week's meeting of the Alvarado School board. It will be sandwiched between dinner and dancing at the board's yearly dinner for eighth grade graduates. The annual affair will be held next Wednesday. The board meeting is expected to be a short one.

All Alvarado School personnel will be guests of the board at the dinner as well as the graduates. The musician's union will underwrite the presence of Peter Pinto and his dance orchestra.

All Eighth Grade students in Washington Township will be guests of the Alvarado graduates for the dance to be held in the school auditorium. Albert Cicairos, class president, will be the official host. He will be assisted by Gasper Gonzalez, Rosemarie Alvarez and Jose Martinez.

***The Daily Review, May 20, 1955***

### **Flood Control:**

The largest single project to date in the county's flood control program will get under way soon, relieving the danger of flooding in an area extending from the south Hayward city limits to Alvarado. It is main drainage channel of Zone 3A. The Board of Supervisors yesterday authorized advertising for bids on a portion of the channel and set the bid opening date for 11:00 a.m. June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Total cost of the project is estimated to be in excess of \$400,000 with more than 1,000,000 cubic yards of excavation. It is the largest channel excavation job to be undertaken in the Bay Area in recent years.

***The Daily Review, May 20, 1955***

### **New School Trustee:**

William E. Silva received 69 votes to capture the open school trustee spot. Warren J. Silva polled 36 votes while Joseph Shestack received 27.

***The Daily Review, May 21, 1955***

### **Mrs. Shestack in Train Collision:**

Mrs. Laverne Shestack, 27, 1021 Granger Road, Alvarado, and her two sons, Randolph, 7, and Douglas, 4, were injured when they were waiting for a Western Pacific train to pass in Irvington when they were rammed from the rear end and pushed into the path of the oncoming train. The driver of the beer truck that hit Mrs. Shestack says he did not see the signal. Mrs. Shestack is the President of the Alvarado School PTA and is active in civic affairs.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 25, 1955*

**VFW Joint Officer Installation:**

Officers of the **Paul Rivers Post, VFW**, and the Auxiliary will be installed in a joint ceremony on Saturday. The installation service begins at 8 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Building in Niles.

**Norman Silveira** will take office, as Post Commander and Bernice Silveira will be seated as President of the Auxiliary.

Other post officers include: Norbert E. George, Senior Vice Commander; Robert O. Lind, Junior Vice Commander; William Silva, Chaplain; George R. Cronick, Quartermaster; Jesse Jacinto, Surgeon; Lester Maderos, Advocate; Frank Sacramento, Adjutant; Edwin Mello, Service Officer; John Aguilar, Legislative Officer; Eugene Rose, Leonard Silva, and Ernest Machado, Trustees; Stanley Lewis, Patriotic Instructor; and Edward Fantuzzi, Publicity Chairman.

Other officers to be seated for the Auxiliary are: Laverne Shestack, Senior Vice President; Beatrice Lopez, Junior Vice President; Kay Silva, Treasurer; Bernice Diaz, Secretary; Isabel Loyola, Conductress; Emily Sacramento, Chaplain. **Lorraine Silva**, Historian; Billie Jacinto, Patriotic Instructor; Wilma Silva, Musician; Beatrice Rose, Banner Bearer; Helen Anderson, Guard; Mary Silveira, Marjorie Re, Ruby Stockinger and Jeanette Bratton, Color Bearers; Katherine Luna, **Lorraine Silva**, and Mary Vargas, Trustees.

*The Daily Review, May 26, 1955*

**Felix Ybarra to Wed:**

Felix Ybarra, U.S. Air Force, of Alvarado was wed to Miss Julia Morales of Newark in a ceremony before Judge E.A. Quaresma in Centerville on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Following the wedding ceremony, a reception was held at the Ybarra home in Alvarado.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., May 26, 1955*

**Alvarado News:**

Liz & Pat Flores spent the weekend in Boulder Creek visiting Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Sessions, Jerry and Sandy.

Deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs. Mary Raphael. Mrs. Raphael had been living with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Borges.

Saturday night **Ernie and Carol Andrade** enjoyed dinner at Banchemo's with **Elden and Betty Andrade**. Later they went to the Crow Canyon Chateaux.

**Norman Silveira** and **Ernie Andrade** attended a **VFW** district meeting in Richmond Sunday. **Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Andrade** and **Linda** and **Sharon Perry** visited Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Aguiar in Newark Friday.

**Paul Rivers V.F.W Post and Ladies Auxiliary** will hold their annual installation tonight at the Niles Memorial Building. The public is invited. Tomorrow the 10 o'clock Mass at St. Anne's Catholic Church will be offered for deceased members of the Post and Auxiliary. Memorial services for the Auxiliary will follow at the Holy Sepulcher Cemetery in Hayward.

Mr. & Mrs. Emilio (Lean) Re celebrated their fourteenth wedding anniversary Saturday by enjoying dinner at the Chuck Wagon Restaurant in Belmont with Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Vargas. They later attended the Holy Ghost dance in Centerville.

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Andrade gave a barbecue Sunday. Those enjoying dancing and swimming at the Andrade home were: Marlene and Dick Andrade, Isolda Mondon, **Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Andrade** and **Linda, Sharon Perry**, Mr. & Mrs. Norman Andrade and daughters Kathy, Barbie and Debbie, Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Flower and sons Jonnie Jr. and Stevie, Mr. & Mrs. George Andrade and sons Georgie and Mike, Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Andrade and children Paul and Sandy, **Mr. & Mrs. Elden Andrade**, Mr. & Mrs. Seraphine (Cy) Caldeira and daughter Joyce, Mr. & Mrs. Otto Kline, Jack Otto and John Mosser.

***The Niles Register, Niles Calif., May 26, 1955***

**Eagles Pot Luck Dinner:**

Was there skullduggery in the Kitchen?

Alvarado Eagles who attended a recent potluck dinner prepared by the men may never know. Loyal wives were not admitting which of their husbands needed a little help.

It was announced that there will be a formal public installation of newly elected officers on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. at F.O.E. Hall in Alvarado. Ray Cunha has been elected president and Elmer Posey vice-president. Other officers are: Wilbert Hendricks, Chaplain; Joseph E. Lewis, Secretary; C. W. Baird, Treasurer; W. E. Silva, Conductor; Michael Gardetto, Inside Guard; and Sylvester Gallo, Outside Guard. J. A. Ratekin was elected to a three-year term as trustee.

***The Daily Review, May 27, 1955***

**Classified Ad:**

FOR SALE – MISCELLANEOUS:

Houses, 2 single, 1-bedroom houses to be moved. Meets code.

ALvarado 55-826 after 7 p.m.

***The Daily Review, May 28, 1955***

**Alvarado Zoning:**

A request for "exclusive" zoning from the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce has been referred by the Alameda County Supervisors to Planning Director John Jay Thomas for recommendation. The Alvarado chamber wrote the board requesting that "immediate action be taken to preserve land for use as it was originally zoned, otherwise the zoning plan of any community would have little significance.

The chamber pointed out what "appears to be a weakness in the zoning ordinance" that residential building in a commercially zoned area does not require a use permit.

"By this letter we are requesting emergency legislation which would require a use permit for construction or use other than commercial in any commercially zoned area," chamber officials wrote. "In this way, land reserved for commercial use could be reserved for this purpose."

***The Daily Review, May 28, 1955***

**Death at Train Crossing:**

A widowed Alvarado mother of nine and her granddaughter were killed instantly today when her car was struck by a Southern Pacific freight train at the Lowry Road crossing about 1½ mile south of Alvarado. ([About one mile southwest of the Hall Station crossing](#)). Dead are Mrs. Maria M. Villanueva, 40, of 1442 Hiway 17, and Anna Maria Parra, 2, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ramon Parra of Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, June 2, 1955***

**Alvarado Eagle Auxiliary Officers:**

The installation of the Auxiliary to Aerie No. 169 will be held June 4<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. The following members are assuming duties: President, Alvina Leal; Junior Past President, Ina Newfield; Chaplain, Laura Gallo; Conductress, Millie Posey; Secretary, Susie Davis; Treasurer, Alice Menezes; Inside Guard, Isabel Mondragon; Outside Guard, Anne Perry; Trustees, Anne Baird, Mary Smith, and Tina Costa; Pianist, Florence Wallace. The officers will be installed by members of the San Leandro Auxiliary in a public ceremony.

***The Niles Register, Niles Calif., June 2, 1955***

**Alvarado News:**

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Goularte and Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Maciel spent the weekend at Richardson Springs near Chico California.

Also taking advantage of the long weekend were Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Rodgers and Debbie Lynn who spent a few days at the home of **Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rodgers**.

The Eagles held a potluck on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Eagles Hall. Men entertained the women by cooking all the food!

PFC Arnie Gardetto is home on a 20-day leave before going to Florida. Saturday evening Arnie and **Mr. & Mrs. Mike Gardetto** went to dinner celebrating the latter's 28<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

The Benevolent Society, Council 22, met at the home of **Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rodgers** to nominate officers. Present were: Jeanette Bratton, Manuel Rose, **Mr. & Mrs. Mike Gardetto** and Mr. & Mrs. Joe Perry.

Enjoying a picnic at Half Moon Bay Sunday were Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Andrade and Linda, Sharon Perry, Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Flower, Johnny Jr. and Stevie, Mr. & Mrs. Norman Andrade, Barbie, Kathy and Debbie, all of Alvarado; Mr. & Mrs. Elden Andrade, Linda Gonzales, Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Andrade, with Paul and Sandy; and Mr. & Mrs. Otto Kline.

***The Niles Register, Niles Calif., June 2, 1955***

#### **Alvarado PTA:**

The Alvarado Elementary PTA met last week without President Mrs. Laverne Shestack, who was injured in an auto accident recently in Irvington. Mrs. Amelia Seramonty, Vice President was called in to chair the meeting. New officers were initiated for the coming year. They are: Mrs. Shirley Banworth, President, Mrs. Bernice Silveira and Leslie Maffey, Vice Presidents. Other officers are: Mrs. Marie Rose, Mrs. Renee Stiarwalt, Mrs. Gladys Hersey, Mrs. Hilda Allegre, Bernice Diaz, and Mrs. Margaret Costa.

John Danb, chairman of summer recreation reported free swimming lessons will be given to the six to nine year old students at the Henry Andrade Swimming Pool on Fair Ranch Road. Older groups will be taken to Washington Union High School by bus.

***The Daily Review, June 7, 1955***

#### **Chamber of Commerce:**

The annual dinner of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce will be held June 16<sup>th</sup> at Crow Canyon Chateau. Leslie H. Maffey, chamber secretary, announced that original plans to have a member of the Planning Commission discuss zoning at this week's meeting have been canceled.

***The Daily Review, June 9, 1955***

#### **Parole Denied:**

Seferino Tofolla, 27, convicted murderer of Augustine Quintero 27, at an Alvarado labor camp in 1953, has been denied parole.

***The Oakland Tribune, June 9, 1955***

#### **Hayward Wins Court Battle:**

Hayward is the victor in one court battle in defense of its annexation of four square miles of potentially rich industrial land in Washington Township, but a decision has been deferred until August in a second case.

The State District Court of Appeal upheld Hayward's southward expansion late yesterday in rejecting a plea from proponents of Union City incorporation at Alvarado and Decoto. The court ruled unanimously that Hayward qualified for its annexation before the Union City faction met requirements for incorporation.

***The Oakland Tribune, June 9, 1955***

#### **Flood Control:**

The Alameda County Flood Control District awarded a \$464,487.28 contract yesterday, the largest in the three-year old district's history, to Charles T. Hover, San Francisco contractor. The contract

calls for improvement of the main outlet channel between San Francisco Bay and Alvarado Zone 3A. Five contractors submitted bids ranging to a high of \$723,259.96.

Work will include over 1,000,000 cubic yards of excavation for an extensive channel improvement from Alvarado to a point 2,500 feet cut into San Francisco Bay, a large tide gate structure to prevent bay salt waters from intruding too far inland and installation of a four-foot diameter welded steel siphon nearly 600 feet long under the new channel to transport salt water between adjacent salt ponds.

*The Daily Review, June 10, 1955*

#### **Food Theft:**

Henry Contreras, 21, of Alvarado was booked yesterday on suspicion of burglary. The charge developed from investigation of food stolen from the Alvarado Grammar School two weeks ago. Leslie Maffey, Alvarado School Principal, signed the complaint.

*The Daily Review, June 11, 1955*

#### **Paul Salas Dies:**

Final rites for Paul G. Salas, 48, of 1004 "V" Street, Alvarado were held from Berge Mortuary Company Monday June 13<sup>th</sup>. Paul had lived in Alvarado for several years. He is survived by a brother in Mexico.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., June 16, 1955*

#### **Alvarado News:**

Mrs. Venezio of Pueblo Colorado visited Mrs. Mickey Perry at the home of **Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Andrade**. Mickey is from Niles and is recuperating from an operation.

**Ernie Andrade** and Johnny Flower attended the rodeo in Livermore Saturday. They liked it very much.

Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Silva are the proud parents of a baby boy, born Monday.

Danny Rose spent Friday and Saturday camping with the Boy Scouts near San Jose.

Visiting Mr. & **Mrs. Tony Rodgers** Sunday were Mr. & Mrs. John Williams of Irvington, Mr. & Mrs. King Lemos, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Perry, and Mr. & Mrs. Bob Rodgers, all of Hayward.

Happy birthday wishes go to Mrs. Minnie Rose and Peter Pinto who celebrated their birthdays this past week.

Randy Shestack is recovering from a severe case of the Red Measles.

Two men from Alvarado, Warren Silva and John Shestack, will graduate from the Sheriff's Reserve Training. They will graduate next Wednesday at a dinner in Santa Rita.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., June 16, 1955*

#### **Local Graduating Classes:**

Alvarado Grammar School:

The graduating class of 1955 is: Anthony Gualco, Nellie Barrera, David Brune, Donna Sacramento, Louis Angelo, Mary Jane Rangel, Robert Velarde, Rosemarie Alvarez, Albert Cicairos, Helen Moore, Frank Soto, Connie Lopez, Gaspar Gonzalez, Hortense Preciado, Johnny Villegas, Betty Bielar, Robert Harvey, Irene Urrutia, Jose Martinez.

Alviso Grammar School:

The graduating class for 1955 is: Joanne Accinelli, Manuel Bettencourt, Arturo Calderon, Mary Duran, Anthony Faria, Helen Gularde, Riley Hailey, Emily Kato, John Leon, Dianne Orsetti, Paul Orsetti, Andrew Passadore, Anthony Pimentel, Gene Prevette, Richard Reina and Carolyn Smith.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., June 16, 1955*

#### **Eagles Auxiliary Install Officers:**

Alvarado Eagles Auxiliary 1695 installed new officers at formal rites, June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Eagles Hall in Alvarado.



Installed were: Mary Mattox, Past President; Mrs. Alvina Leal, President; Ina Newfield, Vice President; Laura Gallo, Chaplain; Susan Davis, Secretary; Alice Menezes, Treasurer; Isabelle Mondragon, Inside Guard; Annie Perry, Outside Guard; Madeline Lang, Mary Smith and Amelia Silva, Trustees. Organist was Florence Wallace.

Appointments made included: Visiting Committee, Mary Mattox, Tessie Maciel, Aurora Lewis, and Florence Wallace; Delinquent Committee, Mildred Posey, Catherine Silva, Mary Mattox; Publicity, Laura Gallo; Historian, Mary Mattox; Auditor, Laura Meyer, Investigation, Isabelle Mondragon, **Mrs. Tony (Mabel) Rodgers**, Alice Menezes, Way & Means, Mildred Posey, Ina Newfield; Hospital, Millie Richmond; Finance, Amelia Silva, Mary Smith, Madeline Lang; Telephone, Esther Gardetto, Lonnie Tomzak, Wilma Silva, Amelia Silva; Kitchen Committee, Annie Baird.  
*The Daily Review, June 16, 1955*

#### **Train Collides With Candy Truck:**

A southern Pacific freight train smashed into a truck fully loaded with Peter Paul Mounds and Almond Joy candy bars. The impact of the collision scattered candy bars for a mile along the tracks. The truck driver, Leo Murphy of Pasadena, California was apparently killed instantly. The accident occurred at the Hall Station crossing. The train wigwag signals at the Hall Station were apparently working at the time of the accident but the driver apparently did not see them.

Many motorists and local residents gathered armfuls of candy bars. Those that arrived first retrieved full cases of candy.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 16, 1955*

#### **E. W. Burr Dies:**

Emil Willard Burr, 85, member of a pioneer family and Southern Alameda County civic leader died yesterday at his home. He is the grandson of E. W. Burr, the first mayor of San Francisco. In 1899 he was appointed Superintendent of the Alameda Sugar Co. mill in Alvarado, where for many years he was active in Washington Township social and civic affairs, having served as trustee for Washington Union High School and Alvarado Elementary School.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 17, 1955*

#### **Eagles Auxiliary:**

Members of the Alvarado Eagles Auxiliary will meet for a barbecue-birthday party at the home of Mrs. Amelia Silva tonight at 6:30 p.m. Mildred Posey will be the conductress and refreshments will be served by Florence Wallace. Angie Vargas and Emily Silva will preside at the business meeting of the group to be held following the barbecue at the F.O.E. Hall in Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, June 22, 1955*

#### **Alvarado News:**

Mr. & Mrs. Andy **Gardetto, Lynette**, Nancy and Roseann attended the graduation of Ernest Soto at Washington Union High School. They also attended the open house that was held for him

**Mr. & Mrs. Mike Gardetto** attended the graduation of Corinne Brandelini in San Carlos Sunday. She is Mr. Gardetto's niece.

Mrs. Mary Silveira has spent two weeks visiting Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Ramm and Hughie. The Ramm's are the proud parents of new twin boys.

Before leaving for Florida, where he is now stationed with Marines, Arnold Gardetto was an usher at the wedding of Marjorie Wetzel and Chas. Adams.

A graduation party honoring **Lynnette Gardetto** who graduated from Kindergarten was held Thursday. Present were **Mr. & Mrs. Mike Gardetto** and Mr. & Mrs. Walter Fasolis, Walt & Steve.

Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Perry visited Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Perry Saturday evening.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Rodgers and family of Hayward and Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Rodgers and daughter of Tracy spent Father's Day with Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rodgers.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., June 23, 1955*

#### **Alviso School Opts Out of District Consolidation:**

The Alviso School District trustees last night spoke against joining the movement to consolidate the Alviso, Alvarado, Decoto and Niles School districts. The stand was taken at an informal meeting called to acquaint voters with the problems of the district and to enlist support for a tax increase election July 12<sup>th</sup>.

Trustees Ralph Logan said that consolidation would help the other three districts, but not Alviso. He pointed out that Alviso is asking for a tax increase from 80 cents to \$1.30 for each \$100 in assessed valuation, but the proposed tax for a unified district is \$1.42. Therefore taxpayers in the Alviso district would have to pay a higher tax than necessary to operate their school. The other districts would experience a reduction.

James Nunes, principal of the school, said that consolidation required only a resolution by the trustees and not a vote of the people. However any tax increase would require an election.

Trustee Earl Green added, "You know how much our vote would count in such a election."  
*The Daily Review, June 23, 1955*

#### **Alvarado News:**

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silveira of Granger Ave. attended a Holy Ghost festival in San Jose Sunday. Mr. & Mrs. Norman Silveira spent Sunday fishing near Sacramento. Mr. & Mrs. Frank Avila and son Ronnie, enjoyed dinner Sunday at the Ernie Andrade's'. Mr. & Mrs. Joe Mendes and sons visited Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Shestack and sons Sunday. Now Randy Shestack is spending a week with the Mendes in San Jose.

Mr. & Mrs. Elvin Rose and sons helped Mrs. Eva Howlette celebrate her birthday Saturday in San Leandro. Tuesday evening the Rose's enjoyed dinner at Mrs. Howlette's home celebrating Mr. Rose's birthday.

Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Andrade celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary Saturday by having dinner in Hayward with Mr. & Mrs. Bud Rissman and Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Perry who also celebrated their eighth and second wedding anniversaries, respectively. After dinner they all went dancing in Oakland.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., June 30, 1955*

#### **Eagles Auxiliary:**

There will be a curtailment of chapter activities but no recess for the members of the Alvarado Eagles Auxiliary No. 1695, it was decided at this week's meeting. Members voted to abandon a hospital visitation program at Camp Parks AFB for the month so June, July and August. The program will be resumed in August.

Alvina Leal, President, reminded members that the auxiliary's "white elephant grab bag" is planned for the July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting at the F.O.E. Hall in Alvarado. She urged all members to gather items to be earmarked for use in the event.

Susan Davis, who returned from the state convention at Long Beach last Sunday, made her delegate's report on activities there.

*The Daily Review, June 30, 1955*

#### **Classified Ad:**

MISC. AUTOMOTIVE:  
1945 Harley Davidson "45" overhauled transmission.  
Chevron Station, Alvarado  
*The Daily Review, July 2, 1955*

#### **Alameda County Fair Winners:**

Among prizewinners in the Alameda County Fair, in the 4-H department of Home Economics clothing and textiles from the Alvarado area are:

**Clothing & Textiles:**

Sue Harvey, second prize (2)  
Sue Harvey, third prize

**Home Furnishings:**

Carol Andrada, third prize  
Bob Harvey, second prize  
Bob Harvey, third prize  
*The Daily Review, July 2, 1955*

**Unusual County Fair Entries:**

Some unusual articles are being shown at the Alameda County Fair including: handkerchiefs with crocheted edges made from nylon thread taken from hosiery with runs, and a doily made from the same material.

From Amelia Andrade of Alvarado came an exhibition of mats woven from cornhusks.  
*The Daily Review, July 2, 1955*

**Flood Control Ditch:**

They're starting to dredge a big drainage ditch, four miles from Alvarado to the Bay. Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District will spend \$464,487 on the job, which will open 400 acres for homes and farms. Oddly enough, they'll have to include gates to keep salt water from backing inland, yet they must lay a big steel siphon under the channel to bring Bay water into the ponds of the salt companies.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 5, 1955*

**Peter Decoto Dies:**

**Peter Lowrie Decoto**, descendant of a prominent township family died yesterday in Oakland. He was 86 years old. A farmer and long time resident of Decoto. For the last three years he had lived in the August May residence on Vallejo Street in Alvarado. Mrs. August May was his sister.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 7, 1955*

**Peter L. Decoto Dies:**

**Peter Lowrie Decoto**, last Washington Township member of the pioneer family, which founded the town, whose name he bore, died Wednesday in Oakland at the age of 86. Decoto, a native of the township, was the son of Ezra Decoto, who with his two brothers established the community of Decoto in 1867. Peter L. Decoto's brother, Ezra Jr., served as District Attorney of Alameda County in the 20's.  
*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., July 7, 1955*

**Hillview Crest Now Part of Hayward:**

The City of Hayward today assumed jurisdiction of the four-square mile Hillview Crest annex. The district, which was annexed to the city in special election May 10<sup>th</sup>, today becomes part of the city despite pending action in a suit filed in the Alameda County Superior Court by industries and individuals protesting inclusion in the annexed area.

In taking over the new territory, the City is providing police and fire protection. Residents of the area are being informed that water rates will be reduced by approximately 40 percent, while sewer rates will be reduced from \$25 to \$12 per year.

The annexed area includes the 609-home Hillview Crest subdivision just north of Decoto and largely uninhabited agricultural land north of Decoto and east of Alvarado. The area has been described as the best potential industrial land remaining in Alameda County.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 7, 1955*

**Elizabeth Flores Weds:**

St. Anne's Catholic Church in Alvarado was the scene Sunday afternoon for the wedding of Elizabeth Ann Flores and Gerald Sessions Jr. The bride, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Flores of Vallejo Street, Alvarado is a senior at San Jose State college.

*The Niles Register, July 7, 1955*

**Alvarado News:**

New officers for the **Alvarado Student Body** were installed at their last meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup> by Albert Cicairos, Past-President. The new officers are: Alex Villalobos, President; Amador Melena, Vice-President; Mary Ann Travers, Secretary; Sandra Urrutia, Treasurer; Jimmy Stiarwalt, Sergeant-at Arms; George Goularte, Cabinet Monitor; Ann Ugale, Parliamentarian; and Elaine Pinto, News Reporter. The Student Body also accepted a new Constitution, which was presented by Jerry Gamardo, Committee Chairman.

Students in the 9 to 12 age group are receiving swimming lessons at the high school pool. The instructors are high school teachers. Children from the 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes are receiving swimming lessons at the (Henry) Andrade's pool. Their instructor is Stephen Graves, teacher at the **Alvarado School**.

Mrs. Hilda Widdop, who has been teaching at the **Alvarado School** for about 15 years, has retired. Replacing Mrs. Widdop will be Mrs. Shirley Krikorian, a graduate of San Jose State College of this year. She will teach the seventh grade and the Glee Club.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Goularte and Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Maciel spent the weekend in Santa Cruz. Linda Andrade, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Andrade had her tonsils removed Saturday at the Children's Hospital in Oakland.

Sharon Perry enjoyed a visit to the fair in Pleasanton Sunday with Mrs. Carrie Andrade and daughter Marlene.

Pauline Vierra, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Vierra of the Alvarado-Niles Road, was married Sunday to Ernest Delgado of Decoto. They were married in Reno at a Catholic Church.

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Gardetto attended a barbecue Monday at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Pellizar of Redwood City.

Mr. & Mrs. Serfin Noia and daughters spent the weekend motoring around Big Basin.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., July 7, 1955*

**New Arrival:**

Born to Mr. & Mrs. Robert Espinoza on June 29, 1955, a daughter, Rebecca Ann.

*The Daily Review, July 8, 1955*

**Pinto Bros. Orchestra:**

The Pinto Bros. Orchestra from Alvarado will supply the music for the Holy Ghost Dance to be held in the Newark Pavilion Saturday from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. The orchestra will play Portuguese fare such as the Chamarita as well as modern offerings. The festivities will cap the Newark Holy Ghost festa.

*The Daily Review, July 8, 1955*

**Water & Taxes in Zone 5:**

Next Tuesday voters of the 71-square mile area extending from a line just south of Alvarado to the PG&E Road ([Stevenson Blvd in Fremont](#)) will determine in a large measure the future development of their region.

The area is Zone 5 of the Alameda County Flood District. If the zone is to be activated at the cheapest possible tax rate, voters must endorse the proposed \$3,989,000 bond issue, which will be on the ballot Tuesday. The alternative to the bond issue will be a pay-as-you-go tax, a

financing method that the County Board of Supervisors is empowered to put into operation. It would result in a higher tax rate and, at the same time, would slow improvements to a snail's pace.

*The Daily Review, July 13, 1955*

### **Fire Protection:**

The Hayward Fire Department, and not firemen from Alvarado, Decoto or Tennyson fire districts is responsible for fire protection in the four square mile Hillview Crest area recently annexed to the City of Hayward.

So Assistant District Attorney Douglas Dunning said today in an effort to settle a jurisdiction squabble that started when the Decoto District's Chief Roland Bendel said he'd man the hoses until his position is clarified.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 14, 1955*

### **Alvarado News:**

Mrs. Pearl Garen, Diane and Jeb of Louisiana, Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Rodgers of Tracy, and Gail Rodgers of Hayward were guests of Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rodgers Sunday.

A speedy recovery is wished to Mrs. Nora Vargas who has been ill.

Saturday Evening Carol and Ernie Andrade attended the dance at the Newark Pavilion with Gerry and Eddie Perry of Centerville.

Carol Andrade attended a shower Monday evening for Shirley Martinez of Niles. The shower was given by Bernice Maria of Mission San Jose at her home.

Irma Silva and Helen Fontes were initiated into the Ladies Auxiliary of the **VFW's** Paul E. River Post at the last regular meeting. Chairmen for the following committees were chosen: Publicity, **Marjorie Re**; Rehabilitation, Emily Sacramento; Cancer, Ruby Stockinger; Membership, Bernice Silveira; and Americanism, Kay Silva. A report of the Department Encampment was made by Ruby Stockinger, who was a delegate.

There will be a potluck dinner beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building in Niles. The potluck will be for our **VFW** Post and the Auxiliary families. **Marjorie Re** will have a display of Christmas cards that evening for anyone who is interested.

While visiting the home of her grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. A.A. Lee, Yvonne Vargas was given a birthday party at their home to celebrate her tenth birthday. Helping her celebrate were Christine Silva, Carol Noia, Carol Silva, Elaine Pinto and Louise and Audrey Botell. The all had fun playing games and winning prizes.

Mr. & Mrs. Elvin Rose and their sons had a barbecue Sunday in their new patio. Enjoying the barbecue were Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lindberg and family, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Lindberg and daughters, and Mr. & Mrs. Harry Cummings and sons, all of San Leandro.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., July 14, 1955*

### **Eagles to Unite:**

The traditional sanctuary of the American male, Lodge Night, is on its way out. At least in Alvarado where the lady Eagles have voted to hold their meetings on the same nights their husbands meet. Further, the meeting place is right in the room next to the men's lodge room.

In Alvarado lodge night will no longer suffice as a dodge to get out on the town. Mrs. Laura Gallo speaking for the ladies says the men really don't mind the arrangement, since the two groups join in a social hour after the meeting. The men, gentlemen that they are haven't come forward to make any comment on the matter.

*The Daily Review, July 15, 1955*

### **Man Beaten & Robbed:**

Trinidad Flores, 32, of San Leandro was in Alvarado drinking, when a man approached him and asked if he would like to have good time. He entered a car with four men and a young woman and was driven to Russell City where he was dragged from the car, beaten and relieved of \$75.  
*The Daily Review, July 16, 1955*

#### **Eagles Auxiliary:**

Members of the Eagles Auxiliary No. 1695 of Alvarado have abandoned their plans for a County Carnival in a special planning session held recently. Instead, they will hold a ham dinner and a three-table card party. The event, to be held September 17<sup>th</sup>, will open the fall season for the auxiliary.

*The Daily Review, July 19, 1955*

#### **Voters OK Zone 5 Bond Issue:**

Voters in the Zone 5 flood control district have approved the bond sale of \$3,989,000 by a margin of 1,048 to 393.

*The Daily Review, July 20, 1955*

#### **New Arrival:**

Born to Mr. & Mrs. Luis Bonilla of 1017 "V" Street, Alvarado, a son, Luis on July 10, 1955.

*The Daily Review, July 20, 1955*

#### **Alvarado News:**

Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Shestack and sons, Randy and Doug, enjoyed a two-week vacation by camping Bib Basin.

After returning last week from a vacation were Mr. & Mrs. J.A. Ratekin and daughter Bev. They enjoyed a trip to Canada.

A speedy recovery is wished to Mrs. Carrie Andrade who has been ill and also to the mother of Carmen Gardetto, Mrs. John Soto of Decoto, who is ill in a Hayward Hospital.

The president of the SPRSI Council 21, Delinda Pimentel, announces that the next meeting will be held on July 28<sup>th</sup> at the Eagles Hall beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Souza of Alviso left on a plane trip to the Azores Wednesday. They were honored at a farewell dinner Sunday with many of the family present.

Mr. & Mrs. Earl Clark and daughter Donna have moved to Sydney Montana. Mr. Clark was in charge of the feed yards at the Sugar Mill. A promotion was the reason for leaving.

Monday evening Mary Borges, Helen Gularte, Martha Faria, Frances Allegre and Isabel Mondragon visited UPPEC Council 134 of Castro Valley.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., July 21, 1955*

#### **County to Help Pay for Bridge:**

The Alameda County Supervisors pledged \$10,000 to help pay for a bridge on the East Shore Freeway over the Flood Control Channel ([parallel with Lowry Road](#)) two miles south of Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, July 22, 1955*

#### **UPPEC Officers Installed:**

With visiting dignitaries of the parent organization present, Council Bernice, UPPEC, held its annual installation of officers at Alvarado recently. Those installed were: Isabel Mondragon, President; Helen Goularte, Vice President; Eldora Pinto, Secretary; Martha Fair, Treasurer; Nelly Richmond, Mistress of Ceremonies; Mary Borges, Marshal; and Rose Freitas, Door Guard.

Trustees for the coming year: Dorothy Serpa, Ann Hendricks and Helen Perry. Harold Faria is pianist and Angie Vargas, Dean. Del Dias was installed as Past President.

*The Daily Review, July 25, 1955*

#### **School Color Scheme:**

The new color scheme at Alvarado Elementary School here will be correct psychologically, Leslie Maffey, district superintendent, said trustees this week approved a consultation with color specialist Dorothy Hawley from Palo Alto. The board will follow her recommendations. Mrs. Hawley is a recognized color consultant, and frequently hired by school architects, according to Maffey.

*The Daily Review, July 25, 1955*

**Alvarado Building Permit Issued:**

The Alameda County Planning Commission issued a permit to Domingo Cicairos to construct an addition to his dwelling at 913 "V" Street in Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, July 26, 1955*

**Eagles:**

The former custom of monthly dances at Eagle's Hall will be resumed. President Ray Cunha announced this week. The first dance in the new series will be in August, the date to be set later. At this week's meeting, Cunha appointed a four-man committee to take charge. They are Elmer Posey, Bill Gallo, Joseph Lewis and William Silva. Music will be by Walter Fasolis and his Orchestra. Proceeds will go to the Eagle's benefit fund. Cunha said that the local chapter is planning a membership drive, during which time initiation fees will be cut from \$10 to \$5. One new member, Bill Tracy of Hayward was initiated this week.

*The Daily Review, July 27, 1955*

**Union City:**

Union City backers have not given up hope of forming a new city of Alvarado and Decoto. Attorney LeRoy Broun last night advised the steering committee for the incorporation movement to keep its action open. A Union City petition for incorporation is pending before the Board of Supervisors while a court decision is awaited.

Part of the area in the newly annexed Treeview (Hillview Crest) area of the City of Hayward. It is this annexation that is in dispute in the courts. Broun said that if Hayward should lose the court action, Union City would be free to proceed.

*The Daily Review, August 2, 1955*

**Sugar:**

The mill of the Holly Sugar Corporation will start operations next week. J. A. Ratekin, manager of the plant, announced yesterday that final repairs on machinery are being rushed for the opening of August 10<sup>th</sup>.

The first load of sugar beets will come from the island district near Tracy, to be followed by shipments from the San Joaquin Valley. The farm labor office in Irvington announced that local harvest would start around October 25<sup>th</sup>. It is too early to predict the size or the quality of the local crop yet.

*The Daily Review, August 2, 1955*

**Mrs. Willa Hellwig Dies:**

Mrs. Willa Jane Hellwig, 75, widow of the late Supervisor George P. Hellwig of Alvarado, died Thursday in Whittier, where she had made her home since the death of her husband in 1948.

A Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, California Chapter, in 1931, she was active in the Orient Chapter work here. Mrs. Hellwig had been ill for two months.

Her late husband served as Supervisor from the First District (of Alameda County) from 1937 to 1944. Both Mr. & Mrs. Hellwig were longtime residents of Alvarado.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., August 4, 1955*

**Alvarado News:**

Monday evening Mrs. Helen Gularte, Mrs. Helen Perry, Mrs. Frances Allegre, Mrs. Angie Vargas, and **Mr. & Mrs. Tony Borges** made an official visit to Council 21 of the UPPEC in Milpitas. On the following Thursday Mrs. Borges, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Allegre, Mrs. Vargas and Mrs. Anne Hendricks made an official visit to Council 6 of the UPPEC in San Leandro.

Cliff Silva Jr. of Oakland is visiting with **Mr. & Mrs. Tony Borges** of the Alvarado-Niles Highway. Saturday evening the Borges, with Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Borges, visited Mr. & Mrs. Tom Souza of San Leandro.

Pat Flores spent 10 days at the Oakland Recreational Camp in Tuolumne County with Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Miguel, Carol Miguel and Marlene Azevedo of Alviso.

Mr. & Mrs. Serfin Noia and Carol enjoyed the Ice Follies last Sunday in San Francisco.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., August 4, 1955*

#### **News Note:**

Isabel Zepeda of Alvarado will receive her certificate as a Vocational Nurse at graduation exercises to be held September 7<sup>th</sup> at Fairmont Hospital.

*The Daily Review, August 9, 1955*

#### **Cerebral Palsy Campaign:**

Receipts of the 1955 fund drive of the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Alameda County is approaching the \$80,000 mark.

Locally, receipts for Washington Township are \$438.25 for Decoto, \$157.32 for Alvarado, \$411.24 for Niles, \$250.67 for Mission San Jose, \$112.23 for Warm Springs, \$743.22 for Centerville, \$225.66 for Irvington and \$364.33 for Newark.

*The Daily Review, August 11, 1955*

#### **Alvarado News:**

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rodgers have had many visitors this past week. The Rodgers' have recently moved into their new home on Alvarado-Niles Road.

Mrs. Esther Gardetto is mourning the loss of her mother, Mrs. C. Colombo of San Mateo.

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Borges visited Mr. & Mrs. Bill Pimentel of Half Moon Bay Sunday. Also with them was Mrs. Frances Allegre.

SPRSI Council 21 of Alvarado will have their annual picnic for members at Hayward Memorial Park on Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The committee for the picnic is headed by Delinda Pimentel.

Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Ramm and sons Hughie, David & Dennis (Twins) visited Mr. & Mrs. Frank Goularte Sr. and Mrs. Frank Goularte Jr. and Family.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Perry and Diane, and Dennis Pimentel of Centerville and Judith Ann Serpa of Hayward enjoyed the Ice Follies Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silveira attended a barbecue in honor of Maxine Costa of Decoto.

Sorry to hear that Vesta Di Vincenzo is ill.

Mrs. Helen Gularte, Dougie Shestack and Anna Rodrigues of Centerville visited Mrs. Gularte's sick aunt in Tracy Tuesday.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., August 11, 1955*

#### **Sugar:**

They're passionately squeezing sweet young things in Alvarado today. Sugar beets, at the Holly Sugar Corp. where the beet crop hit the chutes to start a three-month season.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 12, 1955*

#### **Washington Township:**

The Casual visitor to Washington Township, via State Hiway 17 ([Alvarado to Warm Springs](#)) or Hiway 9 ([from Hayward to Warm Springs along the foothills](#)) will see today:

A level valley facing west to San Francisco Bay, backed by a rim of hills with scenic canyons, the meandering Alameda Creek with its potential of 30 miles of fishing banks, and an estimated 17,000 acres of grazing lands, orchards, truck farms, vineyards and flowers grown commercially.

Industries, some world-known, and approximately 50 subdividers are daily changing the township picture, as trucks move along its 200 miles of state and county road, or freight cars on its 45 miles



of main line railroads, bringing in material for new development or distributing its products to Bay Area shipping points.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 14, 1955*

**Man Robbed in Alvarado:**

Sheriff's Deputies today are looking for the men who beat and robbed Francisco M. Miranda, 30, near Alvarado last night. Miranda, a field worker on the Patterson Ranch in Newark, told deputies he had been drinking with a friend in Alvarado. Both of them were offered a ride home by two strangers, described as Mexican and about 25 years old.

When Miranda and his friend got to the ranch, the strangers let out Miranda's companion, then sped off. They took Miranda to a lonely road near Alvarado, robbed him of \$20, and then beat him into unconsciousness with clubs.

*The Daily Review, August 18, 1955*

**Township 1956 School Budgets:**

The table below summarizes the school budgets for all Washington Township Schools for 1956.

| School Name           | 1954-55             | 1955-56             | Increase          | Pct. Inc.     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Alvarado              | 80,632.00           | 96,528.00           | 15,896.00         | 19.71%        |
| Alviso                | 29,626.00           | 42,300.00           | 12,674.00         | 42.78%        |
| Centerville           | 323,732.00          | 364,960.00          | 41,228.00         | 12.74%        |
| Decoto                | 424,845.00          | 540,498.00          | 115,653.00        | 27.22%        |
| Mission San Jose      | 144,251.00          | 158,316.00          | 14,065.00         | 9.75%         |
| Newark                | 261,070.00          | 373,296.00          | 112,226.00        | 42.99%        |
| Niles                 | 188,069.00          | 263,766.00          | 75,697.00         | 40.25%        |
| Irvington             | 165,060.00          | 270,823.00          | 105,763.00        | 64.08%        |
| Warm Springs          | 40,326.00           | 56,425.00           | 16,099.00         | 39.92%        |
| Washington Union High | 535,954.00          | 717,874.00          | 181,920.00        | 33.94%        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>2,193,565.00</b> | <b>2,884,786.00</b> | <b>691,221.00</b> | <b>31.51%</b> |

*The Daily Review, August 12, 1955*

**Alvarado News:**

On September 7<sup>th</sup>, the Ladies Auxiliary of the **V.F.W.** will have an official visit by the District President, Helen Osterero.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silveira attended the Baptism of their twin grandsons, David and Dennis Ramm of El Cerrito.

The UPPEC will hold their regular meeting on Friday August 19<sup>th</sup>.

SPRSI Council 21 of Alvarado will have their annual picnic in Hayward Memorial Park on Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The reservations must be made by Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, with one of the following: Eleanor Azevedo, Helen Perry, or **Helen P. Gularte**.

On September 4<sup>th</sup>, Paul Rivers **V.F.W.** Post and the Ladies Auxiliary will have their annual member family picnic at the Pleasanton Fair Grounds. Reservations must be made by August 27<sup>th</sup>. Eddie Silva and George Cronick are chairmen.

Johnny, Lavern, Randy and Dougie Shestack and **Helen Gularte** spent a wonderful day in San Francisco last week. Mrs. Gularte and Mrs. Shestack spent the day shopping while Mr. and his sons enjoyed a cartoon show and a ride on a cable car.

Saturday evening Mr. & Mrs. Tom Souza of San Leandro and Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Borges of Alvarado visited Mr. & Mrs. Tony Borges. On Sunday the Tony Borges', The Manuel Borges', and Mrs. Frances Allegre visited Mr. & Mrs. Jack Rafel of San Mateo.

Kathy Silva, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Silva, is vacationing in Walnut Creek with Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silva. Kathy's sister, Wilma, is in El Cerrito with Mr. & Mrs. Joe Braz. Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Silva enjoyed the bullfights at the Cow Palace on Thursday with Mr. & Mrs. Aubrey Johnston of Sacramento.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., August 18, 1955*

#### **Alvarado Church Bazaar:**

The third annual St. Anne's Bazaar will be held at the I.D.E.S. Hall in Alvarado, September 29<sup>th</sup> through October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Parish committee members met last week to formulate plans with Manuel Perry, General Chairman.

Activities will include a bazaar, Thursday and Friday, dancing Saturday and dinner, dancing and entertainment on Sunday.

*The Daily Review, August 19, 1955*

#### **New Arrival:**

Born to Domingo and Lucy Cicairos, a boy.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 19, 1955*

#### **Classified Ad:**

MACHINERY:

One number 2 heavy-duty decker milling machine, price \$1,200. Also, one number 3 Arbor Press, price \$48.

Alvarado 55-700

*The Oakland Tribune, August 19, 1955*

#### **Eagles:**

New by-laws are expected to be presented for approval at the Monday meeting of Alvarado Eagles Auxiliary No. 1695, it was announced today by Mrs. Laura Gallo, publicity chairman.

*The Daily Review, August 20, 1955*

#### **Courts Strip Hayward of Treeview:**

Hayward and Washington County continued to be rocked by conflicting opinions today in the wake of a court decision declaring Hayward's giant Treeview annexation illegal. Residents of the more than 600 homes in Hillview Crest were assured they would continue to receive fire and police protection. But there were differences of opinion on who provide it.

Many saw the decision as a victory for those who hope to incorporate Decoto and Alvarado and the industrial land north of the township line as Union City. Most predicted more rounds in the legal battle for jurisdiction. This much was known: Unless upset by the court of appeals, the decision strips Hayward of the Hillview Crest subdivision and a vast area of the finest industrial land remaining in Alameda County. The Treeview annex, which was started in February of this year, was the largest annexation project in Alameda County history, covering more than four square miles.

*The Daily Review, August 20, 1955*

#### **Eagles Auxiliary:**

Carol Griffin has been initiated into the Alvarado Eagles Auxiliary at this weeks meeting, Laura Gallo, publicity chairman reports. In the business session, tickets for an Auxiliary sponsored ham dinner next month were distributed to all members. Final dinner details will be available at the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

*The Daily Review, August 25, 1955*

**Alvarado News:**

Mr. & Mrs. George Vargas and son Melvin recently returned from a camping trip at Buck's Lake. They also went to Reno and Lake Tahoe and the surrounding area.

UPPEC Council Bernice of Alvarado had their regular meeting Friday with a very good attendance. Ernie, **Carol** and **Linda Andrade** and **Sharon Perry** enjoyed a picnic in Santa Cruz Sunday. With them were Mr. & Mrs. Bud Rissman of Newark, and Gerry and Eddie Perry of Centerville.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silveira also enjoyed a picnic in Santa Cruz Sunday with Mr. & Mrs. Tony Costa and daughter Maxine of Decoto.

A happy birthday wish goes to Dale Rose who celebrated his fifth Wednesday.

Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Andrade and Mr. & Mrs. Frank Avila attended the recent bullfights in San Francisco.

Sunday, Mr. & Mrs. Elvin Rose, Danny, Dickie and Stanley enjoyed dinner at Banchemo's in Hayward.

Mr. & Mrs. John Noia, Mr. Melvin Noia and Beverly of Richmond visited Mr. & Mrs. Serafin Noia and daughters and other relatives in the Township Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Borges and Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Borges of Alvarado, Mr. & Mrs. Gus Silva of San Lorenzo and Mr. & Mrs. Tony Vargas of Hayward visited Mr. & Mrs. John Abreu of Patterson Sunday.

Kathy & Barbie Andrade had a joint birthday party recently. Kathy celebrated her fifth birthday and Barbie her third. Guests were: **Mrs. Ernest (Carol) Andrade** and daughter **Linda, Sharon Perry**, Alvina Rissman and Frances Flower and Marlene Andrade.

Saturday, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Braz and Johnny of El Cerrito visited Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Silva and daughters Kathy and Wilma. On Sunday Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silva and Alicia of Walnut Creek were dinner guests of the Ralph Silva's.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., August 25, 1955*

**Sugar:**

Sugar production in Alameda County has slumped this year according to J. A. Ratekin, manager of the Holly Sugar Mill. He said the plant, in operation since August 10<sup>th</sup>, is running only at 50 per cent capacity. Beet shipments have been slow. However he expects to function at 100 per cent of capacity within the next week.

*The Daily Review, August 26, 1955*

**Alvarado:**

(From The Tribune's Editorial Pages)

Editor: Shades of the Great Señor Alvarado:

The city of Alvarado in South Alameda County has always held some historical interest. It's a sort of first or a last town on the way to San Jose depending which way one travels. Having traveled it by horse as well as by motor one can over the years call towns like Alvarado old friends.

Now, one can't stand the thought of an old friend getting seedy. For some time now fallen buildings grace the main street and no one seems to want to pick them up. How about it, friend Mayor? How about a "fallen building" bee.

W. G. P. Blumert, Oakland

*The Oakland Tribune, August 30, 1955*

**Gambling:**

Gambling charges were brought against two laborers accused of playing blackjack for money last week in Alvarado. Antonio Fierro, 26, Niles, and Ramon Harro of 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Decoto, were scheduled to enter plead yesterday but were given a continuance.

At the same time, Lupe and Nellie Saucedo, owners of the Half-Way House, 1103 Levee Street in Alvarado where Harro and Fierro were gambling, were arrested and brought before Judge E. A. Quaresma. They pleaded innocent and asked for a jury trial.

*The Daily Review, August 31, 1955*

**New Arrival:**

Born August 18<sup>th</sup> to Mr. & Mrs. Lorenzo Munoz of Alvarado, a son, Lorenzo Jr.

*The Daily Review, August 31, 1955*

**Variance Permitted:**

Domingo Cicairos received an adjustment to construct an addition with a non-conforming side yard at 913 "V" Street, Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 1, 1955*

**Decoto to Name Queen:**

The queen of the Mexican Independence Day celebration here will be chosen tomorrow. Rex de Cordova, president of the Commission Honorifica Mexicana de Decoto, announced this week the choice will be made at a dance to be held at the Cannery Worker's Union Hall, Hayward, starting at 9:00 .m.

The five queen candidates are: Miss Lydia Alvarez, Decoto; Miss Maria Flores, Centerville; Miss Ofelia Estrada, Alvarado; Miss Esther Albiar, Hayward; and Miss Irma Baez, Niles.

*The Daily Review, September 1, 1955*

**Washington Township School Taxes:**

The effect of the 20 percent assessment boost in Alameda County and other factors affecting the school tax rate is shown in the following table which lists rates in effect last year and this year, and the resulting minimum levy on a parcel of property which was valued last year at \$1,000, now valued at \$1,200:

| School Name            | Rate 1954-55 | Rate 1955-56 | Tax 1954-55 | Tax 1955-56 |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Alvarado               | \$ 1.53      | \$ 1.53      | \$ 15.30    | \$ 18.36    |
| Alviso                 | 1.15         | 1.36         | 11.50       | 16.32       |
| Centerville            | 1.97         | 1.84         | 19.70       | 22.08       |
| Decoto                 | 2.68         | 2.61         | 26.80       | 31.32       |
| Irvington              | 1.27         | 1.57         | 12.70       | 18.84       |
| Mission San Jose       | 1.75         | 1.73         | 17.50       | 20.76       |
| Newark                 | 1.74         | 1.62         | 17.40       | 19.44       |
| Niles                  | 1.51         | 2.07         | 15.10       | 24.84       |
| Warm Springs           | 1.30         | 1.30         | 13.00       | 15.60       |
| Washington High School | 1.11         | 1.265        | 11.10       | 15.18       |

*The Oakland Tribune, September 4, 1955*

**Alvarado School:**

Few areas in all of California are feeling more growing pains than Washington Township. In no field is this growth reflected more startling than in education, where harried administrators and trustees seek to keep up with the influx of students. Some districts have escaped the big growth so far, but it will hit them soon. Here is the outlook for the Alvarado District:

Alvarado: The district has no new additions and is planning none. The school, located at 1651 Smith Street, Alvarado, has a staff of nine teachers and an attendance of about 300 pupils. Little increase is expected.

*The Daily Review, September 6, 1955*

**Incorporation Fever:**

Incorporation fever has hit the town of Newark and remaining towns in Washington Township outside of Union City. Newark wants to incorporate into its own city and the remaining towns of Warm Springs, Mission San Jose, Irvington, Niles, Centerville and the Alviso district wish to incorporate into the City of Fremont. The battle looms over unincorporated land between the two cities. Newark wants the Eastshore Freeway (I-880) to be the dividing line and Fremont favors historical boundaries.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 7, 1955*

**Alvarado School Student Count:**

Alvarado Grammar School was the only township school, which showed fewer students on opening that estimated. 300 students had been estimated for this year, but only 261 show up for opening day classes. Officials stated that more students are expected next week when the farm crop harvesting isn't so pressing.

*The Daily Review, September 8, 1955*

**School Curriculum Supervisor:**

Dr. Vaughn Seidel, Alameda County Schools Superintendent, has announced that Mrs. Marjorie Kelley, in addition to her duties as general supervisor in the Alvarado and Mission San Jose School Districts, will serve as coordinator of instructional materials for the county schools, assisting teachers in their selection of audio-visual aids for use in the classroom.

*The Daily Review, September 8, 1955*

**PTA:**

PTA activities in Alvarado will not get underway until October 6<sup>th</sup>, it was announced today. This initial session will be a night meeting. Further plans are to be announced in the near future, following a meeting of the PTA's executive board.

*The Daily Review, September 12, 1959*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

Alameda County Flood Control District's reclamation plans for the Alvarado area will be discussed by James Vivrette, engineer, at tomorrow's first fall meeting of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce. Chamber members will meet at 8:00 p.m. at the Alvarado Fire Station. Everyone interested is invited to attend.

*The Daily Review, September 14, 1955*

**Eagles Dance:**

September 23<sup>rd</sup> will be dance night at Eagle's Hall in Alvarado. Ray Cunha, President, has announced a dance for the Eagles and members of their families from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Walt Fasolis' four piece orchestra will provide music. Co-chairmen of the event are Sylvester Gallo, Elmer Posey and Joe Lewis.

*The Daily Review, September 15, 1955*

**Marriage License:**

Rosendo Martinez Villegas, 20, Alvarado

Laura Geraldine Beltran, 17, Hayward

*The Daily Review, September 15, 1955*

**Cucumber Harvester:**

The cucumber farmer may soon see his crops harvested with laborers picking the annual crop on their stomachs. An experimental cucumber harvester with a 12 row picking capacity, employing a crew of 13 men, was placed into operation near Alvarado recently on the Joe Soares ranch. The form implement consists of two wings operated through a hydraulic which lowers 12 men, six on each wing, down to about 15 inches from the ground and the 12 men pick the cucumbers and place them on a conveyor just under them. The machine is capable of picking 4,000 pounds per acre per hour.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 16, 1955*

**Alvarado Yacht Harbor:**

Alvarado, down in the Southern Alameda County area between the salt beds and the spinach fields, may come up with the plush trappings of California living yet. There's a move under way to develop a yacht harbor and recreational facilities at the mouth of a big \$4,000,000 flood control channel, if the State Park Commission thinks well of the proposition.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 16, 1955*

**School Board:**

A rash of important meetings in Washington Township caused postponement of this week's meeting of the Alvarado Elementary School District's trustee board. Leslie H. Maffey, school superintendent, said the meeting would be held September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*The Daily Review, September 16, 1955*

**Eagles Auxiliary:**

The Alvarado Eagles Auxiliary will be eight years old September 26<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Laura Gallo announced this week the meeting on that night will also honor all past presidents, and Mrs. Leontine Costa will receive her past-president's pin. The meeting will be held at the Alvarado Eagle's Hall at 8:00 p.m. The committee in charge includes Miss Alice Menezes, Mrs. Alice Beard, Mrs. Mildred Posey, and Mrs. Dorothy Tracy.

*The Daily Review, September 17, 1955*

**Alvarado:**

[\(From The Tribune's Editorial Pages\)](#)

Editor: Shades of the Great Señor Alvarado:

Congratulations to the enterprising citizens of the town of Alvarado. Recently I wrote about the "fallen buildings" on the main street, but lo' and behold, they've been cleared away and good old Alvarado is joining the march of progress which is so evident in the South Alameda County.

There is a great future ahead for that area. Let's hope a real Master Plan is being evolved and followed while there is still time. We have to look to the present board of supervisors for statesmanship, recent repetitions of mistakes made in the past when place and areas just grew like Topsy.

W. G. P. Blumert, Oakland

*The Oakland Tribune, September 18, 1955*

**New Freeway Section Through Alvarado:**

The most expensive section of the yet to be completed Eastshore Freeway is the stretch from Jackson Street in Hayward to Warm Springs in Washington Township. This 14.5-mile stretch of freeway is slated to cost \$10,500,000 and will finally complete the Richmond to San Jose (\*) connection.

The first 5.5-miles of that section, from Jackson Street in Hayward to Beard Road between Alvarado and Centerville, is already in this year's budget for \$4,500,000 and will be advertised for bids soon. Planning for the last portion to Warm Springs will be completed this year.

\*The freeway completion to Warm Springs ended the freeway and put the traveler on Mission Boulevard. From here the traveler must take the Old Oakland Highway through Warm Springs and Milpitas before ending on 13<sup>th</sup> Street in east San Jose. In 1958-59 the freeway was extended from Warm Springs to Gish Road, bypassing Warm Springs and Milpitas, where the freeway ended.

Eventually, stretches of the freeway would be added across San Jose and into the Santa Cruz Mountains where the new Highway 17 came to rest in Santa Cruz.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 18, 1955*

**Zoning:**

The planning committee designated commercial areas for Alvarado, but Smith Street may ultimately become a residential area because it is planned to be a primary connection with the new freeway. The salt pond and salt works areas along the bay front were left unclassified for want of an adequate classification. Most of the remainder of the area was left in agricultural status.

***The Oakland Tribune, September 20, 1955***

**New Arrival:**

Born on September 5<sup>th</sup> to Mr. & Mrs. John Fowler, Granger Ave., Alvarado, a daughter, Nancy Lynn.

***The Daily Review, September 20, 1955***

**Alvarado News:**

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Elvin Rose on the birth of their sixth son, Gordon Michael. Gordon was born on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. His brothers are Danny, Dickie, Stanley, Dale and Marvin. Friday night Mrs. Carol Andrade attended a party at the home of Mrs. Gerry Perry in Cabrillo Park. Mrs. Isabel Mondragon was a dinner guest of Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rodgers Tuesday evening Mrs. Angie Vargas who is a delegate to the UPPEC Convention left for San Luis Obispo this week. Making the trip with her is her husband "Chick" Vargas and "Bud" Silva. Saturday evening Mr. & Mrs. Tony Borges and Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Borges visited Mr. & Mrs. Tom Souza of San Leandro.

***The Niles Register, Niles Calif., September 22, 1955***

**Eagles Auxiliary:**

Tomorrow and Monday are both underscored in the date books of members of Alvarado Eagles auxiliary No. 1695. Tomorrow members of the auxiliary are serving a ham dinner, to be followed by a social evening. Cards and entertainment are planned. The public is invited to attend the dinner to be served between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. at the F.O.E. Hall in Alvarado.

Monday, a regular meeting night for the auxiliary, is celebrating its eighth anniversary by honoring the past presidents. Special refreshments will be served at a social hour following the business meeting.

***The Daily Review, September 23, 1955***

**Township School Enrollment:**

Washington Township school enrollment was over the 9,000 mark and growing fast according to a survey of the ten school district in the unified district.

| <b>SCHOOL DISTRICT</b>       |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b><u>District Name</u></b>  | <b><u>No. of Students</u></b> |
| Alviso                       | 92                            |
| Alvarado                     | 276                           |
| Centerville                  | 1,340                         |
| Decoto                       | 1,718                         |
| Irvington                    | 1,133                         |
| Mission San Jose             | 457                           |
| Newark                       | 1,309                         |
| Niles                        | 957                           |
| Warm Springs                 | 106                           |
| St. Mary's                   | 221                           |
| Washington Union High School | 1,564                         |
| <b>Total Students:</b>       | <b>9,173</b>                  |

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., September 29, 1955*

**St. Anne's Annual Bazaar:**

The third annual fiesta-bazaar for the benefit of St. Anne's Church in Alvarado will be held this Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the S.D.E.S. Hall, Alvarado, according to Rev. Thomas P. Gilbert, Pastor. The fiesta, which begins Thursday night, will have the usual concessions of a doll booth, country store, fancywork booth, ham and cake booths, etc. This will continue Friday night.

On Saturday night there will be a dance to the music of the famed Pinto Brothers Orchestra. The public is invited to attend this dance. Admission to the dance will be 50¢.

On Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Portuguese barbecue "sopas" will be served from noon to 2:00 p.m. There will be a charge of 50¢ to eat sopas. Children under 12, if accompanied by their parents, get sopas free. The sopas will be cooked by Mrs. Amelia Silva, assisted by Manuel Rose and Manuel Martin. After the sopas, Sunday afternoon, there will be free entertainment and a free dance with the music of the Pinto Brothers Orchestra.

On Sunday evening all the awards of the fiesta-bazaar will be made, including a well-filled cedar chest, a \$50 defense bond, a large grocery basket, etc.

Others serving on the committee are: Manuel J. Pinto Jr., Manuel Morreira, Henry Flores, Amelio Re, Clarence Flores, Manuel Soares, Frank Goularte, **Manuel Borges**, Peter Pinto, Elvin Rose, Warren Silva, Joseph Martin, Tony Alexander, Frank Roderick, Frank Pinto and Tony Dutra.

Ladies serving on various committees are: Mrs. Henry Flores, Mrs. Mamie Roderick, Mrs. Marjorie Re, Mrs. Peter Pinto, Mrs. Mary Rivers, Mrs. Helen Gularte, Mrs. Aldora Pinto, Mrs. Manuel Perry, Mrs. Joseph Maciel, Mrs. Nora Vargas, **Mrs. Ethel Borges**, Mrs. Theresa Sevee, Mrs. Mae Santos, Mrs. Eleanor Roderick, Mrs. Angie Vargas, Mrs. Madeline Soares and Mrs. Isabel Martin.

The Organizations backing up the fiesta-bazaar are: The S.D.E.S. and the S.P.R.S.I of Alvarado, the Filipino Society and Our Lady of Guadalupe Society and the St. Anthony's Club.

The public is invited to attend these festivities.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., September 29, 1955*

**Alvarado News:**

Mrs. Lena Lemos spent Thursday with Mrs. Mabel Rodgers, Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Rodgers and Debbie, of Tracy, and then spent the weekend with Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rodgers.

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Borges and **Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Borges** went to Monterey last week where they visited many of their friends. They also enjoyed dinner at the Villa in Morgan Hill.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., September 29, 1955*

**St. Anne's Bazaar:**

St. Anne's Bazaar and Fiesta will be held tonight through Sunday at the I.D.E.S. Hall in Alvarado. Activities include dancing tonight, dinner and dancing tomorrow night. Sunday, a sopas dinner will be served from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. After dinner entertainment and dancing is planned.

Proceeds from the fiesta will be used for the church.

*The Daily Review, September 30, 1955*

**Alvarado Serviceman:**

Army 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Norman S. Bailey, 23, son of L. E. Bailey of Alvarado, was recently graduated from the infantry's school's basic infantry officer's course at Ft. Benning, GA. A graduate of the University of California, he entered the Army in April. His wife, Sharon, lives in Columbus, GA.

*The Daily Review, September 30, 1955*



**Classified Ad:**

HELP WANTED – MALE:

Wanted handyman for carpentering, and painting. Permanent.

*The Daily Review, October 1, 1955*

**Eagles Auxiliary:**

Hayward, San Leandro, Livermore and Alvarado Eagles Auxiliaries will entertain grand officers at the Hayward Eagles Hall, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.

*The Daily Review, October 4, 1955*

**Alvarado News:**

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Borges spent a weekend in Vacaville visiting Joe, Bill and Katherine Azevedo.

Friday evening Mrs. Frances Flower was honored at a baby shower given by Mrs. Violet Andrade and Mrs. Delores Andrade at Violet's home. Present at the shower were: **Carol Andrade**, Gerry Perry, **Carrie Andrade**, **Marlene Andrade**, Joyce Cease, Marilyn Pierce, Lois Pierce, Lee Andrade, Liz Castro, Isabel Mix, Josephine Fields, Eva Freitas, Ida Kline and **Isolda Mondon**.

Mr. & **Mrs. Henry Andrade** celebrated their 34<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Saturday. They had dinner at the Villa de la Paix with Mr. & Mrs. Norman Andrade, who were celebrating their 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Dick Andrade, **Marlene Andrade**, **Isolda Mondon**, Mr. & **Mrs. Ernie Andrade**, Mr. & Mrs. George Andrade, Mr. & Mrs. Otto Kline and Stella Eugene.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., October 6, 1955*

**Postmasters Meet:**

Attending the National Convention of Postmasters in Detroit will be Genevieve P. Dutra of Alvarado. Among the activities planned for the delegates are a trip to Canada, and a tour of Henry Ford's Greenfield Village.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., October 6, 1955*

**Union City Petition:**

The initial step toward renewed efforts for incorporation of Union City was taken in Oakland yesterday, when intent to circulate petitions was filed with County Clerk Jack Blue. The intent notice was signed by Frank Borghi, as chairman and Leslie Maffey as secretary of the Union City incorporation committee.

Union City's earlier move to incorporate the area, comprising Decoto and Alvarado Elementary School Districts less the subdivision of Hillview Crest, Fairway Park and El Rancho Verde, was stopped by the 2,400-acre Treeview annex to Hayward. Boundaries of Treeview and Union City overlapped and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors ruled that the ([Hayward](#)) annexation held jurisdiction.

Treeview, in turn, when industries and ranchers in the annexed area won a judgment from in the court of Superior Court Judge Mosbacher. That judgment was signed October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The City of Hayward has 60 days from that date to file an appeal.

Meanwhile, the 600-home subdivision of Hillview Crest has filed for annexation to Hayward Boundaries, covering 126-acres, have been approved by the Alameda County Boundaries Commission.

Frank Borghi, of the Union City Steering Committee, last night confirmed that Union City stands ready to begin anew the legal steps leading to incorporation.

*The Daily Review, October 8, 1955*

**Alfred Widdop Dies:**

Alfred R. Widdop died October 7<sup>th</sup> in Alvarado. He was the husband of Hilda Widdop and a native of England.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 8, 1955*

### **Toussant the Magician:**

"Toussant the Magician" is to appear in a performance at the Alvarado Elementary School at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, under the sponsorship of the Alvarado PTA, it was announced today by Bernice Silveira, chairman of the arrangements committee.

The magic show, which is open to the public, will be held in the school auditorium. Tickets will be on sale at the door at a cost of 65¢ for adults and 35¢ for children.

Special feature of this show will be the audience participation, Mrs. Silveira said. Several prominent members of the community will assist Toussant on the stage with his performance. Show profits will be used for the PTA's Christmas and Easter fund for Alvarado children.

*The Daily Review, October 11, 1955*

### **Classified Ad:**

MACHINERY:

Milling machine (used), heavy duty, No. 2.

Phone: **AL**varado 55-700. Located across from the Alvarado Theater.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 12, 1955*

### **Halloween Dance:**

The recent meeting of the Alvarado PTA included plans for a Halloween party for the youngsters, with Renee Stiarwalt, chairman. A dance to benefit the United Crusade will be held November 18 for members and friends.

The following were appointed committee chairmen: Bernice Silveira, Angie Vargas, Decorations Committee; Helen Boetel, Marilyn Silva, Health Committee; Mary Fontejon, Josephine Tenorio, Membership Committee; Wilma Silva, Hospitality Committee; Kay Silva, Sunshine; Inez St. Julian, Magazine; and Dolores Vierra, Publicity Chairman.

The next regular meeting of the Alvarado PTA will be November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., October 13, 1955*

### **Illegal Duck Hunting:**

The U.S. Attorney's Office today filed criminal information's against nine prominent Northern California men charged with violating federal game laws by shooting ducks over "baited" ponds. Four of the men charged were from the Marsh Gun Club near Alvarado. Caught in the net were the President of Granny Goose Potato Chips, the General Manager of S&W Foods, a Burlingame financier and President of the United Can & Glass Company. Each man faces a \$500 fine and a six-month prison term if convicted.

*The Daily Review, October 20, 1955*

### **Alvarado News:**

Marine PFC. Arnold Gardetto, son of **Mrs. & Mrs. Michael Gardetto**, 1085 Granger Ave., graduated from the Airman Preparatory School at Jacksonville, FL., on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. & Mrs. Serfin Noia celebrated their 22<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday with a dinner at the Mandarin Tea Garden with their daughters Pat and Carol.

On October 12<sup>th</sup>, **Mrs. Ernie Andrade** and **Mrs. John Flower** attended a party at the home of Mrs. Pearl Avila of Niles.

Danny and Dickie Rose, Butch Conley, LeRoy Dutra and Dennis Climey spent the weekend at the Boy Scout's camp in Las Mochas.

Gordon Rose, son of Mr. & Mrs. Elvin Rose was christened on October 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Edward's Church in Newark.

**Esther Gardetto**, Mabel Rodgers, Aurora Lewis, Anna Perry, Susie Davis, Martha Faria and Tessie Maciel of the **Ladies Eagles Auxiliary** attended a council meeting in Mr. View last week. Margie Re is attending Credit Union seminar classes at Merritt Business School.

Nancy Lynn, daughter of Mr. & **Mrs. John Flower**, was christened last Sunday, also at St. Edward's Church. Godparents were Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Andrade of Centerville. Later the Andrade's and their children had dinner at the Flower's home. Other guests were: Mr. & **Mrs. Ernie Andrade** and daughter, Mr. & Mrs. Norman Andrade and daughters, Sharon Perry, Mr. & Mrs. George Andrade and sons of Hayward; Mr. & Mrs. Joe Fields and children, also of Hayward; Mr. & Mrs. Frank Flower of Centerville, and Mr. & Mrs. Otto Kline of Hayward.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Maciel were dinner guests of Mr. & **Mrs. Tony Rodgers** last Sunday. On Tuesday, Mr. & Mrs. Joaquin Lemos of Hayward celebrated their 33<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary with a dinner at the home of the Rodgers'.

**Mr. & Mrs. Mike Gardetto** and Mr. & Mrs. Andy Gardetto and Lynnette, Nancy and Roseanne, attended a birthday party for Walter Jr. and Steven Fasolis, sons of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Fasolis. The party was held at the Fasolis' home Saturday. Also present were Mr. & Mrs. Norman Mello, Sharon, Sandra and Susan.

The Eagles Aerie celebrated their 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Charter members were honored and entertainment was provided by David & Donald Brune and Ronnie Cunha. **The Ladies Eagles Auxiliary** celebrated their 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary on September 28<sup>th</sup>. They also honored their charter members. At their last meeting they had a Past President's Night. All past presidents of the Auxiliary were honored.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Silva and daughter Helen motored to Evergreen to show movies at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Mendes, formerly of Alvarado. The Mendes has relatives visiting from Massachusetts.

At the last regular meeting of the VFW's Ladies Auxiliary, Bernadine Simas of Mission San Jose was initiated. A letter of acknowledgement from the Red Cross at Oak Knoll Hospital was received in regard to the visit made by the Auxiliary on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Gerry Perry and Bernice Diaz, members of the Auxiliary are both recovering from operations. On October 15<sup>th</sup> alternates and delegates attend the county council meeting being held on Grand Avenue, Oakland. Christmas card sales are still being conducted, with Margie Re in Charge.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., October 20, 1955*

### **Union City Petition Pigeon-Holed:**

The Alameda County Supervisors have declined to give official approval to the circulation of a petition for the incorporation of the controversial territory of "Union City." The board simply acknowledged and receipted a notice of intention to circulate a petition presented by a group advocating incorporation. Thus the board did not file the papers formally with the county clerk, which would have given the group the go-ahead to circulate a petition leading toward a hearing for an election.

Asst. District Attorney Douglas Dunning, board counsel, told the supervisors that the notice was "premature" in so far as an appeal has not yet been taken by the City of Hayward to a Superior Court decision declaring Hayward's annexation of the Treeview section "null and void."

Judge Cecil Mosbacher found on behalf of American Pipe & Foundry, Holly Sugar and 10 other property owners that the spring annexation was of no effect because only nine and not twelve qualified voters lived in the undeveloped area west of the populous Hillview Crest subdivision, which also was included in the annexation.

The area west of the railroad tracks ([western Whipple Road](#)) is prize industrial land and is coveted for inclusion within city limits. "Union City" advocates filed notice of intention to circulate a petition immediately after Judge Mosbacher's findings were signed, but a statutory time still exists for the filing of an appeal to the state Appellate Court. The city has indicated it will appeal.  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 21, 1955*

### **Union City Incorporation Must Go Forward:**

Union City's incorporation must be pushed, members of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce declared last night. The movement, born as a stopgap measure to halt the planned Treeview annexation by the City of Hayward, must now become a reality.

Members discussed Fremont's encirclement of Newark, which was likened to Hayward's annexation of Treeview. "We said we didn't like Hayward's annexation move," a member of the group said, "well, Fremont's encirclement of Newark is the same thing, and I think we ought to dislike that too. I don't know if Fremont or Hayward is worse, but I think I prefer Hayward."  
*The Daily Review, October 21, 1955*

### **Speeding Sailor:**

Sheriff's Deputies arrested a 24-year old motorcycle-riding sailor at gunpoint last night after a chase, which reportedly reached 90 miles an hour before it ended in the outskirts of Alvarado.

Charged with resisting arrest, driving 90 miles per hour in a 55 mile an hour zone, driving without headlights, passing when unsafe, reckless driving and *failure to change his address on his license* was Donald Meadows, 24, of Irvington.

The deputies said they saw Meadows turn onto Hesperian Boulevard from Tennyson Road without his lights on and head towards Alvarado. They finally caught up to him when he slowed down entering Alvarado. The deputies pulled up alongside of him and ordered him to pull over at gunpoint.

*The Daily Review, October 21, 1955*

### **Engagement:**

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph J. Preciado, of 934 "W" Street, Alvarado, today announced the engagement of their daughter, Angelita Preciado, to Kenneth C. Heninger of Richland, Washington.

*The Daily Review, October 21, 1955*

### **Alvarado News:**

**Mr. & Mrs. Joe Goularte** celebrated their 31<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary last Thursday. They dined at Crow Canyon Châteaux with **Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Goularte** and Mr. & Mrs. Emilio Re.

**Mr. & Mrs. Joe Goularte** congratulated Judith Serpa of Hayward upon receiving confirmation last Thursday at All Saints Church in Hayward.

Carol and Ernie Andrade attended the Fireman's Ball Saturday night at the Newark Pavilion. With them were Pearl and Frank Avila of Niles.

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Gardetto, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Perry, **Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Goularte**, Jeanette Bratton and Mabel Rodgers, officers and members of Council 22 of the Benevolent Society of Alvarado, attended the Fall Festival of the Society in Mt. View on October 16<sup>th</sup>. The initiation of candidates was followed by dancing.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., October 27, 1955*

### **Foro Olivencia Dies:**

Foro Olivencia, 77, died in an Oakland hospital on Wednesday. A native of Porto Rico, Mr. Olivencia had resided in Alvarado before moving to Decoto. He was a retired worker at the Holly Sugar Mill. He is the father of Mrs. Rafaela Fulton of Hayward, Isaac Vegas of Half Moon Bay, Mrs. Lucy Cicairos of Alvarado, Mrs. Emily Lopez of Newark and Eddy Olivencia of Decoto.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., October 27, 1955*

**City-County Tax:**

The collection of a record \$66,499,107.67 will begin here November 1<sup>st</sup> when the first installment from Alameda County's 225,000 taxpayers becomes due, according to County Tax Collector Edwin Meese Jr. ([U.S. Attorney General from 1985-1988 in the Reagan White House Cabinet](#)).

The final date for paying these taxes will be Monday December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. This is an extension of two days because December 10<sup>th</sup> falls on a Saturday. Meese will collect combined city-county from five cities: Oakland, Emeryville, Hayward, Pleasanton and San Leandro.

The total assessment is broken down into \$57,586,503.80 for the county's real and personal property tax roll and \$8,912,603.79 for the public utilities roll.

| <b>Town</b>      | <b>Amount</b> |
|------------------|---------------|
| Alvarado         | \$ 169,646.41 |
| Alviso           | 108,717.04    |
| Centerville      | 481,477.64    |
| Decoto           | 421,319.61    |
| Irvington        | 306,235.38    |
| Mission San Jose | 102,778.87    |
| Newark           | 632,848.98    |
| Niles            | 321,663.35    |
| Warm Springs     | 76,366.44     |

*The Oakland Tribune, October 23, 1955*

**License Issued:**

Lorenzo Carrillo, 25, of Alvarado and Manuela Barrera, 15, of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 29, 1955*

**Fish Story:**

A problem in interiors now confronts Mrs. Antone Santos of Vallejo Street. Fishing with a group of friends at Bethel Island last week she hooked the only catch of the day. It turned out to be a 33 pound bass measuring 44 inches in length, 24 inches in circumference and with a head 18 inches in circumference. Mrs. Santos is now torn between fisherman's pride and housewife practicality. Should she have it mounted or eat it?

*The Daily Review, November 2, 1955*

**Four Men Convicted of Duck Baiting:**

Four business executives were convicted shooting over baited duck ponds at their club, the Marsh Gun Club. They were arrested on opening day and plead innocent saying they didn't know the ponds were baited. The judge didn't buy it and fined them each \$500.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 2, 1955*

**Marriage License:**

Stanley Robert Anderson, 21, of Alvarado

Shirley Marie Silveria, 21, of Hayward

*The Daily Review, November 4, 1955*

**Service Pin:**

Mrs. Aleda Silva of 1588 Smith street in Alvarado, was among 13 Blue Cross employees who received 5-year service recognition pins at headquarters in Oakland. She is employed in the direct-pay department.

*The Daily Tribune, November 5, 1955*

**Hunter Caught with 23 Ducks:**

J.M. Joseph, Protection Supervisor at the C&H Sugar Refining Corp.'s Crockett plant, faces arraignment November 18<sup>th</sup> on charges of having 23 ducks in his possession despite his statement that he did not shoot the birds and was merely about to turn them over to a duck club official.

Joseph was cited by federal and state authorities at a duck club near Alvarado for allegedly having 13 ducks over the legal 10-duck limit. He maintained that he gathered the ducks, which he said had been shot by other hunters, and was taking them to the clubhouse caretaker.

After yesterday's conference, Deputy District Attorney Glenn Forbes said the complaint against Joseph would not be dropped and that the investigation will continue.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 5, 1955*

#### **VFW:**

A Christmas party and gift exchange for the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Paul Rivers Post, VFW, Alvarado, was planned at the recent membership meeting. This is the traditional annual party for the Auxiliary members, according to Marjorie Re, publicity chairman.

*The Daily Review, November 9, 1955*

#### **Delores Silva Weds:**

Evelyn Delores Silva, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Raphael Silva of Hesperian Boulevard was married to Francis J. Luddy October 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Anne's Church in Alvarado. The maid of honor was Miss Angie Preciado.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., November 10, 1955*

#### **Alvarado News:**

**Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rodgers** and Mrs. Frances Allegre visited Mr. & Mrs. Antone Nunes in San Jose recently.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Goularte were dinner guests on October 29<sup>th</sup> of Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Serpa and Judy and Donna Mae Fernands of Hayward.

Douglas Shestack, son of Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Shestack spent three weeks visiting Mr. & Mrs. Bill Wilson of Concord. Dougie arrived home Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Silveira of Granger Avenue visited Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Ramm and family in El Cerrito for three days last week.

The President of the SPRSI has announced that the next meeting of the group will be on November 17<sup>th</sup> because Thanksgiving Day falls on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Brides will be honored at the meeting. All members are urged to attend.

Mrs. Vesta Di Vincenzo of Fair Ranch Road is a grandmother for the second time. Her Daughter Florice, and son-in-law, Mel Mathison of San Leandro, are proud parents of a baby girl born Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Nadine Ann is the Mathison's first child. Mrs. Di Vincenzo other grandchildren is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Lavern Di Vincenzo of Newark.

**Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rodgers** gave a birthday dinner last Sunday for Joe and Carl Santos of Oakland, Bob Rodgers of Hayward and Cliff Rodgers of Tracy. Also present at the dinner were: Mrs. Bob Rodgers, Gail, Kirk, Jo Ann and Gene Allan. Mrs. Cliff Rodgers and Debbie and Mrs. Gabriel Gonsalves of Castro Valley.

Little Lois Graves celebrated her first birthday, November 1, 1955 at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S.L. Graves, 835 Watkins St., Alvarado. Mr. Graves teaches Second Grade at the Alvarado Elementary School. Those attending from Alvarado included Mr. & Mrs. George Hocking and Carol and Elaine and Mrs. Hilda Widdop.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., November 10, 1955*

#### **Holly Sugar Buys Kansas Plant:**

Word was received today that the Holly Sugar Corp. is purchasing the sugar properties of the Garden City Co. of Garden City, Kansas. The Holly Sugar Company operates plants at Alvarado, Carlton, Imperial Valley, Hamilton City, Tracy and Dyer, Santa Ana, and six plants in Wyoming, Colorado and Montana. The Garden City company's single plant is in Garden City.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 14, 1955*

#### **East Shore Freeway Construction:**

The state highway commission yesterday authorized an additional \$316,000 for grading, paving and structures on the East Shore Freeway project from Jackson Street, Hayward, to Beard Road south of Alvarado, a 5.6-mile stretch. The route will supplant Hiway 17 as the main route south. The next link of the freeway will be from Beard Road to Warm Springs.

*The Daily Review, November 16, 1955*

#### **Chamber of Commerce:**

The regular meeting of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce will be held tonight at the Alvarado Fire Station at 8:00 p.m. Henry Leidsen will preside.

*The Daily Review, November 17, 1955*

#### **Ellen Louie:**

Washington Union High School's "good citizen" of 1955 is Ellen Louie, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Louie Lin of Alvarado. Ellen was named this week as the local winner of the annual contest sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution. At a meeting of all senior girls, three were nominated by their classmates for the award. The final selection was made by a panel of faculty members.

*The Daily Review, November 17, 1955*

#### **Henry Patterson Dies:**

Henry H. Patterson, whose father laid the foundation of the famous Patterson Ranch in 1851, died last Friday in the family home where he was born 77 years ago. Patterson's father, George W. Patterson came to California in 1849. He settled in Southern Alameda County two years later and began acquiring property, including the Spanish Land Grants that became the keystone of the many thousands of acres Patterson held in this area.

The ranch owned by Patterson and his brother William, is believed to be the largest still held by its pioneer owners in Alameda County. Mr. Patterson was instrumental in the opening of the Bank of Alvarado and was on the Board of Directors for many years. He is survived by his wife Sarah, whom he married in 1913.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., Nov 17, 1955*

#### **Alvarado News:**

Jo Ann Rodgers, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bob Rodgers of Hayward, spent the weekend with her grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rodgers.

Alvina Leal, president of the Eagles Auxiliary of Alvarado had a "variety party" at her home Friday night for the members of the auxiliary. Games were played and refreshments served.

A belated happy birthday to **Dickie Rose** who celebrated his 11<sup>th</sup> birthday on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Last Sunday, Mr. & Mrs. Elvin **Rose**, Danny, **Dickie**, Stanley, Dale, Marvin and Gordon enjoyed dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lindberg of San Leandro.

Joseph Simas of Alvarado died Saturday morning.

Congratulations to Stanley Anderson on his marriage to Shirley Marie Silveira. They were married Saturday in All Saints Catholic Church in Hayward.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., November 17, 1955*

#### **Annexation Fight Continues:**

The planning commission's zoning proposal for Northern Washington Township, in the hopper since last May, ran into a heavy barrage of protest when they reached the Board of Supervisors

yesterday. The board reacted after a four-hour battle, set to reconnoiter next Tuesday afternoon with the planning staff and bring the matter to a decision at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday.

Robert Nahas, Chairman of the Alameda County Land Development Committee, fired the first blast, and then wheeled up the heavy artillery of South County industrialists, ranchers and the Chamber of Commerce. They directed their fire at 2300 acres bounded on the southwest by the Alvarado Niles Road, on the southeast by Dry Creek, on the east by the Southern Pacific railway, on the west by the new Eastshore Freeway, and on the north by the common Washington Township and Eden boundary.

The Planning Commission said this area should be zoned for agriculture, as a "holding" action, until the commission is able to determine from a comprehensive viewpoint what is the best ultimate use for this acreage.

The Land Development Committee and its cohorts maintained that it should be earmarked for immediate industrial use.

*The Daily Review, November 18, 1955*

#### **PTA:**

A dance, with proceeds earmarked for the United Crusade Fund in Washington Township will be sponsored by the Alvarado PTA tonight, it was announced today by Mrs. Shirley Banworth, President. The dance will be held at the Alvarado Elementary School, beginning at 9:00 p.m. The Pinto Brothers Orchestra will supply the music. PTA members and their guests are invited to attend.

*The Daily Review, November 18, 1955*

#### **Local Zoning Questioned:**

Industry is being zoned out of the county, the Board of Supervisors was told yesterday. The best industrial sites in the county are in the neighborhood of Decoto, Alvarado and Alviso, and unless they are set aside for industry, it will go elsewhere, the supervisors were warned.

Most of the area sought by industry has been designated for agriculture by the commission. It can be rezoned for industry when the time comes, the commission contended.

This, the protesting group held to be impractical. Industry will turn aside and look elsewhere for sites if the land has to be rezoned before industry can use it, its spokesman said.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 18, 1955*

#### **Eagles Auxiliary:**

A potluck dinner "family night" for November 28<sup>th</sup> was planned at this week's meeting of the Alvarado Auxiliary of Eagles No. 1695, according to Mrs. Laura Gallo, publicity chairman. The dinner will precede the regular meeting at the Alvarado F.O.E. Hall.

Also announced were plans for a visit to Parks AFB Hospital Monday and a Christmas party to be held December 12<sup>th</sup>. Members agreed to a suggestion that they undertake as a community service project the visitation of a local rest home. Selection of the rest home to be visited will be made at the November 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

*The Daily Review, November 18, 1955*

#### **Chamber of Commerce:**

More information and more public meetings are needed on Union City, members of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce declared at last week's meeting. To assure information on progress toward city hood, the chamber approved the appointment of a special "prodding" committee to elicit public action from the Union City Steering Committee. Members of the Alvarado committee are Warren Silva, Henry Leidsen and Leslie Maffey.



Widespread violation of the county fire prevention ordinance in Alvarado, as concerns Monday burning and burning in the afternoon, was reported. It was suggested that the chamber sponsor box holder reminder notices to all Alvarado residents, citing provision of the ordinance.

More complaints were voiced about the speed of trucks passing central Alvarado. It was agreed, however, that the completion of the East Shore Freeway would relieve the problem.

*The Daily Review, November 21, 1955*

**Classified Ad:**

FOR SALE – MISCELLANEOUS:

Potatoes, extra fancy, good cookers, locally grown.

Rose & Son, Hiway 17, ½ mile south of Alvarado.

Phone: **AL**varado 55-853 55-830

*The Daily Review, November 24, 1955*

**Decoto-Alvarado Zoning Set:**

The Decoto-Alvarado area of Alameda County has been precisely zoned by the Board of Supervisors in accordance with the recommendation of the County Planning Commission.

However, the board immediately moved to start an action to rezone the area generally north of Whipple Road from the railroads on the east to the Newark Southern Pacific line on the west for heavy industry.

This was in accord with demands of industrial leaders who again appeared before the board yesterday to insist that suitable lands be set aside in the county for their purpose.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 24, 1955*

**Stanley Anderson Marries:**

Stanley Anderson, son of Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Anderson of Watkins Street, Alvarado, recently married Miss Shirley Silveira of Hayward at All Saints Church in Hayward.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 24, 1955*

**County Road to State Highway?:**

A recommendation that Alvarado-Niles Road become a State Highway was made last week at a meeting of the Alameda County Highway Advisory Committee in Oakland. The engineer sub-committee of the group, which speaks in a united voice for the County before the State on highway matters, pointed out that Alvarado-Niles Road, now a narrow two-lane affair, is slated to become a major "feeder" to the Eastshore Freeway in a year or two.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., November 24, 1955*

**Alvarado News:**

Sunday, **Mr. & Mrs. Tony Borges** visited Mr. & Mrs. Albert Borges of San Leandro. Later Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silva and Mrs. Marks of Oakland visited the Borges.

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Silva, Kathy and Wilma visited Mr. & Mrs. Francis (Dolores) Luddy and Mr. & Mrs. Frank Luddy Saturday.

Last Sunday Mr. & Mrs. Serafin Noia, Pat and Carol visited Mr. & Mrs. Bill Therein, Roger and Randall of Sunnyvale.

Sorry to hear that Frank Silva of Granger Avenue has been ill.

There was an open house at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Texeira in Centerville for Mr. & Mrs. Joe Maciel. The Maciel's celebrated their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary. Mr. & Mrs. Joe Goularte also attended the open house.

The presidents of the **SPRSI** and of the UPPEC Delinda Pimentel and Isabel Mondragon announce that there will be a joint Christmas party on December 22<sup>nd</sup> for members and their families. There will be an exchange of gifts and Santa Claus.

Last Thursday it was "Bride Night" at the **SPRSI** Elizabeth Flores Sessions was honored. The member of the lodge put on a mock "This Is Your Life" program. There was a large attendance at the meeting.

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Souza of San Leandro, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Borges and Mr. & Mrs. Warren Silva and Carol gave a surprise birthday party to **Mrs. Mary Borges**. Also present at the party, which was held Saturday night, was her husband, **Tony Borges**. Mrs. Borges received a wonderful gift.  
*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., November 24, 1955*

#### **Incorporation Petition:**

A group of Washington Township citizens submitted a new notice of intent to circulate incorporation petitions for Union City to the Alameda County clerk this morning. The new notice supplants the one delivered October 7<sup>th</sup>, which the District Attorney ruled was "premature." Courthouse speculators say the same fate awaits today's notice.  
*The Daily Review, November 28, 1955*

#### **S&H Green Stamps:**

NOW IN HAYWARD  
A beautiful new S&H Green Stamp Merchandise Store  
646 Watkins Street  
In Alvarado shop your local S&H Green Stamp Merchant:  
Alvarado Produce 972 Levee Street  
*The Daily Review, November 30, 1955*

#### **De Guadelupe YLI:**

Members of De Guadelupe YLI are asked to come to the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting to be held at the Newark Pavilion at 8:00 p.m., with a gift of baby clothes and canned food. The contributions are needed for the two welfare projects now sponsored by De Guadelupe. The baby wear will go into layettes, which are being assembled for unwed mothers. The layettes will be distributed through Sisters of the Holy Family in Mission San Jose. Food contributions will go into a Christmas basket, which will be presented to a needy family.

Mrs. Mayme Roderick, of Alvarado, is to be the honored guest at this meeting. Mrs. Roderick has been an YLI member for almost 30 years. She was born in San Francisco but has spent her entire life in Alvarado, where she was a member of the board of trustees for the Alviso School in the Alvarado Elementary School District for 24 years.

Mrs. Roderick at present is the secretary of the Alvarado SPRSI Council and a member of the St. Anne's Confraternity. She is married to an Alvarado farmer and has one daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Azevedo of Alviso (district), who is in charge of refreshments and decoration plans for the coming meeting.  
*The Daily Review, December 1, 1955*

#### **Accident Kills Farmer:**

A tractor overturned into Alameda Creek, killing its farmer-driver last week near Alvarado. The victim is Harry Tong, 32, partner in a ranch near Hopyard ([Hop Ranch?](#)) road and the Alvarado-Niles Road. He leaves a wife and two young daughters in Hong Kong.

According to Tong's partner, Thomas Quock Ong, 29, he and a workman, Bill Gianella, 59, missed Tong when he failed to return from the field on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, after going out on the tractor following lunch. They started a search and found the overturned tractor down a steep bank of the creek, which borders the property. Tong was underneath, his skull crushed they reported.  
*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., December 1, 1955*

#### **Alvarado News:**

Mr. & Mrs. Serafin Noia and daughters enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Gene Pine of Centerville. Also present were Mr. & Mrs. Gaspar Pine and Mr. & Mrs. Joe Porto. Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Shestack, Randy and Doug and Mr. & Mrs. Joe Goularte spent Thanksgiving Day together at the Shestack's home.

Mr. & **Mrs. Ernie Andrade** and **Linda Andrade** and Sharon Perry spent Thanksgiving Day at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Bus Rissman and Terry of Newark. Also present were Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Perry, Mr. Herman Perry, Melvin and Arman and Jack Duarte. Carol Andrade celebrated her birthday on November 15<sup>th</sup> at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Bud Rissman of Newark. Present were member of the family.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Patachoa of Monterey spent a few days last week visiting Mr. & Mrs. Tony Borges. On Thanksgiving Day the Borges enjoyed dinner at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Faria of Hayward.

Saturday evening Mr. & Mrs. Joe Perry of Hayward were dinner guests of Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rodgers. The Rodgers had Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Rodgers and Debbie of Tracy. Also present were Mr. & Mrs. Mrs. Perry and Mr. & Mrs. Don Azabill and David of Tracy.

A dinner was given to Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silveira on Thanksgiving Day by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Silva and daughters, Mr. Frank Hernandez and children, and Mr. & Mrs. Norman Silveira and daughters. The dinner was given at the Silveira home because Mr. Silveira has been ill.

On November 19<sup>th</sup> Johnny Flower was honored at a birthday party, which was held, at his home. Present at this party were Frances Flower; **Carol, Linda,** and Violet **Andrade**; Barbie, Debbie and Josephine Fields; Vicky and Russell, Terry Rissman and Carol Noia.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., December 1, 1955*

#### **Classified Ad:**

USED CARS FOR SALE:

1955 Ford Tudor Club, Sell or trade, heat, music, 6,000 miles.

Phone: **AL**varado 55-826 after 8 p.m.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 2, 1955*

#### **Bids to Open for Freeway:**

Bids for the construction of the East Shore Freeway between Jackson Street in Hayward and Beard Road, between Alvarado and Centerville will be opened by the State Highway Engineer at Sacramento on December 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 2, 1955*

#### **Alvarado News:**

Member of the Eagles and the Ladies Auxiliary enjoyed a potluck dinner November 28<sup>th</sup> at the Eagles Hall. Plans for the Christmas party were discussed at the meeting.

A belated happy birthday to Stanley Rose who celebrated his eighth November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday Mr. & Mrs. Joe Dutra of Centerville visited Mr. & Mrs. Serafin Noia.

On November 26<sup>th</sup>, **Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Andrade** and Mr. & **Mrs. Elden Andrade** attended Cottonseed Clark's dance in San Mateo and later went to the pavilion.

On December 11<sup>th</sup> the Alvarado Volunteer Firemen will hold their annual Christmas dinner.

**Carol Andrade**, with Alvina Rissman of Newark and Gerry Perry of Centerville gave a baby shower to **Betty Andrade** of Centerville last Friday at Mrs. Perry's home. Guests were **Frances Flower**, Violet Andrade, Millie Pierce, Jane Souza, Louise Lebon, **Carrie Andrade**, Marlene Andrade, **Isolda Mondon**, Pearl Avila, Delores Gonzales, Helen Andrade, Jessie Sanchez, Minnie Sanchez and Rosemarie Davis.

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Perry of Alvarado and Mr. & Mrs. Gus Silva of San Lorenzo enjoyed dinner Saturday night at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Tony Borges. Later in the evening Mr. & Mrs. Tom Souza of San Leandro, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Borges and Mr. & Mrs. Warren Silva and Carol visited the Borges.

A surprise house warming was given to Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rodgers on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at their home by a group of friends. Guests were: Mr. & Mrs. Joe Lewis, Mr. & Mrs. Morris Leal, Florence Wallace, Laura Gallo, Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Perry, Mr. & Mrs. Basil Tracy, Raymond Cunha, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Maciel, Mary Mattox, Annie Beard, Esther Gardetto, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Goularte, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Rose, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Faria and Loretta and Al Roderick and Catherine Silva. Games were played and sandwiches and coffee served.

Saturday evening a party was held in honor of Debbie Andrade, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Norman Andrade, who celebrated her first birthday. Present at the Andrade's home were **Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Andrade**, Linda Andrade, Sharon Perry, **Carrie Andrade**, **Isolda Mondon**, Mr. & Mrs. George Andrade and George Jr. and Mike, Mr. & **Mrs. Johnny Flower** and Johnny Jr., Stevie and Nancy, Mr. & Mrs. Otto Kline, Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Andrade, Paul and Sandy and Al Ware.  
*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., December 8, 1955*

#### **W.U.H.S. Christmas Pageant:**

The annual Christmas Pageant staged by the students of Washington Union High School will be performed on December 16<sup>th</sup> this year.

Appearing from Alvarado will be: Richard Pinto, Renee Stiarwalt, Bob Velarde, and Barbara Cicairos.

*The Daily Review, December 10, 1955*

#### **Chamber of Commerce:**

The annual Christmas party of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce will be combined with a short business meeting tomorrow, so announced the chamber secretary Leslie Maffey. The meeting beings at 8:00 p.m. at the Fire House.

*The Daily Review, December 14, 1955*

#### **Alvarado News:**

**Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rodgers** had Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Gonsalves of Castro Valley and Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Andrade of Mission San Jose as guests Friday evening.

Mr. & Mrs. Elvin Rose celebrated their sixteenth anniversary Saturday.

Sunday the Alvarado Volunteer Firemen had their annual Christmas dinner. Their families were invited and many enjoyed the turkey dinner.

A speedy recovery to Joe Maciel who has been ill.

Mrs. Violet Andrade celebrated her birthday Saturday evening at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Flower. Present at the party were Norman Andrade, Kathy Barbie and Debbie, Johnny and Stevie Flower, Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Andrade and Linda, Sharon Perry, Mr. & Mrs. Otto Kline and Mr. & Mrs. Frank Flower and the Johnny Flowers.

Many people were invited to the surprise house warming that was held for **Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rodgers** a few weeks ago but the following were unable to attend: Mr. & Mrs. Frank Richmond, Catherine Silva, Mr. & Mrs. J.A. Ratekin, Mr. & Mrs. Louie Mayer, Mr. & Mrs. George Davis, Alice Menezes, Pat Newfield, Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Posey, Mike Gardetto and Sylvester Gallo.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Pinto celebrated their twenty-second wedding anniversary this weekend. Saturday they went to the Alabama in Oakland with Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Martin, Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Allegre, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Azevedo and Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Perry.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., December 15, 1955*

### **Chamber of Commerce:**

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce last night went on record in favor of a joint installation of new officers with the Decoto Chamber of Commerce "sometime in January." "The Alameda County Board of Supervisors will be invited," President Henry Leidsen told chamber members meeting at the firehouse.

He said the invitation would be extended to the supervisors "to show them the two chambers are working together toward the realization of Union City." The joint installation was recommended by the Union City Steering Committee as a step toward merging the two chambers into a single body to be known as the Union City Chamber of Commerce.

Leidsen said the two chambers would remain separate for the time being, but would meet together "every two or three months."

The Alvarado chamber's board of directors and officers with one exception will remain the same for another year. The only change on the slate will be the replacement of William Gianella, alternate director, with Joseph Lewis who is also chamber vice-president. Other directors include Leidsen, Mabel Rogers, John Ratekin, Susie Lemos, Manuel Borges, Warren Silva, Damaso Diaz and Leslie Maffey, who is also secretary-treasurer.

*The Daily Review, December 16, 1955*

### **Eagles:**

A family Christmas party was held by the Alvarado Eagles Auxiliary 1695 recently at Eagle's Hall. The Alvarado unit will host a District 5 meeting, including Auxiliaries from Sonora, Tracy, Livermore and San Jose, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

A group from Auxiliary 1695 will visit Parks Air Force Base Monday and the Able Rest Home in Hayward, as a community project, Thursday, according to Mrs. Laura Gallo, publicity chairman.

*The Daily Review, December 19, 1955*

### **SPRSI – UPPEC:**

An announcement by Delinda Pimentel and Isabel Mondragon, presidents of the Alvarado SPRSI & UPPEC, today reminded members of the joint Christmas party planned today.

Members of the two organizations, with their families, meet at the F.O.E. Hall in Alvarado at 6:00 p.m. for a potluck dinner. Santa Claus will appear after the dinner. The evening will conclude with a gift exchange and games.

Members of the committee planning the combined Christmas party include: Helen Perry, Anna Hendricks, Eldora Pinto, Mary Borges, Del Dias, Helen P. Goularte, Angie Vargas, Mae Santos, and Eleanor Azevedo.

*The Daily Review, December 22 1955*

### **Alvarado News:**

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Mrs. Mary Silveira, Mrs. Bernice Silveira, and **Mrs. Carol Andrade** attended a baby shower for Mrs. Nadine Homen Monday night.

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary wishes to thank all who purchased Christmas cards from them. The sale netted \$135. The money will be used for veterans who are in the hospital.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Dave Rose (Jeanette Lagamazina, formerly of Alvarado) on the birth of a son, Michael David born on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Saturday evening Mr. & **Mrs. Ernie Andrade** went to the Hawaiian Gardens with Mr. & Mrs. Wilfred Flurry, Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Aguilar, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Goularte, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Costa, Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Galmore, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pimentel, Mr. Tony Avila, Myrtle Hernandez, Mr. & Mrs. Al Troy, Mr. & Mrs. Joey Alberts and Mr. & Mrs. Dan Collins.

The Eagles had their annual Christmas party December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Eagles Hall. Santa Claus presented gifts to the children and refreshments were served. Jackie Walker and Miss Posey entertained with a tap dance, Loren Pinto sang accompanied by his sister Elaine on the piano, Arlene played the steel guitar and there also was a piano solo by Ron Cunha.

Mr. & Mrs. Emilio Re and Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Goularte attended the Christmas party of the South County Chapter of the California Credit Union League, which was held at the Crow Canyon Chateaux Saturday night. Mrs. Re also celebrated her birthday.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., December 22, 1955*

**Flood:**

Flood control engineers kept a minute-to-minute watch on Niles Canyon gauges of Alameda Creek at noon today, and every man in the sheriffs department was alerted to stand by for an order to evacuate 500 families from Alvarado. The creek, rising steadily in Niles Canyon, had already overflowed Hiway 17 between Alvarado and Centerville, at the "Four Corners." There were minor levee breaks near Holly Sugar Company, and dykes were weakening along Nursery Road ([Alvarado-Niles Road](#)), reports from the area said.

*The Daily Review, December 23, 1955*

**Flood:**

Some 100 people from the Southern Alameda County town of Alvarado awoke this morning to water as the pounding tides opened a 50-foot hole in the levee built to protect the community from the Bay. The flood, which reached depths of four feet minutes after the levee broke, came less than 16 hours after water swept though 100 homes in the nearby Niles area causing the evacuation of the area.

While the flood in the Niles Area hit unexpectedly that at Alvarado had been feared since early last evening. Residents had spent the night waiting to see if the levee would hold, with most of them packed up and ready to leave on a moments notice. Sheriff's officers reported the evacuation was orderly, with most of the flood victims leaving in their own cars.

The south part of Alvarado, south of "V" Street and west of Highway 17 was covered with water. Highway 17 was reopened at noon as the floodwaters receded.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 24, 1955*

**Flood:**

Nothing but the tan muddy water moved yesterday over a fifteen-square mile stretch of flooded farmland close to the Bay in Southern Alameda County. From the air only orderly ranks of utility poles and an occasional fence line marked much of what had been rich farmland in the Alvarado area.

Miles-long fingers of the muddy water that poured through at least three breaks in the levee system reach as far east as the foothills at Niles. Many miles of access roads were flooded and dozens of farming community families were evacuated by the Alameda county sheriff's Department.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 25, 1955*

**Charles P. Cockefair Dies:**

Charles P. Cockefair or Newark died December 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Cockefair was a native of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 26, 1955*

**Flood:**

National Guardsmen in Jeeps plow through the water of Alvarado's "V" Street ([today's Horner Street](#)), helping evacuate families trapped by the muddy waters of the Alameda Creek. Alvarado,

with a history of floods behind it, escaped the rampage until Saturday morning when runoff and a high tide combined to hit the town under strangely incongruous sunny skies.

*The Daily Review, December 26, 1955*

**Flood:**

Many Alvarado residents were still unable to return to their homes. Many are staying with friends and relatives until the floodwaters drain off into the Bay.

*The Daily Review, December 27, 1955*

**Flood:**

A partially completed county flood control project (levee and channel) along Lowry Road west to the Bay spared that area a repetition of the 1952 **flood**.

*The Daily Review, December 28, 1955*

**Information on Flood Relief:**

Information on **flood** relief may be obtained at the Alvarado Grammar School from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. today and tomorrow.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 28, 1955*

**Flood:**

The cause of the record-breaking floods of last weekend was simply record shattering rainfall, experts agreed today. Launched by almost 2½ inches of downpour in four days, the near catastrophe got its real impetus from a 3-inch cloudburst Thursday night and Friday morning. Alameda Creek rose nearly 20 feet. By mid-afternoon Friday it was touching the underside of the 1937-model concrete bridge, which carries Highway 9 ([Mission Boulevard](#)) south of Niles.

Friday morning about 10:00 o'clock, the levee which separates the creek from the Pacific Coast Aggregates gravel pit at Centerville gave way. The pit is 80 feet deep. It filled up in four hours, and then started spilling toward Machado's Corners ([Decoto Road & Alvarado-Centerville Road](#)) and Crandall Slough ([Patterson Ranch near the end of the old Marsh Road](#)), following the slope of the ground.

Watermen believe this may have saved Alvarado and other down-stream communities from even worst fates. When the levee broke, the water level at imperiled Bell Ranch Bridge ([near today's Decoto Road & Paseo Padre Parkway](#)), a mile downstream, dropped two-feet.

**WEATHER**

|                       |           | HI | LOW | RAIN        |
|-----------------------|-----------|----|-----|-------------|
| Dec 21st              | Wednesday | 65 | 54  | 0.82        |
| Dec 22nd              | Thursday  | 66 | 57  | 1.92        |
| Dec 23rd              | Friday    | 65 | 56  | 0.72        |
| Dec 24th              | Saturday  | 64 | 54  | 0.59        |
| Dec 25th              | Sunday    | 61 | 54  | 0.60        |
| Dec 26th              | Monday    | 58 | 45  | 0.07        |
| Dec 27th              | Tuesday   | 58 | 38  | 0.02        |
| <b>Total for Week</b> |           |    |     | <b>4.74</b> |
| Total for Season      |           |    |     | 10.75       |
| Last Year, to Date    |           |    |     | 6.44        |

Readings by: Roland Bendel, Decoto

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., December 29, 1955*

**Water Logged Jack:**

Br'er, a wild jack rabbit, who was **flooded** out of his briar patch, ran hippety-hop-splash into Oakland Tribune cameraman Andy Morgensen and Roy Williams on Marsh Road, near Alvarado,

while they were looking for flood pictures and Br'er was looking for a drier rabbitat. Andy and the bunny sat composed while Roy snapped a picture.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 29, 1955*

### **Dampened Spirits:**

Alvarado's Sociedade Divino Espiritu Santo Inc. (S.D.E.S.) asked the Board of Supervisors Tuesday for permission to have dances each Saturday night during 1956 at their lodge hall in Alvarado. Mindful of Alvarado's **flooded state**, Supervisor Francis Dunn said he guessed the first event would be a swim meet instead.

*The Daily Review, December 29, 1955*

### **Alvarado News:**

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Goularte went to three different places on Christmas Eve, at Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Shestack's home in Alvarado, at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Serpa in Hayward, and at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Goularte of Alvarado. On Christmas Day the Joe Goularte's had the following people for Christmas dinner: Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Shestack, Randy and Doug; Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Perry, Vernon and Diane; and Mr. and Mrs. Machado of Alvarado; and Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pimentel, Jerry, Dennis, Perry and Ann; and Mrs. Anna Rodrigues of Centerville.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silveira spent Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at their home with Mr. & Mrs. Frank Goularte, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Frank Goularte, Jr., and sons, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Silva and daughters, and Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hernandez and family.

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Silva, Kathy and Wilma spent Christmas Eve in Walnut Creek at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silva. On Christmas Day the Ralph Silva's had guests. Among the guests was Mr. & Mrs. George Luddy.

Mr. & Mrs. Norman Silveira and daughters spent part of Christmas Eve with the Frank Silveira's and part of Christmas Day.

*The Niles Register, Niles California, December 29, 1955*

### **Duck Poacher Fined:**

J. M. Joseph, 58, a Crockett sugar refinery protection supervisor, was fined \$100 today for possessing 23 ducks, 13 over the legal limit. Joseph was found guilty by Judge William Gile Jr. of Pleasanton in the Niles Centerville Judicial Court.

Two game wardens testified they saw Joseph throw a sack under the clubhouse of the Carquinez Gun Club near Alvarado on October 30<sup>th</sup>. They said the sack contained 13 ducks.

Joseph told the court he was the last hunter to leave the pond. He had 10 ducks he had shot in his bag. He said he picked up the other 13 ducks, which had been left behind by other hunters because he didn't want them to spoil. He said he was taking the 13 extra ducks to the clubhouse to give to the caretaker.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 30, 1955*

### **Flood Relief:**

More than 100 families in Southern Alameda County have registered for flood relief with the American Red Cross. Locally, notices in Spanish and Portuguese have been posted at the Alvarado Elementary School to inform those who do not understand English.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 1, 1956*

### **Flood Control:**

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors today gave flood control engineer Herbert G. Crowle a "blank check" to finance removal of debris from Alameda Creek. The supervisors had already



approved \$10,000 for debris piled up around the now repaired levee break near Niles. The work will include Zone 5 in Niles Canyon and Zone 3A around Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 5, 1956*

### **City of Fremont:**

The City of Fremont was born today as the 12<sup>th</sup> city in Alameda County. This incorporates the towns of Niles, Centerville, Irvington, Mission San Jose and Warm Springs (It also included the Alviso District, which along with Alvarado formed much of the original "Potrero de los Cerritos" Mexican land grant). Fremont is the second city in Washington Township, joining the City of Newark. Alvarado and Decoto remain as unincorporated towns.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 5, 1956*

### **Flood Damage:**

There was a sharp upturn in the outlook for Alameda Creek flood victims today with twin promises of immediate Federal aid out of Washington and the county's pledge to clear timber and debris from danger spots in the creek between Niles and San Francisco Bay.

At the same time farmers damaged by the recent flood became eligible for Federal loans as the Agriculture Department designated Alameda County as one of 37 California counties in an emergency loan area. Property owners along the creek must sign agreements to make minor levee repairs and maintain them in the future as a condition to the Army Corps of Engineers taking over major repairs.

Alameda County Agriculture Commissioner Edward K. Strobridge said this morning that farmers would be referred to the Farmers Home Administration for relief. He said he has already referred several local farmers to the administration. He mentioned specifically Warren Hayashi, Alvarado nurseryman, who had 250,000 azaleas plants "literally buried in the mud."

*The Daily Review, January 6, 1956*

### **Hayward Man Beaten & Robbed:**

A 45 year-old Hayward man told Washington Township sheriff's deputies, late last night that two men who followed him into the restroom of the New Manila Café, Alvarado, robbed him of \$25 after attacking him. Clarence R. Vaughan of Hayward, said the two men, "Latin types," in their early 20's struck him several times, knocking him to the floor.

*The Daily Review, January 7, 1956*

### **Flood Control:**

Damage at American Pipe and Construction Co. on Alquire Road was classified "relatively light" by Ralph Mitchell, division engineer. However about 100 production workers lost one week's of wages.

*The Daily Review, January 10, 1956*

### **Alvarado-Decoto Into Fremont:**

Possible annexation of Alvarado and Decoto to giant, newly formed Fremont was slowed today by a spokesman for Union City. Attorney LeRoy Broun, legal advisor for the twin city, said Union City is still the goal of Alvarado and Decoto. There is no truth to the rumors Union City plans will be abandoned for annexation to Fremont.

Broun said Union City has no choice, at present, but to continue its action for incorporation. "We are still awaiting the outcome of the appeal filed by the City of Hayward on the Treeview annexation," the attorney said. "We have no other course of action until that appeal is settled."

Union City was formed by the citizens of Alvarado and Decoto when Hayward undertook to annex land lying between the two towns. Although Union City was declared invalid, a fight to stop Hayward's annexation won its first round in the Superior Court. Hayward has appealed the decision to the court of appeals.

**The Daily Review, January 12, 1956**

**Alvarado News:**

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Maciel and Mr. & Mrs. Joe Goularte spent the New Year's weekend in Pasadena with Mr. & Mrs. Bill Juenemannia. On Monday they saw the Rose Bowl Parade, which they enjoyed very much. Later they visited Mr. & Mrs. Don Clark, the former Barbara Maciel of Alvarado, Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm and Santa Anita Racetrack. They also went to Monterey to visit Captain and Mrs. Harry Huston, the former Margie Silva of Alvarado.

S.P.R.S.I Council 21 of Alvarado will have the annual dinner and revealing of pals on January 19<sup>th</sup> at Onstead's in San Leandro at 6:30. Reservation should be made before January 16<sup>th</sup> with Helen P. Gularte, Anne Hendricks or Helen Perry.

Happy birthday to Danny Rose who celebrated his thirteenth birthday Saturday.

**The Niles Register, Niles Calif., January 12, 1956**

**School Growth:**

Following is a statistical coverage of Township schools with next fall's attendance estimated:

| <b>School</b>        | <b>Jan 1955</b> | <b>Jan 1956</b> | <b>Sept 1956</b> |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Alvarado             | 270             | 289             | 300              |
| Alviso               | 95              | 97              | 150              |
| Centerville          | 944             | 1,385           | 2,000            |
| Decoto               | 1,532           | 1,800           | 2,400            |
| Irvington            | 672             | 121             | 1,700            |
| Mission San Jose     | 395             | 457             | 550              |
| Newark               | 970             | 1,331           | 1,850            |
| Niles                | 738             | 940             | 1,200            |
| St. Mary (Parochial) | 220             | 250             | 285              |
| Warm Springs         | 98              | 116             | 135              |
| Washington High      | 1,269           | 1,627           | 2,050            |
|                      | <u>7,203</u>    | <u>8,413</u>    | <u>12,620</u>    |

**The Niles Register, Niles Calif., January 12, 1956**

**LeRoy Broun New Fremont City Attorney:**

LeRoy A. Broun, Centerville Attorney, last night told Fremont city council members that he would accept the appointment of city attorney. Broun, a very successful and busy Washington Township lawyer, is also the legal advisor for the Union City movement in Alvarado and Decoto.

**The Daily Review, January 13, 1956**

**Flood Control:**

Repair of broken levees from Niles to Alvarado along Alameda Creek, will begin Monday, weather permitting, James Vivrette told a citizens flood control committee last night. Even as he spoke, the weekends newly arrived storm had caused flood warnings along the Alameda Creek as the water level inched upward.

**The Daily Review, January 14, 1956**

**Flood:**

Alameda County and the rest of Northern California got set for possible new floods today, but no definite threats had developed in the local area by noon.

The U.S. Weather Bureau, which earlier warned of a possible recurrence of the disastrous December (1955) floods, reported the current storms would not be as serious as those that caused the earlier floods.

Flood control officials said San Lorenzo Creek would be above normal from 2:00 a.m. today to 2:00 a.m. Sunday, and Alameda Creek would be up from 2:00 a.m. Sunday to 2:00 a.m. Monday. The two creeks went over their banks during the last storms on December 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, causing heavy damage in the Cherryland, San Lorenzo, Niles and Alvarado areas and causing hundreds to flee from their homes.

*The Daily Review, January 14, 1956*

**Classified Ad:**

USED CARS:

1952 Henry J, overdrive, heater, excellent condition.

Phone: **AL**varado 55-826, after 6:00 p.m.

*The Daily Review, January 14, 1956*

**Classified Ad:**

FOR RENT:

Two and Three rooms in Alvarado. 11 miles from Ford Plant in Milpitas.

Phone: **AL**varado 55-779

*The Daily Review, January 14, 1956*

**Flood:**

Fair skies with no rain today and tomorrow brought welcome news to Alvarado residents. But even with the good news, additional hardships hit Alvarado as the levee on Alameda Creek broke west of Marsh Road this morning sending water splashing over the western area of the community. The levee break measured 35-feet.

*The Daily Review, January 16, 1956*

**Leslie H. Maffey:**

Leslie H. Maffey, superintendent of the Alvarado School District was awarded an honorary life membership in the Alvarado PTA at last week's Founders Day program. Maffey was the second to be accorded the honor in Alvarado. Last year, the membership's tribute went to Manuel Goularte, former district trustee.

*The Daily Review, January 16, 1956*

**Water Rates:**

Money spent "judiciously when needed and where needed, with no increase in the tax rate" was good enough for the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce last night. The Chamber unanimously endorsed the Alameda County Water District's proposed \$4,290,000 bond issue for distribution system improvements after listening to T. C. Binkley, consulting engineer for the district. He explained, unlike a school bond issue, the water bonds would be self-liquidating "as long as water remains at an adequate level."

*The Daily Review, January 17, 1956*

**Alvarado Mass Meeting:**

Citizens of this rain-soaked community have called a mass meeting for 7:00 p.m. today at the Riverside Hotel to explore ways to keeping water out of their land. A spokesman said, "We are calling this meeting because the county doesn't seem to be allowing any money to build levees here. We're getting tired of having our yards full of water all of the time." The spokesman urged residents of Smith Street, especially, to attend. One of the plans that are expected to be put forward involves property owners putting up their own money to rebuild the levees.

*The Daily Review, January 17, 1956*

**C of C Joint Installation:**

Earl Strathman, County Administrator, was guest speaker following a joint installation of Alvarado and Decoto Chamber of Commerce members held last night at McIntyre's Restaurant in Niles. Mr. Strathman told of the challenges facing Union City and stated they are the same problems that

were faced by Newark and Fremont in their bids for incorporation. He promised county assistance whether the decision in Union City is for incorporation or annexation.

LeRoy Broun, acting Master of Ceremonies, also served as installing officer. Seated in Office for Alvarado were Henry Leidsen, President; Joseph Lewis, Vice-President; and Leslie Maffey, Secretary-Treasurer.

Taking office for Decoto were Frank Borghi, President; Kenneth Garcia, First Vice-President; Jesse Perry, Second Vice-President; S. Robert Infelise, Secretary; Bernard Joseph, Financial Secretary; Jack Faletti, Treasurer; and Harold Schoenfeld, Parliamentarian.

*The Daily Review, January 18, 1956*

### **Flood Control Meeting Canceled:**

A scheduled citizen's meeting here last night, called to discuss raising an emergency fund for levee repair along the Alameda Creek, was canceled.

*The Daily Review, January 18, 1956*

### **Alvarado-Decoto Incorporation:**

Proponents of the Union City incorporation today submitted a new notice of intent to circulate petitions for incorporation election. Territory proposed for the incorporation is the large Alvarado-Decoto area, minus the Hillview Crest, El Rancho Verde and Fairway Park subdivisions, which led to hot controversy last year when Hayward tried to annex the same territory.

LeRoy Broun, attorney for the Union City Steering Committee, told *The Daily Review* this morning that submission of the intent notice has no significance in connection with a possible choice between incorporation and annexation to the new City of Fremont. "It is simply a holding operation to keep everything in status quo," Broun said.

(Definite incorporation action is tied up while Hayward fights an Alameda Superior Court ruling, which nullified the successful Treeview election designed to bring territory into Hayward.)

Frank Borghi, steering committee chairman, said last week that a decision on incorporation vs. annexation to Fremont would have to wait on research. He said the Alameda Taxpayers Association would be asked to do a study on comparative advantages and disadvantages.

*The Daily Review, January 19, 1956*

### **Alvarado Disaster Warning Successful:**

A disaster warning system initiated in Alvarado prior to Sunday's levee break proved very successful, Lt. Joseph Sheehan of the Washington substation said today. He said the warning system would be used to notify residents of all impending disasters except air raids. Patrol cars are sent to the disaster area to circle the blocks with sirens blaring. Through a public address system the officer will notify residents of the impending disaster. All who hear the warning will be asked to warn neighbors and friends.

*The Daily Review, January 20, 1956*

### **The City of Newark:**

George Silliman is the Mayor of Newark, a community surrounded by 99 square miles of Fremont, which in turn may some day be adjacent to Union City (if Alvarado and Decoto merge). So the **Alvarado** and Decoto **Chambers of Commerce** were holding joint installation ceremonies and someone, noting that Newark is an island community, asked Mayor Silliman for a few words.

"I feel very much among friends." beamed the mayor, "In fact, I feel surrounded by friends." Yes, any day now Newark will name its theme song, "Stay as Nice as You Are."

*The Oakland Tribune, January 20, 1956*

### **Flood Control:**

Another resolution asking Congress to appropriate \$100,000 for completion of a flood control survey report on Alameda Creek by the U.S. Corps of Engineers will be sent to Senators William Knowland and Thomas Kuchel.

The **Alvarado Chamber of Commerce** took the action last night in its first meeting of the year. A similar resolution was adopted Tuesday by the Washington-Eden Farm Center.

Mabel Rogers, chamber member, said people whose lands have been flooded by the creek, but do not live alongside the stream could help the situation by aiding property owners who do. She lives on the Alvarado-Niles Road and commented, when her husband is busy building up our levee, all he gets is, "What's the matter Rogers, expecting a flood?" followed by a horselaugh.

*The Daily Review, January 20, 1956*

#### **PT&T Announces New District:**

Organization of a new Hayward district for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company was announced today. It includes Hayward, Fremont, Newark, Alvarado, Decoto, Livermore, Pleasanton and the southern part of San Leandro.

*The Daily Review, January 20, 1956*

#### **Union City: An Unimaginative Name:**

(From the [Daily Review Editorial Page](#))

Establishment of California's third largest city ([Fremont](#)) in this end of Alameda County brought newsmen running to the south county to report on this municipal phenomenon. Unfortunately this brief glimpse of Washington Township seems to have lured one San Francisco newspaper out on the thin ice of scanty knowledge. At this point the expected happened: the San Francisco journal fell in, up to its editorial neck in icy cold error.

The subject was Union City, the name proposed for a city to include Alvarado and Decoto. "Union City is a wooden and unimaginative kind of name if we ever heard one, and entirely without euphony or California flavor," according to the metropolitan daily.

Union City had already established itself as a flourishing farming and business center in 1851, 14 years before the San Francisco daily itself went to press. Indeed its existence was of considerable import to the Bay's queen city because it furnished fresh fruits and vegetables for San Francisco.

Union City, according to south county historians, was established on Alameda Creek when that considerable stream ran to the Bay. Sailing vessels and the steamer "Union," after which the town was named, carried cargoes to and from warehouses located on the creek bank. A busy community built up around the commercial district and furnished many stalwart pioneers citizens of Alameda County.

To our compatriot's statement "Union City means nothing," we must point out that in the 1850's it was Union or nothing. The fervor of pro-Union men in California left the name through out the state, particularly in the Mother-Lode country.

Union City historically has earned itself a niche among California place names. If Alvarado and Decoto citizens should create Union City, then they can do so knowing its name is linked strongly with California's early days.

*The Daily Review, January 24, 1956*

#### **Union City:**

A decision to incorporate Alvarado and Decoto into Union City or be annexed to Fremont was tabled last night until August 1<sup>st</sup>. Meeting at the Alvarado Fire House the Union City Steering Committee heard Attorney Del Jacobs say, "Nothing would be more desirable than to have Union City." He said he was speaking for J. A. Ratekin, Superintendent for the Holly Sugar Mill, as an individual and not for the Holly Corp. Jacobs said, "Union City would provide Alameda County with

an unsurpassed location for what it needs, an industrial area." Action by the committee was held up pending a high court decision on the controversial Treeview annexation.

*The Daily Review, January 25, 1956*

#### **Shestack Award:**

A prominent Alvarado clubwoman and her family have been awarded a total of \$23,877 damages for injuries sustained when her car was hit from behind by a truck while she was waiting for a passing train. The crash pushed Mrs. Shestack's automobile into the moving train.

A Superior Court jury returned the verdict yesterday in favor of Mrs. Laverne Shestack, her husband, Joseph Shestack, and two children, Randolph 8, and Douglas 4. They live at 1021 Granger Avenue.

*The Daily Review, January 26, 1956*

#### **VFW Auxiliary:**

A February 13<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Day party was planned the Alvarado Auxiliary of the VFW Post 1695 in a recent meeting at the F.O.E. Hall. Also planned is a February 18<sup>th</sup> benefit party at the home of Mrs. Laura Gallo of Hayward. The co-hostess will be Madelaine Lang.

*The Daily Review, January 27, 1956*

#### **Mothers March on Polio:**

Mothers in Hayward and surrounding communities were preparing today for next Tuesday's March on Polio, the biggest single activity of the 1956 March of Dimes.

The Washington Township coordinator is Mrs. Graydon Spurlock of Alvarado; the Alvarado team leader will be Mrs. Norman Silveira.

*The Daily Review, January 27, 1956*

#### **Alvarado School:**

Trustees of Alvarado Elementary School and members of the Citizen Advisory Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Alvarado School today. Purpose of the meeting, according to Leslie H. Maffey, district superintendent, is to consider costs of a proposed expansion program. Alvarado School is overcrowded, and trustees are considering a building program to increase classrooms and to add a cafeteria at the present school site.

*The Daily Review, January 27, 1956*

#### **Flood:**

Today, on the Bay Area storm front, the danger of further flooding seems to be subsiding, although an early-morning high tide backed water into the yards of several resident in the town of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 28, 1956*

#### **New Arrival:**

Born on January 11<sup>th</sup> to the wife of Nat Morales, Alvarado, a daughter.

*The Daily Review, January 30, 1956*

#### **Fremont Chamber of Commerce:**

The associated Chambers of the towns that make up Fremont discussed whether to merge into one Fremont Chamber of Commerce. A committee was appointed into bringing all of Fremont together.

Talk turned towards the Washington Township Chamber of Commerce (now dormant) and of Alvarado, Decoto and Newark. Some members advocated breaking away from a union with the three other communities, in favor of an independent Fremont. "Who wants Union City anyway?" queried one. "I think they would just be a millstone around Fremont's neck."

Bruce Michael, Fremont Councilman demurred. "We are studying, and looking forward to, the possibility of including Alvarado and Decoto, and someday Newark in Fremont," he declared. "Let's keep our minds and our arms open. Wait until we have analyzed this problem."

*The Daily Review, February 1, 1956*

#### **JACL:**

Ace Handa and Yosh Hisaoka will be official delegates of the Southern Alameda County Chapter; Japanese-American Citizens League, at a Northern California-Western Nevada district meeting in Richmond Sunday.

*The Daily Review, February 3, 1956*

#### **Union City High School:**

A bond issue to finance construction of a second high school in Washington Township will probably be placed on the fall ballot. Washington Union High School Trustees last night authorized Falk and Booth Architects, to begin a preliminary study for the school, expected to be constructed in the Decoto area.

J. V. "Pop" Goold, district superintendent, suggested a timetable, which will fix the bond election for early, fall. Once approval of the bond issue is won, he recommended immediate steps be taken to locate and purchase a site.

*The Daily Review, February 8, 1956*

#### **Alvarado News:**

A house warming was given to Mrs. Tessie Maciel, who moved recently to Centerville, by Mrs. Helen Gularte. Guests were Mrs. Tony Rocha, Mrs. Frank Goularte, Mrs. Aurora Lewis, Mrs. George Santos, Mrs. Tony Borges, Mrs. "Chick" Vargas, Mrs. Frances Allegre, Mrs. John Freitas, Mrs. Vince Fontejon, Mrs. Tony Perry, and Mrs. Aldora Pinto, all of Alvarado.

Mary Faria of the Alviso District is spending a month with the Joe Goularte's.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., February 9, 1956*

#### **Valentine's Day Celebration:**

A celebration of Valentine's Day is planned by members of the Alvarado Eagles Auxiliary No. 1695. At the regular meeting to be held at 8:00 p.m. tonight at the F.O.E. Hall in Alvarado, there will be an exchange of Valentines. At the social hour following the meeting, members of the F.O.E. Lodge No. 1695 will serve refreshments.

*The Daily Review, February 13, 1956*

#### **Maffey Honored by PTA:**

Leslie H. Maffey, Superintendent of Alvarado Elementary School District, was awarded an honorary life membership at last week's Founder's Day program. Maffey was the second to be accorded this honor in Alvarado. Last year the membership went to Manuel Goularte, former district trustee.

Honored guests at the program were Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Hendricks, Mr. & Mrs. William Machado and past presidents of the Mothers Club and PTA. The program was planned by Zola Smith, was based on the theme "This is your Life, Alvarado PTA." Its purpose was to show members and guests the accomplishments of the Alvarado PTA for the benefit of district school children. A candle light ceremony was conducted by Mrs. Smith and Bernice Silveira, PTA President.

Helping to plan the program were these committee members: Bernice Silveira, Josephine Tenorio, Mary Fontejon, Helen Boetel, Marie Falkowski, Antoinette Pinto, Renee Stiarwalt, Mary Gastelum, Dorothy Vargas, Eldora Pinto, Kay Silva, Mary Silva, Wilma Silva, Margaret Cardoza and Marie Rose. Decorations were planned by Isabel Bond and Mae Santos.

*The Daily Review, February 14, 1956*

**Fremont Chamber of Commerce:**

Establishment of a Fremont Chamber of Commerce was approved unanimously by a 25-member committee, which met at the International Kitchen in Niles last night. The committee includes a five-member delegation from each of the local Chambers of Commerce: Niles, Centerville, Irvington, Mission San Jose and Warm Springs. An advisory committee will meet at the law offices of Quaresma and Rhodes Saturday to sign articles of incorporation.

In other business, the new chamber has invited Frank Borghi, President of the Decoto Chamber of Commerce and Henry Leidsen, President of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce to attend next Saturday's chamber meeting as special guests of the advisory committee.

*The Daily Review, February 16, 1956*

**Flood Control:**

Formation of an enlarged committee to seek an expedited federal flood control program for Alameda Creek is underway here. A flood control committee formed some weeks ago, but now considered limited in scope, is being disbanded in favor of an area wide organization.

Speaking before the group, L.E. Bailey, Alvarado rancher, called for cessation of further development of the area until Alameda Creek is improved from the foothills to the Bay. He advocated joint action with the Livermore area.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 16, 1956*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

At the suggestion of Warren Silva, the **Alvarado Chamber of Commerce** passed a resolution urging the Alameda County Board of supervisors to give Alvarado at least one voting precinct in future bond elections. Alvarado residents had to go to Alviso to vote in the January 31<sup>st</sup> hospital bond election.

In other chamber business, secretary Leslie Maffey will write the commissioner of the California State Highway Patrol in Sacramento requesting increased measures against speeding through Alvarado.

Voted to support the Delano Chamber of Commerce in resolving that the state speed limit be upped to 65 MPH with rigid enforcement.

Appointed Mrs. Mae Santos as representative on a committee planning a breakfast for June graduates at Washington Union High School following the Senior Ball.

*The Daily Review, February 17, 1956*

**Parks Air Force Base Visit:**

A delegation from the Alvarado Eagles Auxiliary 1695 will visit Parks Air Force Base Monday. At a recent meeting, a refreshment committee of Mrs. Mabel Rogers, Mrs. Ina Newfield and Mrs. Martha Faria was appointed for the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Plans are being made for an original apron to represent the auxiliary at the state convention, a food sale of home made pastries for members March 12<sup>th</sup> and a nickel-a-spoon dinner on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

*The Daily Review, February 17, 1956*

**Water District Bonds Endorsed:**

Money spent "judiciously when needed and where needed, with no increases in the tax rate," was good enough for **the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce** last night. The chamber unanimously endorsed the Alameda County Water District's proposed \$4,290,000 bond issue for distribution system improvements after listening to T. C. Brinkley, consulting engineer to the district.



He explained that, unlike a school bond issue, the water bonds would be self-liquidating "as long as water rates remain at an adequate level."

*The Daily Review, February 17, 1956*

### **Brotherhood Week:**

Posters and pamphlets to exemplify Brotherhood Week will be on display from February 16<sup>th</sup> to February 26<sup>th</sup> at the F.O.E. Hall in Alvarado. The members of the Alvarado Eagles agreed to pay special tribute to the four chaplains who lost their lives together during World War II.

*The Daily Review, February 17, 1956*

### **Washington High School Dance Band:**

An entire program by the Washington Union High School's Dance Band will be presented at a student assembly on February 24<sup>th</sup>. The band, which is directed by William Cook, has played at school dances and rallies and in the annual variety shows.

Local talent included in the band are Dino Ciarlo, Alviso; Joseph Monte de Rey, Hillview Crest and David Brune from Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, February 22, 1956*

### **Fremont Chamber of Commerce Meeting:**

By-laws establishing the New Fremont Chamber of Commerce, as a nonsectional organization were unanimously adopted at a delegates meeting last night. The meeting, attended by nearly 50 persons, including a large representation from the Alvarado and Decoto Chambers of Commerce, was held at the International Kitchen in Niles.

Henry Leidsen, of the Alvarado Chamber and Frank Borghi, of the Decoto Chamber were asked if they were empowered to commit their memberships to affiliation with a Fremont chamber. Leidsen replied that the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce was in a position to go along with the Fremont Chamber at the present time.

Frank Borghi said he was in attendance to study the Fremont proposal, but action to join or remain separate must come from the members of the Decoto Chamber.

*The Daily Review, February 22, 1956*

### **Alvarado Rejects School Realignment:**

The Alvarado School Board of Trustees this week voted unanimously to oppose a school district reorganization study in Washington Township "at this time." It was conceded that there will be a need for the study, probably within the next two or three years. Trustees felt there must first be a settlement of pending municipal actions, particularly with reference to Union City. It was explained that until Union City is either created as a corporate city, or until the area is annexed to another city, a school reorganization plan would be unrealistic.

*The Daily Review, February 22, 1956*

### **Alvarado News:**

A belated birthday to Karen Pinto who celebrated hers last weekend. On Saturday Mr. & Mrs. Peter Pinto and children and Mrs. Martin Rose had dinner at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pinto to celebrate. Other guests were Mrs. Manuel Pinto and Frank Jr.

Mrs. Jean Rose celebrated her birthday on February 13. Happy birthday.

Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Oliveira of Niles visited Mr. & Mrs. Tony Borges Saturday evening.

Mrs. Margie Re of Smith Street visited Mrs. Gerry Perry Thursday. Mrs. Perry resides in Centerville.

Mrs. Helen Perry, Mrs. Anna Hendricks, Mrs. Angie Vargas, and Mrs. Helen P. Goularte attended the Hayward Y.L.I. Fashion Show on February 11<sup>th</sup>. It was held at the Villa de la Paix in Oakland. There will be a dance sponsored by the S.D.E.S. on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. A card party, sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the S.D.E.S. will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

***The Niles Register, Niles Calif., Feb 23, 1956***

**Deadly Car Crash:**

Five persons, one of them a seven year-old girl, were killed in a spectacular two-car head-on crash less than two miles south of Alvarado on Marsh Road last night. Four of the victims were from Oakland and one was from Oklahoma.

***The Daily Review, February 27, 1956***

**Carnage on the Highways:**

The appalling highway slaughter over the weekend contains a lesson from which we should all profit. Eleven persons were killed in Northern California, five in a single collision near Alvarado. The slight surcease in rainfall from heavy rains no doubt prompted many persons to take automobile trips but, even so, that is no excuse for the heavy toll, especially in view of the safety campaigns that have been conducted this year.

***The Oakland Tribune, February 28, 1956***

**Flood Damage:**

Alvarado nurseryman, Warren Hayashi, has sent a letter to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors chiding them for delays in repairing the Alvarado levee one and one half miles upstream from the Smith Street Bridge on the Alvarado-Niles Road. Mr. Hayashi's azalea plantings "suffered untold damage" in the flood of December 23<sup>rd</sup>, he told the board, and he was subsequently assured the levee would be repaired. One January 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and again on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> water poured through the break, flooding his nursery.

"I believe the Board of Supervisors should be held as one of the responsible persons for not having the levee break repaired by this time," Hayashi wrote. Flood Control District Engineer, Herbert G. Crowle, said Army Engineers completed repairs to the Alvarado the levee on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

***The Daily Review, February 29, 1956***

**Plans for Alvarado School:**

Plans for a \$169,000 bond issue election of May 18<sup>th</sup> were formulated at this week's meeting of Alvarado Board of District Trustees. Trustees met with the Citizens Advisory Committee to discuss the proposed expansion of the plant at Alvarado School. Bond funds would be used to finance construction of an additional two classrooms and a cafeteria. A portion of the bond would be used to acquire additional acreage at the present school site ([Varni property](#)).

***The Daily Review, February 29, 1956***

**VFW Auxiliary:**

A Leap Year Party entered the planning stage at a recent meeting of the Alvarado Eagles Auxiliary No. 1695 in the F.O.E. Hall. The affair has been tentatively set for March 24 at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Posey. Plans were also made for a pastry sale among members March 12<sup>th</sup> and a nickel-a-spoon dinner to precede the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

***The Daily Review, March 1, 1956***

**Postmaster Resigns:**

The resignation of Alvarado's Postmaster Genevieve Dutra after 20-years service was disclosed today. Mrs. Dutra Told the *News Register* she submitted her resignation to the postal authorities last month "for reasons of health, and to enable me to devote my time to my husband's business." Her husband, Joe Dutra, operates the Bearcat Café in Centerville.

Mrs. Dutra's sole assistant, Alice Menezes, said she also will resign. She also has 20 years of service with the Post Office. Both women are eligible for federal retirement benefits.

***The Niles Register, Niles Calif., March 1, 1956***

**Alvarado News:**

Tuesday evening the Ladies Auxiliary of the Paul E. Rivers Post 7906 visited Oak Knoll Hospital. Chairman of the even was Beatrice Rose.

The S.D.E.S. is sponsoring a St. Patrick's dance on March 17<sup>th</sup> at the S.D.E.S. Hall in Alvarado. The Pinto Bros. will play.

On March 18<sup>th</sup> the Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a whist party in the S.D.E.S. Hall to begin at 2 p.m. There will be entertainment and free dancing. Amelia Silva is chairman.

Fifteen men joined the S.D.E.S. recently. The wives of these new members are cordially invited to join the Ladies Auxiliary.

Henry Andrade of Fair Ranch Road marked his birthday on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**SPRSI** Council 21 of Alvarado nominated officers on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. They are: Past President, **Delinda Pimentel**; President, **Eleanor Azevedo**; Vice-President, **Isabel Mondragon**; Secretary, **Mayme Roderick**; Treasurer, **Angie Vargas**; Mistress of Ceremonies, Hilda Allegre; Marshall, Helen Perry; Door Guard, Anne Hendricks; Directors, Helen P. Gularte, **Mary Borges**, Mae Santos; and Pianist, Isabel Martin. Refreshments were served by Evelyn Silva, Emily Noia, Dorothy Vargas, Mary Silveira, and Elsie Machado.

**Mrs. Delinda Pimentel**, President of the Activity Committee of District 4 of the **SPRSI**, motored to San Jose to attend a district meeting of which she was Mistress of Ceremonies. Those who attended the meeting from Council 21 were Lorraine Soito, **Eleanor Azevedo**, **Mayme Roderick**, Anne Amaral, **Isabel Mondragon**, Frances Allegre, **Mary Borges**, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Perry, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Goularte. After the meeting there was a short program and refreshments were served.

**Mrs. Pimentel** also announces that the Annual Holy Communion will be held at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Niles on March 11<sup>th</sup> at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Breakfast will be served at the Vallejo Mill School. Reservations should be made before March 8<sup>th</sup> with Wilhelmina Andrade of Niles or **Angie Vargas** of Alvarado. The Communion will be held for District 4, which includes Niles, Centerville, Newark and Alvarado.

**The Niles Register, Niles Calif., March 1, 1956**

#### **Machado Files for Reelection:**

William Machado, whose two-year term on the Alvarado Elementary School Board is expiring, has filed for reelection.

**The Daily Review, March 2, 1956**

#### **Cerebral Palsy Drive:**

Community chairmen for the 1956 Cerebral Palsy campaign have been selected for Southern Alameda County. The chairman for Alvarado will be Johnnie Shestack.

**The Daily Review, March 5, 1956**

#### **Decoto Chamber Opposes Fremont Merger:**

The Decoto Chamber of Commerce declined an invitation to join the newly formed Fremont Chamber of Commerce last night. Although meeting in joint session with the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce at Barnard School, this was one item on the agenda handled separately by the Decoto Chamber. President Henry Leidsen, President of the Alvarado Chamber said his group had already gone on record as "very much against joining" the Fremont Chamber.

**The Daily Review, March 7, 1956**

#### **Alvarado News:**

The UPPEC will have their annual dinner at Onstead's in San Leandro on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Reservations should be made before March 8<sup>th</sup>. Secret Pals will be disclosed and new pals will be chosen.

Don't forget the St. Patrick's dance to be held March 17<sup>th</sup>, and the whist party to be held on March 18<sup>th</sup>, following the card party there will be entertainment and dancing.

***The Niles Register, Niles Calif., March 8, 1956***

**PTA:**

Officers for the coming year were nominated and plans were made for the annual dinner in May at the PTA's monthly meeting. Nominated were: Mrs. Renee Stiarwalt, President; Mrs. Dowland, Vice President; Mrs. Marie Rose, Secretary; Mrs. Marilyn Silva, Treasurer; Mrs. Shirley Krikorian, Historian; Mrs. Antoinette Pinto and Mrs. Josephine Tenorio, Delegates.

Kindergarten mothers and their offspring presented "A Day in Kindergarten."

***The Daily Review, March 8, 1956***

**Basketball Tourney:**

Thirty-six teams and over 300 youngsters from various Washington Township elementary schools participated in a basketball tournament sponsored by Washington Union High School. Each school could enter four weight class divisions each, unlimited, intermediate, lightweight and featherweight team classifications. Alvarado was entered in two classification, unlimited and lightweights. They failed to place any team in the finals.

***The Daily Review, March 9, 1956***

**Classified Ad:**

ROOM & BOARD:

Alvarado, private home, TV, garage. White gentleman preferred.

Phone: **AL**varado 55-871

***The Daily Review, March 12, 1956***

**New Arrival:**

Born to the wife of Romerio G. Ruiz, Alvarado, a son on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

***The Daily Review, March 13, 1956***

**Washington Township C of C:**

The Washington Township Chamber of Commerce yesterday completed its decision to dissolve by voting on the division of its funds. The chamber will divide its funds, somewhere in excess of \$2,600, among the new Fremont Chamber of Commerce, which will receive five-eighths of the amount, and Newark, Decoto and Alvarado chambers will each receive one-eighth of the amount. Dissolution followed formation of the Fremont Chamber after Niles, Centerville, Irvington, Warm Spring and Mission San Jose resident voted to incorporate as a city.

***The Daily Review, March 15, 1956***

**Alvarado News:**

Saturday evening Mr. & Mrs. Bud Rissman and Terry, Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Andrade and Paul and Sandy, visited Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Andrade.

Mrs. Frances Flower marked her birthday Wednesday. Helping her celebrate were Johnny Flower, Johnny Jr., Stevie and Nancy Flower, Mr. & Mrs. Otto Kline, and Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Andrade.

SPRSI Council 21 of Alvarado will hold their next meeting March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the S.D.E.S. Hall, announced President Delinda Pimentel.

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Borges, Mr. & Mrs. "Chick" Vargas and Bud, Mrs. Isabel Mondragon, Mrs. Amelia Silva and Mary Ann, Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Hendricks and Mr. & Mrs. Joe Perry attended the annual UPPEC dinner Saturday night.

***The Niles Register, Niles Calif., March 15, 1956***

**Alvarado School News:**

On March 9<sup>th</sup>, the Alvarado School Student Body chose committees. They are as follows: Finance Committee: **Mike Vierra**, Chairman; Mary Lou Faria, Mike Hersha, Gloria Melena, Frankie Perez and Mary Bueno; Block Committee: Alex Villalobos, Chairman, Jesse Garcia, Bob Danley, Carol Silva, Kay Hisaoka and Joe Urrutia; Gifts Committee: Loretta Soares, Chairman, Diana Falkowski, **Dickie Rose**, Freddie Cicairos, Pamela Perry and Vera Bueno; Constitution Committee: Clarence

Silva, chairman, **Richard Hiser**, Tina Sacramento, Dennis Machado, Christine Silva and Claudia Martinez; Entertainment Committee: Isabel Urrutia, Chairman; Rose Avila, Melvin Silva, Petra Aranda, Jody Loyola and Nellie Gonzalez.

On the same day Mr. Bond Eighth Grade Teacher and boy's coach, presented basketball awards to the following boys: **Richard Hiser**, Danny Rose, **Dickie Rose**, Dennie Climie, Danny Cicairos, Amador Melena, John Roderick, Ricky Perez, **Mike Vierra** and George Goularte.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., March 15, 1956*

#### **Henry Andrade Dies:**

Henry M Andrade, 60, of Alvarado died on March 14<sup>th</sup>. He is survived by his wife Carrie, and sons George Andrade of Centerville, and sons Norman, Ernest, Henry Jr. ([Dick](#)) Andrade and a daughter Marlene, all of Alvarado. He was a native of Decoto.

*The Daily Review, March 16, 1956*

#### **Trustees Hear Mrs. Ricketts:**

Mrs. Grace Ricketts, county health coordinator, was guest speaker at a weekend dinner honoring trustees and superintends of Decoto, Alvarado and Fremont schools at Washington High School. The subject of her talk was how the health instruction program meets the needs of children. A skit by the Alvarado teachers followed in the auditorium. The dinner was arranged by the Washington Township Teachers Association.

*The Daily Review, March 19, 1956*

#### **Union Sanitary District:**

The Irvington and Union Sanitary District have now merged into a single unit. This unites all of Washington Township under one sanitary district except for a small area served by the Alvarado Sanitary District.

*The Daily Review, March 20, 1956*

#### **Amelia Silva Dies:**

Funeral services for Mrs. Amelia G. Silva, 56, will be held tomorrow. A native of Alvarado, she leaves several children in the bay area, and two brothers, Manuel and Joseph Martin, both of Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, March 27, 1956*

#### **Newark Road Work:**

The Newark Elementary School District trustees last night figuratively paved the way for an extension of Lincoln Road from Dairy Road to Thornton Avenue. The extension will give Newark residents more direct access to both Alvarado, by way of Marsh Road and Fremont, by way of Decoto Road.

*The Daily Review, March 28, 1956*

#### **Alvarado News:**

Deepest sympathy to the family of Henry Andrade who died at his home on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Amelia Silva, who recently had an operation, died Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clarabelle (Silva) Moura of Hayward.

Mrs. Mary Silveira, who has been ill, has now recovered.

Annette Paredes, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tony Paredes, celebrated her third birthday on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Last week Mr. & Mrs. Elvin Rose, Danny, Dickie, Stanley, Dale, Marvin and Gordon had dinner at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Howlette.

Mr. & Mrs. Norman Silveira, Norma Jean and Debbie, have moved to Granger Avenue. The Silveira's used to live on Levee Street.

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rodgers of Creek Road and Mr. & Mrs. Joe Perry of Hayward spent the weekend in Monterey, Pacific Grove and Carmel. They visited Mr. & Mrs. Joel Langdon of Monterey, (formerly of Creek Road, Alvarado).

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., March 29, 1956*

### **Cerebral Palsy Dance:**

The first major event of the 1956 Cerebral Palsy campaign will be held this month in Newark. The Newark Pavilion will be the scene of a 10-hour dance for the benefit of the cerebral palsy campaign. The United Cerebral Palsy Association of Alameda County including Newark, Fremont, Alvarado and Decoto has arranged for an old-time celebration April 8<sup>th</sup>. Everything has been donated including the music.

Four bands will play, beginning from 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon and playing continuously until midnight. The bands appearing will be Henry Dias as his "HyTones," Walter Fasolis and the "3G's," Margaret Gemignani and "Margaret's Melody Makers," and Manuel Pinto Jr., with the "Pinto Brothers Orchestra" will be donating their services for the charity cause.

*The Daily Review, April 2, 1956*

### **New Alvarado School:**

A new school to replace the present one at a cost of \$400,000 to \$450,000 has been proposed by the Alvarado Elementary School District Board of Trustees. The board voted unanimously to condemn the existing facilities as unsafe at an adjourned meeting held following a gathering of the citizen advisory board.

*The Daily Review, April 4, 1956*

### **Mrs. Annie Whipple Meyer Dies:**

Mrs. Annie Whipple Meyer, 87, whose grandparents crossed the plains in a covered wagon, will be buried with four generations of her family in Cypress Cemetery in Decoto. Mrs. Meyer was born in Alvarado, but lived in Decoto until 1914 when she moved to Oakland.

Mrs. Meyer's father-in-law owned the property that where Hillview Crest was built. Her husband, Frederick Meyer worked for Central Bank for 20 years.

Mrs. Meyer's grandparents were Mr. & Mrs. James Hawley who settled in Decoto in 1849.

*The Daily Review, April 5, 1956*

### **New Phone Directory Promotes Discord:**

The Central Fremont Businessmen Association members yesterday took a strong stance against listing Fremont telephone numbers under the general Hayward heading. The businessmen asked that Fremont receive a separate listing if any major telephone directory changes are made. If that is not agreeable to the telephone company, the Fremont group would have the present Washington Township listing system retained.

The telephone company pointed out that the company could not avoid taking Alvarado and Decoto from the Washington Township section and putting it in with the Hayward listing.

*The Daily Review, April 5, 1956*

### **San Francisco Science Fair:**

Two Washington Union High School youths from Alvarado took Honorable Mention in the third annual Bay Area Science Fair. Joe Tenorio and Robert Richmond won an honorable mention in the group projects class for their chromatography exhibit.

The two youths separated closely related compounds by allowing a solution of them to seep through an absorbent so that the different compounds became absorbed in separate colored layers, comprising a chromatogram.

Robert is the son Mr. & Mrs. Frank S. Richmond, of Smith Street, Alvarado. Joe is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Jose Tenorio of Levee Street, Alvarado. Both boys are juniors.

Exhibits of the group along with some 350 others will be on display tomorrow in the Academy of Sciences Building at Golden Gate Park.

*The Daily Review, April 7, 1956*

### **Heavy Industry Slated for Unincorporated Land:**

The Alameda County Planning Commission yesterday carved out a 1,560-acre chunk of industrial land between Decoto and Alvarado for heavy industrial usage in an effort to attract and retain industry for the county. There was no opposition from owners at the public hearing and some owners, who said they represent 1,000 of 1,560-acres, said they were for the zoning changes. The zoning was adopted with provisions that there be no sites less than 3-acres; that there be a 100-foot setback on all structures and that there will be a 200-foot minimum width.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 10, 1956*

### **Alvarado School Field Trips:**

Pupils of the Alvarado School Kindergarten and Fifth Grade classes will go on excursions to Oakland Fairyland and the Hayward Plunge, respectively, this week as a reward for their efforts in the recent rag drive. The drive, sponsored by the PTA, netted 1,193 pounds of rags.

The PTA this week made plans for the annual dinner at the Pioneer Village in San Leandro on May 12<sup>th</sup>. New officers will be installed on May 3<sup>rd</sup> in the school auditorium.

*The Daily Review, April 11, 1956*

### **Alvarado News:**

Thursday a few members of the SPRSI and the UPPEC gathered at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Tony Borges to discuss plans for the Alvarado Holy Ghost celebration next month.

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Gardetto spent Easter Day in San Mateo.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Goularte of Niles-Alvarado Road, Mrs. Delinda Pimentel, Ann Pimentel and Mrs. Anna Rodriguez of Fremont motored to Manteca Saturday to attend the wedding of John Vierra, a cousin of Mrs. Goularte, to Eleanor Jamison of Modesto.

Dances are now being held every Saturday night at the S.D.E.S. Hall in Alvarado. The Pinto Brothers will furnish the music. Next Saturday the queen for the Alvarado Holy Ghost festival will be presented.

Mr. & Mrs. Serafin Noia and Carol visited Mr. & Mrs. Joe Lemos and Mrs. Edith Mello Friday. The Lemos' live in Hayward. Mrs. Noia celebrated her birthday Saturday evening. Guests were Mr. Noia, Pat and Carol, Mr. & Mrs. Gasper Pine and Mr. & Mrs. Gene Pine of Centerville.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., April 12, 1956*

### **New Arrival:**

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Graves, 835 Watkins St., Alvarado, welcomed the arrival of a son on March 29<sup>th</sup>. The baby, Michael Graves was born at Alameda Hospital. He has an older sister, Lois.

George Hocking of Alvarado acted as godfather for the baby.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., April 12, 1956*

### **Ratekin on Board of Atomic Medicine:**

Establishment of an atomic medicine and treatment facility in the proposed St. Rose Hospital is under consideration. The recent meeting also featured election of officers to the advisory group for the hospital planned for construction on Tennyson Road near the Eastshore Freeway in Hayward.

Officers of the advisory group included J. A. Ratekin, Superintendent of the Holly Sugar Mill at Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, April 12, 1956*

### **New School:**

Some 80 persons attending a mass meeting at the Alvarado School last night approved the trustee's plans to build an entirely new school plant. The meeting had been called to sound out public reaction to a \$169,000 bond issue election May 18<sup>th</sup>, which would help finance the school along with that much or more in state aid. District Superintendent Leslie Maffey said no opposition was expressed last night.

*The Daily Review, April 13, 1956*

### **Alvarado Eagles:**

Elmer Posey will be installed as President of the Alvarado Aerie of Eagles. Other officers that were installed were: Donald Lang, Joseph Martin, William E. Silva, Joseph Lewis, Charles Baird, Sylvester Gallo, and Serafine Serpa.

*The Daily Review, April 14, 1956*

### **Sanitary District:**

The **Alvarado Chamber of Commerce** will urge a merger of the Alvarado Sanitary District and the Union Sanitary District. Joseph Lewis asked last night that a letter to that effect be sent to President Elvin Rose and Secretary-Treasurer Fred Joyce of the Alvarado District.

In other business, Mrs. Mae Santos said, "taxpayers should get behind a movement to improve the appearance of Alvarado and attract people to buy in the area." Mrs. Santos then mentioned, "the lack of sewage facilities as possibly an even more important aspect."

"I'm glad she broke the ice," said **Kenneth Garcia** of Decoto. "If new homes were to come in, you couldn't take care of them. Now is the time to join the Union Sanitary District, before Union City gets here."

Frank Borghi, Chairman of the **Union City Steering Committee** and President of the Decoto Chamber of Commerce, said improved sewage facilities are a necessity in attracting industry.

Mrs. Santos was appointed chairman of a committee to investigate town improvements in the way of street repair, painting of buildings and a raising of the standard of living in certain sections.

"I know it's a big job that will take a long time," said Mrs. Santos, and Henry Leidsen, chamber President assured her the committee would be a "standing one."

*The Daily Review, April 20, 1956*

### **Royal Court:**

The royal court for the Alvarado I.D.E.S. Holy Ghost celebration this year will consist of Myrna Jean Dutra, reigning queen, Mary Ann Travers and Elaine Pinto will be her maids.

*The Daily Review, April 20, 1956*

### **Chamber of Commerce:**

The **Alvarado Chamber of Commerce** will donate \$25 toward the senior breakfast and entertainment at Washington Union High School following the Senior Ball, and \$15 to **Alvarado School** for Traffic Patrol Reward Day at Alum Rock, date to be announced.

*The Daily Review, April 20, 1956*

### **Annex Move is Hit:**

The **Union City Steering** Committee last night decided to take a course of active opposition to annexation by Hayward of the city's fluoridation plant site in Decoto. The decision came in a



special meeting following adoption by the **Alvarado Chamber of Commerce**, in an earlier meeting, of a resolution expressing similar intent.

Attorney LeRoy Broun told the steering committee a statute of the California State Legislature, in effect since September 7, 1955, permits a city to annex its property even though it may not adjoin city boundaries. Hayward owns a half-acre south of the intersection of Decoto Road and Highway 9, where it is building the plant.

The steering committee decided to arrange for a special meeting to discuss thwarting the annexation attempt when it comes before the Board of Supervisors. Since the Alameda County Planning Commission disapproved the site, Hayward cannot get a building permit. The commission action technically cannot forestall construction and the city is erecting the plant anyway, and, in addition has drawn up a resolution of annexation, according to Broun.

"The plant goes up whether we like it or not," said **Kenneth Garcia**. "The one thing we can do is stop annexation to Hayward. With new boundaries for Union City, we would have to start the incorporation movement all over again."

The incorporation petition of Alvarado and Decoto is being held in abeyance pending a court decision on another Hayward annexation, which would include a portion of the territory claimed by Union City. There are 2,400-acres in dispute.

*The Daily Review, April 20, 1956*

#### **New Alvarado School:**

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce last gave its unanimous endorsement to the May 18<sup>th</sup> \$169,000 bond issue to build a new **Alvarado Elementary School**. Leslie Maffey, School Superintendent, told members "not a single piece of reinforcing steel" is present in the brick walls of the present structure. He also pointed out that the roof merely sits on top of those walls. "We'll have to pray hard that no severe earthquake comes along until a modern school is built," said Maffey.

*The Daily Review, April 20, 1956*

#### **Principal's Message:**

**Leslie H. Maffey**, Alvarado School District Superintendent:

I wish to express my sincere gratitude for the wonderful cooperation and help I have received during my years as principal and superintendent of the **Alvarado School District** from the various boards of trustees, all faculty and other school personnel, the numerous school organizations, local service organizations, from the students themselves, the Mother's Club, from our PTA and from all the other citizens of Alvarado.

I do hope that our splendid citizens of the Alvarado School District will keep up the fine work by giving their trustees and teachers a vote of confidence in the school bond election on May 18<sup>th</sup>. A "Yes" vote has been recommended by the Citizens advisory Committee of Alvarado. Alvarado School has grown to a point where three more classrooms will be needed next year.

The citizens of Alvarado will be pleased to learn that a recent series of achievement tests administered to the children and charted impartially show our boys and girls working diligently at or above their expectant grade level. This is very gratifying to the teachers, the trustees, the parents and to the children themselves.

*The Daily Review, April 23, 1956*

#### **Alvarado Elementary Staff:**

Mrs. Virginia Moy, Mrs. Dorothy Vargas (Cafeteria Ass't), Eleanor Stassak, Mrs. Eva Hicks, Mrs. Evalene Griffin, **Leslie H. Maffey** (Superintendent), Mrs. Sharon Hersha, Mrs. Dolores Vierra (Secretary), Mrs. Mary Gastelum (Cafeteria Manager), Mrs. Jane Dakin (Special Class), Mrs. Gladys Hersey, Mrs. Shirley Krikorian, Mrs. Zola Smith, Steven Graves, Tony Alexander

(Custodian), Antone Borges (Custodian), Norman Silveira (Bus Driver) and John Bond (Vice Principal).

*The Daily Review, April 23, 1956*

### **Kindergarten Enrollment:**

Pre-school registration will be held at Alvarado School from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday next week at the school, Superintendent Leslie Maffey announced. To be eligible for Kindergarten, youngsters must have been born on or before December 2, 1951.

*The Daily Review, April 25, 1956*

### **Hillview Crest:**

If Hillview Crest votes to annex to Hayward Tuesday, its homeowners will gain tax savings from \$30 to \$33.10 on an average home (\$10,000) City of Hayward City Manager S.D. Smith said today. Some 900 persons are eligible to vote in the Tuesday election at the Niles Highway (Mission Boulevard) subdivision just north of Decoto.

This will be the areas second annexation election. The first was on May 17<sup>th</sup> of last year when, as part of the 2,400-acre Treeview annex, Hillview Crest voted 455-137 in favor of joining Hayward. But that election was contested by Union City, a proposed city joining Alvarado and Decoto, and the Superior Court invalidated the annexation. Hayward has appealed the decision and it is now before the District Court of appeals.

*The Daily Review, April 27, 1956*

### **Crooked Marbles:**

Operators of the "sure thing" marble game in the carnival attraction at the Holy Ghost festival in Alvarado are in for more trouble. Alameda County Sheriff's officers, who arrested an operator of a concession in the Ross United Shows last weekend after one man lost \$450 were informed that Yolo County is holding a warrant for the arrest of the show's manager, James Ross.

Ross is now in custody at Santa Rita Prison Farm. The concession operator, Archie Long, 33, was booked for running a game of chance, is now free on bail. The carnival was sponsored by the S.D.E.S. club, a Portuguese fraternal order, as a side attraction to the Holy Ghost festival. The lodge stated that it had booked the carnival but had banned gambling concessions and was not aware of the violations. In the Yolo County warrant Ross was cited for running and illegal gambling device, described as a "sure thing" for operators. It consists of a board with numbered holes and cup to roll eight marbles on the board. Different points are given for the various totals rolled.

Manuel Pinto Jr., in the meantime, moved to clear up errors in earlier reports. He pointed out that the show was not a "church carnival" and was not sponsored by or for the benefit of St. Anne's Church. He added that the carnival was not conducted on church grounds.

*The Daily Review, May 2, 1956*

### **Alvarado PTA Install Officers:**

Alvarado School held its PTA meeting Wednesday and Mrs. Laverne Shestack, past president, installed the following officers in 1956-57:

President, Mrs. Renee Stiarwalt; First Vice-President, Mrs. Bobbie Dowling; Second Vice-President, Leslie H. Maffey; Secretary, Mrs. Marie Rose; Parliamentarian, Mrs. Bernice Silveira; auditor, Mrs. Shirley Krikorian, Historian, Stephan Graves; Delegates, Mrs. Antoinette Pinto and Mrs. Josephine Tenorio.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., May 3, 1956*

### **Classified Ad:**

MERCHANDISE:

Shoe repair equipment, complete machinery, perfect condition.

Alvarado 55-959  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 6, 1956*

### **Parade of the Past:**

Thirty of Washington Township's historic landmarks and old homes will be opened to visitors May 9<sup>th</sup> as part of a "Parade of the Past," sponsored by the Humpty Dumpty Play Center. Among the sites to be visited in Alvarado is the site of the county's first courthouse in 1853 and the Eagle's Hall, formerly a Civil War Armory and home to the "Alvarado Hundred" in the early 1860's. The Holly Sugar Mill is also on the tour, the site of the first commercially successful beet sugar mill in the United States.

*The Daily Review, May 9, 1956*

### **Incorporation:**

A notice of intention to circulate incorporation petitions for the formation of "Union City" in the Alvarado-Decoto area has been filed with the Alameda County Clerk. This is the third time that such papers have been presented. The proposed map is to be cleared with the County Boundary Commission before being considered by the Board of supervisors.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 9, 1956*

### **Mrs. Nina Dyer Washburn Dies:**

Mrs. Nina Dyer Washburn, 77, whose father, Ephraim Herrick Dyer, helped establish the first commercially successful sugar beet processing mill in the United States at Alvarado, passed away Tuesday. Nina was born and raised in Alvarado, but attended High School in Oakland. She married Fred Washburn and moved to San Francisco.

(Editor's Opinion: Miss Dyer was part of the turn of the century Alvarado young society Misses that included family names such as: Harvey, Riley, May, Nauert, Beebe, Ralph, Jackson, Teuscher, Joyce, and Allguire (among others). These young ladies were the pride of Alvarado, and were collectively known as the "Young Ladies of Alvarado." They attended balls, dances, and social gatherings throughout the Bay Area. Some, like Miss Dyer, married persons outside of Washington-Eden Township and moved from Alvarado. This may have been the golden age of Alvarado young society)

*The Oakland Tribune, May 10, 1956*

### **Alvarado News:**

Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Andrade and Sharon Perry attended the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday party of Melvin Perry Tuesday.

Last Sunday Joe Goularte was sponsor for Perry Pimentel who was confirmed at the Holy Ghost Church. Perry is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pimentel of Fremont Ave.

**Mrs. Helen Perry, Mrs. Frances Allegre** and **Mrs. Helen Gularte** motored to San Mateo to attend the SPRSI official visit.

Deepest sympathy to Aldora Pinto upon the death of her brother last week.

A speedy recovery to Mrs. Jean Rose.

**Mrs. Evelyn Silva** attended a surprise birthday shower for her daughter Dolores (Silva) Luddy in Vallejo.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Reposo of Berkeley visited Mr. & **Mrs. Ralph Silva** and daughter, Wilma and Kathy, Saturday evening.

**Mrs. Helen Perry**, Mrs. Ann Hendricks, **Mrs. Helen Gularte** and Mrs. Angie Vargas attended the YLI Guadalupe Institute enchiladas dinner in Niles on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

A speedy recovery to Mrs. Mary Borges.

Mr. & Mrs. Chick Vargas, **Mrs. Frances Allegre**, **Mrs. Helen Perry** and **Mrs. Helen Gularte** motored to Half Moon Bay on April 25<sup>th</sup> to attend the official visit of the UPPEC, of which Mrs. Vargas is the deputy.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., May 10, 1956*

**Polling Places:**

1501

Alvarado Fire Station – 1651 Smith Street  
Inspector: Helen Anderson  
Judge: Isabel Menezes  
Clerks: Annie L. Baird and Jennie Jones

1502

Alvarado School – Smith & Alvarado Streets  
Inspector: Mabel M. Rogers  
Judge: M. C. Richmond  
Clerks: Emily D. Noia and Mary Jones  
*The Oakland Tribune, May 10, 1956*

**Alvarado Sanitary District:**

Alvarado Sanitary District in a letter to the Union Sanitary District asked the Union District to consider annexing the Alvarado Sanitary District. Union District Board of Directors said they would be glad to cooperate, but that it would be necessary to annex an area lying between the two districts.

*The Daily Review, May 15, 1956*

**School Bond Vote:**

On Friday, Alvarado residents will go to the polls to decide the fate of the \$169,000 bond issue for the construction of the new Alvarado School. If the measure passes the issue will qualify for the district for state aid, enabling it to construct a \$400,000 school.

*The Daily Review, May 15, 1956*

**Classified Ad:**

USED CARS FOR SALE:

Chevrolet, 1955 Bel Air, Radio, Heater, Powerglide, 3-Carbeurators and cam.

Alvarado 55-838 4 to 7

*The Oakland Tribune, May 16, 1956*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

Spring-cleaning activities started the dust flying at the **Chamber of Commerce** meeting in the firehouse last night. Mrs. May Santos, in her first sweep hit at the Washington Township Garbage Company, which is parking its trucks behind its offices in Alvarado, and complaints are being made about the odor and the insects. County Supervisor Chester Stanley informed about the condition and asked to have the garbage trucks removed, declared, "It'll take 30 or 40 days to get an ordinance through, but we'll do it."

Mrs. Santos' second swipe was aimed at Alvarado in general. Heading the Chamber's beautification committee, Mrs. Santos presented a map with all the unsightly areas and buildings marked with red. It was thickly measled. She was pessimistic about the clean up campaign. "We can't do anything with a group like this. We need power behind us, the clean up is impossible"

One of the buildings designated as unsightly is an old livery stable on Hiway 17. The Chamber decided to write a letter to the unnamed owner and tell him to remove the building, "or we'll do it for you."

*The Daily Review, May 18, 1956*

**Union City Steering Committee:**

The Union City Steering Committee's attorney came under fire last night from one its own members. The attack came at an **Alvarado Chamber of Commerce** meeting and was made by Wilbert Hendricks, Alvarado School trustee.

Committee attorney LeRoy Broun was stoutly defended in the exchange by Chairman Frank Borghi Jr., and Kenneth Garcia, both of Decoto. Hendricks' attack on Broun followed his warning, "If we do not get on the ball, one of these day Hayward is going to gobble us up." Although Hendricks' attack was not specific, observers believed he referred to Broun's position as Fremont City attorney and rumors that annexation petitions have been circulated to join Alvarado and Decoto (which form the proposed Union City) to Fremont.

*The Daily Review, May 18, 1956*

#### **Six Months In Santa Rita for 35¢:**

The theft of seven pop bottles worth 35¢ drew six months sentences for two Alvarado men yesterday in Washington Township Justice Court. Albert Escandon and Mike Vigil were placed on two years probation and sentenced to 180 days in Santa Rita Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center. Although the formal charge was petty theft, Manuel Priego, 1090 Levee Street, Alvarado, explained he only pressed charges so that the two men could receive treatment as alcoholics. The pair lived in a trailer on Watkins Street, Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, May 19, 1956*

#### **New Alvarado School:**

Alvarado voters yesterday approved a \$169,000 bond to finance a building expansion for the Alvarado Elementary School 159 - 23. William Machado was reelected as a school trustee.

*The Daily Review, May 19, 1956*

#### **Alvarado PTA:**

The Alvarado School PTA is presenting two or three swings for use in the primary playground of the school. Also, on their summer agenda this year is a swimming program for the children.

*The Daily Review, May 21, 1956*

#### **Borghi Resigns Decoto C of C:**

Frank Borghi Jr., his 'responsibilities getting too heavy,' resigned as President of the Decoto Chamber of Commerce. Kenny Garcia, Vice President, automatically becomes President of the Decoto C of C. Borghi explained that he was recently voted as a trustee to the Washington Union High School board. He also sits on the Union City Steering Committee.

A merger with Alvarado Chamber of Commerce to form a Union City Chamber of Commerce was again discussed. The matter will be presented to the membership in June without recommendation by the board of directors.

*The Daily Review, May 23, 1956*

#### **Gun Club:**

The Marshland Gun Club of Alvarado is endorsing Congressman George P. Miller's bid for reelection.

*The Daily Review, May 24, 1956*

#### **Sugar:**

The Holly Sugar Corporation has made an additional payment on sugar beets in Central and Northern California based on an estimated net selling price of sugar of \$6.75 per 100-lb. Bag of sugar. This makes total payments to growers \$13.99 per ton for beets averaging 17% sugar. Where average sugar content was higher the payment amounted to a higher rate per ton. Acreage is about equal to last year's in the Bay Area. At the present time prospects point to a satisfactory crop for this season.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., May 24, 1956*

#### **Alvarado News:**

St. Anthony's Society had their official visit May 15<sup>th</sup>. Supreme President, Antone Rocha of Escalon attended the official visit.

Approximately 32 children received their First Holy Communion Sunday at St. Anne's Catholic Church.

Mary Velasco, who works at the bank in Alvarado, was married Sunday in Niles to Alfred Rebello. Many people from Alvarado attended. Mr. & Mrs. Joe Lemos and Mrs. Edith Mello of Hayward visited Mr. & Mrs. Serfin Noia and daughters Sunday.

Jeanette and Pat Bratton, Mr. & **Mrs. Mike Gardetto**, Mr. & Mrs. Andy Gardetto and daughters, Mr. & Mrs. Emilio Re, and Mrs. Walt Fasolis attended the wedding of Isabel Faria and Tony Soares at St. Edward's Church in Newark. The reception was held at the Newark Pavilion.

On May 14<sup>th</sup> the Eagles honored members who are mothers. Mrs. Baird was given the honor of cutting the cake, which was decorated with roses. On the committee were **Esther Gardetto**, chairman; Dorothy Ratekin, **Tina Costa** and Laura Mayer. Beverly Ratekin also helped. Directors, Del Diaz, Dorothy Serpa and Mary Rose; Dean of the Council, Angie Vargas; Pianist, Harold Faria.

The UPPEC nominated new officers: Past President, Isabel Mondragon; President, Helen Gularte; Vice President, **Melly Richmond**; Secretary, Aldora Pinto; Treasurer, Martha Faria; Mistress of Ceremonies, Helen Perry; Marshal, Anna Hendricks; Door Guard, Rose Freitas.  
*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., May 24, 1956*

#### **Eagles Auxiliary:**

Joint installation ceremonies will be held on June 11<sup>th</sup> at the F.O.E. Hall in Alvarado for Alvarado Eagles Aerie and Auxiliary.

Laura Gallo will be installed as incoming President. Others to be seated are: Alvina Leal, Madeline Lang, Mildred Posey, Dorothy Tracy, Suzie Davis, **Millie Richmond**, Lonnie Tomzak, Florence Wallace, and Alice Menezes. The Board of Trustees includes: Tessie Maciel, **Leontine Costa**, Ina Newfield.  
*The Daily Review, May 24, 1956*

#### **Sugar:**

The AFL Central Council met this afternoon to discuss a strike sanction request from the Sugar Worker's Council. Sugar workers are negotiating with three major sugar producers including Alvarado's Holly Sugar. Talks started yesterday in San Francisco and will continue today.  
*The Daily Review, May 25, 1956*

#### **News Note:**

Mrs. Dorothy Vargas of Alvarado attended the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel Castillo Sr. of San Leandro.  
*The Daily Review, May 29, 1956*

#### **W.U.H.S. Athlete of the Year:**

Tino Rangel, Washington Union High School senior from Alvarado, will receive the first annual "Athlete of the Year" award tomorrow. The presentation will be made by Judson E. Taylor, Ass't Principal and Rotary member at the noon meeting of the Niles Rotary Club. The award is sponsored by Len Smith, a former W.U.H.S. athlete, who now operates Len's Sport Shop in Centerville.

Rangel's selection was based on several factors besides athletic ability, including "citizenship, scholarship and moral and inspirational qualities." Rangel has been active in sports since his freshman year. He lettered multi times in football, basketball and baseball. He also served as Junior Class President.  
*The Daily Review, May 30, 1956*

#### **Classified Ad:**

USED CARS:

1949 Buick sedan, all accessories, good condition.

Phone: **AL**varado 55-910

***The Daily Review, May 30, 1956***

### **Alvarado News:**

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Borges and Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Borges visited Mr. & Mrs. Tom Souza of San Leandro Friday night.

Mrs. Helen P. Gularte with Mrs. Hilda Allegre of Newark attended a wedding shower for Grace Gellerman of Niles.

Council 21, SPRSI, Alvarado honored their Supreme President, Mrs. Mary Garcia of Livingston, Deputy and Supreme secretary Mr. Leopoldina Alves of Oakland, Mrs. Mary Brazil, Supreme Secretary of Directors, and Del Diaz, President of the Activity Committee of District 3 of Hayward, and other officers at the meeting of May 24. Six candidates were initiated: Pat Flores and Pat Noia of Alvarado, Albina Cerruti of Centerville, Mrs. Joe Alexander of the Alviso District, Janelle Silva of Irvington and Marian Higholt of Oakland. Approximately 130 visiting members from neighboring councils attended.

Officers of the councils were escorted to their chairs by a committee consisting of Bernice Silveira, Gerry Perry, Elsie Machado, Lavern Shestack, Sharon Alexander, Madeline Rocha, Lorraine Morreira and Loretta George. Red carnations were presented to the outgoing President, Delinda Pimentel by her daughter, Ann. The new president, Eleanor Azevedo, received a bouquet also from her daughter Kathy. Receiving a pin were mothers of some of the candidates, Mrs. Delinda Pimentel, Ann Flores, Emily Noia and Lorraine Silva.

***The Niles Register, Niles Calif., May 31, 1956***

### **Kindergarten Graduates 38:**

Thirty-eight blue-capped and gowned kindergartners of Alvarado Elementary School filed into the auditorium of the school at 10:15 a.m. today (Friday) to receive tiny diplomas from District Superintendent Leslie Maffey. Commencement exercises featured songs and dances by the graduates as well as a kinder-band concert.

***The Niles Register, Niles Calif., May 31, 1956***

### **Junior Traffic Patrol:**

The Alvarado Junior Traffic Patrol will march this Saturday in the annual Livermore Rodeo Parade. More than 1250 entries have already been received from throughout Northern California to march in the parade. Max Baer, former heavyweight boxing champion of the world will be the Grand Marshall at his hometown.

***The Daily Review, June 4, 1956***

### **San Jose State Grads:**

The largest June class in the history of San Jose State college will be graduated at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday in Spartan Stadium, where 1,116 students will receive their degrees.

Graduates from Alvarado include Carol J. Hocking, Elizabeth A. Sessions and Gerald S. Sessions.

***The Daily Review, June 4, 1956***

### **News Note:**

The Manuel Andrade's have moved from Alvarado to a home on Fifth Street in Hayward.

***The Daily Review, June 11, 1956***

### **PTA:**

The Alvarado PTA held its last regular meeting of the Thursday night. They completed their project of making caps and gowns for the Kindergarten Class whose graduation exercises will be held on Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at the school.

A swimming program for summer vacation will get under way on June 25<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the Henry Andrade swimming pool on Fair Ranch Road, Alvarado, for children from Kindergarten age to the Eighth Grade. The pool will be open from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and the program will be under the direction of Stephen Graves a Second Grade teacher at the school.

*The Daily Review, June 12, 1956*

### **Garbage Service:**

The sanitary district today approved a ten-year contract for Alvarado and Decoto with the East Bay Garbage Company. The firm will turn over 10 percent of its receipts to the sanitary district.

*The Daily Review, June 12, 1956*

### **Local Gas War:**

The Oakland and Southern Alameda County area have a gas war on their hands. Gas at local stations is selling as much as 8 cents a gallon less than last week. Ethyl is 28.9 cents per gallon and regular is 25.9 cents per gallon.

*The Daily Review, June 12, 1956*

### **Hayward Plays Nice With Union City:**

*(From an Editorial in The Daily Review)*

PROOF that Hayward's wish to improve its public relations is a matter of policy rather than a promise was gratifyingly displayed last night by the (Hayward) city council. It voluntarily abandoned any attempt to annex the property (one half-acre) on which its fluoridation plant will be located south of Decoto.

The proposed annexation was an issue of emotional importance rather than financial importance. If it were carried to completion, the city would have to pay taxes on the property. By remaining politically outside the city, the property will be subject to taxes payable to the county if the area remains unincorporated or to "Union City" if that municipality is formed. The tax will amount to about \$18 a year in either case.

However, the annexation had taken on significance beyond its tax worth. It had become a matter of pride, or jurisdiction, of that nebulous but powerful emotion traditionally summed up by "it's the principle of the thing."

Residents of Alvarado and Decoto foresaw that annexation of the fluoridation site would mean an island of Hayward would be within Union City boundaries if an incorporation there was successful. That would be an affront to municipal authority.

The City of Hayward, on the other hand, found justification in a recent state law that specifically permitted the island annexation of property it already owned. It was prepared to be affronted if its legal rights were challenged. Situations like that becloud the lens through which good neighbors can be viewed.

That is why Hayward City Council's voluntary capitulation deserves praise even though the practical issues involved were small. Indeed, it is the constant settlement of small differences that form the bond between neighbors. As in a successful marriage, occasional avowals of love do not influence good public relations unless they are based on the constant and amicable adjustments necessary to achieve a happy companionship.

It is to be hoped that the Hayward council will continue the course it has set for itself, not always with capitulation, but with respect for the city's neighbors and consideration for their feelings.

*(Writer's opinion: Unbelievable!)*

*The Daily Review, June 13, 1956*

### **Alvarado School Graduating Class:**



At 8:00 p.m. tonight graduation exercises for the Eighth Grade class of Alvarado Elementary School will be held in the school auditorium with nineteen students participating. Mrs. Marjorie Kelley, director of curriculum for Alameda County schools was the featured speaker. Featured speakers for the graduating class was: Mike Vierra, James Stiarwalt, Loretta Soares, and Alex Villalobos.

*The Daily Review, June 13, 1956*

#### **Alvarado News:**

Eddie and Gerry Perry joined Ernie, Carol and Linda Andrade for an outing at Alum Rock Park in San Jose.

Mrs. Mabel Rodgers attended the graduation of her granddaughter from Kindergarten. Jo Ann, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bob Rodgers, is from Hayward.

**Bernice Silveira, Ruby Stockinger**, Billie Jacinto, Jeanette Bratton and **Margie Re** visited a ward at the Oak Knoll Hospital on May 31<sup>st</sup> to play games and serve refreshments to the patients.

Frank Silveira celebrated his birthday on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Carol Noia celebrated her twelfth birthday on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the V.F.W., Paul Rivers Post, chose these committee chairmen at their last meeting; Membership, Beatrice Lopez; Publicity, **Margie Re**; Hospitality and Rehabilitation, Emily Sacramento; Community Service, Lorraine Silva; Cancer Drive, **Ruby Stockinger**; Essay and Saving Bond, **Bernice Silveira**, Americanism, Kay Silva.

On June 1<sup>st</sup> Debbie Silveira and Janelle Silva celebrated their birthdays at a party in the Silveira home. In attendance were Mr. & Mrs. Morris Leal and family, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hernandez and family, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Silva and daughters, and Mrs. Mary Silveira.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., June 14, 1956*

#### **Postal Examination:**

Examinations for the position of Postmaster of Alvarado will be scheduled next month; it was announced today by Angie Vargas, acting Postmaster. The deadline for filing an application is June 26<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Vargas said. Application forms are available at the Alvarado Post Office, on Smith St., until 6 p.m. on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

Former Postmaster Genevieve Dutra resigned her post in May; Mrs. Vargas has been acting in her place since then.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., June 14, 1956*

#### **Miss Union City:**

An 18 year-old Decoto secretary and part-time fashion model has been named Miss Union City. Miss Barbara Enos, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Enos of 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Decoto, was named over two other contestants. Miss Enos will participate on Union City day at the Alameda County Fair on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

The runners-up were Beverly Ratekin, daughter of J. A. Ratekin of Holly Sugar Co. and Miss Frances Alvarez of Decoto.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 16, 1956*

#### **Treeview Annexation:**

Hayward has filed its brief in the appeal of the Treeview annexation. It was the first action in the case, involving annexation to Hayward of 2,400 acres south of the city, since the annexation was overruled by the Superior Court last year. The filing ended speculation that Hayward might not act on the appeal. It dimmed hopes of Union City backers for early incorporation of Alvarado and Decoto. No action can be taken until the Treeview case is resolved, since the annex and Union City boundaries conflict.

*The Daily Review, June 19, 1956*

**Union Sanitary District:**

Fremont City Councilmen last night put consideration of a Union Sanitary District survey and investigation on the agenda for next week's agenda. Mayor Jack Stevenson said it was his hope that the survey would embrace the entire sanitary district, including Fremont, Newark, Alvarado and Decoto. The survey, Stevenson said, should be financed by the sanitary district and the cities.

Stevenson's motion was seconded by Councilman Bruce Michael, who called for the survey two months ago. Since that time the Union Sanitary District has been called a "millstone around Fremont's neck," and the sanitary district has replied that 95 percent of the allegations are false. *The Daily Review, June 20, 1956*

**Flood Control:**

County Supervisors have set 11:00 a.m., July 10<sup>th</sup>, for the opening bids for construction of the Alvarado levee between Hiway 17 and Marsh Road ([adjacent to Lowry Road](#)). Cost of the levee, designed to protect Alvarado from floodwaters from the south is estimated at \$40,000. It is another unit of the Alvarado protection levee on which construction began last year. *The Daily Review, June 20, 1956*

**Flood Control:**

Some 50 members of the Fremont Taxpayers League were told yesterday that swollen water from the Alameda Creek would flood their land again next Christmas. The Alviso School gathering shot anxious questions at Herbert Crowle, Alameda County Flood Control District Engineer, Supervisor Chester Stanley and County Surveyor Wallace Boggs. Louis Amaral served as chairman of the meeting.

"We can't do a 100 percent flood control job," said Crowle. "That is going to cost \$5,000,000, appropriated by Congress. What we can do is improve the carrying capacity of the creek." He said the present channel clearing of trees and debris from the "splits" north and Alvarado upstream to Niles should be completed by the rainy season, but that will only improve the carrying capacity of the creek by 10 percent.

"Only a Federal project will completely prevent flooding", declared Stanley. "You'll get wet again before you get dry." "To widen and straighten the creek yourself would cost \$1.75 or \$1.80 on your tax rate. You can't afford it," Stanley emphasized.

*The Daily Review, June 21, 1956*

**Eagles Installation:**

The Alvarado Eagles and the Ladies Eagle Auxiliary held a big installation meeting a week ago last Monday and was attended by Eagle members from all over Washington Township. They met in the Eagles Hall in Alvarado (the former Odd Fellows Hall). Those installed were:

**Eagles New Officers:**

President, Elmer Posey; Vice-President, Donald Lang; Chaplain, Joseph Martin; Secretary, Joseph E. Lewis; Treasurer, Charles Baird; Conductor, Phillip Silva; Inside Guard, Sylvester Gallo; Outside Guard, Mike Gardetto; Trustee, Irvin Williams.

**Auxiliary Ladies Officers:**

President, Mrs. Laura Gallo; Vice-President, Mrs. Madeline Lang; Chaplain, Mrs. Mildred Posey; Secretary, Mrs. Susie Davis; Treasurer, Miss Alice Menezes; Conductor, Mrs. Dorothy Tracy; Inside Guard, Mrs. Millie Richmond; Outside Guard, Mrs. Lonnie Tomzak; Trustees, Mrs. Hortense Maciel, Mrs. Leontine Costa, and Mrs. Pat Newfield.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., June 21, 1956*

**Eagles Auxiliary:**

An officers meeting of the Alvarado Eagles Auxiliary 1695 was held at the home of newly elected president Laura Gallo. The following persons were named to head these committees: Kitchen,

Annie Baird; Delinquent, Millie Posey, Dorothy Tracy, and Catherine Silva; Auditor, Laura Mayer; Visiting, Anna Perry and Jackie Lewis; Publicity & Scrapbook, Mary Mattox; Historian, Leontine Costa; Investigating, Alice Menezes, Isabel Mondragon and Mabel Rogers; Way & Means, Alvina Leal, Esther Gardetto and Millie Richmond; Membership, Mary Mattox, Madelyne Lang, Katherine Silva and Florence Wallace; Finance, Carole Griffith, Teresa Agna and Lonnie Tomzak.

Secretary Suzie Davis is the delegate to the Eagles convention now in progress at the Sheraton Palace Hotel in San Francisco.

*The Daily Review, June 22, 1956*

### **Chamber of Commerce:**

The Alvarado Chamber of Commerce voted last night to match the Decoto Chamber of Commerce's \$100 contribution to help finance the cost of a Union City survey by Public Research, Inc.

Mrs. Mae Santos reported her Alameda County Fair committee has arranged for two talent shows featuring local children for Union City Day, June 25<sup>th</sup>. Sixteen acts will commence at 2:00 p.m. in the Court of the Four Seasons, including 28 children from Decoto and Alvarado. Another 16 children will begin at 6:30 p.m.

*The Daily Review, June 22, 1956*

### **Alameda County Fair:**

The Alameda County Fair at Pleasanton will honor Alvarado and Decoto (Union City) today with a talent show (show casing Alvarado and Decoto talent) and features all about our fair city to be.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 25, 1956*

### **Manuel Garcia Dies:**

Manuel Garcia of Alvarado died June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the age of 76. He leaves several devoted brothers and sisters around the Bay Area including Mrs. Millie Amaral of the Alviso district. He was a native of Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, June 26, 1956*

### **Classified Ad:**

STOCK & POULTRY SUPPLIES:

Hay, baled, rye grass, \$1 a bale.

Alvarado 55-826

*The Daily Review, June 26, 1956*

### **Classified Ad:**

FOR RENT - UNFURNISHED:

3-bedroom, garage, \$85. 1-bedroom cottage, \$45.

Phone: **AL**varado 55-826

*The Daily Review, June 26, 1956*

### **Alvarado News:**

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Silva of Hesperian Boulevard are grandparents of a baby boy. The baby is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Luddy (Dolores Silva). He was born on June 11 in Vallejo and was named James Ralph.

Mr. & Mrs. Elvin Rose had a barbeque at their home recently. Attending were Danny, Dickie, Stanley, Dale, Marvin and Gordon Rose, Mrs. Eva Howlette, Mr. & Mrs. Don Howlette, and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lindberg and their five children.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., June 28, 1956*

### **Alameda County Fair:**

The Alameda County Fair results for Future Farmers of America Poultry Division showed Robert Harvey of Alvarado receiving a first prize ribbon.

*The Daily Review, June 30, 1956*

**News Note:**

Alameda County Fair judging results for the Preserved Foods category has presented an award to Doris Graves of Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, July 2, 1956*

**Filipino's Celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup>:**

The Filipino Community of Alvarado will celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup> (Philippines Independence Day) here at the I.D.E.S. Hall. Cristin Taclindo Jr. will be the Master of Ceremonies and head of entertainment. Filipino dances and songs will be by the Sacramento sisters, with Johnny Agraviador, Luz and Judy Loyola, and Mrs. Leo Galispe. Mrs. Victor Ranoa, President of the Filipino Community will preside over the festivities. Other officers taking part are: Emily Sacramento, Vice President; Mrs. Isabel R. Loyola, Secretary; Mrs. Anna Sape, Ass't. Secretary; Anastacio Regalado, Treasurer; Dan Agraviador, Ass't Treasurer; Geronimo Sape, Advisor; Frank Sacramento, Auditor; Eddie Tubang and Pablo Perez, Sergeants-at Arms; and Ambrosio Loyola, Geronimo Sape, and Anastacio Regalado, Trustees.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 2, 1956*

**Isabel Soares Dies:**

Isabel Soares, 56, of Alvarado died on June 29<sup>th</sup>. She was the beloved wife of Ceferino Soares, also of Alvarado. She was a native of Spain; her maiden name was Gonzales.

*The Daily Review, July 3, 1956*

**Alvina Brune Takes First at County Fair:**

Judges of the baked goods and confections competition at the Alameda County Fair have awarded a first prize to Mrs. Alvina Brune of Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, July 4, 1956*

**Flood Control Bonds:**

The Bank of America has been awarded a contract in the floating of a \$600,000 issue of Series B bonds in Zone 3A of the Alameda County Flood Control District. Money from the sale of the bonds will be used to build drainage improvements in Hayward, Mt. Eden and Alvarado areas of the zone.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 4, 1956*

**Alvarado News:**

Friday night Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Andrade, Linda Andrade, and **Sharon Perry** visited Mr. & Mrs. Elden Andrade and son Billy of Centerville.

The Annual Installation of officers of the UPPEC will be held on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Janelle Silva was initiated into the SPRSI last Thursday. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Silva, formerly of Alvarado.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Luddy (the former Dolores Silva) and son James visited Mr. & Mrs. Ralph **Silva**, and daughters **Kathy** and Wilma the earlier part of this week.

Arnie Gardetto spent several days at home last week. He will now spend a few weeks in Hawaii and will then return to El Toro where he has been stationed with the Marines.

Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Ramm and children of El Cerrito have been visiting Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silveira of Granger Avenue.

**Sharon Perry** went to Santa Cruz Sunday with Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Perry and a host of out-of-town guests.

Many local folks attended the Alameda County Fair at Pleasanton Monday; it was "Union City Day." From Alvarado were Mr. & Mrs. Serafin Noia, Carol Noia, Kathy Silva, Mrs. Mabel Rodgers, Mae Santos, Tony Alexander, Donald Martin, Isabel Martin, Elaine Pinto, Carol Andrade and Rose Tenorio.

Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Flores and daughter Pat, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Azevedo and children, Marlene, Kathy and Michael, and Carol Miguel spent a week in Rio Nido on the Russian River. Visiting them over the weekend were Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Sessions, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Roderick, and Mrs. Anna Amaral.

Last Saturday Patrick Bratton, son of Jeanette Bratton, celebrated his third birthday. Guests were Joe and Helen Gulate, Frank and Helen Goularte, Joe and Mary Cardoza, Leon and Margie Re, Manuel and Aldine Goularte, Nora Vargas, Dorothy Vargas, Jeanette Rose and Michael David.  
*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., July 5, 1956*

#### **Alvarado Eagles:**

Twenty members of the Alvarado Eagles Aerie and Auxiliary 1695 attended the recent committee meeting at the home of Ray Cunha in Irvington. Various programs were outlined by the aerie for the coming six months. Members are asked to attend the next meeting Monday at the Eagles Hall.

*The Daily Review, July 6, 1956*

#### **East Shore Freeway:**

An overpass is currently being constructed which will carry traffic over the East Shore Freeway on Niles-Alvarado Road. There will also be four-way cloverleaf, which will connect the East Shore Freeway to Alvarado-Niles Road.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 9, 1956*

#### **Incorporation Petition:**

Union City proponents filed a new notice of intent to circulate incorporation petitions with the county clerk late Friday. This is the fourth such notice submitted by a Union City incorporation steering committee this year as a legal maneuver to maintain continuing jurisdiction over the proposed Union City area. The notice was signed by Frank Borghi Jr. president of the steering committee, and Leslie H. Maffey, one of its members.

The committee is stopped from actual circulation of the petitions by the city of Hayward's appeal of a Superior Court ruling, which nullified the 2,400-acre Treeview annex to the city. The Treeview annex and the proposed Union City overlap. Union City boundaries roughly coincide with boundaries of the Alvarado and Decoto school district.

*The Daily Review, July 9, 1956*

#### **Union Sanitary District:**

Stealing a march on the city of Fremont, Union Sanitary District directors last night authorized an independent survey of present and recommended future sewer facilities. Directors declared that no communication has ever been received from the City of Fremont concerning a survey at a cost of \$1,500. The survey is scheduled to get under way immediately.

One of the points of the survey is to assess the feasibility of consolidating the Alvarado Sanitary District, but not include a study of the Alvarado sewer faculties.

*The Daily Review, July 10, 1956*

#### **Flood Control:**

County Supervisor's yesterday awarded a contract for \$36,212 for extension of the flood control levee system south of Alvarado to Williams Brothers of Decoto. Designed to give additional protection to Alvarado from flood waters of the Alameda Creek, the levee will extend from Marsh Road to Hiway 17 about one half-mile south of town.

*The Daily Review, July 11, 1956*

#### **Alvarado News:**

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Pinto and children and Mrs. Minnie Rose attended a Fourth of July barbeque at the home of **Mr. & Mrs. Elvin Rose** and family.

Mr. & Mrs. Serafin Noia, Pat and Carol Noia, and Bob Joseph attended a Fourth of July picnic in Long Barn.

Mr. & Mrs. John Rahill of Benecia visited Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Silva and daughters Kathy and Wilma last Thursday.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silveira enjoyed a Fourth of July picnic at the Flood Park in San Mateo.

Saturday night Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Andrade of Granger Avenue, Mr. & Mrs. Elden Andrade of Centerville, Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Perry of Centerville, and Mr. & Mrs. John Aguiar of Newark attended the Holy Ghost dance at the Newark Pavilion.

The Benevolent Society, Council No. 32 of Alvarado recently elected officers for 1956-57. They are: President, Esther Gardetto; Vice-President, Manuel P. Goularte; Secretary, Mabel Rodgers; Treasurer, King Lemos; Master of Ceremonies, Tony Rodgers; Marshal, Aldina Goularte; Guard, Mike Gardetto; Past President, Jeanette Bratton; and Trustees, Manuel P. Rose, Lena Lemos and Joseph V. Perry. The delegate to the convention in Tulare is Mabel Rodgers, the alternate is Esther Gardetto.

The 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grades of the Alvarado School, along with teacher Mrs. Evalene Griffin, went to Moss Beach to hunt for sea animals. Also enjoying the trip were Mr. Griffin, **Mr. & Mrs. Elvin Rose** and sons, Mrs. Martha Faria, Mrs. Flora Dutra, Mrs. Marie Falkowski, Mrs. Emily Sacramento and Mrs. Joe Pimentel.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., July 12, 1956*

#### **Alvarado Eagles:**

Alvarado Eagles will have a birthday celebration on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Alvarado Eagles Hall for all members whose birthdays are in July. A spaghetti and meatball dinner and dance is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., July 28<sup>th</sup> at the Alvarado Hall.

*The Daily Review, July 13, 1956*

#### **Eagles Bake Sale:**

The F.O.E. Hall in Alvarado will be the scene of a bake sale Saturday by the Eagles Auxiliary 1695. Mrs. Alvina Leal is chairman of the event, scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. Homemade cakes, pies, buns and bread will be sold at the affair.

*The Daily Review, July 17, 1956*

#### **Alvarado News:**

UPPEC Council Bernice of Alvarado will have their annual official visit and installation on Friday at 8 p.m. Neighboring councils are invited.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Goularte wish Jerry Pimentel of Fremont a happy birthday.

Mayme Roderick, Delinda Pimentel and Helen P. Gularte attended a convention of the S.P.R.S.I in Tulare.

The S.D.E.S. and auxiliary plan to build a new kitchen and improve their grounds for picnic facilities.

The S.D.E.S. and Ladies Auxiliary elected officers at their last meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup>. New officers for the S.D.E.S. are: President, Manuel Perry; Vice-President, Gregory Perry; Secretary, Manuel C. Pinto, Jr.; Treasurer, Frank Goularte, Jr.; Marshal, Manuel Martin, Jr.; Chaplain, John A. Silva; Directors: Wilbert Hendricks, Emilio Re, Frank George, Raymond Freitas, and M.F. Machado.

Officers for the Ladies S.D.E.S. Auxiliary are: President, Isabel Mondragon; Vice-President, Vernie Perry; Secretary, Aldora Pinto; Treasurer, Antoinette Pinto; Marshal, Eleanor Azevedo; Directors: Mary Flores, Mary Fontejon, and Isabel Mondragon. Two more directors will be elected.

A dance will be given for the benefit of Olegario J. Sousa and family on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, at the S.D.E.S. Hall in Alvarado, with music by the Pinto Brothers. Mr. Sousa is the son of Mrs. Sousa and the brother of Mrs. Irene Mendonca, both of Hop Ranch Road. The public is invited.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., July 19, 1956*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

Directors of the Alvarado and Decoto Chamber of Commerce will meet in joint session at the Decoto Fire House July 31<sup>st</sup> to revive discussion of merging to form the Union City Chamber of Commerce.

*The Daily Review, July 21, 1956*

**Car Runs Through Barrier:**

Teodosio Olacio, 26, 736 "V" Street, Alvarado, was cited for speeding after his auto crashed through construction barriers on a Bay Bridge approach in Oakland and knocked down three wooden supports allowing two heavy steel beams to fall on his car. He was unhurt. Damage was estimated at \$70,000.

*The Daily Review, July 23, 1956*

**Classified Ad:**

USED CARS FOR SALE:

Ford, 1934 coupe (1948 Mercury motor), hydraulic, custom upholstery.

Phone: **AL**varado 55-838 after 5.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 24, 1956*

**Classified Ad:**

MACHINERY:

Acetylene torch (Victor) \$55

Phone: **AL**varado 55-838 after 5.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 24, 1956*

**Union City Incorporation:**

Proponents of the move to incorporate "Union City," the Decoto-Alvarado buffer between Hayward and Fremont in the Southern Alameda County have been given a renewed right to jurisdiction by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. The board officially received a fourth notice of intention to circulate an incorporation petition giving the group headed by Frank Borghi Jr., President, and Leslie Maffey, Secretary another 50 days rights to the area. However, the incorporation group is not expected to campaign for signatures at this time since a legal action is pending in the Appellate Court to determine the right of the City of Hayward to annex certain territory in this area.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 25, 1956*

**Unidentified Parachutist:**

The mystery of the plummeting birdman was partially cleared up this morning, but the rest appears slated to remain forever unanswered. The parachutist, who startled scores of Alvaradan's when he jumped from 2,500 feet, was not in trouble. He jumps from planes as a hobby. But not even the people who flew him at the air service knew his name.

*The Daily Review, July 27, 1956*

**Marriage License:**

Charles Lee Bass, 19, Hillsboro, Oregon

Elizabeth Ann Lancaster, 20, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, July 28, 1956*

**Easement Approved:**

On July 21<sup>st</sup> the Alameda County Board of Supervisors approved the purchase of an easement on Alvarado-Niles Road from Susie L. Lemos and George L. Vargas.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 1, 1956*

**Union City Chamber of Commerce:**

Merger of the Alvarado and Decoto Chambers of Commerce into the Union City Chamber of Commerce will be presented to the membership of both groups for a decision. At a meeting of the directors of both organizations last night in the old Decoto Fire House, the motion to present the question to the membership was approved 12 to 2. Kenneth Garcia, President of the Decoto Chamber, said his organization would vote on the merger at its Tuesday meeting. Members of the Alvarado Chamber will be asked to vote on the question August 16<sup>th</sup>. Henry Leidsen is President of the Alvarado Chamber.

*The Daily Review, August 1, 1956*

### **Road to be Raised:**

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors have approved plans for raising Marsh Road, near the Alvarado protection levee in Washington Township.

*The Daily Review, August 1, 1956*

### **Sewer Line:**

Ernest Perry of Alvarado-Niles Road has protested the proposed route of the sewer line that comes within five-feet of a well on his property. Harry Goodridge, sanitary district engineer, said the proposed line had been shifted across the property at the request of the family. He said it would be to the advantage of the district to shift it back to the original plan, missing the Perry property. Directors authorized this change.

*The Daily Review, August 1, 1956*

### **Alvarado News:**

Don't forget the dance for the benefit of Olegario J. Sousa and his family. It will be held August 25<sup>th</sup> at the S.D.E.S. Hall in Alvarado. The Pinto Brother will provide the. The public is invited.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Silveira of Granger Avenue have returned from their vacation in Nevada.

The S.D.E.S. and the Auxiliary and their families enjoyed a dinner at the S.D.E.S. Hall Thursday.

Mr. & Mrs. Andy Gardetto, Lynette, Nancy and Roseanne have moved to Newark. The Gardetto's lived on Granger Avenue.

Paul Rivers V.F.W. Post is sponsoring a Hard-Time Dance, which will be held Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, at the Niles Memorial Building. The Public is invited.

At the last regular meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to the V.F.W. Post the following committees and chairman were chosen: Ways and Means, Margie Re; Youth Activities, Wilma Silva; Civil Defense, Doris Paredes. The Auxiliary will again sell Christmas cards in order to raise funds. At the next meeting the auxiliary will plan a visit to Oak Knoll Hospital.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., August 2, 1956*

### **Alvarado Sisters Marry:**

Sisters, the Misses Elizabeth and Margrett Lancaster married men stationed at Parks Air Force Base Friday morning. Elizabeth became the bride of Charles Lee Bass and Margrett became the bride of Robert C. Warnick. The men are buddies at the air base. The young brides are the daughters of Mr. & Mrs. Jess Lancaster of 2015 Smith Street, Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, August 8, 1956*

### **Alvarado Youth Charged:**

Superior Court Judge A. T. Shine found a 17 year-old Alvarado youth, previously accused of kidnapping and assault with a deadly weapon, guilty of assault yesterday, in juvenile court. The boy and another man, Salvadore Barrera, 22, of Hiway 17, Alvarado, were arrested July 23<sup>rd</sup> after a 17 year-old Hayward girl said the pair kidnapped her and later threatened her with a knife.

Barrera later pleaded guilty to lesser charges, battery and disturbing the peace, and received a nine-month jail sentence. Judge Shine ignored the charges of kidnapping and ADW against the youth and found him guilty of assault and remanded him to the custody of the Youth Authority.

*The Daily Review, August 8, 1956*

### **Alvarado Decoto Chamber Merger:**



Eventual formation of a Union City Chamber of Commerce moved another step toward realization last night. Members of the Decoto Chamber of Commerce voted unanimously to form such a body by merging with the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce.

The Alvarado group will vote on unification August 16<sup>th</sup>. Both Decoto and Alvarado chamber directors have expressed favor toward such a consolidation.

*The Daily Review, August 8, 1956*

### **Freeway Onramp:**

The board of supervisors authorized the county surveyor to apply for a total of \$24,276 available to Alameda County under federal and state highway aid that may be used on an Alvarado-Niles Road connection to the Eastshore Freeway.

*The Daily Review, August 15, 1956*

### **Alvarado News:**

The Fiesta Bazaar for the benefit of St. Anne's Catholic Church will be held Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup> at the S.D.E.S. Hall. Joseph Martin is the chairman.

Friday UPPEC Council Bernice will have a regular meeting at the S.D.E.S. Hall. The meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m.

Elaine Pinto has been visiting Judy Serpa of Hayward this past week.

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rodgers recently returned from a Benevolent convention in Tulare.

Mr. & Mrs. Elvin Rose and sons spent a day at Martin's Beach with Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lindbergh and children, and Mr. & Mrs. Jack Howlette and children.

Pat Flores spent a week at the Oakland Recreation Camp in Tuolumne County. With her were Marlene Azevedo of Fremont and Mr. & Mrs. M. Miguel and Carol of San Leandro.

Mr. & Mrs. Tony Alexander and Sharon enjoyed a vacation touring Oregon and Washington. While they were in Washington they visited Mr. & Mrs. Frank Banworth, formerly of Alvarado.

Mr. & Mrs. Serafin Noia, Pat and Carol vacationed at Reno, Salt Lake City, Yellowstone Park, and many other places. While they were in Idaho they visited Bev Ratekin who is vacationing there.

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Rivers (Sophie Hernandez) are parents of a baby born Sunday at East Oakland Hospital.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., August 16, 1956*

### **Alvarado Decoto Chambers Set Merger:**

Directors of both the Alvarado and Decoto Chambers of Commerce will meet at the old Firehouse in Decoto September 6<sup>th</sup> to appoint temporary officers and a bylaws committee of a Union City Chamber of Commerce.

Members of the Alvarado Chamber voted for the merger Thursday night. Unification had been previously approved by Decoto members and directors of both groups.

The combined membership of 165 will work toward incorporation of the two areas into Union City, a movement stalled pending a court decision.

*The Daily Review, August 18, 1956*

### **Eagles Auxiliary:**

The Alvarado Eagles Auxiliary 1695 secret pal dinner will be held tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at the Castro Gardens restaurant in Castro Valley. In charge of refreshments are Mrs. Lonnie Tomzak, Carol Griffith, and Mrs. Dorothy Ratekin. Games are included in the night's entertainment.

*The Daily Review, August 20, 1956*

### **New Phone Dialing System:**

A \$3.3 million dollar project to expand telephone service and bring nationwide direct dialing here moves into high gear Monday. That's when construction starts on the first of two buildings that will consolidate the present telephone exchanges in Fremont, Newark, Niles, Alvarado and Decoto. Once the two buildings are ready for service, probably in 1958, telephone in the area will

get new seven digit numbers beginning with **SY**camore or **GR**eenleaf. The **SY**camore exchange is being built on Hiway 17 between Alder Road and Thornton Avenue. The **GR**eenleaf building will be built in Decoto.

*The Daily Review, August 23, 1956*

#### **Alvarado News:**

Mr. & Mrs. Mel Lewis and their son have moved to Granger Avenue.

Beverly Ratekin returned home Friday after vacationing in Colorado and Idaho. Bev is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J.A. Ratekin.

SPRSI Council 21 of Alvarado held their annual picnic Thursday at the home of **Mr. & Mrs. Tony Borges** of Alvarado Niles Road.

Judy Serpa of Hayward spent a week visiting Mr. & Mrs. Joe Goularte.

**Tony Borges** enjoyed a trip to San Diego, Tiajuana, Knott's Berry Farm and Disneyland. Also making the trip were Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Dutra and Mrs. Lillian Rose of San Leandro.

**Mrs. Mary Borges** recently returned home from a vacation with friends. They visited New York, Washington D.C., Oklahoma City, Atlantic City, Salt Lake City, Chicago, Philadelphia, and other places.

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Gardetto recently returned from their vacation. They attended the Benevolent Convention in Tulare and afterwards went to Tiajuana, Catalina Island, and to the Mojave Desert where they saw their son Arnie.

The fourth annual St. Anne's Fiesta and Bazaar will be held Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup>. The 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> will feature booths, on the 29<sup>th</sup> there will be an evening dance, and on the 30<sup>th</sup> there will be entertainment, a barbeque, and a dance. The Pinto Brothers will play for all dances. Chairman for the Bazaar is Joe Martin. Other officers are Co-chairman Manuel Perry; Secretary, Irma Silva; and Treasurer, Henry Flores. The public is invited.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., August 23, 1956*

#### **Bedroom Fire:**

An Alvarado man barely escaped death by asphyxiation early Sunday when a cigarette started a fire in his bedroom and he was overcome by smoke. George D. Roderick, 56, of Alvarado-Niles Road, was reported recovering at Fairmont Hospital, on Monday.

Vincent Deas, who lives at Roderick's home, told sheriff's deputies he smelled smoke about 2:50 a.m. Sunday and went into Roderick's room. Deas said he found Roderick unconscious on his bed, with fire burning only a few feet away. He promptly doused the blaze and called deputies.

Deputy D.E. Walsh, the first to arrive, succeeded in restoring Roderick's breathing by artificial respiration. Decoto firemen arrived soon afterwards and administered oxygen to the victim, who was then taken to the hospital.

Deputies believe Roderick was smoking in bed and fell asleep, dropping the cigarette onto a pile of clothes. The fire destroyed the clothes and burned a hole in the floor.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., August 23, 1956*

#### **School District Property Valuations:**

Assessed valuations of school districts in Southern Alameda County have risen nearly \$100 million in the past year according the county auditor. Listed below is a table of valuation from each elementary school district in Washington Township and valuations for Hayward, San Leandro, and Washington High School Districts.

| Elementary School District<br>Property Valuation | 1956-1957  | 1955-1956  |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Alvarado                                         | 3,996,790  | 3,586,155  |
| Alviso                                           | 3,305,126  | 2,121,450  |
| Centerville                                      | 10,742,625 | 7,762,505  |
| Decoto                                           | 11,604,995 | 7,001,380  |
| Irvington                                        | 13,880,580 | 10,511,770 |
| Mission San Jose                                 | 2,545,855  | 1,692,705  |
| Newark                                           | 13,883,810 | 10,737,490 |
| Niles                                            | 7,490,015  | 5,550,460  |
| Warm Springs                                     | 2,022,555  | 1,911,685  |
|                                                  | 69,472,351 | 50,875,600 |

| High School District<br>Property Valuation | 1956-1957   | 1955-1956   |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Hayward High                               | 146,166,300 | 123,035,115 |
| San Leandro High                           | 91,008,699  | 79,336,795  |
| Washington High                            | 69,472,351  | 50,875,600  |

*The Daily Review, August 24, 1956*

**Eagles Initiation:**

The initiation of the new candidates for the Alvarado Aerie of Eagles, No. 1695, will be held on Monday. A party for members with August birthdays will follow the business session. The Aerie will host the joint celebration of Eagles Aerie and Auxiliary.

*The Daily Review, August 25, 1956*

**Washington Township School Budgets:**

To run nine elementary school districts and one high school district in Washington Township this year will literally cost a fortune, \$3,810,200.

| Washington Township School<br>Budgets - Coming Year | 1956-1957   |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Washington Union High School                        | 1,021,039   |
| Alvarado                                            | 102,043     |
| Alviso                                              | 49,035      |
| Centerville                                         | 498,102     |
| Decoto                                              | 639,364     |
| Irvington                                           | 481,574     |
| Mission San Jose                                    | 165,761     |
| Newark                                              | 476,761     |
| Niles                                               | 322,839     |
| Warm Springs                                        | 53,682      |
| TOTAL DISTRICT BUDGET:                              | \$3,810,200 |

*The Daily Review, August 28, 1956*

**School Registration:**

New student registration will be accepted today and tomorrow between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. for students who will begin classes at the Alvarado School.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 30, 1956*

**PTA:**

A get acquainted tea for parents and teachers sponsored by the Alvarado School PTA will be held at the school Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Renee Stiarwalt, President, will be assisted by Mrs. Mayme Santos and Mrs. Gertrude Corchero. Other committee members include Mrs. Wilma Silva and Mrs. Bernice Silveira.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 30, 1956*

**Alvarado News:**

Mrs. Eleanor Azevedo, president of the SPRSI Council 21, has announced that the next meeting of the SPRSI will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup> instead of September 29<sup>th</sup>.

V.F.W. Post 7906 of Alvarado and the Ladies auxiliary are having a picnic at the Pleasanton Fair Grounds on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Members and their families are invited. Chairman is Eddie Silva.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Goularte, Margie Re, Jeanette Bratton and Pat, motored to Russian River Sunday.

Dale Rose, son of Mr. & Mrs. Elvin Rose, of Smith Street, celebrated his sixth birthday last week. Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Vargas and Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Hendricks recently vacationed in Tahoe, Virginia City and Carson City. While in Virginia City the met movie star Rod Cameron.

Johnny Roderick, son of Mr. & Mrs. John Roderick, spent a few weeks visiting Mr. & Mrs. Tony Piazza and son Ronald. Mrs. Roderick visited with the Piazza's for a few days.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Alvarado V.F.W. will have the president of District 14 for an official visit on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Tuesday evening seven councils of the UPPEC were installed in San Leandro including the Alvarado Council.

Norma Jean Silveira, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Norman Silveira, recently celebrated her sixth birthday, aided sister Debbie Silveira, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Silva and children Janelle and Sharlene, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hernandez, Norman and Shirley, Mrs. Frank Silveira, Mr. & Mrs. Morris Leal, Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Perry and Mrs. Helen Anderson

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., August 30, 1956*

**PTA:**

The first meeting of the Alvarado PTA will be tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at the school, announced Mrs. Renee Stiarwalt, President.

*The Daily Review, September 5, 1956*

**Alvarado News:**

Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Andrade and daughter Linda and Sharon Perry have moved from Granger Avenue, Alvarado, to Farwell Drive in Glenmoor Gardens.

Serafin Noia and Manuel Goularte attended a dinner at the International Kitchen in Niles for the firemen of the Rheem-Wedgewood Foundry. Mr. Goularte is the fire chief.

Kathy Silva, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Silva, visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Silva and Alicia of Walnut Creek. They also attended the State Fair.

Mrs. Mary Silveira of Granger Avenue and Mr. & Mrs. Bill Silva, Janelle and Sharlene visited friends in El Cerrito Saturday.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., September 6, 1956*

**Gone to the Dogs:**

The opening of school brought different problems to different people. One such problem was reflected yesterday in a sheriff's radio broadcast, "Contact the principal of the Alvarado School. There are more dogs than pupils there."

*The Daily Review, September 7, 1956*

**Alvarado Sanitary District:**

County Supervisors have asked an Industrial Fact Finding Committee to study the adequacy of the Alvarado Sanitary District to serve new industry should it elect to locate in Alvarado. Concern over the Alvarado situation developed yesterday out of apparent lack of interest in election of

sanitary district directors. Two director seats are to be vacated this year and there were no candidates for a prescribed September 17<sup>th</sup> election. Yesterday the board cancelled the election and is looking into appointing new directors on a temporary basis.

*The Daily Review, September 7, 1956*

#### **Union City Chamber of Commerce:**

Oscar Dowe has been appointed chairman of a committee to draw up by-laws for the recently approved Union City Chamber of Commerce. Other committee members are Manuel Seoane, J. A. Ratekin, and Joseph Lewis. Directors of the Alvarado and Decoto Chambers met last week and approved the merger into the Union City Chamber of Commerce.

*The Daily Review, September 10, 1956*

#### **Alvarado School Bonds:**

Bank of America won the \$169,000 Alvarado School bond issue with an average interest rate of 4.14467%.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 12, 1956*

#### **Men in the Service:**

Naval Air Reserve Squadron ZP-871, the blimp squadron, left Oakland on August 20<sup>th</sup> for the Caribbean island for operational training with sea and air forces of the Atlantic Fleet. Nearly 110 officers and men made the two-week cruise. Among those participating was George E. Harvey of Alvarado California.

*The Daily Review, September 12, 1956*

#### **Alvarado News:**

Happy birthday to Gordon Rose. He will celebrate his first Saturday. Gordon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Rose.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Paul E. Rivers Post, VFW, met September 5<sup>th</sup>. Plans were made to give financial aid to a needy family. A report was also given on the current Christmas card sale.

At the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of U.P.E.C Council 16, the oldest president, Mat Machado, will be honored.

The Alvarado volunteer fireman and their families had a corn-and-linguica feed at the firehouse.

John J. Shestack recently received an appointment as a deputy in the Alameda County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Shestack is now residing in Newark with wife Laverne and sons Randy and Doug.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., September 13, 1956*

#### **Alvarado Sanitary District:**

The Alvarado Sanitary District Board has petitioned the Alameda County Supervisor's Board to appoint two members to said sanitary board.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 13, 1956*

#### **Niles Fund Raiser:**

The Pinto Brothers Orchestra from Alvarado will provide the music for a dance to be given at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Niles in support of a fund raising effort by the Holy Names Society of Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Niles.

*The Daily Review, September 14, 1956*

#### **Classified Ad:**

FOR SALE – MISCELLANEOUS:

Underwood typewriter, very good condition, \$35.

Phone: **AL**varado 55-910

*The Daily Review, September 14, 1956*

#### **Bowling:**

Yosh Hisaoka bowled a 497 series at Hayward Bowl's "Block Trophy Mixed League."

***The Daily Review, September 18, 1956***

**Men in the Service:**

Private Anthony M. Aranda Jr., son of Mr. & Mrs. A. Aranda, of Alvarado, is a member of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion at Itazuke Airbase, Japan.

***The Daily Review, September 19, 1956***

**New Citizens:**

Southern Alameda County welcomed new United States citizens last night with a program and reception at the Veterans Memorial Building in Niles. Approximately 40 new citizens attended. Vaughn D. Seidel, county superintendent of schools, presented members of the group with certificates of completion of their adult citizenship course.

In attendance from Alvarado were Dolores Paredes and Mrs. Osai Hisaoka.

***The Daily Review, September 20, 1956***

**PTA:**

The first Alvarado PTA meeting will be held tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. at the school to plan a program for the coming year. Mrs. Grace Ricketts, County Coordinator for health education, will speak on the general health of children. The organization \$102 for its fund raising project, which was carried on through the summer.

***The Daily Review, September 20, 1956***

**Alvarado Sanitary District:**

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors has named Leonard Silva and Norman Silveira as members of the Alvarado Sanitary District Board.

***The Oakland Tribune, September 20, 1956***

**Alvarado News:**

Mr. & Mrs. Ed Vargas and Mrs. Lawrence Dias went to Sacramento to the Fair.

On September 5<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Gastelum, cafeteria supervisor of Alvarado School celebrated her birthday. She was presented a music box by the school personnel at a surprise party. Marie Falkowski baked a cake.

Mrs. Helen Perry, Mrs. Ethel Borges, Mrs. Frances Allegre, Mrs. Helen Gularte, and Mrs. Mary Borges motored to Patterson Thursday to visit Mary Borges' sister, Mrs. Rose Abreu.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Luddy and son Jimmy of Napa spent the weekend with Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Silva and daughters Kathy and Wilma.

Deepest sympathy to Deputy Joseph Shestack and family of Newark for the loss of his brother Michael Wessal, U.S. Navy, who passed away in Japan. Deputy Shestack will escort his brother's body to Terre Haute, Indiana, for burial.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Goularte, Mrs. Margie Re, Mr. & Mrs. Hendricks, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rodgers, Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Perry, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Lewis, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Gardetto, Mrs. Mamie Santos, Mr. & Mrs. George Vargas, and Mr. & Mrs. Tony Perry of the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce had dinner at Santa Rita Honor Farm Wednesday evening with the Decoto Chamber of Commerce.

***The Niles Register, Niles Calif., September 20, 1956***

**License Issued:**

Cruz Joseph Cineceros, 23, Hayward & Rosaura Luna Barrera, 21, Alvarado.

***The Oakland Tribune, September 21, 1956***

**Hendricks Named:**

Wilbert Hendricks, 1975 Smith St., Alvarado, has been named a commissioner of the Alvarado Fire District, succeeding Graydon Spurlock, who resigned a year ago. Hendricks is a foreman with the Leslie Salt Company. Active in community affairs, he is a member of the Board of Trustee for the Alvarado School District.

***The Daily Review, September 21, 1956***

**Alvarado Eagles:**

The ninth anniversary ham dinner of the Alvarado Eagles Auxiliary 1695 will be held tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. at the Eagles Hall in Alvarado. Chairman is Laura Gallo. Her committee includes Millie Posey, Cathryn Silva, Susie Davis, Mary Mattox, Carol Griffith and Katherine Silva.

***The Daily Review, September 21, 1956***

**Stabbing:**

Agrefino R. Masa, 63, of Stockton ran from a café after stabbing Joseph Apadaca, 27, of 981 "W" Street, Alvarado, in the back. Mrs. Juana Mora, 46, operator of the café, ran after Masa, tripped and knocked him down. Then she held him until police arrived. Masa is in jail and Mr. Apadaca is in Eden Hospital recovering nicely.

***The Oakland Tribune, September 24, 1956***

**Alvarado Engagement:**

Miss Renee Lou Stiarwalt of Alvarado has announced her engagement to Phillip E. Lammi of Newark. Miss Stiarwalt is a senior at Washington Union High School and Mr. Lammi is a junior at U.C. Berkeley.

***The Oakland Tribune, September 24, 1956***

**Alvarado Fiesta:**

The fourth annual fiesta-bazaar for St. Anne's Church will open tomorrow evening for four days in the S.D.E.S. Hall, on Watkins Street, in Alvarado. Booths of foods, cakes, ham, games, and various handicraft items will be on sale. The booths will be operating from 8:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday evenings.

Saturday's program will feature a 9:00 p.m. dance with music by the Pinto Brothers Orchestra, while Sunday's event will be a "sopas" barbeque from noon until 2:00 p.m. A free dance and entertainment will follow the barbeque, according to plans made by Joe Martin, general fiesta chairman.

Assisting Martin are Henry Flores, and Mrs. Irma Silva. Funds raised during the event will be added to the church's general treasury.

***The Daily Review, September 26, 1956***

**Classified Ad:**

FOR RENT - UNFURNISHED:  
5-rooms, 1 bedroom, \$65 per month.

Alvarado 55-825

***The Daily Review, September 27, 1956***

**Alvarado News:**

Sunday evening Mrs. Mary Silveira and Mr. & Mrs. Norman Silveira, Norma Jean and Debbie, visited Mr. & Mrs. High Ramm of El Cerrito.

Frank Silveira has been ill but is on the road to recovery.

Sunday, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Pinto and Mrs. Lorraine Morreira motored to Fresno to participate in the UPPEC day.

***Niles Register, Niles Calif., September 27, 1956***

**Newspaper Humor:**

Missing a pun's point by a "t" in both instances, our editor-in-charge of our what's-in-a-name department contributes the following. Mrs. Grace Ricketts will give a talk on the health of children at a Thursday meeting of the Alvarado PTA. And conducting a class in tailoring at San Leandro Adult School is Mrs. Jeanne Fitts.

***The Daily Review, October 2, 1956***

**Chamber of Commerce:**

Decoto's Chamber of Commerce has endorsed the proposal to spend \$4,000,000 on two new high schools in the Washington Union High School district. Voters will have their say on October 16<sup>th</sup> on the bond proposal. If approved, one high school will be built near Decoto and a second to on a site to be chosen later.

The Alvarado and Decoto Chambers met jointly and heard the proposed new by-laws for the new Union City Chamber of Commerce. The new Chamber will replace the old Alvarado and Decoto Chambers on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Second reading and ratification of the by-laws is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. October 18<sup>th</sup>, at a meeting of the Alvarado Chamber in the Alvarado Fire House.

*The Daily Review, October 4, 1956*

**Alvarado News:**

Mr. & Mrs. D. Hill and son Michael are now living on Granger Avenue in Alvarado. The Hill's formerly resided in Irvington. Mr. Hill is an employee of the Alvarado Bank.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the V.F.W. are sponsoring a whist party on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 p.m. at the S.D.E.S. Hall. Chairmen are Lorraine Silva and Beatrice Rose.

Mrs. Kay Silva and Mrs. Mabel Rodgers attended a baby shower for Mrs. Loretta Sloop of Hayward.

Mrs. Jessie Perry of Hayward and Mrs. Mabel Rodgers motored to Tracy Friday to attend the birthday of Mrs. Rodger's granddaughter Debbie Lynn, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Rodgers.

On September 14<sup>th</sup>, a baby shower was given for Mrs. Grace Honda at the home of Mrs. Margaret Barongan. Co-hostesses with Mrs. Barongan were Mrs. Carol Burgos and Mrs. Sharon Hersha. Others present included Mrs. Ben Yerp, Mrs. Frieda Augustin, Mrs. Ann Hendricks, Miss Dorothy Matsumoto, Mrs. Ben Matsumoto, Mrs. Pat Graves and Miss Caroline Smith.

Piano instruction has begun in Alvarado under the direction of Mrs. Doris Patricia Graves of 835 Watkins Street. The pupils already enrolled in the classes from Alvarado are: Miss Janey Huerta, Miss Donna Corchero and Miss Gloria Cheng.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., October 4, 1956*

**VFW Whist Party:**

A whist party by the Paul Rivers Auxiliary, 7906, of the Alvarado VFW, will be held at 8:30 p.m. October 13<sup>th</sup> in the I.D.E.S. Hall in Alvarado. Proceeds will benefit the general relief fund.

Chairmen of the affair are Lorraine Silva and Beatrice Rose.

*The Daily Review, October 4, 1956*

**Marijuana:**

Everett Hamm, 20, a Hayward laborer pleaded not guilty to charges of passing marijuana in Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, October 5, 1956*

**George Roderick Dies:**

George D. Roderick passed away in Alvarado on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Roderick was 57 years old and a long time farmer and resident of Alvarado and a native of Fayal, the Azores. He is survived by a daughter, Miss Frances Roderick of Hayward, a son Joseph A. Roderick of Alvarado, his mother, Mrs. Theresa Roderick of Alvarado. He is a brother of Joseph Roderick of Pleasanton, Anthony Roderick of Niles and Mrs. Mamie Santos of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 5, 1956*

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., October 4, 1956*

**Union City Petition:**



Union City promoters filed their sixth notice of intent to incorporate a 23-mile area in Eden Township ([did they mean Washington Township?](#)) with the county clerk yesterday. Submitted by Frank Borghi Jr., and Leslie Maffey, the notice announces their intention to circulate incorporation petitions in Decoto and Alvarado School Districts. The notice has been filed repeatedly to protect legal and jurisdictional rights pending the outcome of litigation with the City of Hayward in connection with the Treeview annexation.

*The Daily Review, October 6, 1956*

### **Alvarado Stabbing:**

Washington Township Police are investigating a possible stabbing in an Alvarado café. Robert E. King, 32, Riverside Hotel, received two wounds, described by officers as "puncture type" in his left side when he went to the aid of Raymond Chacon, of the same address. Police reported that a group of youths approached Chacon, seated at a table with other Hotel residents, and picked a fight. King went to his aid. Witnesses told officer that they saw no knives or other weapons during the fight. Police said it would be possible that the wounds were caused by shards of broken glass or from wire used to reinforce the backs of the café chairs. One youth was picked up and then released pending further investigation.

*The Daily Review, October 8, 1956*

### **Tricky Transmission:**

A dead end street and a gear shift that "works if you know how," put Robert Garcia Ruiz, a transient back in Santa Rita Jail to await trial in Alameda County Superior Court on a charge of auto theft. Ruiz, 30, was charged with stealing a car September 23<sup>rd</sup> in Alvarado.

Owner of the car, Mrs. Helen Ross, 1170 "W" Street, Alvarado, told the police she parked her car on Maiden Lane about 7:00 p.m. and went into the store. She returned a few minutes later to find it gone.

A witness, Manuel Vasquez, 1024 Maiden Lane, Alvarado, testified he heard a crash in front of his home and went out to investigate. He said he found Ruiz, apparently drunk, sitting behind the wheel of a car, which was wedged against a neighbor's car. Vasquez says that he tried for fifteen to twenty minutes to help Ruiz get the car into reverse gear, but was unable to do so.

Since he could not turn the car around in the dead-end street, and without a reverse gear, Ruiz left the car and walked away. Mrs. Ross told the court that the reverse gear "works if you know how."

*The Daily Review, October 10, 1956*

### **VFW Relief Fund:**

The Paul E. Rivers VFW Auxiliary Post 1695 of Alvarado will hold a Whist Party at the I.D.E.S. Hall on Watkins Street on October 13<sup>th</sup> to aid its relief fund.

*The Daily Review, October 10, 1956*

### **Manuel Benites Dies:**

Services will be held for Manuel Benites, 78, who died in San Leandro on Saturday. He was the husband of the late Eldora Benites. Mr. Benites, a native of Spain, lived many years in Alvarado at 873 Watkins Street where he operated a garage.

*The Daily Review, October 11, 1956*

### **Alvarado News:**

Mrs. Helen Roderick and son John attended the professional football game last Sunday at Kezar Stadium.

A deer steak barbecue was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Elvin Rose Saturday. Friends from Standard Trailer Co. of San Leandro attended.

The V.F.W. is sponsoring a public Halloween Dance October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Niles Memorial Building. Walt Fasolis, Andy Gardetto and their band will play.

A mission at St. Anne's Church will be held for Spanish speaking people from October 18<sup>th</sup> to October 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Paul Rivers V.F.W. Post is sponsoring a whist party October 13<sup>th</sup> for the relief fund. The party begins at 8 p.m. Beatrice Rose is the chairman. Mrs. & Mrs. Frank Silveira enjoyed a dinner Sunday evening with Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Homen Sr. and Larry.

The President of the SPRSI, Eleanor Azevedo, and the President of the UPPEC, Helen Gularte would like to thank those who aided their annual bazaar last weekend. The fruitcake was won by Aldena Goularte.

UPPEC Council Antonio Fontes of Alvarado will sponsor a dance at S.D.E.S. Hall on November 10<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting of the UPPEC will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup> and all members who have belonged for fifty years or more will be honored including: Tony Lee, Manuel S. Hendricks, Manuel A. Avila, and Manuel Martin Jr. of Alvarado.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., October 11, 1956*

#### **Silk Screening Class:**

Silkscreen printing will be demonstrated as an art workshop for teachers Tuesday at 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Alvarado Elementary School by Nora Weedman, field representative for the American Crayon Company. The art workshops are first of a series now being planned by the county schools office for school districts having fewer than 900 pupils in attendance.

*The Daily Review, October 12, 1956*

#### **Flood Control:**

Bids for an estimated \$100,000 flood control project south of Alvarado are scheduled to be opened November 7<sup>th</sup>, by Alameda County Supervisors. Plans call for the improvement of Patterson Creek from Coyote Slough to the Coyote Hills south of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 17, 1956*

#### **Telephone Service:**

Alameda County Supervisors decided yesterday they would not oppose the action of Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company to consolidate Alvarado, Centerville, Decoto and Niles telephones into a single exchange. The telephone company proposes to establish two district areas within the North Washington Township exchange. One will be known as **MA**in and consist of the present Centerville, Newark, and Niles exchange. The other will be known as **GR**eenleaf and will consist of Alvarado and Decoto exchanges. Each district will have a separate toll rate center.

*The Daily Review, October 17, 1956*

#### **Alvarado News:**

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Silva, and daughters Kathy and Wilma, visited Mr. Paul Wiley of San Francisco. Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Rodgers and daughter Debbie of Tracy spent Saturday visiting Mr. & Mrs. Tony Rodgers.

Sorry to hear that Mrs. Frances Allegre and Mrs. Helen Roderick have been ill, but glad they are on the road to recovery.

The Auxiliary to the Paul E. Rivers V.F.W. Post had a whist party on Saturday night. Chairmen were Mrs. Beatrice Rose and Mrs. Lorraine Silva. Mrs. Margie Re was in charge of arrangements. Doris Paredes headed the refreshments.

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Mary Rivers was honored at a surprise 76<sup>th</sup> birthday party at her home. The party was given by her children and grandchildren. Guests were: Mr. & Mrs. Brandstedt, Mr. & Mrs. Kick and children, Minnie Jackson, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Rivers and family, Mrs. Mary Lemos and family, and Mr. & Mrs. Joe Rivers and family. A buffet dinner was served.

Michael Burck Graves, son of Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Graves, passed his sixth-months birthday on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Helping him celebrate were his parents, his sister Lois, Mr. & Mrs. J.C. Shinn and Mrs. Basil Hersha.

SPRSI Council 21 is having its regular meeting on October 25<sup>th</sup> at the S.D.E.S. Hall. The SPRSI is also planning to have a Halloween party. The members will dress in their husband's pajamas and are to wear masks.

UPPEC Council Bernice will have its regular meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup> in the S.D.E.S. Hall. A Halloween party is scheduled. Member will dress as little boys and girls. The meeting will be held at the S.D.E.S. Hall.

Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Azevedo and Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Perry, Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Martin, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Rose of San Leandro and Mr. & Mrs. Joe Goularte motored to Martinez to attend the Cabrillo Dance. The Pinto Bros. Orchestra played.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., October 18, 1956*

#### **Flood Control:**

Bids for an estimated \$100,000 flood control project south of Alvarado are scheduled to be opened November 7<sup>th</sup> by Alameda County Supervisors. Plans call for improvement of Patterson Creek from Coyote Slough to Coyote Hills, south of Alvarado and include dredging of the slough, which will become the main channel outlet of the Alameda Creek.

*The Daily Review, October 18, 1956*

#### **News Note:**

Mrs. Dorothy Ratekin held a tea for new initiates and their mothers of Centerville Bethel 253 at her Alvarado home recently. Mrs. Ratekin's daughter, Beverly Ratekin, is Senior Princess for the Masonic Order.

*The Daily Review, October 22, 1956*

#### **Classified Ad:**

FOR SALE – MISCELLANEOUS:

House to move, 3-room, 18X37, part stucco.

Phone: **AL**varado 55-910

*The Daily Review, October 23, 1956*

#### **School District Sues John Varni:**

The Alvarado School District sued John and Claire Varni, Alvarado Produce farmers, for 5.7 acres of land adjoining the proposed expansion of Alvarado School at Hiway 17 and Alvarado Street. Leslie H. Maffey, school superintendent, said the district plans to build an 11-room classroom structure, with an administrative wing and a multipurpose room costing \$437,000.

Maffey said that the work will be financed with a state loan after using money from two bond issues, one for \$169,000 and the other for \$30,000, recently approved. The district will qualify for state aid by acquiring the Varni property in order to meet the minimum requirement of a ten-acre site. The school has a present 4.33-acre site.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 25, 1956*

#### **Chamber of Commerce:**

Alvarado and Decoto Chambers of Commerce will meet at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Alvarado Fire House to study legal steps necessary to disband the two chambers and incorporate the Union City Chamber of Commerce. Geoffrey Steele, Centerville attorney, will explain to the group the legalities involved in the change over.

*The Daily Review, October 25, 1956*

#### **Men's Club:**

The men's club of Washington Township has nominated Fred Duffie of Niles as their next President. Others named are: J. A. Ratekin of Alvarado, Vice President; Karl Nordvik of Centerville, Secretary; and Claremond Secada, Treasurer. Dr. F. W. Lamoreaux, Harold Alameda, and retiring President, E. A. Quaresma will serve on the Board of Directors.  
*The Daily Review, October 25, 1956*

#### **Fremont Postmaster to Speak:**

Manuel Lewis, Fremont Postmaster, will address the Union City Chamber of Commerce at 8:00 p.m. on November 14<sup>th</sup> in the Barnard School in Decoto. Lewis will talk on home mail deliveries. Both Alvarado and Decoto are without home delivery service.  
*The Daily Review, October 25, 1956*

#### **Alvarado News:**

Mary Borges, Helen Perry, **Anna Hendricks**, Aldora Pinto and **Nora Vargas** attended a luncheon Thursday sponsored by UPPEC Council 24 of Oakland.

Tony Borges has been ill but is recovering.

Mr. & Mrs. Elvin Rose and sons had dinner Saturday at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lindbergh of San Leandro.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Goularte celebrated their 32<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on Saturday.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Luddy and son Jimmy of Vallejo visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Silva and daughters Sunday.

At a home party recently in the home of Mrs. Steve Graves, guests were: Mrs. John Bond, Mrs. Leonard Silva, and Mrs. Basil Hersha of Alvarado; Mrs. Nellie Shinn and Mrs. Roy Foote of Niles and Mrs. Bonnie Walker and Mrs. William Kent of Fremont.

Mrs. Eddie Vargas of Smith Street and Mrs. Dave Rose of Fremont gave a wedding shower Sunday to honor Sylvia Mae Lagomarsino of Hayward. Attending from Alvarado were: Margie Re, Jeanette Bratton, Aldina Goularte, **Anna Hendricks** and **Nora Vargas** and from Newark Mary Gastelum.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., October 25, 1956*

#### **Alvarado Eagles Auxiliary:**

A benefit box social by the Alvarado Eagles Auxiliary 1695 will be held November 10<sup>th</sup>, it was announced by Mrs. Basil Tracy, muscular dystrophy chairman, and Alvina Leal, cancer chairman, at a recent meeting. It will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Eagles Hall in Alvarado. All proceeds go to charity and the public is invited. There will be an auction hosted by Joe Martin.

*The Daily Review, October 29, 1956*

#### **Liquor Store Robbery:**

Three armed and masked bandits entered the Alvarado Liquor Store last night, forced the proprietor into the back room, and fled on foot with \$120 in cash. Anthony Tonelli, 60, owner of the store at 1018 Levee Street, told sheriff's deputies that two of the men carried guns. And all wore white handkerchiefs over their faces. Tonelli described the men as Latin-type in their 20's. He said one man carried a .45 revolver and another a .22 rifle. They entered the store about 8:55 p.m.

*The Daily Review, October 30, 1956*

#### **PTA:**

The Alvarado PTA will have a panel discussion at the meeting tonight in the school cafeteria at 8:00 p.m. The topic will be on the California School System and its comparison with those of other states. Leslie Maffey, District Superintendent of the Alvarado School, will speak on the bond issue, according to Mrs. Renee Stiarwalt, President.

*The Daily Review, November 1, 1956*

#### **Classified Ad:**

#### **BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES:**

Rent or sell, vegetable stand, Hiway 17, north of Centerville. Just in time for Christmas trees.  
Phone: **AL**varado 55-826, after 7  
*The Daily Review, November 1, 1956*

#### **Alvarado News:**

Mrs. Mary Silveira, Mrs. Kay Silva and Leonard Jr. of Alvarado, and Mrs. Lorraine Silva and Sharlene of Irvington visited Mrs. Jeanette Bratton in El Cerrito Wednesday.  
On November 10<sup>th</sup>, UPPEC Council 16 is sponsoring the annual dance at the S.D.E.S. Hall. The Pinto Bros Orchestra will play; the door prize will be a turkey.  
The S.D.E.S. is sponsoring a whist party November 25<sup>th</sup> at the S.D.E.S. Hall at 2 p.m.  
Danny, Dicky, Stanley, Dale, Marvin, and Gordon Rose have been ill this past week.  
Helen Gularte and Helen Perry attended the fashion show Saturday for the benefit of the Holy Ghost School.  
Eddie Vargas showed his pigeons at the Pleasanton Pigeon Show Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pimentel, Mrs. And Mrs. Wilfred Fleury, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Perry, Mr. and Mrs. John Shestack, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Goularte attended a party at the Goularte home. They celebrated the Pimentel's anniversary, Mr. Pimentel's birthday, the Shestack anniversary, and the Perry's anniversary.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., November 1, 1956*

#### **Flood Control:**

Charles T. Hoover, Burlingame contractor, was low bidder yesterday on a flood control contract providing for improvement of Patterson Creek, the main outlet channel for Alameda Creek for Alameda Creek, south of Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, November 8, 1956*

#### **Alvarado News:**

I.D.E.S. Council Vasco de Gama of Alvarado will have an official visit by Supreme President Frank Nordest Sunday at the S.D.E.S. Hall. Joe Martin is president of the Alvarado Council.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., November 8, 1956*

#### **Union City Incorporation:**

The Union City Steering Committee will receive a report Monday on the proposed incorporation of Alvarado and Decoto. The report, to be presented by Patrick Henry of Public Affairs Research, Inc. will cover financial problems of incorporation. The meeting will be at 8:00 p.m. at the Barnard School in Decoto.

*The Daily Review, November 10, 1956*

#### **Union City Incorporation:**

An attempt to incorporate Alvarado and Decoto, as Union City will begin as soon as legally possible. The steering committee for the proposed city last night agreed to go ahead with the incorporation following the presentation of a 65 page report by Patrick Henry of Public Affairs Research, Inc.

The committee told Henry that he would be invited back to answer detailed questions as soon as members have had a chance to study the report. Henry told the group that the proposed city could be financed with a \$347,535 budgets and a tax rate of about 78 cents.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 13, 1956*

#### **Mail Delivery:**

The Union City Chamber of Commerce members will learn tonight what steps must be taken for a city to receive home mail delivery. Alvarado and Decoto residents must now pick up their mail at the Post Office.

*The Daily Review, November 14, 1956*

**Union City Incorporation:**

Possible advantages of annexing the Decoto-Alvarado areas into Hayward will be outlined for interested residents next month by Douglas Smith, Hayward City Manager. The invitation was announced by Frank Borghi Jr., chairman of the Union City Steering Committee.

Another meeting to consider annexation to Fremont city is tentatively set for January 14<sup>th</sup> with Robert Coop, Fremont City Manager, as the guest speaker.

The two sessions are an outgrowth of a meeting earlier this week when Patrick Henry of Public Affairs Research, Inc. presented a 770-page study on the feasibility of incorporating Alvarado and Decoto as Union City.

*The Daily Review, November 15, 1956*

**Alvarado News:**

Sharon Perry of Fremont visited Carol Noia Sunday and Monday.

The V.F.W. of Alvarado marched in the Veteran's Day Parade in Oakland Sunday.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., November 15, 1956*

**School District Boundaries:**

The Alameda County Committee on School District Organization will receive a request from 14 Decoto and Hayward residents on the feasibility of revisiting boundaries of La Vista, Decoto and Alvarado school districts. The petition stemming mainly from residents of Fairway Park and El Rancho subdivisions, notes that an industrial tract between La Vista, Alvarado and Decoto will cause new homes to be built in the La Vista district without giving the benefit a broad industrial base tax base.

*The Daily Review, November 17, 1956*

**Eagles Auxiliary:**

The members of the Alvarado Eagles Auxiliary 1695 are making plans for their December 22<sup>nd</sup> Christmas party to be held at Eagles Hall in Alvarado. Alvina Leal, past president will be in charge of entertainment. The next Auxiliary meeting will be held December 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. at which time Helen Goularte, Mary Mattox, and Martha Faria will head the refreshments committee.

*The Daily Review, November 19, 1956*

**Alvarado Man Finds Wife Dead:**

Sheriff's deputies reported that Mrs. Laura Bermisa, 39, 1519 Smith Street, Alvarado, was found dead in bed when her husband Jose, 49, came home about 7:00 p.m. today. Bermisa told deputies that when he could not awaken her, he ran next door and had the neighbor's call the Sheriff's Office. Bermisa told the sheriff's deputies that his wife did not believe in doctors. An autopsy has been scheduled.

*The Daily Review, November 20, 1956*

**Flood Control:**

S & Q Construction Company of San Francisco was the successful bidder for drainage projects in the Alvarado-Mt. Eden area, with a bid of \$188,215.

*The Daily Review, November 21, 1956*

**Marriage Licenses:**

Robert Raymond Preciado, 22, of Alvarado

Delinda Josepha Mello, 18, of Oakley

*The Oakland Tribune, November 22, 1956*

**Alvarado News:**

Mervin Pinto, son of Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Pinto, Jr. of Watkins Street, married Edwina Knox of Fremont Sunday at the Holy Ghost Church in Fremont.

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Silva, and daughters Kathy and Wilma, had friends visit from Walnut Creek and El Cerrito on Saturday. On Sunday The Luddy family visited the Silva's.

Mrs. Emily Noia, Mrs. Mellie Richmond, and Mrs. Gertie Corchero attended a luncheon given by Mrs. Mabel Rodgers Wednesday.

Aldora Pinto attended a miscellaneous wedding shower for Edwina Knox. The shower was given a few weeks ago by Hilda Allegre of Newark, Mrs. Ellen Pinto, Mrs. Antoinette Pinto, and Mrs. Isabel Martin of Alvarado. The shower was held at the Allegre home.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., November 22, 1956*

### **Joe Hendrickson Dies:**

Services for Joe W. Hendrickson, 43, who died in San Leandro last Friday were held in Hayward this morning. Mr. Hendrickson, a native of Arizona, was employed as a tank man by Trans-Ocean Airways. His home was at 1104 Maiden Lane, Alvarado. Son of Mrs. Ruby Diamos, of the same Alvarado address, he was the father of Isabelle and Walter Hendrickson and brother of Mrs. Bertha Villalobos.

*The Daily Review, November 26, 1956*

### **Petition to Incorporate:**

Union City promoters filed their seventh notice of intent to incorporate a 23-mile area in Washington Township with the Alameda County Clerk at 11:00 a.m. today.

*The Daily Review, November 26, 1956*

### **Street Change Denied:**

The Alameda County Planning Commission has denied a petition from Joe G. Avila to have a 100-foot extension of Vallejo Street, in Alvarado, accepted into the county road system.

*The Daily Review, November 27, 1956*

### **School District Boundaries:**

Alameda County's Committee on School District Organization will begin hearings early next year looking into reorganizing Decoto, La Vista and Alvarado school districts. The committee's decision, announced last night was precipitated by a petition from Fairway Park and El Rancho Verdi residents. The homeowners recommended the committee consider realignment of the boundaries of the three districts along the Eastshore Freeway. Trustees of La Vista and Decoto districts will explore the problem tentatively tonight and will invite a meeting with the Alvarado board soon.

*The Daily Review, November 28, 1956*

### **County Welfare Dept. Meets:**

Two members of the Alameda County Welfare Department spoke before the Washington Township Child Welfare Club Monday. Meeting at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Broun of Centerville, were Miss Elizabeth Adkins, division chief in charge of adoptions, foster homes and in training programs; and Mrs. Ernestine McCarty, supervisor of the Foster Home department. Mrs. L. E. Bailey of Alvarado, a member of the Alameda County Welfare Commission, arranged the program.

*The Daily Review, November 29, 1956*

### **Alvarado News:**

Happy birthday to Stanley Rose who will celebrate his ninth on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Stanley is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Elvin Rose.

Thanksgiving dinner was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Goularte for Mr. & Mrs. Emilio Re and Jeanette Bratton and Pat. Mr. & Mrs. Frank Goularte visited too.

On November 18<sup>th</sup> Frank Goularte, Manuel Goularte, Mrs. George Santos, and Joe Goularte attended the homecoming at Alviso School.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Goularte Sr., and Mr. & Mrs. Frank Goularte Jr. and sons George and Michael had Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. & Mrs. George Goularte and family of Hayward.

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Silva and daughters Kathy and Wilma spent their Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Luddy in Vallejo.

Eddie Vargas and Dave Rose of Fremont took in a pigeon show in Stockton Sunday.

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., November 29, 1956*

**Union City Petition:**

Union City promoters filed their seventh notice of intent to incorporate a 23-mile area in Eden Township ([did they mean Washington Township?](#)) with the county clerk today at 11:00 a.m. Submitted by Attorney LeRoy Broun and signed by Frank Borghi Jr., and Leslie Maffey, dated November 28<sup>th</sup>, the notice announces their intention to circulate incorporation petitions in Decoto and Alvarado School Districts. The notice has been filed repeatedly to protect legal and jurisdictional rights pending the outcome of litigation with the City of Hayward in connection with the Treeview annexation.

*November 30, 1956*

**PTA Meeting:**

The Alvarado School Boy's and Girl's Glee Club under the direction of Mrs. Shirley Krikorian, will sing Christmas carols at the Alvarado PTA meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

*The Daily Review, December 5, 1956*

**Telephone Service:**

The telephone company thinks it is misunderstood in Washington Township. For internal clarity it is trying to do away with the names of old exchanges now combined in the areas of south of Hayward. So far it has lumped Mission San Jose, Warm Springs and Irvington, the old **OLiver 5** into a thing it calls South Washington.

The only time this became confusing was when people were asked to accept collect calls from "Joe Doakes caller, in South Washington." They'd growl, "I don't know anyone in South Washington," and then hang up. The company now gets around that by not giving a town name at all unless the called party asks for it.

But Washington Townshippers are grumbling again. There's a PUC meeting coming up in Centerville to hear PT&T's petition to lump Niles, Newark users, and Alvarado and Decoto phones into another overall designation, North Washington.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 5, 1956*

**Fires Everywhere:**

Just because of a drizzle yesterday morning farmers got out early, ex-city slickers in the suburbs got panicky, and every fire truck for miles around chased out on calls, "There's a ranch on fire."

All they had, firemen reported after getting back to the barn, were dozens of rip-roaring fire flaring up predawn as farmers lit off the huge piles of tree prunings they'd been stacking up to burn before the first rainy day.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 5, 1956*

**Alvarado-Decoto Annexation:**

Hayward City Manager, S. D. Smith, will present the advantages of Alvarado-Decoto being annexed into the City of Hayward at the Union City steering committee meeting on Monday. Next month the group will hear from Fremont City Manager F. Robert Coop extol the virtues of an Alvarado-Decoto annexation to the City of Fremont.

*The Daily Review, December 6, 1956*

**Sanitary Funds Available:**

County Supervisors yesterday agreed to advise Alvarado and Union Sanitary Districts that California now has \$2,053,000 in federal funds available to supplement construction or remodeling of sewage treatment plants. The board was informed the funds were available in a letter from the Regional Water Pollution Control Board. The money, part of an annual \$50,000,000 made available from the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, is offered on a matching dollar-for-dollar basis to cities or inter-city agencies.

*The Daily Review, December 6, 1956*



**Union City Chamber of Commerce:**

The Union City Chamber of Commerce will elect a 12-member Board of Directors at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Alvarado Fire Station. Decoto and Alvarado chambers merged recently to form the Union City Chamber of Commerce. Six directors will be elected from each community.

Nominees from Alvarado are Fred Brown, Frank George, Wilbert Hendricks, Joe Lewis, William Machado, John Ratekin, Mabel Rogers, May Santos and Mike Salido.

Nominees from Decoto are Frank Borghi, Oscar Dowe, Kenny Garcia, Bernie Joseph, Manuel Seoane, Florence Spencer and Clifford Tinsley.

*The Daily Review, December 6, 1956*

**Tonsillectomy Patient:**

Tonsillectomy patients at Hayward Hospital between November 19<sup>th</sup> and November 28<sup>th</sup> included Joan Keith, 1279 Smith Street, Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, December 7, 1956*

**Telephone Service:**

The proposed establishment of a "North Washington" telephone exchange will be aired in a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. December 19<sup>th</sup> in the county building on Fremont Avenue. Conducting the hearing "because of widespread area interest" will be Commissioner F. Everett Emerson, of San Francisco, acting as examiner for the State Public Utilities Commission.

Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company filed an application with the commission to consolidate the now separate Centerville, Alvarado, Decoto, Niles and Newark exchanges into one "North Washington" exchange.

Questions have been raised by Fremont city officials and civic leaders as to whether such a designation would prove to be confusing to persons mistaking it for Washington D.C. or the state of Washington.

Commissioner Emerson estimated a one or two month delay before a commission decision could be expected.

*The Daily Review, December 10, 1956*

**City of Fremont:**

The City of Fremont has set aside \$750 for a survey of effects on the possible annexation of the Union City area. Funds were voted last night over the protests of Councilman Winifred Bendel who called the move "an insult to Union City."

The action followed Monday's meeting of the Steering Committee, which challenged Hayward's claims of goodwill with a request that the northern city withdraw its annexation appeal. This appeal has stopped attempts by Alvarado and Decoto citizens to incorporate the two towns as Union City.

*The Daily Review, December 12, 1956*

**Accident Douses Lights in Alvarado:**

Electric power in large sections of Fremont and Hayward was out for more than an hour early today when a truck-trailer rig crashed into a utility pole in heavy fog.

The State Highway Patrol said the big truck-trailer driven by George Long, 28, of Fresno, was northbound on Hiway 17, just north of Vallejo Street when the driver apparently failed to see the curve because of the dense fog and headed towards a fence in the backyard of a store at 1090 Levee Street. Long veered sharply and the rig overturned, skidding into the utility pole. The driver was partly thrown from his cab and was trapped on top of the wreckage when first aid arrived.

Manuel Priego, 29, who lives above his grocery store, called the sheriff's office and the Highway Patrol. The impact sprung a main line loose, shutting off lights in Alvarado, parts of Centerville and Niles, and in Hayward near the airport.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 13, 1956*

### **New Alvarado School:**

Progress toward starting construction on a new Alvarado School building this spring will be outlined for the school board trustees Monday. The meeting will be called at 8:00 p.m. in Alvarado School, announced Leslie Maffey, District Superintendent.

With the present school plant condemned, the new estimated \$400,000 structure will include 12 classrooms, administrative wing and multi-use room. District residents voted a \$169,000 bond issue to help finance the project last May. Additional funds are being secured through a state loan.

*The Daily Review, December 13, 1956*

### **Alvarado News:**

The Alvarado Volunteer Firemen and their families had their annual Christmas party at the firehouse Sunday with Fire Chief Elvin Rose in charge. Mary Silva cooked a ham dinner.

Don't forget the Christmas party if you are a member of the SPRSI or UPPEC It will be held on December 20<sup>th</sup> at the S.D.E.S. Hall, with an exchange of gifts.

Debbie Silveira, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Norman Silveira, is convalescing at home.

Mrs. Emily Noia and Pat Noia attended a surprise bridal lingerie shower for Arlene Lemos given by Dorothy Rubio. Arlene is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Lemos.

**William Silva**, Wilbert Hendricks, and William Machado attended a School Trustees convention in San Francisco Thursday to Saturday. Highlights of the convention were a discussion of unified school districts. Saturday evening Mrs. Machado and Mrs. Hendricks met their husbands in San Francisco for dinner. Mr. Silva returned to Washington Township to attend a class reunion with his wife.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Paul E. Rivers V.F.W. Post will visit Oak Knoll Hospital December 20<sup>th</sup>. Chairman for the event is Emily Sacramento. Auxiliary members and their families are invited to Christmas dinner by the Post. Chairmen are **William Silva** and Eddie Fantuzzi.

Mrs. Patricia Graves is giving a piano recital Saturday at the Niles Congregational Church. Carol singing and refreshments will follow the recital. Participating in the recital from Alvarado will be Donna Corchero and Gloria Cheng. Mrs. Graves is a member of the Music Teacher Association of California

*The Niles Register, Niles Calif., December 13, 1956*

### **Vallejo Street Extension:**

County Supervisors has accepted the request of Joseph G. Avila to extend Vallejo Street 100 feet northward from its present terminus just north of Beard Road ([today's Tay Ave.](#)). The extension will be accepted into the county road system for maintenance if Avila will finance construction to county standards.

*The Daily Review, December 14, 1956*

### **Opposition to PT&T Changes:**

A letter expressing disapproval of the proposed "North Washington" telephone exchange designation for this region has been forwarded to the Public Utilities Commission by the Washington Township Industries Committee. The PUC has scheduled a public hearing on the matter next Wednesday. The vote of disapproval was made at this week's meeting of the committee.

At the same time committee members heard Harry Goodridge, Union Sanitary District engineer, outline industry's role in district activities. Goodridge stated that there is a "good chance" the Alvarado Sanitary District will join the Union District.

The committee also approved a letter be sent to county supervisors urging construction be started on a bridge where the freeway will cross the new flood control channel.

*The Daily Review, December 14, 1956*

#### **Chamber of Commerce:**

The Union City Steering Committee has named the Board of Directors for the combined Alvarado-Decoto Chamber of Commerce. Representing Alvarado will be: Frank George, Joe Lewis, John Ratekin, Wilbert Hendricks, Mrs. Mae Santos, Mike Salido and Mrs. Mabel Rogers. Representing Decoto are: Bernie Joseph, Frank Borghi, Kenny Garcia, Oscar Dowe, and Manuel Seoane.

*The Daily Review, December 14, 1956*

#### **Eagle Christmas Party:**

Eagles Aerie and Auxiliary are giving their annual kids Christmas party at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday in the Eagles Hall in Alvarado. Members and their families are invited.

*The Daily Review, December 14, 1956*

#### **Fremont Annexation:**

A \$1,000 study to explore the possible effect of annexing the Union City area of Alvarado and Decoto to the city of Fremont is being undertaken by the Public Affairs Research Inc. of Oakland. The study along with the appropriation of funds was authorized by separate actions of the Fremont City Council and the Fremont Chamber of Commerce, the city contributing \$750 and the Chamber contributing \$250.

Dale Isenberg, Chamber manager, said member of the Union City Steering Committee, headed by Frank Borghi, asked the study be made after Borghi's group heard Hayward City Manager S.D. Smith explain possible effects of annexation to Hayward. Chamber participation in the financing of the study is not tantamount to approval, but merely a "neighborly gesture" of "friendly public relations." He said the Chamber neither espouses nor divorces itself from the proposal.

Fremont City Manager F. Robert Coop said he was recently approached by Union City representatives to conduct the survey but explained to them his staff did not have time.

*The Daily Review, December 18, 1956*

#### **News Note:**

Rod Hendricks performed the Best Man duties at the wedding of Leonard Silvey and Miss Diane Brodie of Hayward.

*The Daily Review, December 19, 1956*

#### **Frosty:**

The temperature dipped down to 28 degrees in Alvarado last night.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 20, 1956*

#### **Gun Safety:**

Thirty-one boys passed the gun safety sponsored by the Washington Township Sheriff's Reserve. The boys received certificates entitling them to junior hunting licenses. Boys from Alvarado that successfully completed the course were David Brune, Donald Brune and Daniel Rose.

*The Daily Review, December 20, 1956*

#### **Alvarado News:**

The St. Anthony's Society had a Christmas party Sunday at the S.D.E.S. Hall. Louie Silva was chairman.

Mr. & Mrs. **Elvin Rose** celebrated their 17<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Saturday.

**Elvin Rose** and son, Dickie, attended the Forty-Niner game in San Francisco.

Peter Pinto played Saturday evening for the Old Fashion Dancers in Livermore. On January 17<sup>th</sup> the Paul E Rivers V.F.W. Post and Auxiliary will celebrate its tenth anniversary.

Manuel Pinto and his orchestra played for the Metropolitan Office Workers' and Agents' Dance which was held Saturday night at the Country Club in Fremont. Marlene Andrade of Fair Ranch Road attended the dance.

UPPEC Council 16 had its annual Christmas party Friday night for members and their families. Members of the group from Alvarado are Dianne Perry, Loren Pinto and Bill Silva.  
***The Niles Register, Niles Calif., December 20, 1956***

### **Stray Dogs:**

The Washington Township Sheriff's Substation earlier this week reported two loose dogs broke into the rabbit hutches and chicken pens of Percy Garcia, Marsh Road, Alvarado, and killed 23 New Hampshire chickens and 14 rabbits valued at \$80. Garcia told deputy, Gil LaGrutta that the stray dogs broke through wire lined cages and killed all but one of his rabbits. Officer Baird and LaGrutta located the owner of the dogs and notified him of his liability responsibilities on civil charges.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 21, 1956***

### **Flood Control:**

The Alameda County Flood Control District and the county surveyor's office were instructed today to arrange timing of plans for the construction of channel control and a bridge on Hiway 17 at Alvarado so that the work can be done together. The Washington Township Industries Inc. urged the Board of Supervisors to press for an "early completion" of plans and specifications for the bridge north of Alvarado.

The group is pleading for flood control in the Alameda Creek watershed from the Hiway to an area east of Alquire Road ([Dyer St. today](#)). The flood control job is north of Alvarado from the tidal gates to Hiway 17.

***The Oakland Tribune, December 27, 1956***

### **Alvarado News:**

A speedy recovery to Mrs. Frances Allegre who was taken to Civic Center Hospital Thursday night. A quick recovery to the grandson of Mrs. Dorothy Vargas. The baby son of Mr. & Mrs. Dave Rose of Fremont is in Children's Hospital in Berkeley.

Mr. & **Mrs. Ralph Silva** and daughters Kathy and Wilma spent Christmas Eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Silva and daughter of Walnut Creek.

Mrs. Emily Noia, **Mrs. Evelyn Silva**, Mrs. Mary Flores, Mrs. Irma Silva, and Mrs. Mary Silva attended a Christmas party Wednesday afternoon at the Novitiate of the Sisters of the Holy Family.

***The Niles Register, Niles Calif., December 27, 1956***

### **Alvarado Relic in Danger:**

Members of the Alvarado Eagles Aerie No. 1695 have been urged to attend a special meeting at 8:30 p.m. January 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss the possibilities of selling the Eagles Hall ([former IOOF Hall and Armory during the Civil War](#)) in Alvarado or moving to a new location.

***The Daily Review, January 2, 1957***

### **Alvarado PTA:**

Alvarado PTA members will discuss final plans for their smorgasbord dinner and dance January 19<sup>th</sup> at tonight's meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The dinner will be held at the I.D.E.S. Hall, 846 Watkins Street, Alvarado. The public is invited to the affair. James Stiarwalt is the chairman.

***The Daily Review, January 3, 1957***

**Alvarado School Expansion:**

Some 420 registered voters will be eligible to cast ballots from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, to decide the fate of a \$700,000 school bond election. A two-thirds majority is required for passage.

Alvarado Elementary School District Superintendent Leslie Maffey explained today that the board of trustees has authorized the election to "catch up" on construction to house the 350 students expected next fall.

If voters approve, construction on an 11-classroom school, administration and multi-purpose building, estimated to cost \$452,000 could begin early next summer. At present, Maffey said, 145 of the school's 300 pupils are housed in three temporary classrooms and the school auditorium.

*The Daily Review, January 3, 1957*

**Mrs. Ramona Garcia Dies:**

Services for Mrs. Ramona R. Garcia, 76, will be held at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow. Mrs. Garcia had lived on Marsh Road in Alvarado for fifteen years and was the wife of the late Francisco Garcia. Surviving her are four sons, Percy of Alvarado, Benito of Hayward, Thomas of Oakland and Max of Newark. Also surviving are two daughters, 50 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

*The Daily Review, January 7, 1957*

**School Study Agreed:**

Alvarado, Decoto and La Vista School Districts superintendents have agreed at a special meeting last night to study possible boundary changes in their districts. The pledge came in answer to a petition submitted by the Alameda County Committee on School District Organization. It was signed by 14 petitioners and asked for the study.

For some time the residents of El Rancho and Fairway Park Schools have been dissatisfied with the attendance boundaries which find two thirds of their children attending Decoto School District and the other third La Vista School District.

Need for a common boundary which would keep neighbors in the same district, rather than having them in different districts, was underlined in terms of new subdivisions, the Oakland to San Jose freeway extension, new industrial growth and the manner in which the boundaries were set.

The petitioners claim that the present boundaries, established in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, were set up in an arbitrary fashion by the county assessor. During the meeting, Dr. Verne Hall, consultant with the Bureau of School District Organization, said taxpayers are faced with ever-increasing school costs and the only solution is the unification of districts. Unified districts, he said, have proven the most effective solution by giving taxpayers their full dollar's worth of education.

(Editor's Note: According to the Thomas Brothers Map of Alameda County, copyrighted in 1957, the Eden/Washington Township line runs just slightly south of Rosseau Street in Fairway Park and heads directly east through the foothills. Thus the problem lies not with the county assessor but with the builders of Fairway Park and El Rancho subdivisions who built their homes one-third in Eden Township and two-thirds in Washington Township).

*The Daily Review, January 8, 1957*

**Fremont Annexation Meeting Delayed:**

A meeting scheduled Thursday night to hear why Fremont believes the Alvarado and Decoto area should be annexed to the City of Fremont has been postponed until a date to be announced.

Chairman Frank Borghi of the area's annexation or incorporation group said the meeting would be re-scheduled next week or the week after.

However, Fremont City Mgr. Robert Coop, who was to speak before the committee outlining what Fremont has to offer, said he is awaiting results of a survey authorized by his city council. Last month the city of Fremont earmarked \$750 for the survey to be done by Public Affairs Research, Inc., of Oakland Calif.

The survey was to entail information on what an independent Union City would mean and also advantages and disadvantages to annexing to the city of Fremont.

Leslie Maffey, Superintendent of the Alvarado School District and a committee member, said he will send out post card notices when the meeting is to be rescheduled.

The city of Hayward also has cast an eye toward the Alvarado-Decoto area, entertaining hopes that if they merge they will do so by annexing to the largest and northernmost city – Hayward.  
*The Daily Review, January 9, 1957*

#### **Job's Daughters:**

Miss Beverly Ratekin, daughter of J. A. Ratekin of Alvarado, has been recently installed as queen of Centerville Job's Daughters. The installing officer was Mrs. Renee Stiarwalt of Alvarado.  
*The Daily Review, January 10, 1957*

#### **Chamber of Commerce:**

Another election of Union City Chamber of Commerce directors will take place at a special meeting at 8:00 p.m. January 30<sup>th</sup> in Barnard School, Decoto. Kenneth Garcia, chamber co-chairman, announced the present board of directors' recommendation for another election at Wednesday night's chamber meeting in the Alvarado Fire House. Approximately 60 members present Wednesday night went along with the board's suggestion based on the belief "an insufficient number of ballots were cast during the December 12<sup>th</sup> election," Garcia stated today. Forty-three votes were cast at that time for the 160-member chamber, which combines the former Alvarado and Decoto chambers.  
*The Daily Review, January 11, 1957*

#### **Carlos Bee:**

State Assemblyman Carlos Bee (D) has introduced a bill into the state legislature requiring that school districts have board members made of three persons. Several South County districts including Alvarado, Alviso, Palomares and Independent have three-member boards.  
*The Daily Review, January 12, 1957*

#### **Classified Ad:**

CENTERVILLE:

Alvarado, modern 12 rooms, 5 bedrooms, barbeque, patio, large garage. \$15,000.

Owner, 665 Watkins Street, Phone: **AL**varado 55-902

*The Oakland Tribune, January 15, 1957*

#### **Classified Ad:**

FOR SALE:

Chevrolet, 1956 Del Ray V8, Powerglide, good buy.

Phone; **AL**varado 55-793

*The Oakland Tribune, January 20, 1957*

#### **Vote on New School:**

Residents of Alvarado will vote Friday on a \$30,000 bond issue to allow construction of a second Alvarado Elementary School next summer. Polls will open at 7a.m. and close at 7 p.m. at the present school, 1651 Smith Street. Voters also will be asked to authorize school trustees to sell up to \$100,000 in bonds, if the district's assessed valuation warrants.

The third question will be to approve acceptance of a maximum \$800,000 in state aid funds. This figure would be based on district-bonded indebtedness, since the district must be within five per cent of its bonding capacity before state assistance is available.

If the issue receives the necessary two-thirds majority vote, construction could begin this summer on a \$452,000 11-classroom school, according to Leslie Maffey, district superintendent. Next fall it could accommodate 350 students, many of whom are now housed in temporary auditorium classrooms, Maffey stated.

*The Daily Review, January 21, 1957*

#### **Japanese American Citizens League:**

The Southern Alameda County Japanese American Citizens League will hold its 15<sup>th</sup> installation dinner at the International Kitchen in Niles Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Fremont City Manager Robert F. Coop will be the installing officer and Mayor John L. Stevenson will be the speaker of the evening, according to Ray Kitayama, Chairman.

Officers to be installed are Henry Kato, President; Fred Mizota, First Vice President; Kiyoshi Katsumoto, Second Vice President; Jane Yamauchi, Recording Secretary; Eleanor Motozaki, Corresponding Secretary; Kay Mayeda, Treasurer; George Yonekura, Historian; Kaz Kawaguchi, Athletic Manager; Yoshio Hisaoka, Publicity Chairman; and Chuck Shikano, Social Chairman. Mrs. Dorothy Kato, Harold Fudenna, Ray Kitayama and Ace Handa, Board of Directors.

*The Daily Review, January 22, 1957*

#### **VFW to Hold Dance:**

The Paul E Rivers Post 7906 and Auxiliary, VFW, will hold their annual joint Valentine dance February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Veterans Memorial Building in Niles. Dancing will be from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. to the music of the Pinto Brothers Orchestra of Alvarado. The ball is to be semi-formal. The chairman is Milton Castro assisted by Jess Jacinto.

*The Daily Review, January 23, 1957*

#### **Alvarado Decoto Unification:**

Residents of proposed Union City hope to hear a pitch on annexation to Fremont's 99-square mile area during a February meeting with Fremont City Manager F. Robert Coop. The meeting date is still contingent upon completion of a \$750 annexation study being prepared by Patrick Henry of Public Affairs Research, Inc.

Fremont City council hired the Oakland consultant firm at a December meeting following interest expressed by the Union City Steering Committee, which represents segments of Alvarado and Decoto areas.

Both Fremont City Manager Coop and the consultant's office indicated today the study should be finished for the committee's regular meeting February 11<sup>th</sup> and will be subsequently explained to the Fremont City Council on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

*The Daily Review, January 24, 1957*

#### **Early Voting Light:**

Only 29 of 420 eligible voters cast ballots in the Alvarado School District's \$700,000 school bond election by 11:00 a.m. this morning.

"We expect the real rush after working hours," predicted Mrs. Isabelle Menezes, one of the election workers. Polls will remain open until 7:00 p.m. today at Alvarado School, 1651 Smith Street.

*The Daily Review, January 25, 1957*

#### **School Bond Passed:**

School district residents yesterday overwhelmingly approved money propositions to build a new school. They voted 120 to 20 (of 420 eligible voters) to permit the district to float up to \$100,000 in new bonds, with \$30,000 contemplated at this time.

*The Daily Review, January 26, 1957*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

The Union City Chamber of Commerce will hold another election of board of directors at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday at Barnard School, Decoto. The present board of directors decided to hold another election since only 43 out of 160 chamber members voted at the December 12<sup>th</sup> election. Names of the 15 original candidates again will be placed on the ballot for the twelve directorships.

*The Daily Review, January 28, 1957*

**Classified Ad:**

FOR SALE:

Service station, fully equipped and well established on main Hiway 17, major oil company, inventory approximately \$900, rent is \$50. Books open.

Phone: ALvarado 55-706

*The Oakland Tribune, January 31, 1957*

**Chamber Directors Elected:**

Seven Alvarado and five Decoto residents were elected directors of the Union City Chamber of Commerce. This election replaces the one taken in December. The new directors are: Frank Borghi, Mrs. Charles Spencer, and Bernie Joseph of Decoto; Frank George, Wilbert Hendricks and J. A. Ratekin of Alvarado, two years; Oscar Dowe, Decoto and Fred Brown, William Machado, and Mike Salido of Alvarado, one year.

*The Daily Review, January 31, 1957*

**Teacher's Pay:**

Teachers have requested a \$550 a year beginning salary raise from the Alvarado School Board. Trustees indicated they will "follow the pattern set by neighboring districts," according to Leslie Maffey, schooled district supt.

The proposed salary schedule starts at \$4,500 for teachers with a credential and increases to a maximum of \$7,500 for those holding an AB degree, 60 semester units outside study and ten-years experience.

Alvarado's present salary range is from \$3,950 to \$5,750, Maffey said. Mrs. Evelyn Griffin is chairman of the salary committee representing Alvarado's 11 teachers. Their request is in line with a salary schedule recently proposed at a Washington Township school superintendent's meeting in Niles.

Alvarado teachers received a \$150 raise last year and had another increase the previous year when the district's first salary schedule was adopted.

*The Daily Review, February 2, 1957*

**Classified Ad:**

USED CARS:

1950 Chevrolet Business Coupe, fender and grill wrecked. \$200, nice car.

Phone: ALvarado 55-895

*The Daily Review, February 2, 1957*

**Classified Ad:**

FOR RENT - UNFURNISHED:

One-bedroom house, 280 Hall Ranch Road, \$55.

Phone: ALvarado 55-895

*The Daily Review, February 2, 1957*



**New Phone Service for Washington Township:**

Some 10,200 Washington Township PT&T customers will be able to reach each other by direct dialing in a few months. New installations, due for completion in May, at the main Decoto exchange will provide direct dialing between the following points:

Alvarado to Centerville  
Niles to Centerville  
Newark to Centerville  
Centerville to Newark  
Centerville to Niles  
Decoto to Niles  
Niles to Decoto

Currently Decoto residents can get Hayward by dialing 6 and then the regular number. All other calls outside the exchange must be made through the operator. The new service, which will not involve any rate change, will provide faster service and free trunk lines for other traffic.

At the same time the telephone company is getting growls from residents of Hillview Crest, Fairway Park and El Rancho Verde. They want out of the Decoto exchange and into the Hayward system.

*The Daily Review, February 2, 1957*

**Alvarado PTA:**

The Alvarado School PTA potluck dinner and dance last week at the school was attended by around 100 members and their families. Chairman was Jim Stiarwalt, assisted by co-chairman Mary Gastelum. Others assisting with the affair were: John Bond and Mmes: Rose Tenorio, Renee Stiarwalt, Marie Rose, Gertrude Corchero, Antoinette Pinto, Mary Fontejon, Bill Silva, Joe Rose, Ed Boetel and Ray Corchero. Miss Renee Stiarwalt and Phil Lammi did clean up.

*The Daily Review, February 4, 1957*

**March of Dimes:**

Two daytime shows have been used by Alvarado School students to raise money for their March of Dimes drive. A total of \$24 in proceeds was received from Friday's movie showing and a puppet show Monday. Both entertainment programs were secured with student body funds through their finance committee, headed by Rose Tenorio.

*The Daily Review, February 5, 1957*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

Oscar Dowe was elected President of the Union City Chamber of Commerce at a board of directors meeting held last night. Others elected were Mike Salido, Vice Present; Mrs. Florence Spencer, Secretary; and Frank George, Treasurer.

*The Daily Review, February 5, 1957*

**Alvarado PTA:**

The Alvarado School PTA will present a Founder's Day program at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the school building, 1651 Smith Street. A memorial skit enacted by teachers and parents will be given in the auditorium, as arranged by Mrs. John Griffin, Sixth Grade instructor.

President, Mrs. James Stiarwalt will honor one PTA member with an honorary membership pin, as the programs highlight. The name of the honoree will remain secret until that time. Surprise refreshments have been promised by Mrs. Frank Sacramento and her committee.

*The Daily Review, February 6, 1957*

**Union City Annexation:**

A report on Alvarado-Decoto annexation to the City of Fremont was discussed yesterday by Fremont City Manager Robert Coop. Coop met with Public Affairs Research, Inc., and Oakland firm

hired for \$900 by Fremont to study the pros and cons of the proposed Union City annexing to this city.

PAR officials outlined a draft of the report for Coop. The city manager will review the study with city councilmen in their work session Friday afternoon and they will formally consider it at the regular council meeting next Tuesday night.

*The Daily Review, February 7, 1957*

#### **VFW Dance:**

The annual Valentine dance of the Paul E. Rivers Post 7906, VFW, will be held tomorrow night at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Niles. Dancing will be from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. to the music of the Pinto Brothers Orchestra of Alvarado. The ball is to be semi-formal.

Milton Castro is Chairman assisted by Jesse Jacinto. Tickets may be obtained at the door from any member.

*The Daily Review, February 8, 1957*

#### **John Bond:**

The Alvarado awarded its honorary life membership to John Bond, Vice Principal of the Alvarado Elementary School at the Founder's Day program Thursday evening at the school.

*The Daily Review, February 11, 1957*

#### **Sugar:**

The launching of an experimental factory in Albany may help recover an additional \$43,000,000 worth of sugar annually, was described by J. A. Ratekin of Holly Sugar Co., Superintendent of the Alvarado refinery. Speaking before a California Beet Sugar Technologists conference in Sacramento. Ratekin said that beet sugar production is already a \$100,000,00 industry in California.

*The Daily Review, February 12, 1957*

#### **Locals Mourn Loss:**

Katherine Banuelos and Margaret Wheaton of Alvarado are mourning the loss of their uncle, Henry Servos, 72, of Newark who passed away Sunday

*The Daily Review, February 12, 1957*

#### **Two Hurt in Car Crash:**

Two plant superintendents of the Holly Sugar Co. were injured today in a car crash on the San Mateo to Hayward Bridge. Injured was John A. Ratekin, 56, Supt. of the Alvarado Refinery and Louis R. Garcia, 53, Supt. of the Hamilton City Refinery, near Chico. The car skidded on the rain slick bridge and crashed into a guardrail.

*The Daily Review, February 13, 1957*

#### **Mrs. Daisy Hauschildt Dies:**

Mrs. Daisy Hauschildt, 75, born in Alvarado to pioneer residents of that community, died yesterday at her Hayward home. She was the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Reiser, prominent in the early settlement of Alvarado and Hayward.

*The Daily Review, February 13, 1957*

#### **Alvarado Sanitary District:**

The Alvarado Sanitary District is considering broad expansion plans. Elvin Rose, board member, told the Daily Review last night that the district is considering an expansion program to include all of the Alvarado-Decoto area not within the Union Sanitary District boundaries. The district, 390 acres, has an assessed value of \$662,000.

The Alvarado district recently turned down \$75,000 in federal aid. Rose said this was prompted by plans to expand. He said the district will have enough assessed valuation to service the area

adequately after expansion. The district could not raise sufficient money to make it worthwhile to seek the federal aid this year, Rose explained.

The board has no plans for annexing to or merging with the Union Sanitary District, Rose stated. These possibilities faded when Union Sanitary District failed to include any projects for Alvarado-Decoto area in its \$8 million expansion program, he said.

Union Sanitary District was also criticized by the Union City Steering committee for failure to propose any projects for the industrially zoned Whipple Road area near Decoto.

*The Daily Review, February 14, 1957*

#### **Alvarado-La Vista-Decoto School Districts:**

The Alameda County Committee on School District Organization has scheduled a hearing at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, on a proposal to realign boundaries between Alvarado, Decoto and La Vista School Districts. The petition for study of the three areas, signed by 14 residents, came to the committee last November.

After sampling public opinion in the hearing, the committee may decide on a study limited to the boundary lines, broaden the area for study, or may restore the Alvarado-Decoto sector to a current study of re-organization possibilities for Hayward Union High School District. After hearing, committee members will continue their meeting to re-organize and elect officers.

*The Daily Review, February 15, 1957*

#### **Revival:**

An intensive evangelistic campaign is now under way at the Unity Church of God and Christ, located at 18<sup>th</sup> and "V" Streets, Alvarado. Scheduled is a two-day non-stop prayer session led by Evangelist Mattie Thomas of San Mateo, with the assistance of Estelle Rigmaiden, Missionary and Evangelist of Alvarado, Church Pastor G. G. Hannah of San Jose, and Richard Rigmaiden, Jr., of Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, February 16, 1957*

#### **Fremont Woos Alvarado-Decoto:**

Fremont City Councilman pulled all the stops yesterday in a drive to woo the Decoto-Alvarado area into sprawling Fremont. Councilmen endorsed a sales campaign advanced by Councilman Michael Overacker that Fremont would try to: (1) Increase the city council from 5 to 7 representatives to accommodate each of the sought communities. (2) Change council member selection from at large to district so each of the new communities and the five towns that already make up Fremont would be equally represented in the Fremont City Council.

Both of these moves, however, would be contingent on how Fremont's desire to annex the proposed Union City area is received by residents of Alvarado and Decoto.

Those sales points and the promise of lower taxes will be advanced by Fremont City Mgr. Robert Coop before proponents of Union City, Monday at 8 p.m., in Decoto's Barnard School. The area of 24 square miles between Fremont and Hayward had 1,830 registered voters at last September's count. It has an estimated \$12 million property valuation and about 6,750 people.

The area faces four alternatives; annexing to Fremont, annexing to Hayward, forming Union City on its own or staying the way it is.

If Fremont gets the area, that would make Fremont 123 square miles with an estimated 40,000 people and an assessed valuation of \$65 million. Coop will present the Fremont case Monday by outlining aspects of a \$990 Public Affairs Research, Inc. report on an annexation move that would benefit both Union City and Fremont.

Coop says figures show Union City residents would have only a 76-cent property tax rate under Fremont, but would have to pay an 87-cent tax rate if Union City incorporated. This 87-cent figure has grown from the 78-cent tax found necessary to support an incorporated Union City in PAR's earlier survey for the Union City Steering Committee.

Costs of governmental administration, policing and fire services have caused the estimated incorporated tax rate to rise almost 10 cents since that earlier report, Coop pointed out. This would hint that it could go as high as 90-cents or \$1 within the next six months, he warned.

*The Daily Review, February 16, 1957*

### **Centerville Marriage:**

Mervin Pinto of Alvarado has recently returned to Alvarado after his honeymoon trip to Southern California. He was married to Miss Edwina Knox of Decoto. Mervin is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Pinto of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 17, 1957*

### **Alvarado Needs Hostesses:**

Young women from the Alvarado area are needed for hostessing duties at nearby military installations. Girls of all nationalities, from 17 years of age and up, may sign up as hostesses with duties taking them to the Alvarado site of the NIKE Base and to Parks Air Force Base in Pleasanton. Assignments are made for the last Sunday of each month for the NIKE Base. Recreational events, birthday parties, and special social events are attended at Parks. Transportation is furnished by the military for duties at the air base. Senior chaperone is Eugenia Preciado of "W" Street in Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, February 19, 1957*

### **Fremont Pitches for Annexation:**

Fremont last night offered Alvarado and Decoto residents a rosy future, and little else, if the area would annex to Fremont. The rosy future was the main theme of City Manager F. Robert Coop's annexation presentation before the Union City Steering Committee and other interested observers.

About 50 persons gathered at Barnard School heard Coop extend the Fremont City Council's "warm invitation" to residents of the Decoto-Alvarado 24-square mile, 7,000-population area to annex to Fremont's 99-square miles.

*The Daily Review, February 19, 1957*

### **Mrs. Bertha Best Dies:**

Services for Mrs. Bertha Bell Best, 75, of Hayward will be held tomorrow. She died yesterday in her home. She was the wife of the late Francis M. Best who was caretaker for the Alvarado Duck Club. She had resided in Alvarado for 18 years and had lived in Hayward for the last two years.

*The Daily Review, February 20, 1957*

### **School Construction Funding:**

Four Alvarado School District representatives will go to Sacramento Monday to request \$400,000 in state construction funds. Headed by District superintendent Leslie Maffey, they will be acting with authorization recently voted by Alvarado residents to get a new school plant here by next December. Wilbert Hendricks, school board clerk, and Norman Hale from Hale & Jacobson. Architects, and one of their engineers will accompany Mr. Maffey.

*The Daily Review, February 20, 1957*

### **Hayward's Open Letter to Union City:**

Hayward has opened a bid for annexation of Alvarado and Decoto with an open letter to leaders of the two communities. Emphasizing services and facilities Hayward has now, the letter has gone out to the five-member committee Union City Steering Committee studying the alternatives of

annexation to Fremont or Hayward, or incorporation, the Decoto and Alvarado Chambers of Commerce and the Decoto's Homeowners Association.

No specific boundaries are mentioned. The Union City Steering Committee has been working toward incorporation of Alvarado, Decoto and a large area of surrounding land. The surrounding land, amounting to some 1,900 acres, was included in the Treeview annexation to Hayward, which was nullified in Alameda County Superior Court and is now tied up in appeal litigation. Decoto and Alvarado themselves were not included in the annexation.

Hayward's letter point to 280 municipal employees performing city services, fire stations, police station and other municipal plants now available and the current property tax base of \$55,400,000, due to go up \$20,000,000 in the next two years.

The present Hayward tax rate is \$1.61 per \$100, the letter points out, but sections of the two communities with their own water and sewers would have to pay only \$1.24. Fire District tax rates would be eliminated. The average Decoto resident would pay only \$23.25 per year in city taxes, the average in Alvarado resident only \$31.

The newly adopted charter gives Hayward home rule, the letter says.

Looking to Hayward's future, the letter cited the master plan for a balanced community, with industrial development being encouraged, commercial development already large and residential development 'phenomenal.'

*The Daily Review, February 25, 1957*

#### **School Boundaries:**

A public hearing on Alvarado, Decoto and La Vista school district boundaries will be conducted tomorrow by the county committee on school district organizations.

Residents in the vicinity of El Rancho Verde School and Fairway Park School have been dissatisfied with attendance boundaries. Two thirds of the students in the area attend Decoto schools and for the other third a La Vista school.

*The Daily Review, February 26, 1957*

#### **Hayward Courts Union City:**

The Hayward City Council is off wooing again. Not long ago, on the morning after Hayward certified an election, which by a two slim votes, annexed the Harder-Tennyson section to the city, they sent a task force of officials into the new area to celebrate Annexation Day.

Now they're sending mash notes to voters in the unincorporated Alvarado-Decoto areas. People in this chunk of green land between the end of Hayward and the beginning of Fremont having been studying the merits of either joining Fremont or forming a city of their own.

But Hayward is going to be heard. They've sent off three pages of propaganda to the Alvarado-Decoto Committee, the Decoto Homeowners Association, and the Decoto and Alvarado Chambers of Commerce advising that Hayward is planning a "Balanced Community."

"Becoming a part of the City of Hayward is highly desirable..." goes their almost-singing commercial.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 27, 1957*

#### **Alvarado to Hayward Annexation:**

Today the Hayward City Council referred to City Mgr., S.D. Smith, a letter from an Al Silvey of Alvarado, asking for a survey on possible annexation of Alvarado to Hayward. Smith said his office has been unable to locate Silvey, but now thinks it has identified him and will contact him today.

*The Daily Review, February 27, 1957*

**Nike Base Open to Public:**

The NIKE Guided Missile Base here will hold "open house" Sunday. The open house is being held to familiarize residents of adjacent communities with the functions of the installation. Battery D of the 740<sup>th</sup> Anti-Aircraft Artillery Missile Battalion is located off Marsh Road, south of Alvarado. Battery D is a link in the chain of NIKE Guided Missile batteries, which surround the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Area.

*The Daily Review, February 28, 1957*

**Sugar History:**

The first successful factory refining of sugar from sugar beets in the United States occurred in Alvarado in 1869. In that year, using machinery from Germany, the Alvarado factory produced 50 tons of sugar from beets. Despite the \$125,000 in machinery, most of the work was done by hand. Beets were packed from nearby fields to the plant on the backs of Chinese coolies.

The success of 1869 followed eight years of disaster and quickly led to new troubles. Within four years the company, which ran the plant went bankrupt. In 1889 a new group bought the operation, put it on a paying basis and ran it successfully until it sold out to Holly Sugar Co. in 1927.

Holly has since replaced the old machinery with new, although the basic process remains much the same. The operation employs up to 300 persons during the season and produces a million 100-pound bags of sugar.

*The Daily Review, March 1, 1957*

**Merger of School Districts:**

Possible merger of Alvarado, Decoto and La Vista school districts will be discussed by district trustees with in a few weeks. The hearing was prompted by a petition asking for a study of school district boundaries in the South Hayward-North Washington Township area.

Superintendents from the three districts reported on schools, enrollment, and finances, leading to a suggestion of a merger study. Consolidation of the three districts would pool their tax wealth to offer better educational opportunities to area children. The committee took the reports under consideration and agreed to call a meeting in the near future of trustees from Alvarado, Decoto, La Vista Elementary Schools, and Hayward and Washington Union High School district to discuss consolidation implications.

The superintendent's report indicated that La Vista raised only \$84,000 in local school taxes last year for 3,000 students (\$28 a student), while Alvarado received \$51,000 for 300 students (\$170 per student), and Decoto raised \$142,000 for 2,000 students (\$71 a student).

Another point of discontent is Fairway Park and El Rancho Verde tracts. Children from the tracts are split between La Vista schools and Decoto schools.

*The Daily Review, March 1, 1957*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

The Union City Chamber of Commerce will meet at 8:00 p.m. tomorrow at the Alvarado Fire Station on Smith Street.

*The Daily Review, March 5, 1957*

**State School Aid:**

Washington Township School Districts will receive \$438,409 from the state allocation board to help underwrite enrollment increases and construction. Three districts will receive \$306,054 for construction. Alvarado will receive \$251,538; Mission San Jose will receive \$2,456; and Newark will receive \$52,060.

Alvarado will construct 11 classrooms, an administration wing, a kindergarten, and a multi-purpose room. Estimated total cost, including purchase of an addition 5.7 acres of land, will be \$441,538. Construction will begin in June with completion expected in December.

*The Daily Review, March 6, 1957*

### **Eagles Memorial Rite:**

The annual memorial service of the Alvarado Eagles No. 1695 will be held jointly by the Aerie and the Auxiliary at 8:00 p.m. on Monday at the Eagles Hall in Alvarado. The candlelight service will be in memory of lodge members who died during the past year.

Members also have decided to sell the Alvarado Eagles Hall on Smith Street, according Ray Cunha.

The Aerie of Alvarado and the Auxiliary are now in a contest to see which can sign up the most new members. The drive will continue until June.

*The Daily Review, March 7, 1957*

### **Hayward Begg for Funds:**

Alameda County Supervisors will hear an appeal from Hayward tomorrow for \$50,000 from state gas tax funds earmarked for hardships. Hayward City Manager S.D. Smith will ask for an appropriation from the hardship fund to rebuild Sycamore Ave. from Castro Street to Jackson Street.

The city has already been forewarned that the appropriation is unlikely out of this year's fund. The remaining hardship money must go for a bridge over Hiway 17 near Alvarado as part of a flood control project.

*The Daily Review, March 11, 1957*

### **School District Boundaries:**

A committee of school trustees will meet March 20 to begin studies aimed at possible revision of boundaries between Alvarado, Decoto and La Vista School Districts. The committee includes all board members from Alvarado, Decoto, La Vista Elementary School Districts, Hayward and Washington Union High School Districts and the 11 members of the Alameda County Committee on School District Organization.

*The Daily Review, March 11, 1957*

### **Road Hardship Funds Explained:**

The city of Hayward has appealed to the county for emergency road funds for Sycamore Street. County Surveyor Olof Anderson reported only \$179,593 remains in the hardship fund. He emphasized that the county has to have at least \$80,000 of that itself because of a hardship on a bridge replacement at Alvarado. This bridge is tied in with the flood control project and the state refuses to build it because when the freeway ([Nimitz Freeway](#)) is completed it will turn the highway ([Old State Hiway 17](#)) over to the county.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 13, 1957*

### **Treeview Annex:**

Hayward's appeal of the Treeview annex nullification will be argued at 10:00 a.m. April 9<sup>th</sup> in Division 2 of the State District Court of Appeals in San Francisco. The city filed its appeal late in 1955 after Alameda County Superior Judge Cecil Mossbacher ruled the big annexation was invalid because most of the territory was uninhabited. Initiated by the residents of Hillview Crest, the annexation covered 2,400 acres, much of it in Washington Township.

Voters approved the annex 453 to 145 on May 10, 1955, but U.S. Pipe and Steel, Holly Sugar and nine other large property owners went to court for nullification, claiming that 1,987 of the 2,400

acres were uninhabited. The annexation has been conducted under procedures outlined for inhabited territory, they asserted.

Hillview Crest has since joined the city of Hayward through a separate annexation election. The Treeview annex territory includes much choice industrial land.

Hayward stirred up a Hornet's nest when it accepted the annexation proposal. Washington Township rang with cries of "larceny" and the pace of incorporation activity in that area was stepped up. Newark and Fremont have conducted successful incorporation campaigns since the Treeview controversy began.

Decoto and Alvarado leaders organized for an incorporation of their territory known as "Union City." They have been tied up, however, by the fact that Treeview, which they include in their proposal, is under litigation. Recently they decided to look into other possibilities and are currently studying the relative advantages of incorporation, annexation to Hayward or annexation to Fremont.

*The Daily Review, March 13, 1957*

**Classified Ad:**

USED CARS:

1947 Oldsmobile, 4-door sedan, radio, heater, Hydra-Matic. Runs good, new paint. \$125

Phone: **AL**varado 55-701

*The Daily Review, March 14, 1957*

**Union City Chamber of Commerce:**

Oscar Dowe will be installed as President of the Union City Chamber of Commerce March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the International Kitchen in Niles. Other officers to be seated are Mike Salido, Vice President; Mrs. Florence Spencer, Secretary; and Frank George, Treasurer.

Directors to be installed are Jow Lewis, Frank Borghi, Mrs. Spencer, Bernie Joseph, Wilbert Hendricks, John Ratekin, Oscar Dowe, Frank George, Fred Brown, William Machado, Kenneth Garcia and Mike Salido.

Judge Allen G. Norris will be guest speaker at the affair slated to begin at 7 p.m.

*The Daily Review, March 15, 1957*

**PTA:**

The Alvarado PTA elected a new slate of officers at a recent meeting at the school. Mrs. Renee Stiarwalt, current president, was reelected for another term. Other officers to be installed in May are Mrs. Mary Fontejon, First Vice President; Leslie Maffey, Second Vice President; Mrs. Florence Chavis, Secretary; Mrs. Gertrude Corchero, Treasurer; Mrs. Bernice Silveira, Parliamentarian; John Bond, Auditor; Mrs. Antoinette Pinto, Historian; and Mrs. Marie Rose and Mrs. Inez St. Julian, Delegates.

*The Daily Review, March 18, 1957*

**School Boundaries:**

Trustees of five school boards and the 11 members of the Alameda County Committee on School District Organization will meet at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow to begin study of possible revisions of boundaries between Alvarado, Decoto and La Vista School Districts.

The meeting will be held at the La Vista School multipurpose room on Western Road in Hayward. The study is a result of a petition from Decoto and Fairway Park residents asking realignment of school boundaries.

The study committee includes board member from Alvarado, Decoto and La Vista elementary districts and Hayward and Washington Union High School Districts.



***The Daily Review, March 19, 1957***

**Your TV Mailbag:**

[\(A feature of the Oakland Tribune\)](#)

Question: Where can I get a picture of Tommy Sands? Wilma Silva, Alvarado and countless others.

Answer: The demand is so great that the service has bogged down. We hear those requesting photographs months ago haven't got them yet. Try c/o: Kraft Theater, NBC 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York or try c/o: CBS, Television City, Hollywood.

***The Oakland Tribune, March 19, 1957***

**Bowling:**

Yosh Hisaoka, bowling for the 4 Braves in the Block Trophy Mixed League at Hayward Bowl shot a fine string of 200 games (201, 204, 228) for a 633 series.

***The Daily Review, March 22, 1957***

**Protestants Protest Fund Drive:**

St. Rose Hospital fund drive officials had no comment today on Washington Township Ministerial Association's protest against a phase of the fund drive. The association of 21 Protestant pastors in Hayward, Newark, Fremont, Decoto and Alvarado said they objected to the participation of mayors in the drive.

Association President, the Reverend Elliot Paulsen, pastor of the Fairway Park Baptist Church, said he and his fellow pastors also considered it "deceptive" to call the proposed hospital non-denominational and a community project. He said that it was neither, that the hospital would be under the control of the Roman Catholic Church. The Protestant ministers, he said, will tell their congregations from the pulpit Sunday their views on the fund drive.

The Rev. Paulsen said the ministers do not object to the fund drive or the hospital, only the "deception" in calling the hospital non-denominational. Naming by certain mayors of the fund drive committees gave the impression of city governmental participation, which "violates the concept of separation of church and state, the association charged.

St. Rose fund drive officials said they want to study the protest statement before commenting. Newark Mayor George M. Silliman said he certainly didn't anticipate being involved in a religious controversy by endorsing what he understood to be much-needed hospital. He said he appointed a committee as requested, but that neither city facilities or city employees were involved.

***The Daily Review, March 22, 1957***

**Alvarado Church Struggling:**

The story of a struggle to dissolve a \$2,300 mortgage against the Church of God in Christ, Alvarado, was revealed this week by one of the eight-member congregation. The church building, located at 18<sup>th</sup> and "V" Streets, was the former Presbyterian Church and was purchased several years ago by the group under the guidance of Rev. M. Mathias, now of San Jose.

Over the past several months, the tiny group has held bake sales, candy and popcorn sales, and periodic fund drives to assist with making monthly payments on the debt. Tomorrow marks the end of a current campaign to raise \$300 toward this obligation.

***The Daily Review, March 23, 1957***

**Whist Party:**

A whist party will be held at the Alvarado I.D.E.S. Hall on Watkins Street, March 31<sup>st</sup> sponsored the I.D.E.S. Auxiliary to benefit this year's Holy Ghost Fiesta.

***The Daily Review, March 27, 1957***

**Union City Steering Committee:**

The Union City Steering Committee ousted two of its members for initiating a new petition to incorporate Alvarado and Decoto (but not the Treeview annex) into the city of New Haven. Wilbert Hendricks and Kenneth Garcia signed their names as chairman and secretary, respectively, of the New Haven Steering Committee on a petition filed yesterday with the Alameda County Supervisors.

When told he and Hendricks had been ousted by chairman Frank Borghi Jr., Chairman of the Union City Steering Committee, Garcia retorted, "He can't kick us out, we quit! The reason we filed the petition was because the Union City group wasn't doing anything and we thought we would expedite matters.

Garcia said he and Hendricks are "not interested in the Treeview annex. We just want to preserve what we have," Garcia said.

*The Daily Review, March 27, 1957*

### **Your TV Mailbag:**

(A feature of the [Oakland Tribune](#))

Question: How can I get a picture of Tab Hunter? Betty Pimentel, Alvarado and countless others.

Answer: Ask it of Warner Brothers Studio, Hollywood, or the studio of some TV show you seen him on.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 28, 1957*

### **School Trustees:**

Wilbert Hendricks of Alvarado and Ralph Logan of the Alviso District have filed for re-election for the school board.

*The Daily Review, March 28, 1957*

### **Paul Rivers VFW:**

Joint installation ceremonies and a dance will be held by the Paul Rivers VFW No. 7906 and Auxiliary at 8:30 p.m., Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Niles. Post officers include: Bob Lynn of Irvington, Commander; Milton Castro of Centerville, Senior Vice Commander; Walter Amiably of Hillview Crest; Junior Vice commander; Frank Sacramento of Alvarado, Chaplain; George Cronick of Hayward, Quartermaster; Leonard Silva of Alvarado, Post Advocate; John Aguiar of Newark, Surgeon; and Jesse Jacinto of Centerville, Three Year Trustee.

Auxiliary officers are Mmes: Ruby Stockinger of Mission San Jose, President; Emily Sacramento of Alvarado, Senior Vice President; Lorraine Silva of Mission San Jose, Junior Vice President; Marjorie Re, Chaplain; Kathleen Silva, Treasurer; Bernice Diaz, Secretary; and Helen Anderson, Guard; all of Alvarado.

Gold Star mothers Mmes: Mary Rivers and Frances Allegre, both of Alvarado; and Mary Bernardo of Centerville.

*The Daily Review, March 29, 1957*

### **Alvarado Takes Volleyball Tourney:**

The Bolo Athletic Club of Alvarado emerged as champion of the Newark Recreation Dept. Invitational Volleyball Tournament. Players on the Bolo team who made it possible to walk off with the trophy are Frank Sacramento, Jim Galanida, Ricky Sibonga, Joe Llanto, John Agraviador, Bud Custodio, Bromeo Moga, and Len Villarante.

*The Daily Review, April 4, 1957*

### **Vargas OK'd to School Board:**

The Alameda County Board of Education last night approved the appointment of George Vargas as successor to William E. Silva on the Alvarado School Board. Vargas' term will expire in 1958. Silva resigned because he is moving out of the district.

Vargas, a chief electrician for Leslie Salt Co., has been active in the Chamber of Commerce and Citizens Advisory Committee to the Alvarado School. His wife, Angie, is acting Postmaster in Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, April 5, 1957*

### **Backroom Boys Beat a Quick Retreat:**

[\(From the Editorial Page of the Daily Review\)](#)

Running Scared? Now that everyone is back from Oakland and the dust has settled some, let's take a closer look at that City of New Haven deal. New Haven, you remember, is a city proposed to include Alvarado and Decoto, but exclude Hayward's 2,200-acre Treeview annex, now in the courts.

It all started when the Union City committee found its neighbors were mighty interested in joining Hayward. A quick glance at the map showed Treeview and more acreage might annex north, even if Hayward lost the court case.

So the boys in the backroom (at the steel plant) got busy and came up with a little scheme. That's how New Haven was born, to stop Alvarado and Decoto from joining Hayward.

Two staunch Union City men were selected to carry the petition to Oakland, and then were fired from the Union City committee. All part of the window dressing. Having retreated to a new line of defense, Union City forces are waiting to see what the Hayward forces will do.

*The Daily Review, April 5, 1957*

### **City of Fremont:**

Fremont City Councilmen decided yesterday to stop "knocking at the door" of Decoto and Alvarado residents and ask them to decide now whether they are interested in annexing into Fremont. Asserting they should "rise above all this petty bickering," councilmen agreed to send a letter to the Union City Steering Committee asking for a decision.

The committee will meet at 8 p.m. Monday in Barnard School in Decoto and may receive the letter by that time. Fremont Council's letter will renew their warm invitation for the combined Alvarado-Decoto area to join the city.

At the same time, it will say they city wants to proceed with its own growth and development plans. If Union City is considering become part of this program, the councilman want to include it now; if it is not they will drop the entire idea.

"We are not in competition with Hayward or any other special interest that want to cut up the pie," City Mgr. Robert Coop said.

Mrs. Winifred Bendel, council member, said the committee probably could not reach a decision until the Treeview annexation suit is settled. The suit involves some 2,400 acres Hayward is attempting to annex and is on the State Appellate Court docket next Tuesday in San Francisco.

City Attorney Le Roy Broun said it will take at least six to eight months to straighten out the litigation. He added the recent application to incorporate a "New Haven" city in the Decoto-Alvarado area was filed only to test the Union City petition's legality and will further delay a decision.

"It would be a tragic mistake for Union City to incorporate on its own," according to Councilman Bruce Michael. He said the Council's letter may provoke comment from some of the many people not represented on the Union City committee. "We may find some interested in joining Fremont and others favoring Hayward," he said.

Michael said there may be a "logical plan and boundary," which could take the two areas in both directions.

*The Daily Review, April 6, 1957*

### **Court Decision Due:**

Hayward's long legal battle to regain the Treeview Annex is coming to its climax. The city's appeal of an Alameda County Superior Court ruling, which nullified the huge Treeview Annex, is set for oral arguments at 10 a.m. Tuesday before Division 2 of the District Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

Hayward's City Council in February 1955 gave permission for the initiation of proceeds to annex the area called Treeview, 2,400 acres of industrial and potential industrial land plus one residential area. The petition came from residents of the residential section of Hillview Crest, a 600-home subdivision.

The rest of the proposed annexation was open land plus the property of two established industries, the Holly Sugar Corporation and United States Pipe and Foundry Co.

The rest of Washington Township, apparently to forestall further Hayward annexations to the south, stepped up incorporation movements, which resulted in the formation of the new cities of Fremont and Newark.

The Treeview annexation election was held May 10, 1955, annexation won, 452-145. The annexation survived a legal attack when the District Court of Appeals upheld the Alameda County Board of Supervisors in its refusal to take action on a Union City (Alvarado-Decoto) incorporation election petition. Grounds for the ruling was that Hayward had prior jurisdiction.

Another suit had been filed before the election, however. U.S. Pipe & Foundry, Holly Sugar and nine owners of ranch property in the area claimed Hayward had no right to annex 1,987 of the 2,400 acres (the portion west of the Western Pacific tracks). They said that while Hayward was proceeding under a law covering annexations of inhabited territory, their land came under the legal definition of uninhabited territory.

Alameda County Superior Judge Cecil Mossbacher in August 1955 found for the plaintiffs and on October 4<sup>th</sup>, after certain legal steps had been followed, ordered the annexation nullified.

Hillview Crest has since had a separate annexation election and joined the City of Hayward. Hayward filed a note of appeal with district court December 1, 1955. It is this appeal, which will be argued Tuesday.

The city will contend that the Superior Court ruling was in error, that the annexation was valid under the act for annexation of inhabited territory and that the court was in error in finding that part of Treeview fit the uninhabited act definition and part the inhabited act definition.

Union City has submitted to the county several notices of intent to petition for an incorporation election for Decoto and Alvarado and the Treeview area while it has been tied up in litigation. None of the notices brought the group jurisdiction, however, as the Supervisors did not order them filed.

Last month two Union City Steering Committee members pulled out and filed an intent notice of their own for Decoto and Alvarado, in other words, Union City minus Treeview. The Pair, Wilbert Hendricks of Alvarado and Kenneth Garcia of Decoto, were drummed out of the Steering Committee.

If Hayward wins its appeal, the result will be simple (barring further appeal by the original plaintiffs). The 1,987 acres will be part of the city ([Hayward](#)).

If Hayward loses the appeal, some observers feel, there may be a free-for-all scramble for jurisdiction.

*The Daily Review, April 6, 1957*

### **Sanitation:**

Alameda County has formed a public agency committee to get underway an engineering study on sewage and factory waste disposal in the south county. The move is in line with a program of sanitary development in the area.

Six cities, four water districts, the town of Alvarado, three sanitary districts, the Port of Oakland and three U.S. agencies are to be asked to name citizens to serve on the committee.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 6, 1957*

### **Commercial Ad:**

SHERWIN WILLIAMS PAINT

Famous for highest quality.

Where to get it:

In Alvarado, Sam Dinsmore's on Smith Street.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 7, 1957*

### **Borghi Keeps Info Under Wraps:**

Union City Chief Frank Borghi is keeping his information committee under wraps. That's the group studying the future of the Alvarado-Decoto area and it's not telling anything about that future, until it decides what the future will be.

*The Daily Review, April 12, 1957*

### **Decoto Drum & Bugle Corps:**

The Pirates Drum & Bugle Corps of the Decoto School District will appear in the Alvarado Holy Ghost Parade on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

*The Daily Review, April 12, 1957*

### **Teens in Crash:**

Two youths were injured in Newark when their car spun out of control on a patch of mud and slammed into a power pole. Injured were Leroy Salido, 17, 1154 Marsh Road and Richard Scardigli, 17, of Niles.

*The Daily Review, April 15, 1957*

### **House Next to Freeway:**

The State Division of Highways told John and Marilyn Silva the new freeway coming through Alvarado would miss their house by a full eight feet, so why the fuss? The Silva's think eight feet from the freeway is too darn close for comfort and safety and told the state they'll go to court, if need be, to prove their point. They may not have to now. Two drunk-driving farm hands came barreling down Whipple Road the other night, missed a turn, crossed the freeway right of way and slammed into the Silva house, knocking the big front porch clean off.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 17, 1957*

### **Alvarado School Board Election:**

Wilbert Hendricks is running for re-election to the Alvarado School Board of Trustees. He is running unopposed.

*The Daily Review, April 18, 1957*

### **Fremont Annexation:**

Annexation of Union City area to Fremont would not cause any major shake-up in Fremont's Master Zoning Map. The Decoto and Alvarado shopping areas would be treated much in the same

way as Fremont's present five communities are being studied for "little master plans" as commercial centers. This was the opinion expressed by planning consultant Sydney Williams at last night's sixth public hearing on the new zoning ordinance with Fremont Chamber of Commerce and agricultural landowners.

*The Daily Review, April 19, 1957*

#### **City of New Haven:**

Promoters of New Haven incorporation stated flatly today they wanted no outside help in planning the city of New Haven.

The Fremont Chamber of Commerce and Planning Commission was told last week that if Alvarado and Decoto annexed to Fremont they could be included in the master plan without any major shakeup.

Today Kenneth Garcia, of the New Haven Steering Committee, which is moving to incorporate all of the Union City area with the exception of the 2,300 acre Treeview annex said: "We're not interested. We are very well satisfied with the way we have planned our city. We don't need or want any outside help."

*The Daily Review, April 22, 1957*

#### **Manuel Costa Dies:**

Manuel S. Costa of 921 Watkins St., Alvarado died April 20<sup>th</sup> at the age of 75. He leaves his wife, Mary Costa and several brothers. He was a native of Pico, Azores. He had resided in Alvarado for fifty years.

*The Daily Review, April 22, 1957*

#### **Hayward to Annex 1132 Acres:**

Hayward moved back into the disputed Treeview area today as it acted to annex 1132 acres south of the city. Hayward yesterday posted with the County Boundary Commission a map showing the proposed annex bounded by Southern Pacific tracks on the east, Whipple Road, the Eastshore Freeway and Alquire Road. The area, described as prime industrial land by city Manager S.D. Smith and called the South Hayward Industrial annex, is assessed at \$487,910.

Smith said the action was taken after several landowners asked to have their land annexed. Although Smith refused to name them, the landowners include Western Pacific railroad, which has bought land along its tracks that cut through the area. Another landowner and the only industry in the proposed annex is American Pipe and Construction Company, whose manager, Earl Jackson, heads the Hayward Chamber of Commerce Industrial Committee.

Left out of the proposed annex are U.S. Pipe Co. plant on Whipple Road and the Holly Sugar Co. at Alvarado. Both were included in the original Treeview annex and were opposed to joining Hayward. The 2400-acre Treeview annex was started in 1955, was invalidated by the Superior Court and is now on appeal by Hayward in the appellate court.

*The Daily Review, April 23, 1957*

#### **Free Polio Shots:**

Free polio shots will be available to Washington Township residents starting May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tom Maloney, area chairman, said all persons between the age of six months and 40 years of age should have at least two inoculations of the vaccine before July 1<sup>st</sup>.

The free shots will be available to Alvarado and Alviso residents at the Alvarado Fire House on May 10<sup>th</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup>.

*The Daily Review, April 23, 1957*

#### **New Alvarado School:**

The new Alvarado Elementary School here will be completed by next spring. Trustees reviewed preliminary plans last night for the new 11-classroom, \$437,000 structure to be built to replace the present school condemned as unsafe by state engineers. Final plans will be ready next month; bids will be called for in July with construction to begin in August. The present school has 313 pupils enrolled.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 24, 1957*

### **Hayward Annex Benefit:**

Alvarado and Decoto residents could save 10 years and millions of dollars by annexation to Hayward, according to City Manager S.D. Smith. Speaking to members of the Hayward Chamber of Commerce Planning & Development Committee yesterday, Smith said that Hayward could provide facilities for the two communities at a much lower cost than if they were to remain independent.

He cited a report prepared by the city staff at the request of the city council to prove his point. He and his staff prepared a report on Hayward expansion based on an approximate population of 150,000 at the end of ten years. Cost of providing expanded highway, sewage, water, fire, police, airport, civic, library and recreation facilities would be \$12 million.

Smith said Alvarado and Decoto could be annexed without increasing the cost of facilities, because, much of the proposed expansion would take place in that general area.

*The Daily Review, April 24, 1957*

### **Direct Dialing in Local Are Ready:**

New inter-community telephone dialing begins May 1<sup>st</sup> in Southern Alameda County. On that date, the following calls may be dialed directly instead of through an operator. In each case a special "directing" number, indicated in parenthesis, must be dialed first.

Alvarado to Centerville (11)

Centerville to Newark (7)

Centerville to Niles (5)

Newark to Centerville (11)

Newark to Niles (13)

Niles to Centerville (11)

Decoto to Niles (12)

*The Daily Review, April 24, 1957*

### **Flood Control:**

Alameda County Flood Control Zone 3-A has sold \$600,000 in bonds to finance projects northeast of Alvarado, which will develop a 1,500-acre site for heavy industrial use. The money will be used to complete the main outlet channel in the zone from Alquire Road ([today's Dyer St. and Industrial Avenue](#)) to San Francisco Bay, with a portion of the money going to open a line for Mt. Eden.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 24, 1957*

### **Marriage License:**

Warren Anthony Rogers, 18, Alvarado

Elaine Claire Souza, 19, Niles

*The Daily Review, April 25, 1957*

### **May Day:**

A May Day program Wednesday will highlight Public Schools Week at **Alvarado School**.

Festivities from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. will include a picnic, folk dances, and a baseball game pitting the Eighth Grade students against the parents and teachers.

*The Daily Review, April 26, 1957*

### **Flood Control:**

The Bank of America was awarded \$600,000 in Zone 3A Flood Control and Water Conservation District bonds by the Board of Supervisors. The bid was 4.185 per cent interest for the 30-year bonds.

Zone 3A is a 31-square mile area extending from "C" Street in Hayward southward to include Alvarado, and from the hills on east to the Bay on the west. Other communities within zone are Baumberg (near Mt. Eden), Fairview, Hillview and Valle Vista.

*The Daily Review, April 26, 1957*

### **New School:**

The Alvarado School District has won its fight to enlarge the new school and abandon an old barracks now in use. The victory climaxed months of debate between **Alvarado School** trustees and the State School Finance Department. The state has maintained for six months that Alvarado should spend \$90,000 to rehabilitate the barracks. The building now houses three classrooms and a cafeteria.

Even when the state department admitted the rehabilitation was unfeasible, it attempted to force Alvarado to continue use of the barracks. With the aid of Carlos Bee (D., Hayward) and Donald Doyle (R., Lafayette), the state finally agreed to include the three classrooms and cafeteria in the new building.

*The Daily Review, April 26, 1957*

### **Alvarado School Staff:**

Mr. Leslie H. Maffey, Principal and School District Superintendent; John Bond, Vice-Principal, Mrs. Evalene Griffin, Ms. Ann Tietzen, Mrs. Gladys Hersey, Mrs. Shirley Krikorian, Mrs. Delores Vierra, Mrs. Virginia Moy, Mrs. Bertha Odegard, Damaso Diaz, Tony Alexander, Antone Borges, Norman Silveira, Frank Koehler, Mrs. Jane Dakin, Steve Graves, Mrs. Mary Gastelum, Mrs. Dorothy Vargas, Mrs. Mary Perez, Mrs. Zola Smith and Mrs. Mary Louise Smith.

*The Daily Review, April 26, 1957*

### **Alvarado School Annual:**

The **Alvarado School** will begin something new this year. They will publish a school annual.

*The Daily Review, April 26, 1957*

### **Sugar:**

Sugar beet workers were in their second day of "round the clock" picketing of the Holly Sugar Company's Alvarado refinery today, as a result in the breakdown of negotiations. Sixty-two members of the AFL-CIO Sugar Refinery Worker's, Local 20630 began striking at 5:00 a.m. yesterday as the walkout of the state's sugar industry spread to seven of California's eleven processing plants.

The union seeks a shorter workweek and a ten to twelve per cent hourly wage hike. Present scale runs between \$1.59 to \$2.28 an hour. The company has offered pay increases of 4.5¢ to 9¢ an hour for off-season workers and a 44-hour straight timework week this fall reduced to 40 hours in 1958.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 27, 1957*

### **Telephone Usage Rises:**

Pacific Telephone & Telegraph reports that phone usage in Alvarado is at an average of 1,228 calls per day. This is an increase of 76 more call per day than last year and 982 more calls per day since the end of World War II. Last year 39 new phones were added in Alvarado bringing the total in use to 332.

*The Daily Review, April 29, 1957*

### **PTA:**



Mrs. James Stiarwalt has accepted her second term as President of the Alvarado PTA. Mrs. Ray Corchero will take over as Treasurer.

*The Daily Review, April 29, 1957*

#### **Cerebral Palsy Drive:**

Mrs. Norman Silveira has been appointed leader of the Cerebral Palsy Drive for the Alvarado area. The drive will take place from May 4<sup>th</sup> to June 4<sup>th</sup>.

*The Daily Review, April 30, 1957*

#### **S.D.E.S. Dance:**

The S.D.E.S. Holy Ghost committee of Alvarado will host it's annual pre-fiesta dance at 9:00 p.m. at the S.D.E.S. Holy Ghost Hall on Watkins Street in Alvarado. The dance will benefit the Holy Ghost Fiesta and will also introduce this year's queen.

*The Daily Review, May 1, 1957*

#### **Flood Control:**

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors has agreed to contribute \$40,000 toward a \$1,240,600 flood control project in the vicinity of Alquire Road. Total cost of the program designed to eliminate flooding in the flat land area is \$3,500,000.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 2, 1957*

#### **Hayward Loses Appeal:**

The City of Hayward lost its appeal to keep the two-year-old 2,400 acre Treeview annex. The city has 15 days to refile for a rehearing, they could also take this to the Supreme Court, but this is deemed not likely to happen. Union City forces that want to form a new city in the area indicated the belief that the City of Hayward would continue the fight "to tie up the land." They face a new annexation of 1,132 acres proposed within the same Treeview annex.

A petition from the Hillview Crest 600-home subdivision led to a vote of 452 to 125 on May 10, 1955, for the 2,400 acres to come into Hayward. But owners in the farm and industrial lands west of the Western Pacific Railroad tracks went to court contending their section was illegally included in the annex. Hillview Crest has since been separately annexed into Hayward.

*The Daily Review, May 2, 1957*

#### **Sugar:**

A picket force of about 40 men that included several Niles Steelworkers turned out today at the main gate of the strike-bound Holly Sugar Plant at Alvarado. Union officials asserted the increased activity was due to two incidents alleged to have happened yesterday.

They charged that office workers from the Alvarado plant had been cleaning and loading tank cars with syrup instead of doing their regular jobs. The other incident involved a truck and trailer.

*The Daily Review, May 3, 1957*

#### **Alvarado PTA:**

Mrs. James Stiarwalt began her second term as president of the Alvarado PTA at last night's installation of new officers in the school auditorium. Officers for the next school term, installed last night be Mrs. Norman Silveira, past president of the unit, were Mrs. Leonard Silva, First Vice President; Leslie Maffey, Principal, Second Vice President; Mrs. Robert Chavis, Secretary; Mrs. Raymond Corchero, Treasurer; Mrs. Norman Silveira, Parliamentarian; Mrs. Joseph Rose and Mrs. Edward St. Julian, Delegates; Mrs. Peter Pinto, Historian and John Bond is auditor.

The PTA is planning a variety show with local talent for May 24<sup>th</sup>. General chairman is Mrs. Emily Sacramento.

*The Daily Review, May 3, 1957*

#### **New Haven Unit Elects Leaders:**

Wilbert Hendricks was elected president of the New Haven Steering Committee last night and the group announced two mass meetings at Decoto and Alvarado next week.

Like the Union City Steering Committee, the New Haven organization is attempting to spur incorporation of land between the boundaries of Hayward and Fremont. Land under consideration differs in that the 20-square mile New Haven area excludes property within the 1,132-acre Treeview area currently being considered by Hayward incorporation.

Other officers chosen were Kenneth Garcia, Secretary; and Oscar Dowe, Treasurer. Other members are George Hocking, Mike Rodriguez, Herbert Harrold, Segundo Diaz, Joe Seoane, Ray Orozco, George Vargas, Bill Machado and Doctor John Bettencourt. Dowe, Hocking, Harrold and Rodriguez are members of the Union City Steering Committee.

*The Daily Review, May 4, 1957*

**Mrs. Rose Hernandez Dies:**

Mrs. Rose Hernandez, 48, of Alvarado died yesterday at an Oakland hospital, she resided at 1004 "V" Street. Surviving are two sons Albert of Alvarado and Robert of Hayward; four daughters, Mrs. Sophie Rivers and Mercedes Bolivia, both of Alvarado, Mrs. Delores Delgado of Hayward and Mrs. Madeline Renteria of Irvington; and her parents Mary and Frank Goularte of Alvarado. Also surviving are three brothers, Joseph and Frank Goularte, both of Alvarado and George Goularte of Castro Valley; and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Silveira of Alvarado and Mrs. Vesta DeVincenzi of Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, May 8, 1957*

**Polio Clinic:**

A polio vaccination clinic will be held in the Alvarado Fire House tomorrow from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. The program is for everyone under 40 years of age was arranged by the county health department in cooperation with a committee headed by Leslie Maffey and James Nunes.

*The Daily Review, May 9, 1957*

**Alvarado-Decoto Warned to Incorporate for Business:**

Two "disinterested" spokesmen last night used what sounded like scare tactics in urging Alvarado-Decoto residents to incorporate into what would amount to a city of smokestacks. The men asserted high property taxes would result if the area does not "take care of industry." Some of the figures quoted brought gasps from some 50 persons at a meeting called by the backers of the proposed city of New Haven.

One of the men, Maurice Cox, said he thought a well-planned community of 80% industry and 20% residential would be a good thing. Cox, an Oakland investment banker, claimed he qualified as a disinterested outsider and had appeared before the group because "I am civic minded" and looking out for the good of the whole county. He added, however, that a group of us have considerable land in the area, which could be sold to industry or gotten rid of in an "unplanned, hodgepodge community." Both Cox and Abe Doty, an Oakland industrial realtor who lives in Orinda, said large residential developments are a drain on the community. Cox said that each family that moves in is a "liability" and causes increased taxes with its demand for schools and city services. Both men lashed out at Hayward as a community with too many homes and not enough industry.

Sheldon Glatt of the Western Pacific Railroad told the group his firm owns property in the area and has been looking toward Hayward. He said Hayward city officials have promised to service the land with water and utilities. Glatt added, however, that if Western Pacific could get a commitment from New Haven on water and sewage, the company might reconsider and go along with the proposed city.

Steering committee Secretary Kenneth Garcia promptly informed Glatt he would try to arrange a meeting with Union Sanitary District directors to see what could be done. Elvin Rose, Alvarado

Sanitary District director told the audience his district was preparing to launch an engineering survey of the industrially zoned area to determine what it would cost to service it. He said the survey would also determine the assessed valuation of the area and give the district a basis for future planning.

*The Daily Review, May 9, 1957*

### **Sugar:**

A temporary restraining order has been imposed in Alameda County Superior Court against mass picketing at the Holly Sugar Corp. refinery in Alvarado. Officers of the United Sugar Workers of California have been ordered to appear in court at 2:00 p.m. on May 17<sup>th</sup> to show why this injunction should not be made permanent.

*The Daily Review, May 10, 1957*

### **Marriage:**

Warren Anthony Rogers of Alvarado and Elaine Souza of Niles. Both are graduates of Washington Union High School.

*The Daily Review, May 10, 1957*

### **Union Sanitary District of No Help:**

Union Sanitary District directors have cleared away an obstacle to Hayward's proposed annexation of 1,132 acres south of that city. Despite opposition from Union City and New Haven forces, directors of Union Sanitary District said that they cannot sewer a key 150-acre segment of Hayward's proposed annex owned by the Western Pacific Railroad.

Frank Borghi Jr. and Kenneth Garcia, Union City and New Haven representatives, said the action, if repeated, would allow a "vulture-like" Hayward to grab industrial land near Decoto and Alvarado. The 150-acre piece lies north of Whipple Road between Alvarado and Decoto. Borghi and Garcia asked the district to annex the land to keep it from Hayward, but directors said servicing the area would be too costly.

*The Daily Review, May 14, 1957*

### **Holy Ghost:**

Queen of Alvarado's S.D.E.S. annual Holy Ghost Festival Saturday and Sunday will be Miss Mary Ann Travers of San Lorenzo. Miss Traver's side maids are Miss Elaine Pinto, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. **Peter Pinto**, 971 Watkins Street, Alvarado, and Miss Alice Andrade of Niles.

The two-day festival will open Saturday at 7:30 p.m. with a procession to be followed by a 9:00 p.m. dance at the S.D.E.S. Hall, 846 Watkins St., Alvarado.

At 9:30 a.m. Sunday a parade will move to St. Anne's catholic Church on Smith Street, Alvarado where Miss Travers will be crowned. The traditional carne and sopas will follow.

Other members of Miss Travers court are Betty Jean Pimentel, Carol Silva, Christine Silva and Judy Quadros, bar girls; Darlene Miller and Melinda Silva, cape bearers.

Miss Laura Helen Cabral, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Cabral of Hayward, is the middle queen. Members of her court are Paula Amaral and Jacqueline Soares, side maids; Joanne Silva, Rose Mary Silva, Susie Silva, and Susie Pettas, bar girls and Kathleen Bento, cape holder.

Attending little queen Norma Jean Silveira, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Norman Silveira of Alvarado, will be Rhonda Rose and Claudia Corchero.

Fiesta committee heads are Manuel Perry, Frank Goularte, Manuel Martin, Jack Silva, Wilbert Hendricks, Frank George, Mat Machado, Tony Alexander, Ray Freitas, Ernie Quadros, Lee Anne Re, and **Peter Pinto**.

*The Daily Review, May 15, 1957*

**Daily Review Insight:**

Definition: No wonder Decoto and Alvarado residents are cool to the Union City-New Haven boys. Barkers for the latter Monday referred to Hayward as a "vulture" preying on Decoto and Alvarado," a not so direct way of saying those two growing communities are dead.

*The Daily Review, May 15, 1957*

**New Union City High School:**

Washington Union High School Trustees voted last night to purchase 49.9 acres of land at \$5,124 an acre for construction of a high school in Decoto. The property, purchased from the estate of Jeanette May, is located on Alvarado-Nursery Road ([Alvarado-Niles Road](#)) at its intersection with Decoto Road.

*The Daily Review, May 15, 1957*

**New Haven Extension:**

New Haven backers this morning filed with county supervisors papers giving them 50 more days of jurisdiction to circulate incorporation petitions. The group is maneuvering to make a city out of Alvarado and Decoto.

*The Daily Review, May 16, 1957*

**Robber Runs Out-of-Gas:**

Because his get away ran out of gas, a suspect was apprehended by Hayward Police last night shortly after the Craig Oil Station at Berry and Castro Streets was robbed of \$48. The suspect, George Lerand, 27, of Maiden Lane, Alvarado, admitted complicity in the two-man robbery.

*The Daily Review, May 16, 1957*

**Sugar:**

Unfair labor practices complaints were filed with the National labor Relations Board against Teamsters and sugar workers unions by three struck sugar companies. The companies including the Holly Sugar Co. with a plant in Alvarado charged the unions were violating the secondary boycott provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act.

One complaint named Oakland's Local 70 of the Teamsters Union and Cy Stulting, its former president and business agent. Stulting is accused of inducing members of his union not to handle the companies sugar at the Haslett Warehouse Terminal in Oakland.

*The Daily Review, May 17, 1957*

**Classified Ad:**

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE:

Bar-B-Que tables with two benches, \$10.95. Al's Nude Furniture, Hiway 17 between Alvarado and Centerville.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 18, 1957*

**Sugar:**

Classified Ad:

HELP WANTED:

The Holly Sugar Corporation wants men immediately to work at it's Alvarado Factory during a strike. Weekly pay ranges \$63.60 and up for a 40 hour week.

Apply in person at the Alvarado Plant or,

Phone: **AL**varado 55-711.

*The Daily Review, May 18, 1957*

**Alvarado Hikes Teacher Pay:**

The Alvarado School trustees raised teacher's minimum salaries from \$3,950 to \$4,272 last night. Although raises are given on an individual basis, the newly adopted plan provides for regular step raises of \$200 per year. Maximum salary is \$7,200 at the end of 12 years.

*The Daily Review, May 21, 1957*

**Sugar:**

Members of local 20630, employed at the Holly Sugar Co. Plant in Alvarado, cast ballots last night. The vote will be tabulated tonight at council headquarters in San Francisco.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 22, 1957*

**Eleanor Thomas Dies:**

Mrs. Eleanor Jane Thomas died May 20<sup>th</sup> in Alvarado. She is the wife of the Edward Thomas.

*The Daily Review, May 22, 1957*

**Sugar:**

Some 1,200 workers on strike against 10 California beet sugar refineries voted "by a substantial margin" to reject a new employer offer, a spokesman for the United Sugar Workers Council reported today. The union spokesman added that the next step would be to extend to a consumer boycott.

The latest company offer provided wage increases ranging from two to seven cents an hour in each of the two years of the contract and overtime pay for work over 44 hours weekly this year and 40 hours next year.

*The Daily Review, May 23, 1957*

**Sanitary District Study:**

An engineer to study the area and estimate expansion costs will be hired by the Alvarado Sanitary District, Frank Borghi, Union City Steering Committee chairman said today. Borghi told *The Review* that the study's purpose would be to determine the feasibility of expanding its service in the Alvarado and Decoto area, especially towards industry.

The Union Sanitary District directors last week told area residents that they couldn't economically extend service to industrial land now being courted by Hayward annexation forces.

*The Daily Review, May 23, 1957*

**Alvarado PTA Talent Show:**

The Alvarado PTA will sponsor a variety show at 8:00 p.m. Friday in the school auditorium. The two-hour public show will feature local talent of all ages. The Pinto Bros. Orchestra will furnish music, and Master of Ceremonies will be handled by William Silva. Show chairman is Mrs. Emily Sacramento assisted by Mrs. Peter Pinto. Mrs. Marie Rose is chairman and Mrs. Josephine Tenorio is co-chairman. Reservations are being taken by Mrs. Rose, **AL**varado 55-830.

*The Daily Review, May 23, 1957*

**Sugar:**

Sugar beet workers went back to work today at the Holly Sugar Co. in Alvarado. The two-year agreement calls for hourly wage raises from 2¢ to 10¢ during each of the next two years. Overtime will be paid after 44 hours weekly during seasonal operations this year and after 40 hours next year. The 48-hour workweek will remain in effect during seasonal operations.

*The Daily Review, May 27, 1957*

**Elmer Posey Dies:**

Elmer Posey, 39, of Hayward passed away Sunday at a Hayward hospital. Mr. Posey was a member and president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie 1695 of Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, May 28, 1957*

**Alvarado Graduate:**

A Bachelor of Arts degree will be conferred to Miss Margaret C. Mehl of Alvarado at commencement exercises to be held Saturday at the College of the Holy Names in Oakland.

*The Daily Review, May 31, 1957*

**Classified Ad:**

**HELP WANTED – MALE:**

The Holly Sugar Co. is hiring help. Work is on the basis of a 40-hour week with work 10 hours a day, six days a week. Overtime pay is at time and a half over 40 hours. Apply at the Main Office at the plant at Alvarado. Weekly earnings are \$119.70.

*The Daily Review, June 1, 1957*

**Polio Shots:**

Polio vaccination clinics are scheduled in five southern Alameda County communities. In Alvarado the shots will be available from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Fire House.

*The Daily Review, June 1, 1957*

**Betty Cheng Weds:**

Miss Betty Susan Cheng, formerly of Alvarado, wed Clarence Tom of Salinas. Betty attended Alvarado Grammar School and Washington Union High School. She is the daughter of Mrs. Gum Hoo Cheng; Milton Cheng gave the bride in marriage. The Cheng's lived on Alvarado-Niles Road adjacent to the I-880 cloverleaf at Alvarado-Niles Road.

*The Daily Review, June 4, 1957*

**Eagles Installation:**

Joint installation ceremonies will be held by the Alvarado Eagles Aerie and Auxiliary 1695 at 8:00 p.m. Monday at the Eagles Hall on Smith Street in Alvarado. Don Lang will succeed the late Elmer Posey as Aerie President.

*The Daily Review, June 7, 1957*

**Alvarado Sanitary District Hires Consultants:**

The Alvarado Sanitary District has hired a consulting engineer firm from Palo Alto to study the feasibility of the Alvarado Sanitary District servicing the Alvarado/Decoto area. The move is made necessary by Union Sanitary District's refusal to extend facilities into the Alvarado/Decoto area because of the expense involved.

*The Daily Review, June 7, 1957*

**Commercial Advertisement:**

SHERWIN WILLIAM PAINTS

Famous for high quality

KEM-CRETE Paints

\$7.35 per gallon

In Alvarado it's available at:

Sam Dinsmore's

*The Oakland Tribune, June 9, 1957*

**Alvarado-Niles Road:**

A \$214,209 low bid for construction of a bridge and grading and surfacing on Alvarado-Niles Road was accepted today by the Division of Highways. The work will be for 2.4 miles between Alquire Road ([today's Dyer Street](#)) and Decoto Road. Low was the Eugene Alves Co. of Pittsburgh.

*The Daily Review, June 13, 1957*

**W.U.H.S. Graduates Get Free Gifts:**

Michael's offers a valuable FREE gift to all graduates of W.U.H.S. and every grammar school in Centerville, Irvington, Newark, Alvarado, Decoto, Niles, Mission San Jose, Alviso and Warm Springs. Just our way of saying congratulations. Nothing to buy, just bring in your letter.

*The Daily Review, June 13, 1957*

**4-H and FFA Members:**

Youths from South County 4-H and FFA groups will present a million dollar parade of livestock at the Alameda County Fair, opening here Friday. Entering livestock from Alvarado will be Bob Harvey.

*The Daily Review, June 18, 1957*

**Mrs. Matoza Mourns Loss:**

Mrs. Elizabeth Matoza of Alvarado is mourning the loss of her mother, Mrs. Mary Jesus, who passed away in Hayward on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

*The Daily Review, June 20, 1957*

**Baseball:**

Fremont Firemen beat Alvarado's First Western Bank team by a score of 11-3 in a Washington Township Little Bigger League baseball tilt.

*The Daily Review, June 20, 1957*

**Eagles Auxiliary:**

Committees for Alvarado Eagles Auxiliary 1695 have been named by President, Mrs. Mary Mattox. They include Mmes. Alvina Leal, Tessie Maciel, Theresa Agna, Ann Kochalks, Mildred Posey, Florence Wallace, Annie Baird, Alice Menezes, Anna Perry, Aurora Lewis and Laura Gallo.

Mrs. Lewis is the Auxiliary's delegate to the state convention in Fresno being held tomorrow. The next Auxiliary meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. July 8<sup>th</sup> at the Eagles Hall, Smith Street, Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, June 28, 1957*

**UPEC Dance:**

June 29; pre-UPEC Day dance at the S.D.E.S. Hall on Watkins Street in Alvarado at 9:00 p.m., sponsored by UPEC Councils 3, 16, and 5. The Pinto Brothers Orchestra will supply the music. Prizes will be awarded.

*The Daily Review, June 28, 1957*

**J.A. Ratekin:**

J. A. Ratekin, Superintendent of the Holly Sugar plant in Alvarado, has been named as one of fifteen directors in the South Bay Aqueduct Association. The group formed to promote the proposed Alameda-Contra Costa-Santa Clara-San Benito aqueduct to bring San Joaquin Delta water to those four counties.

*The Daily Review, July 6, 1957*

**Teen Time Writers:**

Now that summer vacation is well underway, and the excitement of the last weeks spent in school are gradually subsiding, groups of teenagers are getting together for summer parties and fun. Summer is a busy social season and your Teen Time correspondents know that. They're interested in finding out about the parties, who was there and what the group did for entertainment.

In Washington Township your Teen Time writer is Sherry Stiarwalt, who lives at 803 Vallejo Street in Alvarado, and her telephone number is **AL**varado 55-919. Let her know what is happening, before or immediately after the event.

*The Daily Review, July 6, 1957*

**Union City Incorporation at Impasse:**

The Union City Steering Committee members agreed last night they are at a temporary impasse in their incorporation efforts. Chairman Frank Borghi asserted the future of the area depends on an engineering survey being made for developing sanitary facilities. The survey is not expected to be completed before August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Meanwhile a six-member committee was appointed to find a way of financing incorporation activities. Kenneth Garcia, Wilbert Hendricks, Oscar Dowe, John Ratekin, Johnny Sanchez, and George Hocking were the appointees.

*The Daily Review, July 9, 1957*

**VFW Picnic:**

An all-day picnic with breakfast, luncheon and a barbeque will be sponsored by the Paul E. Rivers Post 7906, VFW, on August 4<sup>th</sup> at the Pleasanton Fairgrounds. Games are also planned for members of the post and auxiliary and their families. Ed Silva is chairman of the outing, with Bill Martinez as co-chairman.

Other activities planned for this year are: A Halloween dance to be planned by co-chairmen Norman Silveira and Ed Fantuzzi. A Christmas party is set for December 22<sup>nd</sup>, to be arranged by William Silva and Fantuzzi; a January 11<sup>th</sup> Hard Times dance, with co-chairmen Bob Chavis and Bert Alvarez; a Valentine dance scheduled for February 8<sup>th</sup>, with Jess Jacinto and Brad Martinez in charge, installation ceremonies on April 12<sup>th</sup> with Bob Lind as chairman, Memorial Day Services to be handled by Ernie Machado and Leonard Silva on May 30<sup>th</sup>, a dinner-dance on June 14<sup>th</sup> with Ray Corchero making the arrangements.

*The Daily Review, July 10, 1957*

**Alvarado Wedding:**

Miss Marlene Andrade, daughter of Mrs. Carrie Andrade of Fair Ranch Road, Alvarado was wed to Frederick Henry Dohman of Hayward at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Alvarado. They are honeymooning in Los Angeles.

*The Daily Review, July 11, 1957*

**Eagles:**

The Alvarado Eagles Auxiliary 1695 discussed next month's activity at Monday night's meeting at the Eagles Hall in Alvarado. Plans are underway for a secret pal dinner and a fishpond entertainment event, both to be held sometime in August, according to Mrs. Mary Mattox, president.

Mrs. Laura Gallo, past president and delegate to the June 27-30 convention in Fresno, gave her support on that annual event at the meeting. Mrs. Jack Lewis the alternate delegate.

Members expressed their wishes for member Mrs. Leontine Costa's speedy recovery from a recent operation. Refreshments were served after the business session. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Annie Baird and Mrs. Theresa Agna.

*The Daily Review, July 11, 1957*

**Marlene Andrade:**

Miss Marlene Andrade of Alvarado was a bridesmaid for Miss Shirley Mello of the Alviso district in her recent marriage to Thomas Meeker.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 21, 1957*

**TV ???:**

(A feature of the Oakland Tribune)

Question: Will "Eloise" be shown on Playhouse 90 again? Carole Burns, Alvarado

Answer: Possibly, they're running repeats of last season's shows.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 22, 1957*

**Duck Club Looted:**

A duck club on the levee west of Alvarado was looted of guns, food, jackets and a Coleman lantern last week, according to sheriff's deputies. Owner Edward Bertelsman of San Bruno reported the theft yesterday. The looters smashed windows and pried open a door before entering the building. No estimate of the stolen goods and damage done was given.

*The Daily Review, July 22, 1957*

**Flood Control Work:**

A May-June progress report on projects in the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District was released this week by engineer James Vivrette.



Zone 3A: Construction was continued on the main outlet channel between San Francisco Bay and Alvarado. Work on the lines in the vicinity of the tide gate structure to Hesperian Boulevard and the San Mateo Bridge Road, Alvarado and Mt. Eden was nearly 95% complete at the end of June. *The Daily Review, July 22, 1957*

**TV ???:**

(A feature of the Oakland Tribune)

Question: Any chance of "You Are There" being based on the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake?  
Frank Perez, Alvarado.

Answer: Possibly, because it deals with historical events.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 25, 1957*

**Mrs. Mary Rose Mourns Loss:**

Mrs. Mary Rose of Alvarado is mourning the loss of her father, Joseph Borges, 75, of Niles who died yesterday at his home on Santos Avenue.

*The Daily Review, July 27, 1957*

**Eagles Auxiliary:**

A secret pal dinner and fishpond entertainment are two events being planned for August by Alvarado Eagles Auxiliary 1695.

The entertainment is scheduled for the regular evening meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup> at the Eagles Hall on Smith Street in Alvarado. Mrs. Jackie Lewis and Mrs. Annie Perry are in charge. The refreshment committee includes Mrs. Lewis, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Martha Faria.

*The Daily Review, July 29, 1957*

**VFW:**

The Paul E. Rivers Post 7906, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will hold its all day picnic Sunday at the Pleasanton Fair Grounds. Games are planned for members of the post and the auxiliary and their families. Ed Silva is chairman of the outing, with Bill Martinez as co-chairman.

*The Daily Review, July 31, 1957*

**Alvarado's Bronze Plaque:**

A bronze plaque beside a service station wall is all that remains of the first home of Alameda County government. It marks the spot in Alvarado (then known as New Haven) where the Court of Sessions to govern 3,500 people opened up for business on June 6, 1853, on the second floor of a frame building. But this location of the county seat was short lived.

The following year when the owner of the building presented a \$200 bill for rent of the single room over his store, the people's indignation was aroused.

There was no jail and facilities were generally inadequate so it was decided to move the county seat to San Leandro. An election to authorize the move was held in December 1854 and was approved by a margin of 234 votes.

But a legal technicality arose as the government began to settle in to its new San Leandro courthouse. No one could explain who called or authorized the election. So the state legislature ordered the county seat to be moved back, bag and baggage, to Alvarado until a decision could be made on the legality of the election. Finally, in 1856, the move was ruled legal and the county seat was once more moved to San Leandro where it remained until 1873.

From San Leandro the county seat was moved to East Oakland until 1875, and thence to Fifth and Broadway until 1936. The portable county seat finally came to rest at 12<sup>th</sup> and Fallon Streets, where it remains today.

The old Alvarado courthouse and several other buildings were destroyed by fire in 1890. On June 6, 1953, a bronze plaque was donated and dedicated by the Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West to commemorate the spot where the county had its humble beginnings 104 years ago.

*The Daily Review, August 6, 1957*

**Marriage License:**

Alexander M. Volz, 24, Alvarado

Carolyn Lee Smith, 15, Fremont

*The Oakland Tribune, August 9, 1957*

**Alvarado Church Plans Fifth Fair:**

St. Anne's Catholic Church will hold its fifth annual fiesta and bazaar October 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> at the S.D.E.S. Hall on Watkins Street in Alvarado. Concession booths, a Saturday night dance and ham dinner are planned. Tony Dutra is chairman of this year's program.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 9, 1957*

**Classified Ad:**

HELP WANTED FEMALE:

PORTUGUESE woman for light housework and companion to elderly lady in Alvarado. Live in. Fremont Domestic Agency, 123 Mission, Oliver 6-4389

*The Daily Review, August 10, 1957*

**Hall Station Train Wreck:**

An asphalt truck driver was killed when a train collided with his truck at the intersection of the Southern Pacific railroad tracks on the Alvarado Centerville Hiway at Hall Station. The driver, Lloyd L. Mangrum, Jr., died when his foot became entangled in the gearshift lever; the cab was bathed in gasoline when the fuel tank exploded. The driver was from Oakland, California.

*The Daily Review & The Oakland Tribune, August 16, 1957*

**Alvarado Sanitary District:**

A \$1,095,000 expansion program, which would involve annexation of most of the area between Hayward and Fremont, was reviewed last week by the directors of the Alvarado Sanitary District. Annexation would be necessary to provide a tax base to finance the program, a preliminary engineering study indicated.

*The Daily Review, August 19, 1957*

**Alvarado Meat Market:**

Notice is hereby given that Hing Chan, intended vendor, whose address is 1027 Levee Street, City of Alvarado, County of Alameda, State of California, intends to sell, and Quan Yut, intended vendee, whose address is 1027 Levee Street, City of Alvarado, County of Alameda, State of California, intends to purchase a certain market, operated under the firm name and style of Alvarado Meat Market, situated at 1027 Levee Street, a general statement of the character of the merchandise or property intended to be sold as follows: Fixture and equipment and stocks in trade on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 1957.

*The Daily Review, August 19, 1957*

**Alvarado to Seek Federal Aid:**

Directors of the Alvarado Sanitary District resolved last night to seek federal aid to help finance a sewer expansion program that would service potential industry. The plan if successfully developed would further the aims of the proposed incorporation of Alvarado and Decoto.

A preliminary study of an expanded district shows the need for eleven miles of sewer mains and new treatment plant facilities at the cost of \$1,095,000.

*The Daily Review, August 22, 1957*

**VFW Auxiliary:**

The Paul E. Rivers Post, Veteran of Foreign Wars, Auxiliary 7906 of Alvarado will honor charter members at the next meeting September 4<sup>th</sup> at the Veterans Memorial Building in Niles. Five and ten year pins will be presented to members by visiting 14<sup>th</sup> District President, Ann Rohen.

Members to receive ten-year pins are: Frances Allegre, Connie Maciel, Clara Jacinto, Doris M. Paredes, Mary Goularte, Marjorie Re, Mary Rivers, Mary B. Rivers, Lorraine Silva, Wilma Silva, Mary Silveira and Angie Vargas.

Members receiving five-year pins are: Kathleen Silva, Jeanette Bratton, Aldora Gonsalves, Anita Fantuzzi, Mary Aguiar, Bernice Dias, Emily Noia, Mary Pine, Beatrice Rose, and Laverne Shestack.  
*The Daily Review, August 28, 1957*

### **Sugar:**

If Ebenezer H. Dyer were to return today he would be surprised indeed. Dyer is the man who built the United State's first commercially successful beet sugar factory in Alvarado in 1879. Today the factory turns out more sugar in two days than he produced in an entire season. This year it will produce an estimated 65,000,000 pounds of sugar plus a variety of by-products. Ten thousand trucks, two thousand rail cars and a fleet of barges will haul the crop to and from the plant. The factory will consume enough natural gas in one day to supply a good-sized city and will use 160,000 pounds of lime rock and impressive amounts of other raw materials.

Dyer, the first local sugar manufacturer to show a profit, would find that the granulated product which was the mainstay of his business today comprises less than half the factory's output. Sixty-five per cent of production is now in liquid form. His factory was taken over in 1927 by the Holly Sugar Company, which still operates at the original site.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 28, 1957*

### **Flood Control:**

Contract for the improvement of the channel of Patterson Creek south of Alvarado, was awarded yesterday to Associated Dredging Co. of Sausalito by the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. The low bid \$56,666, lowest of the five bids entered. The work is to be completed by January 1958. The work includes excavation of a half mile of the creek bed through the Coyote Hills.

*The Daily Review, August 28, 1957*

### **Eagles:**

The Eagles Auxiliary 1695 is having its annual ham dinner September 7<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. at the Eagles Hall in Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, August 29, 1957*

### **Bank Robbery:**

A bank manager who kept cool after bandits locked him and five others in the vault was credited with saving six lives, including his own, after the robbers fled with \$40,000. Walter H. Oakey II, Manager of the Alvarado Branch of the First Western Bank, was preparing to dismiss his three employees and close for the day Friday when two bandits, armed with a .32 automatic and a nickel plated revolver, entered. They forced Oakey at gunpoint to empty \$6,000 from three teller windows. Then they herded him, his three co-workers, and two customers into the vault. After rifling the vault of more than \$30,000, the bandits slammed the door. The six victims faced the prospect of remaining there over the Labor Day weekend with only 10 hours of air.

Oakey pulled two alarm switches inside the vault he had been able to reach while under the close scrutiny of the bandits. Half an hour later Donald E. Mayers, Manager of the bank's Niles Branch nearby, arrived. Oakey, shouting at the top of his lungs gave him the vault combination number by number through the locked vault door.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 31, 1957*

### **Sugar:**

The historic sugar mill at Alvarado, which made Alameda County the birthplace of the nation's beet sugar industry and one of the leading producing centers was busy today turning out sugar at a rate of better than 400 pounds a minute.

Before the end of this year's operations, shortly after December, sugar production is expected to reach a total of 65 million pounds, a figure the man who started it all would have found almost unbelievable.

His name was Ebenezer H. Dyer, a transplanted Yankee who settled in Alameda County exactly 100 years ago and took up farming. Somehow Dyer became interested in sugar beets, then a virtually unknown crop in the United States, and in the manufacture of sugar. Though the beet sugar industry had flourished in Europe since the time of Napoleon, attempts to establish it in America had for one reason or another proved uniformly unsuccessful.

Undismayed by the dismal record, Dyer persuaded some of his neighbors to join him in raising sugar beets. He started processing his crop in a factory he built on a corner of his farm in 1879 ([Mr. Dyer had initially started a beet refinery in 1870 but it failed](#)). During that *first* sugar-making campaign the factory turned out 600 tons of sugar and similar amounts were made in following years. Small as this figure is by modern standards, it represented the total annual beet sugar production for the entire United States.

*The Daily Review, August 31, 1957*

### **Hunt for Bank Robbers:**

Federal agents and sheriffs deputies fanned out in a widening search tonight for two gunmen who calmly looted the Alvarado Branch of First Western Bank & Trust Co. of \$35,000, then vanished into heavy holiday traffic.

Authorities have not ruled out that the bandits may be hiding nearby, but that belief waned as the hours waned. A small army of investigators made almost a door-to-door search but failed to find a trace of the robbers or their getaway car.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 1, 1957*

### **Recalls Old Days:**

Old-timers recall the roaring-twenties when the notorious "Thirty-Strong Gang" roamed Northern California, robbing and gunning down its victims, including police. The \$35,000 holdup of the First Western Bank branch here yesterday refreshed long-dimmed memories.

It was the 1920 robbery of the same bank ([then called the Bank of Alameda County](#)), which led to a nation-wide manhunt, three raids on Oakland and San Francisco hangouts, and the final roundup of the band.

At noon, October 13, 1920, three of the gang armed with shotguns and revolvers took \$23,000 from the Bank of Alameda County. They shot twice and seriously wounded August May, the bank president, and manhandled a woman employee.

That was Alvarado's last bank robbery until yesterday. It was the third time the same bank had been held up in 45 years.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 1, 1957*

### **Bank Bandits Trail Gets Colder:**

The trail grew colder today behind two gunmen who held up the First Western Bank & Trust Co. in Alvarado late Friday and escaped with \$35,000. Sheriff's deputies and FBI agents, who launched an immediate search for the pair, continued to comb the area for traces of their old model car or any other clues to their whereabouts. All Bay Area police are also assisting in the search.

Alameda County Sheriff H. P. Gleason has appealed to the public to report any abandoned automobile. The getaway car was believed to be either a 1946 Chevrolet or Plymouth.  
*The Daily Review, September 2, 1957*

**Alvarado School:**

Some 325 children are expected to report to Alvarado Elementary School tomorrow. Although this is only a few more than last year's peak enrollment of 310, double sessions will probably be necessary in the First, Second and Third Grades. Grades Five and Six will meet in the school auditorium, which Supt. Leslie Maffey says will hamper other necessary auditorium activities. The old school was built in 1924, and condemned recently by the state, but will have to serve for at least another year.

*The Daily Review, September 2, 1957*

**Bank Robbery:**

The cool operators who robbed the Alvarado Bank ([First Western Bank](#)) last Friday still aren't match for a pair predecessors according to Sheriff H. P. Gleason.

Gleason's recalls that a bandit duo of 20 years ago, after filching cash from the same bank, took off in a northerly direction. Pursuing police were of the opinion the escape route had been carefully planned in advance. They became convinced of it when the robbers whisked across a set of railroad tracks and went merrily on their way while fuming cops waited for an intercepting freight train to pass.

*The Daily Review, September 4, 1957*

**Engagement Announced:**

The engagement of Carol Beverly Irons to Thomas Voyles has been announced by the family of the bride-elect. Carol, who is living with her sister, Mrs. John Gilchrist of Alvarado, is in her senior year at Washington Union High School. She previously attended school in Vallejo.

*The Daily Review, September 4, 1957*

**Christmas Seal Drive:**

The Alameda County Tuberculosis & Health Association Christmas Seal drive is being organized for the upcoming Christmas season. The penny holiday stickers are used to fund the tuberculosis association year-round activities. The campaign head for Alvarado is Genevieve Dutra.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 6, 1957*

**Sanitation District:**

([From the Editorial Page of the Daily Review](#))

During the last two weeks, residents in Washington Township have been bothered by offensive odors from inadequate treatment of industrial sewage. The Alviso City Manager has appealed to Governor Knight to have something done. An engineer for the Water Pollution Control Board says the south end of the bay is in "bad shape" from the sewage. In past years, caustic winds from dump areas have changed the colors of houses in the Fremont region.

These conditions dictate that steps be taken to correct the situation and that every care be taken to see that it does not become worse.

Especially to be deplored then, then, is the plan of the Alvarado Sanitary District to expand its "disposal plant." The plant gives primary treatment to sewage. In layman's language, primary treatment consists of septic tanks. Solids are periodically removed from the tanks, liquids carrying a quantity of suspended solids are discharged into the bay or a channel, and odors are discharged into the atmosphere. In the case of the Alvarado Sanitary District, the liquid is discharged into Alameda Creek.

The district's plan to expand its facilities will change none of these details, except that additional raw sewage liquids will be dumped in the creek, and more gases will arise. If the Alvarado

Sanitary District makes its proposed annexation, it will deliver a crippling blow to potential development of the area. It will have brought tremendous disadvantage to residents, both by property tax and air pollutants. And it will be smack against the problem of additionally heavy investment when the Water Pollution Board says it can no longer dump primary treated effluent into Alameda Creek or the Bay. The plan should be abandoned.

*The Daily Review, September 10, 1957*

#### **William Avila Dies:**

William Avila, 78, of Alvarado, died September 9<sup>th</sup>. He was the devoted husband of Angie Avila, and brother to Joseph Avila of Alvarado, Manuel Avila of Hayward, and John Avila of Oakland.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 11, 1957*

#### **Crop Duster Takes a Header:**

You can't keep a good man down, especially a crop duster pilot; and pilot Wes Leneville, 38, of San Jose is living proof of this. Early today his plane's engine conked out while he was dusting crops along Fair Ranch Road in Alvarado. When he tried to land, the plane struck soft dirt and nosed over. While police and ambulances rushed to the scene to pick up the pieces, Leneville calmly got out, enlisted the aid of spectators to help right his undamaged plane, and nonchalantly took off to resume his dusting.

*The Daily Review, September 13, 1957*

#### **Alvarado 4-H:**

A 4-H Club has been organized in Alvarado Elementary School this year. Selected to head activities were: Gordon Winslow, Leader; Frank Andrada, Community Leader; Marilyn Silva, Ass't Community Leader.

Chris Silva is President, Carol Noia, Vice President; Melvin Silva, Secretary; Kathy Silva, Treasurer; Gerri Pretti, Reporter; Tina Sacramento and Judy Quadros, Song Leaders; Donna Campos and Joe Casteneda, Game Leaders. Bunny Silva and Betty Jean Pimentel will serve as Sergeant at Arms.

Group leaders are: Wanda Pretti, Cooking; Angie Vargas, Sewing; and Bob Chavis, Rabbits.

*The Daily Review, September 20, 1957*

#### **Eagles:**

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Alvarado Eagles, No. 1695, will be celebrated by the organization at 8:00 p.m. Monday night. Service pins will be awarded to members having twenty or more years of membership.

*The Daily Review, September 21, 1957*

#### **Alvarado Eagles:**

The president of the Alvarado Eagles No. 1695 presented A. A. Lee of Alvarado with his 50-year service award pin during a celebration of the lodge's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

*The Daily Review, September 24, 1957*

#### **The Alvarado:**

Theater Playbill:

Mexican Features,

"Maria La Voz" with Rosanda Monteros

"Cantando Nacce Amor" with Elsa Aguirre

Closed Tonight - Starts Friday

115 Marsh Road, Alvarado Phone: **AL**varado 55-730

*The Daily Review, September 25, 1957*

#### **Marriage License:**

Frank Baltazar Garcia, 24, Alvarado

Mary Lopez, 15, Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, September 29, 1957*

**Alvarado Church Bazaar:**

The annual St. Anne's Catholic Church charity bazaar will open tonight and runs through October 8<sup>th</sup> at the I.D.E.S. Hall in Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, October 3, 1957*

**PTA:**

An **Alvarado PTA** meeting will be held tonight in the Alvarado School, at 1651 Smith Street, at 7:30 p.m. to hear an address by Mrs. Raymond Rodrigues, President of the Phoebe Hearst Council.

Recently names chairmanships in the unit were Mmes. Dorothy Wright, Eldora Pinto, Mildred Priego, Georgia Miller, Kay Silva, Marie Rose, Leslie Maffey, Evalene Griffin and Ruby Taylor.

*The Daily Review, October 3, 1957*

**Flood Control:**

A storm drain will be built connecting the Zone 3A main outlet channel with an already existing storm drain at Hesperian Boulevard and Miami Street in Palma Ceia Village. The line will also link a recently completed drain from the Baumberg area.

*The Daily Review, October 3, 1957*

**Alvarado Pair to Be Married:**

Arnold M. Gardetto and Geraldine M. Rose will be married at the Decoto Catholic Church on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Geraldine is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Rose of 1129 "W" Street, Alvarado. She is a June graduate of Washington Union High School. Arnold is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gardetto, of Granger Street in Alvarado. He is in the employ of the Decoto Pipe Company.

*The Daily Review, October 7, 1957*

**Classified Ad:**

FOR RENT:

Unfurnished two-room bachelor cottage, \$45. Four room house, \$65.

Phone: **AL**varado 55-895

*The Daily Review, October 10, 1957*

**Mrs. Dyer Dies:**

Funeral services will be held Wednesday for Mrs. Elizabeth Ralph Dyer, 86, member of a pioneer Alvarado family, who died yesterday in a San Francisco hospital after a brief illness. Mrs. Dyer was born in Alvarado. Her brother, John Ralph of Alvarado, survives her. She was active in many clubs and leaves a son and a daughter, and a brother, John Ralph of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 21, 1957*

**Alvarado School Bids:**

Bids on Alvarado School District's new school, which will replace the present condemned building, will be opened on November 4<sup>th</sup>. The district hopes to have the new \$500,000 three-wing building finished in time to open next September.

*The Daily Review, October 23, 1957*

**Marriage License:**

Thomas Gualco, 24, Alvarado

Janet Vigallon Delgado, 20, Irvington

*The Daily Review, October 25, 1957*

**Alvarado-Decoto Incorporation:**

Planning director Robert L. Williams yesterday presented to the County Planning Commission the preliminary work program outline for the development of the Decoto-Alvarado Plan. This is an

intense study of a specific area designed to supplement and strengthen the overall County Master Plan.

The Planning Commission technical staff is surveying and studying the area and will, on dates not yet determined, hold public meetings within the area involved, similar to the recent meeting in Castro Valley on the Castro Valley Plan.

The Decoto-Alvarado area contains the largest amount of land along the bay plain that remains unincorporated. The major portions of the lands are currently non-urban, Williams told the commissioners, and are being used for agriculture and salt ponds.

However, as soon as the area is no longer subject to flooding, **flood control** and reclamation will solve this problem Williams said, the area will become suited to "intensive development."

*The Daily Review, October 31, 1957*

### **Flood Control:**

Like the cop on the corner, The Alameda County **Flood Control** and Water Conservation District has its eye on the approaching winter rainy season and the floods it sometimes brings. But the district, just short of its eighth year of work, is better prepared than ever to control floodwaters streaming out of the hills.

Alameda Creek, the major source of trouble in the 1955-1956 floods, has always been a potential threat for flooding. So district planning and construction has provided greater capacity through the main outlet channel west of Alvarado.

In the same areas levees have been built been set up to protect adjoining properties and provide areas to take flood flows and drainage south of Hayward.

*The Daily Review, October 31, 1957*

### **Pea-Soup Fog:**

The sleepy driver crawling through Alvarado in a fog thick as cotton early yesterday morning awoke WIDE awake when he turned wrong and found himself a quarter of a block along the Southern Pacific railroad tracks with his car's tail end off the ground and his wheels spinning. They towed him to high ground before the Old '99 came 'round the bend...

*The Oakland Tribune, October 31, 1957*

### **East Shore Freeway:**

The state hopes to open another section of the East Shore Freeway on November 14, a 5.9-mile link from Jackson Street in Hayward to Beard Road between Alvarado and Centerville. The final section of the big road to San Jose, from Beard Road to Warm Springs is expected to open next September.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 1, 1957*

### **Alvarado School Bids:**

The Alvarado School District Trustees opened bids for a new 13-classroom school last night. Bids submitted by seven construction firms ranged from \$340,100 to \$363,900. These will now go to the District attorney's Office for a legal check and then to the state division of finance for a final review.

*The Daily Review, November 5, 1957*

### **Bank Robberies:**

Bank robberies yesterday raised the total of bank hold-ups in the Bay Area to six since the August 30<sup>th</sup> robbery of the First Western Bank in Alvarado. During this period \$46,000 in loot has been taken, the majority, \$35,000, in the Alvarado Bank job alone. The daring duo of that robbery still remain on the loose and the case remains unsolved.

*The Daily Review, November 5, 1957*



**Truck Collides with Train:**

An Alameda man is in "fair condition" today after his truck collided with a freight train south of Alvarado. James F. Tobar, 47, was northbound on Highway 17 this morning when his empty flatbed truck slammed into the side of a Southern Pacific freight train and was hurled 150 feet. The train's engineer said the train was doing about 50 MPH. California Highway Patrolmen said the flashing signals at the crossing were working properly.

*The Daily Review, November 8, 1957*

**U.C. Chamber of Commerce:**

The Union City Chamber of Commerce will hear a progress report Wednesday on Alvarado's Sanitary District expansion plans. District directors are expected to outline steps necessary for annexing some 3,800 acres to the existing 360-acre district. The expansion program calls for spending \$1,095,000 for an additional 11.6 miles of sewer mains and new treatment facilities.

Kenneth Garcia, a Chamber of Commerce Director, said his group probably would be called on to circulate the petition for the annexing some six square miles to the district. The chamber will also select a nominating committee at the Alvarado Fire Station.

*The Daily Review, November 11, 1957*

**Water:**

The State Water Resources Board will accept the city's ([Pleasanton](#)) of the Alameda County Water District's request for water from the Arroyo del Valle. Arguments supporting the city's protest will be made at a week long hearing of the board in Oakland beginning December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Pleasanton County Water District filed a similar request.

The water district, which supplies water for Fremont, Newark, Decoto and Alvarado, seeks 69,000-acre feet of surplus water from Arroyo. Both districts have discussed building a multi-million dollar dam on the Arroyo del Valle to capture so-called surplus waters. It has been estimated the state board will need 15 years to determine which waters on the stream are surplus.

*The Daily Review, November 12, 1957*

**Frances Robie Dies:**

Frances Rebecca Robie died in Newark November 11<sup>th</sup> at the age of 90. She was the beloved wife of the late Russell Starr Robie, mother to W. Russell Robie and Mrs. F. A. Muller, and grandmother to Fred Muller.

Mrs. Robie spent many years in Alvarado and was active in the Order of Eastern Star, the Washington Township Country Club, First Presbyterian Church, Toyon Branch of the Children's Hospital, Women of Woodcraft and clerk of the Alvarado Board of Trustees for 35 years.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 12, 1957*

**Drag Racing:**

The Santa Clara Timing Association closed its season at the Little Bonneville Drag Strip ([Reid-Hillview Airport in San Jose](#)) last Sunday. Racing will resume at the Bonneville track next season. Taking top honors in his class was Rodney Hendricks of Alvarado who was timed at 84.33 MPH in the quarter mile distance.

*The Daily Review, November 19, 1957*

**Classified Ad:**

MOTORCYCLES:

Allstate, 1955, Australian built, runs good, \$95.

Phone: **AL**varado 55-701

*The Oakland Tribune, November 20, 1957*

**Classified Ad:**

IMPORTED & SPORTS CARS:

English Ford Consul, 1951, Fordor, leather interior, radio and heater. \$375.

Alvarado 55-701

*The Oakland Tribune, November 20, 1957*

**PTA:**

The Alvarado PTA will hold its annual carnival from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. tomorrow in the Alvarado Elementary School auditorium. A circus theme is being carried out in decorating the 17 booths, which mothers and teachers will conduct.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 21, 1957*

**Alvarado Sanitary District:**

Expansion of the Alvarado Sanitary District to more than nine times its present size has the full backing of the Union City Chamber of Commerce. Chamber members, meeting with district directors last night, endorsed the \$1,095,000 expansion program outlined last August by District Consultant Harry N. Jenks.

A spokesman for the chamber said members would circulate annexation petitions among property owners of practically all the unincorporated land between Fremont and Hayward. If successful, the annexation would add a total 3,840 acres to the 400-acre district and increase its assessed value from \$680,000 to \$3,850,000.

Union City proponents believe the expansion will clear the largest hurdle blocking their move to incorporate the Alvarado-Decoto area into a new Southern Alameda County city.

*The Daily Review, November 21, 1957*

**Alvarado Was Cheated:**

It got into print a few days ago that Alvarado might still be the county seat and heartland of Alameda County if our pioneers had got in and controlled floods down there in the old days.

Pish and piffle snorts my old-time source who's seen 'em come and seen 'em go, man and boy for seventy years. "The reason Alvarado isn't the County Seat is, back in 18 and 54 (1854) them blackguards from San Leandro, reinforced with 500 voters imported from San Francisco, stuffed the ballot box and snatched the seat of government by 234 votes, and the whole thing was a trumped-up election never ordered by the constituted authorities nohow."

*The Oakland Tribune, November 25, 1957*

**Sanitary District:**

The waste disposal problem that has impeded industrial development in Southern Alameda County appeared no nearer to a solution today than it did a year ago. That was the opinion expressed by various sanitary engineers yesterday following a hearing before the Board of Supervisors in the county's Hayward office building.

Nearly a year ago a committee was named to conduct hearings and evolve a plan whereby all government entities could share in cost of a survey to decide how to solve the common problem. Yesterday another committee was formed to study a similar problem. Members of the committee will include representatives from San Leandro, Hayward, Livermore, Pleasanton, Fremont, Ora Loma Sanitary District, Alvarado Sanitary District, and the Union Sanitary District.

No date was set for a completion date.

*The Oakland Tribune, November 27, 1957*

**New Alvarado School Started:**

Ground was broken yesterday for the new Alvarado Elementary School which will replace the present school. The first shovel full of earth was turned over by Board Clerk Wilbert Hendricks. On

hand to observe the brief noon hour ceremonies were other trustees, William Machado and George Vargas, school Supt. Leslie Maffey, school employees, architects, and representatives of the contractors.

*The Daily Review, December 5, 1957*

**Classified Ad:**

WORK WANTED:

Japanese-American woman desires housework by the hour.

Phone: **AL**varado 55-977, Miki, after 12

*The Daily Review, December 9, 1957*

**New Name for Highway 17?:**

Fremont City Councilmen shied away last from selecting a new name for Highway 17 between Alvarado and Warm Springs. The highway now has five names: Main Street, Broadway, Centerville-Irvington Road, Warm Springs-Irvington Road and Alvarado-Centerville Road. The State Division of Highways has asked that single name be chosen to be placed on Freeway interchange signs at Beard and Landing Roads.

Councilman tended to prefer Fremont Boulevard, but decided to wait until next Tuesday to get public reaction to the change before making it legal.

*The Daily Review, December 11, 1957*

**Alvarado Sanitary District:**

[\(From the Editorial Pages of The Daily Review\)](#)

Yesterday Hayward won an important legal battle that will save property owners in the region of Decoto and Alvarado thousands of dollars. The victory came when Superior Court Judge Chris B. Fox ruled that backers of the proposed Union City had no right to interfere in Hayward's annexation area.

The ruling not only undercuts the Union City proposal, but also deflates the illogical plans of the **Alvarado Sanitary District** to expand to nine times its present size at the same time keeping the level of service it has maintained in the past. That level of service has been pretty low. It consists of primary treatment of effluent by running it through settling tanks and dumping the liquid into Alameda Creek whence it flows into the Bay.

Union City proponents have announced they will appeal yesterday's decision. Their chances to get a reversal are extremely slim, but an appeal could seriously hamper industrial development of the region. For that reason, it is hoped they will abandon the appeal route and hasten the day when the entire region will benefit from industrial developments that are already in the planning stage.

*The Daily Review, December 11, 1957*

**Alvarado-Decoto Unification:**

The Union City Steering Committee will huddle tomorrow night to decide the next step in its incorporation and annexation battle with Hayward. Superior Court Judge Chris B. Fox Tuesday ruled favorably on Hayward's annexation of 1,132 acres of choice industrial land bounded roughly by Alquire and Whipple Roads, the Eastshore Freeway ([I-880](#)), and Castro Street ([Mission Blvd](#)).

Union City backers trying to incorporate the Alvarado-Decoto area are faced with four courses of action; appeal, annex to Hayward, annex to Fremont or stay unincorporated as long as possible.

Committee Chairman Frank Borghi stated several months ago that success of the incorporation movement hinged largely on the success of the Alvarado Sanitary District expansion that would service the industrial area.

Tomorrow's meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. at the Fire Station on Smith Street.

*The Daily Review, December 12, 1957*

**Classified Ad:**

FOR RENT UNFURNISHED:

Nice 1 bedroom house between Alvarado and Fremont. \$65 monthly.

Alvarado 55-895

*The Daily Review, December 12, 1957*

**Union City Chamber of Commerce:**

The Union City Chamber of Commerce has elected four new directors for three-year terms. The new officials are Oscar Dowe, Charles Spencer, Henry Rivera, and Mrs. Mae Williams. Other members of the Chamber Board of Directors are Frank Borghi, Kenneth Garcia, Joseph Lewis, Mrs. Florence Spencer, John A. Ratekin, Bernie Joseph, Frank George and Wilbert Hendricks.

*The Daily Review, December 13, 1957*

**Incorporation Fight Pushed:**

Union City proponents voted last night to appeal the Superior Court victory of Hayward in the tussle for 1,132 acres of potential industrial land in the backdoors of Alvarado and Decoto. But there was a definite note of pessimism among the dozen members of the Union City Steering Committee that met in a strategy session at Alvarado's Fire Station.

Members generally painted this picture facing the movement to make an industrial city out of Alvarado, Decoto and surround farmland. A lot of the residents are losing interest in incorporating the area in a separate city.

If Union City loses the 1,132-acre generally bounded by Alquire and Whipple Roads, the Eastshore Freeway and Castro Street, it will likely doom the proposed expansion of the Alvarado Sanitary District, desperately needed to attract industry. Fremont would accept the area by annexation, but Fremont with its industrial development miles south of Union City wouldn't be interested in increasing the Union City industrial potential in the foreseeable future. Besides that, many members speaking from the floor asserted that Hayward, persistently and aggressively moving south, has Union City on the ropes.

Hayward is coming closer and closer, in the opinion of one large landowner, is jockeying into position to take the area piecemeal with a possible near future move running a 100 yard corridor right between Alvarado and Decoto all the way to the Fremont City limits.

Two steering committee members, Wilbert Hendricks and Dr. John Bettencourt, advocated giving the fight for incorporation and try to make the best possible deal to annex to Hayward. But others, led by Oscar Dowe, of Pacific States Steel, advocated an appeal and a look a little longer attitude.

So the steering committee merged with the New Haven Steering Committee for a united front. This eliminates New Haven, which tried to salvage Union City incorporation under a different name. Committee Chairman Frank Borghi appointed Dowe, George Hocking, Keith Whipple and Elvin Rose a subcommittee of four to supervise the court appeal and to draw up boundaries of Union City to present to the Board of Supervisors.

The new boundaries would delete about 350-acres of the 1,132-acres Hayward now has under its thumb in Washington Township and in the proposed Union City boundaries. New boundaries, steering committee members theorized, would tend to stop Hayward from further annexation if Hayward won the appeal.

*The Daily Review, December 14, 1957*

**Decoto Abandons Union City:**

The death knell of the dying Union City incorporation movement was sounded last night with a petition to annex 8.6 square miles of the Decoto area to Fremont. The parcel is bounded roughly by the Hayward City limits and Whipple Road on the north, Fremont City limits on the south, the Eastshore Freeway on the west and extended Fremont boundaries on the east, running north into Eden Township behind El Rancho Verde.

The annex excludes the contested 1,132-acre Hayward industrial annex that received a favorable nod from the Superior Court on December 10<sup>th</sup>. It also left out some 13-square miles in the Alvarado area originally included in the Union City incorporation movement.

**Union City Steering Committee** Chairman **Frank Borghi Jr.**, who presented last night's annexation petition, said the Alvarado segment of the committee would meet today to decide on a course of action. He said he would appear at this meeting and submit his formal resignation from the committee.

In presenting the petition to the council **Borghi** asserted that Decoto and Fremont are tied together economically, historically, geographically and traditionally. The Fremont Planning Commission, called into an unannounced special session, consented to the annexation, and the committee unanimously passed a resolution accepting the annexation petition.

Borghi said he only started circulating the petition early last night. But planning commissioners were advised yesterday at 2:00 p.m. to expect the petition.

The Union City incorporation has received two telling blows recently. Besides Hayward's industrial annex taking away prime industrial to the north, an expansion program of the Alvarado Sanitary District appeared economically unfeasible and left the area virtually without the ability to attract industry. Included in last night's 5,500-acre proposed annex is a population of approximately 7,000 people and three major industries, the U.S. Pipe Co., the PG&E Pipe Yard and Pacific States Steel Co. Borghi estimated the assessed valuation of the area at \$8 million. The petition was filed this morning with the county boundaries commission. This commission is required to make its report to the city within 20 days.

If the boundaries are acceptable the next step will be for 35 percent of the voters to sign a petition calling for an election to approve or disapprove the annexation.

Those signing the petition presented last night were George Swartz, Joe Castro Jr., Mrs. Elva Mae Borghi, **Frank Borghi Jr.**, Mrs. Vivian Peixotto, Manuel White, Manuel L. McClenathon and Carl F. Zwissig, all of Decoto.

*The Daily Review, December 18, 1957*

#### **Decoto Abandons Union City:**

**Frank Borghi**, who as head of the **Union City Steering Committee**, petitioned to have 8.6-square miles of Decoto annexed into the City of Fremont said he would appear at the next meeting of the steering committee and submit his formal resignation from the committee.

In presenting the petition to the Fremont City Council Borghi explained that Decoto and Fremont are tied together economically, historically, geographically and traditionally.

*The Daily Review, December 18, 1957*

#### **Unification Meeting Crashes:**

The Union City Steering Committee fell to pieces here last night as Alvarado and Decoto residents' raked Frank Borghi Jr. with a hot verbal crossfire. Borghi, who Tuesday petitioned Fremont to annex 8.6 square miles of the Decoto area, Borghi promptly resigned and Vice Chairman Keith Whipple soon followed. The stormy meeting finally broke up after a unanimous vote to end the committee and call a mass meeting January 8<sup>th</sup> to decide what to do next.

Borghgi squirmed uncomfortably as the head of the table to charges of "sellout" and "compromising the committee until it has become useless." Representatives of both towns told him in blunt terms that he had no business circulating an annex petition and carrying it to the Fremont City Council while chairman of a committee acting for both Alvarado and Decoto.

Fred Brown of Alvarado charged Borghgi with acting "in poor faith, especially since three of the nine names on the petition had your family (Borghgi) name."

Oscar Dowe, Pacific States Steel Executive said Borghgi's action was not a decision of the committee. Dowe told Borghgi he should give up his chairmanship of the organization. When Borghgi said he planned to do it immediately, Dowe scoffed, "Hell it's too late. The damage is done. If the annexation petition holds, Union City and its boundaries are dead."

J. A. Ratekin, Holly Sugar Co. Executive told the gathering his firm had been fighting Hayward for two years and, "you people here still don't know what you want to do."

Wilbert Hendricks, head of the Alvarado School Board declared, "It looks like a sell-out to me."

Elvin Rose, President of the Alvarado Sanitary District, said his community had been "railroaded" and "left in the lurch."

Indications are that Alvarado and Decoto residents will drum up support at the January 8<sup>th</sup> mass meeting to fight boundaries set up by Borghgi's annexation petition.

*The Daily Review, December 19, 1957*

#### **Union City Chamber of Commerce:**

Kenneth Garcia, Decoto Fireman, has been elected President of the Union City chamber of Commerce. Elected to serve with him are J. A. Ratekin of the Holly Sugar Co., Vice President; and Frank George of Alvarado. Mrs. Florence Spencer of Decoto was reappointed as Secretary.

*The Daily Review, December 20, 1957*

#### **End of the Union City Farce:**

[\(From the Editorial Page of the Daily Review\)](#)

The verbal free-for-all, which rang down the curtain on the Union City Steering Committee, was a perfect ending for an attempt to con the people of Alvarado and Decoto. The show was a flop because of the deceit, which marked most of the group's activities.

Organized to halt Hayward's tactless 1955 attempt to annex most of the area's industrial land, the committee spoke commendably of providing leadership in assaying the future. Instead of that, however, it retired to secret meetings in smoke-filled backrooms and proclaimed itself spokesman for the Alvarado-Decoto area.

Nothing could have been further from the truth. Much of the committee's work was unsubtly manipulated by several big industries, which wanted only to maintain the status quo. They displayed no interest incorporation, annexation or the area's needs. Union City, therefore, was a fraud, a legal gimmick set up to keep any form of city hood away from Alvarado and Decoto. The fraud became a laughing stock during the farce of creating yet another, New Haven.

The people of Alvarado and Decoto recognized the fraud and avoided the committee's "mass meetings" like the plague. Not one of them drew a crowd to equal a PTA bazaar. Even members of the committee began to realize they were being hoodwinked.

For the first time in two years something like the voice of the people penetrated the mental smog of Union City meetings when Wilbert Hendricks suggested both towns bargain to see what they could get if annexed. Alvarado and Decoto have major maintenance and public safety problems to

be met, problems, which would cost cities, which might annex them more in funds, expended than would be returned in taxes.

Thus while Alvarado and Decoto still have industrial land around them to help in the bargaining, they should talk annexation to Fremont and Hayward. Such impotent annexation actions as that of Frank Borghi will wait. These two towns have broken through the chains of deceit with which the Union City Steering Committee have bound them. They should demand an honest appraisal of their future, and seriously consider every opportunity for meeting it.

R. H. ([Editor of the Daily Review I presume](#))  
*The Daily Review, December 20, 1957*

### **License to Marry:**

Everado Gonzalez, 31 and Abigail Estrada, 37, both of Alvarado  
*The Oakland Tribune, December 22, 1957*

### **Hayward Files for Largest Annex:**

Hayward initiated steps for its largest annexation in history. The city, acting on a petition by the Leslie Salt Company and other owners, filed boundaries of Leslie Annex No. 3, consisting of 11-square miles, within the Alameda County Boundaries Commission.

City Manager S. D. Smith said the annexation is possibly the largest ever undertaken in Alameda County. The area is bounded on the north by Leslie Annex No. 2, which recently became part of the city ([Hayward](#)), and on the west by the San Mateo County line, the southern boundary touches the City of Fremont and follows along Coyote Slough to the Leslie Salt Company line near Marsh Road, but does not include Alvarado.

Smith said that under the annexation Hayward's boundaries would touch Fremont's for the first time. He said that Hayward's area six months ago totaled 11-square miles. Additional annexations and those pending will bring the city's area to approximately 33-square miles.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 23, 1957*

### **Freeway Ends Alvarado Congestion:**

The end of bumper-to-bumper traffic on Alvarado's main streets has brought mixed reactions from local businessmen. Some say that not only cars and trucks but the dollars on which the merchants depend for a livelihood are bypassing the town on a new link to the East Shore Freeway ([I-880 today](#)) one mile to the east of downtown Alvarado.

Most of Alvarado's 20 business establishments are taverns, service stations, restaurants, and small grocery stores on Levee Street, Smith Street and Alvarado Centerville Road. Two are sections of Hiway 17, and form the main road between Oakland and San Jose. Traffic now speeds past Alvarado on four lanes of freeway.

Antone Santos, 71, who opened his service station in 1927, said he pumped 800 gallons of gasoline a day until the freeway opened up last month, now he pumps 300 gallons a day.

John Matchitelli, operator of a service station on the original site of our county's first courthouse, said he now pumps only half as much gasoline.

Ambrose Loyola also said his gasoline volume is cut in half, although his auto repair business has not been affected.

Elmer Andrade says his gasoline sales are down 30 per cent, but sales are up at his little grocery store, bar, and soda fountain attached to his station.



Matchitelli, Loyola and Andrade's service stations are all within a stone's throw of each other at the bend in Hesperian Boulevard as you enter Alvarado from Mt. Eden. Mr. Santos' station is next to the Silver Dollar leaving town toward Centerville.

Fernando Paredes at the Alvarado Hotel says restaurant and bar sales are way down, but not nearly as bad as during the depression. One tavern owner is thinking of selling out, others say that they have not noticed much difference.

Walter Oakey at the bank says he has not noticed much difference ([a few years later First Western Bank closed their Alvarado Branch and moved next to Logan High in Decoto](#)).

Quan Yut's meat market sales have gone down, but Manuel Priego's little store on the corner of Levee Street and Hiway 17 has seen business improve, bucking the general trend. Mr. Priego remarked that it is now much easier for locals to cross the street to do their shopping ([from "V" Street](#)).

Other local grocery stores are suffering. J. Jacinto's at the corner of Vallejo Street and Hiway 17; Sam Dinsmore at the corner of Vallejo Street and Smith Street; and Tony Lee's at the corner of Watkins and Smith Street have all seen grocery sales drop.

Ben Matsumoto's Japanese specialty grocery store near Alvarado School has not been affected as other small grocery stores have because his customers still come to his store.  
*The Oakland Tribune, December 25, 1957*

#### **Alvarado Petitions to Join Fremont:**

Alvarado moved to join Fremont today, the latest in a series of proposed annexations, which if successful, will wipe out the last unincorporated territory between Hayward and Fremont. A notice of intent to circulate petitions for a vote on the annexation of 4.4-square miles of Alvarado was filed yesterday with the Fremont City Council. A few minutes later a map and a notice of the proposal was filed with the Alameda County Boundaries Committee.

Signers on the petition to annex Alvarado to Fremont were included in two documents, one included the names: Bessie C. Harvey, Flora McKeown, Nancy McKeown, and Dorothy W. Hill. None of these people live in the Alvarado area and are assumed to own property there.

The second petition contained the names: M. P. Rose, Doris E. Paredes, Mr. & Mrs. Joyce, Margot A. Arenchild ([former Mrs. T.P. Harvey](#)), G. B. Gualco, and Rosie Gualco, all listed as Alvarado residents except for the Joyce's who gave no address.

The Fremont City Council yesterday also received approval from the Boundaries Commission of a proposed 8.6-square mile Decoto annex to Fremont.  
*The Daily Review & The Oakland Tribune, December 27, 1957*

#### **Classified Ad:**

USED TRUCKS:

1938 International half-ton pick-up, good condition, \$100

Phone: **AL**varado 55-895

*The Daily Review, December 27, 1957*

#### **Annex Appeal Grows Cloudy:**

There was a big question today whether Hayward's December 10<sup>th</sup> superior court victory in the 1,132-acre annexation suit will be appealed by Alvarado and Decoto forces to a higher court. The suit to stop Hayward was filed months ago in the name of four individuals by Attorney Stacy Dobrzensky with the Union City Steering Committee paying the legal and court fees.



The steering committee was scattered to the four winds by two separate moves to annex Decoto and Alvarado areas to Fremont. Two of the four individuals, Frank Borghi Jr. and Keith Whipple stepped out of steering committee officialdoms, with Borghi, a signer of the petition to annex Decoto to Fremont. Whipple says he favors annexation.

Two other officials haven't commented publicly. They are Christina M. Anderson and Leslie Maffey, Alvarado School District Superintendent. Attorney Dobrzensky said the last word he had from his client was to go ahead with the appeal. He said his clients have until the second week of February to make up their minds.

In the meantime, two leaders of the Union City incorporation movement, Wilbert Hendricks of Alvarado and Kenneth Garcia of Decoto, said they consider continuation of the court suit against Hayward as futile. Union City is a dead issue they asserted.

And in Hayward, City Manager S.D. Smith said the Alvarado move Friday to annex to Fremont came as a "surprise." But the move, Smith said, further weakens the appeal case of Union City in the opinion of Hayward officials. As to Alvarado's petition to annex to Fremont, Smith said Hayward has no quarrel with Fremont. If the Alvarado people vote to go into Fremont that is their choice, he said, but if they want to come into Hayward City, officials will be happy to welcome them.

*The Daily Review, December 28, 1957*

#### **Fremont Studies Annex Proposal:**

The Fremont Planning Commission will study a proposed 4.4 square-mile Alvarado annex to Fremont on Monday and their recommendation will be presented to the city council for consideration Tuesday before the annexation petition is formally filed with the county boundaries commission.

*The Daily Review, December 28, 1957*

#### **Fremont-Hayward to Cut Off Union City from the Bay:**

Fremont, Alameda County's newest and largest city, and Hayward, its fastest growing one, are stretching their municipal limits toward each other. Proposed annexations to each seem destined to result in a common Fremont-Hayward border.

The process is absorbing into city hood 24-square miles of rich farmland, industrial land, and Bay tidelands that have been unincorporated since Alameda County was created in 1853. The same annexations could signal the end of the unrealized dreams of some Alvarado-Decoto residents to incorporate their towns under the historic name of Union City, taken from an almost forgotten early-day town near Alvarado.

And, if proposals pending receive voter approval, a three-year court fight between Hayward and Union City backers over valuable industrial areas will dissolve into an academic argument unless reopened in appellate court.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 29, 1957*

#### **Alvarado Petitions to Join Fremont:**

Politics is no bumbled business in the suburbs. Hardly had a citizen petitioner finished telling the Fremont City Council his views on the proposed annexation of adjacent Alvarado than the council voted "Aye," City Manager Robert Coop called to aide Bob Carmody at the courthouse, Carmody filed the appropriate maps, legal descriptions, notice of intention to circulate petitions...the whole cotton-pickin' works.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 30, 1957*

#### **Mrs. Aldena Andrade Dies:**

Funeral services for Mrs. Aldena V. Andrade, 47, former owner of the Andrade Market in Alvarado, died at her home in Mission San Jose on Saturday. Mrs. Andrade, a native of Alvarado, was the

wife of Manuel J. Andrade, and mother of Elmer Andrade of Alvarado, and Ronald, LeRoy and Darlene Andrade, all of Mission San Jose. She was the sister of Manuel Rose and Mabel Rogers, both of Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, December 30, 1957*

### **Fremont Faces Sewer Task in Annexation:**

Fremont will be in the sewer business if Alvarado's petition to annex to Fremont goes through. Fremont City Attorney LeRoy Broun this morning said the 360-acre Alvarado Sanitary District would be dissolved automatically when and if annexation of the 4.4-square mile area becomes effective.

This will leave Fremont with three choices of action: continue operation of the Sanitary District, as it is, merge it with the Union Sanitary District, or expand the operation.

*The Daily Review, December 31, 1957*

### **Fremont Moves on Alvarado:**

City of Fremont councilmen moved today to erase the last trace of Union City incorporation movement by accepting a petition to annex 4.4-square miles surrounding Alvarado. Boundaries of the proposed annex will be filed today with the County Boundaries Commission. The bounds originally were filed last Thursday when Fremont first received the petition to avoid any outside encroachments on the annex.

*The Daily Review, December 31, 1957*

### **Union City Incorporation:**

A Holly Sugar Company executive has announced the firm's opposition to being annexed to the City of Fremont along with 4.4 miles of Alvarado. **Edwin Dana**, a corporation officer, urged a mass meeting of more than 200 Decoto and Alvarado residents last night to continue their three-year legal battle with Hayward to form Union City despite present efforts to annex both towns to the City of Fremont.

Hayward and Fremont officials were also at the meeting giving the reasons why Alvarado and Decoto residents should choose annexation to their cities.

There will be another mass meeting held in Alvarado this coming Wednesday to discuss incorporation issues.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 4, 1958*

### **Sugar:**

A Holly Sugar Co. executive has announced the firm's opposition to being annexed to Fremont along with 4.4 square miles of Alvarado. **Edwin Dana**, a corporation officer, urged a mass meeting of more than 200 Decoto and Alvarado residents last night to continue their three-year legal battle with Hayward to form Union City despite present efforts to annex both towns to Fremont.

Fremont City Manager Robert Coop called for a meeting with Holly Sugar to "state our case" and warned the audience that court appeals involving Hayward annexations that overlap proposed Union City territory "can drag on for years."

"You'll be picked apart and lose your identity in the meantime," Coop said.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 4, 1958*

### **Hero or Bum:**

Only time will tell whether Decoto dairyman Frank Borghi Jr. will be remembered as a hero or a bum in his own hometown. Frank was the chairman of the now defunct Union City Steering Committee hoping to weld Decoto and Alvarado into a new city before Hayward gobbled up their land.

Frank came up with a new solution, presenting a petition asking Fremont to annex Decoto, and set off a howling catfight. Within a few minutes at a public meeting the other night, Frank was called a "turncoat, a Benedict Arnold," and a "Messiah, leading the people of Decoto out of the wilderness."

*The Oakland Tribune, January 6, 1958*

### **Hayward Annexes More Land:**

The Hayward City Council has doubled its meetings this week, with the first at 8 p.m. tonight and the second at 8 p.m. tomorrow night. The council tonight will set hearings for annexation, including the 11 square mile Leslie Annex #3. Newest of the annexation moves is toward the Stanley McCosker property between Hesperian Boulevard and the freeway, directly north of Alvarado.

A hearing will probably be set February 25<sup>th</sup> on the annexation which McCosker has petitioned. It is a part of the territory currently being considered for annexation to Fremont. McCosker's property, potential industrial land, is along the route of the proposed Hayward Industrial Highway.

A hearing may be set for February 25<sup>th</sup> for the Leslie Annex #3, north and west of Alvarado. The Tennyson-Alquire Annexation, the only inhabited territory of the three, will go to a hearing January 28<sup>th</sup>. The council tonight will consider a resolution of intention to call a special election.

By resolutions, the council probably will withdraw the South Hayward Industrial annex from the Alvarado Fire District, Decoto Fire District and the Tennyson Fire District. The annex became part of the city on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

*The Daily Review, January 6, 1958*

### **Decision Time in Alvarado & Decoto:**

Wooed by municipal salesmen, Decoto residents Friday night showed they will be tough customers to sell on annexation. They also showed they are interested in their town's future when an honest attempt is made to present all sides of the question. More than 200 persons turned up to hear arguments for annexation and status quo, a sharp contrast to the sparsely attended "mass meetings" of the backroom Union City committee.

For the most the audience gave impartial applause to the speakers. Obviously it was not ready to buy immediately the offerings of either Fremont or Hayward, but wanted to hear what they had to offer.

Neither Alvarado nor Decoto can afford to delay in seeking annexation information and making a choice. The time for decision has arrived.

In the middle of a potential industrial area, both towns are in a position to bargain on annexation. But a time limit has been set by annexation actions started by small groups in both towns and the fact the industrial land may be annexed without the towns if their citizens do not act.

Townsppeople, therefore, should move swiftly to find out which city will be able to improve services now received by Decoto and Alvarado in small quantities from the county. They should which city can increase these services the soonest.

Decoto and Alvarado citizens are less interested in promises of seats on city commissions (which have no power to provide services) than in the city's ability to do something concrete to help their towns.

The Decoto Homeowners Assn. is to be commended for arranging Friday's meeting. It should be the first step by that group to help people in both Decoto and Alvarado get the information need to decide their future.

*The Daily Review, January 6, 1958*

**Classified Ad:**

USED TRUCKS:

1938 International ½ ton pickup truck. Good condition. \$85

Call Alvarado 55-895

*The Daily Review, January 7, 1958*

**Appeal Filed for Annexations:**

A big question mark today obscured Hayward and Fremont annexation proposals in this area with filing an appeal to the recent Hayward Superior Court victory on 1,132-acres of potential industrial land. Attorney Stacy Dobrzensky told *The Daily Review* this morning he had filed an appeal, the outcome of which places in jeopardy the 11-square mile Leslie Salt annex to Hayward, the proposed 8.6-square mile annex to Fremont and the proposed 4.4-square mile annex of Alvarado annex to Fremont.

*The Daily Review, January 7, 1958*

**Leslie Salt Annexation:**

The Hayward City Council is set to meet at 5:00 p.m. today on the proposed annexation of 197-acres between Hesperian Boulevard and the freeway just north of Alvarado and the giant 11-square mile Leslie Salt Annex No. 3, which extends into the Bay and down to Fremont.

The council officially withdrew the 1,132-acre South Hayward Industrial Annex from Alvarado, Tennyson and Decoto Fire Districts. That would take the area off the Fire District rolls July 1<sup>st</sup> if Hayward's court victory ruling annexing the area stands future fights.

*The Daily Review, January 8, 1958*

**Holly Sugar's Anti-Annexation Battle:**

Decoto and Alvarado residents will meet at 8 p.m. tonight at Alvarado Elementary School and are expected to decide whether to support Holly Sugar Company's anti-annexation attitude, lean toward Hayward or continue with their annexations to Fremont.

Annexationists got a setback yesterday when Attorney Stacy A. Dobrzensky filed with the Superior Court an appeal to a court ruling Dec. 10 giving Hayward 1,132 acres of choice industrial land in the Decoto area.

This legal action not only places this annex in doubt but also subsequent proposed annexations by Fremont and Hayward that closed the gap between the two cities and put an end to thoughts of incorporating the area into Union City.

Out of four signatures on the appeal, two persons have stated they are pulling out of the fight. One said he will decide tonight and the other promised to fight to the end.

Mrs. Christina M. Anderson, who owns 8.32 acres in Hayward's industrial annex, said she was approached by three men last week who said they would carry on the fight for her and that she wouldn't have to do a thing.

Fremont City Mgr. F. Robert Coop said yesterday he would meet with Holly Sugar officials this week to try to talk them out of fighting the annexations. He would make no prediction of the outcome of the meeting. Coop said elections to annex the 4.4 square miles around Alvarado and the 8.5 miles around Decoto would go on in spite of the legal hassle. However, nothing can be finalized until a ruling is handed down on the appeal.

The Fremont City Council will meet at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow to receive a report from the county boundaries commission and take over jurisdiction of the Alvarado annex.

*The Daily Review, January 8, 1958*

### **Decoto/Alvarado Industry Backs Union City:**

Backed the area's major industries the Union City incorporation sprang back to life last night, when some 180 Alvarado and Decoto residents turned thumbs down on annexation. Fremont Mayor John L. Stevenson and City Manager F. Robert Coop were unable to soothe and woo the crowd that was definitely in the mood for a fight to incorporate.

Representatives of Pacific States Steel Corp. and Holly Sugar Company pledged the money to fight Hayward's 1,132 industrial annex.

A large round of applause went up when Fred Brown of Alvarado attacked Frank Borghi, former chairman of the Union City Steering Committee. He charged, "You, Borghi, are guilty of the greatest breach of faith anyone could be accused of. Let's get this whole matter out of smoke filled backrooms and into the open."

*The Daily Review, January 9, 1958*

### **Letter to the Editor:**

Editor:

We appreciate your interest in this week's special election in the La Vista School District. However, we object to the manner in which the issue was presented in Jan. 2's edition of *The Daily Review*.

Your reporter states that the outcome of Tuesday's special election would provide a temporary solution to the school boundary dispute in the Hayward section of the El Rancho Verde tract. Quoting "a school official," he implied that the outcome of the election doesn't matter because school boundaries will eventually be realigned along city limits.

We cannot believe the writer and "school officials" fail to recognize the threat to such realignment plans posed by efforts to transfer our neighborhood into the Decoto School District. In view of the zealous behind-the-scenes efforts made by Decoto district officials in support of the transfer proposal, we doubt that Decoto would agree to any new boundaries set up along city limits once they have us under their control.

We caution you as we have cautioned our neighbors, not to be lulled by the "it doesn't matter anyway approach." It does matter.

We realize that El Rancho Verde is an island outpost in the Hayward city limits, but we are a Hayward oriented community. We bought our homes in Hayward for specific reasons and we want our children to attend Hayward school for those same reasons.

Recently, we have been encouraged by the effort of the La Vista School trustees to work out some sort of a merger agreement with the Hayward Elementary School District.

In view of this, we cannot see that anything would be gained by casting our lot with the Decoto-Alvarado area. In closing, allow us to express our gratitude for previous articles, which have been written, about our problem. The coverage in these earlier cases was fair, accurate and timely

---ERIC L. NYSTROM

---MRS. JOHN GEORGE

---RICHARD A. RICCA

[Editors Note: El Rancho Verde tract is situated the Hillview, Hillview Crest and Fairway Park housing tracts that are located on both sides of Mission Boulevard within the Hayward City limits on the border with Decoto. Unfortunately, part or most of their tracts lie within Washington Township, which is not part of Hayward. I know that as late as late as 1959 students from this](#)

area still attended Washington Union High School in Fremont, and in 1960 James Logan High in Decoto.

*The Daily Review, January 9, 1958*

### **Alvarado Annexation:**

Fremont City officials have suffered two set backs in their plans to lure Alvarado into the bounds of the 99-square mile Fremont. The latest obstacle appeared at yesterday's special council meeting called to take jurisdiction over the 4.4-square mile annex. Councilmen were told that Hayward had beaten them to the punch by taking jurisdiction over the 197-acre McCosker Annex Wednesday. Fremont and Hayward will have to iron out the boundaries before Fremont can proceed.

Fremont City Manager F. Robert Coop and City Attorney LeRoy Broun were instructed to meet with Hayward officials to see what can be done to solve the problem of overlapping boundaries.

A report from the County Boundaries Commission also recommended that a new line be adopted in the Fremont and Hayward annexations of Alvarado. It was suggested that Hayward take all of the land north of the new Alameda Creek channel, which would include the McCosker property but give Fremont two-thirds of the 11-square mile Leslie Salt Annex, which has petitioned Hayward for annexation. Hayward officials had no comments this morning.

Officials were given an earlier rebuff Wednesday night when a mass meeting of Alvarado and Decoto residents turned a cold shoulder on annexation and called for a fight to incorporate. Councilman yesterday acknowledged a much more hostile attitude at the Alvarado meeting than they had received at an earlier meeting in Decoto. They indicated they would proceed with plans to take in Decoto but were hesitant and undecided on steps to be taken in Alvarado in view of the opposition.

Councilman Pond stated, "We don't want to be in a position of pushing something down someone's throat. We can be a great city without Alvarado but we would like them to have them join us."

*The Daily Review, January 10, 1958*

### **Where There's Smoke:**

In a dual role as a Fireman and President of the Union City Chamber of Commerce, Kenneth Garcia greeted the crowd, which gathered in Alvarado School's auditorium Wednesday night to discuss the annexation-incorporation issues, then ruled there'd be no smoking during the meeting. The reason for refraining, as courteously outlined by Mr. Garcia, included the advanced age of the building, problems of ventilation, and the danger of marring the well-polished floor.

This said, Mr. Garcia suddenly became aware of smoking curling roofward from a cigarette held in his very own hand, glanced around, eyed the floor briefly, then, shrugging his shoulders resignedly, stuffed the cigarette into his own pocket.

*The Daily Review, January 10, 1958*

### **Rising From the Ashes:**

Rejuvenated Union City took another step on the comeback trail last night with the formation of the Alvarado Area Steering Committee. Headed by Wilbert Hendricks, this group announced it would oppose Fremont annexation of Alvarado, Fremont annexation of Decoto and strive instead for incorporation of the two communities into Union City.

At last night's meeting of 10 citizens (the Alvarado segment of the defunct Union City Steering Committee) hope was expressed a similar fighting unit would be formed in Decoto and the two could merge.

Before accepting the helm, Hendricks declared, "This committee won't be run like the Union City Steering Committee. Everything is going to be open and the public will kept informed on what's going on through the newspapers and mass meetings."

Joe Lewis of Decoto charged that, "**Frank Borghi** set himself up as a czar from the beginning and took the attitude of 'to hell with the people'."

Lewis said he personally will circulate a petition to sign up owners of 51 per cent of the assessed valuation of the property to defeat the Decoto Annex, and attorney is preparing the petition now, he stated.

*The Daily Review, January 10, 1958*

### **Alvarado & Decoto Are Being Duped:**

*(An Editorial from The Daily Review)*

Wednesday's meeting in Alvarado, on the future of that town and its sister community, Decoto, turned out a large crowd, which cheered for Union City. But it was a meeting run by big business, not by the people of Alvarado. When the 180 persons present voted for Union City, they voted for something most of them knew little about.

The main points in the meeting were the same old points in the Union City Steering Committee has been making in smoke-filled back rooms for three years: "Stop Hayward," and "Don't desert to Fremont."

But what about Alvarado? What about Decoto? Was the big spokesman who demanded "representation with his taxation" speaking for the citizens of the towns? Certainly not. No matter what happens to those two towns, big business will always have its representation. So big business wants to keep the status quo. Its taxes will only rise slightly if it ended up in Fremont or Hayward, but it would find itself more closely checked on water and air pollution, for one thing. That is why they are footing the legal bill for fighting Hayward in the courts. All it asks is that the people of Alvarado and Decoto stick with it and don't ask questions about annexation.

Wednesday night's meeting was fun. One of Union City's fallen heroes was derided (**Frank Borghi?**) and the speakers tilted with the familiar old Fremont and Hayward boogies. But when it was all over, no questions about the future of Alvarado and Decoto had been answered. No one explained how Union City could finance sewer water line expansion necessary for the city's industrial growth. No one explained how the communities might better themselves, obtain better services. No figures were given so that listeners might compare taxes they would have to pay if they incorporated or joined a neighboring city.

Wednesday night was mainly a big business show, and big business didn't answer many questions. Its only advice seemed to be: sit tight, don't make a move, and everything will be all right. Someone should have asked for proof.

*The Daily Review, January 10, 1958*

### **Decoto to Form Union City Unit:**

Union City Chamber of Commerce President Kenneth Garcia said today that two chamber directors will try to form a Decoto steering committee to work for Union City incorporation. They are Oscar Dowe and Joe Lewis. That news came out of last night's Chamber of Commerce director's meeting.

Alvarado has formed a new steering committee. If Decoto does so, the two will likely merge into a replacement for the incorporation steering committee that fell apart in the past two weeks. Garcia said he appointed three C of C members to meet with the Union Sanitary District on the subject of annexing the Alvarado Sanitary District to Union Sanitary.

Meantime, City Manager S.D. Smith of Hayward and Robert Coop of Fremont lunched together yesterday to talk about a County Boundaries Commission proposal that the cities could reach agreement on what Alvarado-Decoto area territory each city would try to annex. Smith said no decision was reached. Coop said Fremont would not try for the McCosker property. Hayward got to the County Boundary Commission with the McCosker property.

*The Daily Review, January 11, 1958*

**Postal Activity Noted:**

Reports from 13 Postmaster of Southern Alameda County show postal receipt increases over the previous years. Only four communities, Alvarado, Newark, Niles and Warm Springs showed decreases.

Washington Township Receipts:

| <b>Town</b>      | <b>Previous Year's Receipts</b> | <b>Most Recent Year</b> |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Alvarado         | \$ 7,127.15                     | \$ 6,908.44             |
| Centerville      | \$57,807.53                     | \$66,224.60             |
| Decoto           | \$21,046.33                     | \$25,386.81             |
| Irvington        | \$27,600.00+                    | \$40,788.00             |
| Mission San Jose | \$14,818.00                     | \$14,918.03             |
| Newark           | \$43,720.45                     | \$42,759.71             |
| Niles            | \$46,536.47                     | \$45,531.46             |
| Warm Springs     | \$ 3,481.26                     | \$ 3,375.86             |

*The Daily Review, January 11, 1958*

**Union Sanitary District Meet:**

Sewage problems in Alvarado and Decoto will be outlined at today's 7:30 p.m. meeting of Union Sanitary District directors. Engineer Raymond Boege will read a report he has compiled in a survey listing problems facing the area. A delegation from the Decoto Homeowners Improvement Association will attend the meeting seeking information on what the district can and will do to service the territory.

*The Daily Review, January 13, 1958*

**John S. Souza Dies:**

Services for John S. Souza, 84, resident of Southern Alameda County for 64 years. Husband of the late Adelaide Souza, he had been a farmer in Alvarado for 53 years before retiring and moving to Hayward for the last 11 years. He is the brother of Mary Santos of Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, January 13, 1958*

**Fremont-Alvarado Sanitary Districts:**

Consolidation of the Alvarado and Union Sanitary Districts would be "entirely feasible," Union City backers were told last night. Because of economy of scale and lack of duplicate facilities, the consolidation would save \$120,000 over the \$7,200,000 expansion of both districts alone.

*The Daily Review, January 14, 1958*

**Classified Ad:**

USED CARS FOR SALE:

Chevrolet, 1956 Hardtop, V8, stick shift, radio, heater, white walls, one owner.

Phone: **AL**varado 55-723

*The Oakland Tribune, January 17, 1958*

**Dance Permit:**

On the recommendation of the sheriff and on motion of Supervisor Stanley, seconded by Supervisor Pursel, the application of Conrado Perucho for permission to conduct dances every day at 1437 Smith Street, Alvarado was denied.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 18, 1958*

**Washington High School Talent Winners:**



Jim Walker, a junior, won the top spot in Thursday night's third annual "Search for Talent" held at Washington Union High in Fremont.

Second place went to the "Fabulous Five," an instrumental combo composed of Richard Geib, Jim Costa, Dan Dilbeck, Barry Maurer, and Alvarado's David Brune.

*The Daily Review, January 18, 1958*

#### **Pacific States Steel:**

Rumor has it that Vern Stedtman will join John Pihl to seek Fremont City Council seats now held by Jack Stevenson and Bruce Michael. Were they to win, Pacific States Steel would have two of its own boys on the city council. Stedtman works at PSS, and is president of the Steelworkers Local. Pihl is Vice-President of the company. Who would do the quarterbacking for the labor-management team?

All of which finds the steel company playing both sides of the board. While those two are running for the Fremont City Council, Pacific States mogul Oscar Dowe is busy working to stop Fremont from annexing Decoto and Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, January 24, 1958*

#### **Fremont Annexation:**

The City of Fremont is weighing the cost of providing sewer service to the planned Alvarado annexation. Fremont presently does not have sewer lines to its northwest corner making it expensive to provide service for Alvarado. The council decided further study is required.

*The Daily Review, January 28, 1958*

#### **Air Traffic Control Center:**

The bustling Air Traffic Control Center at the Oakland Airport is going to be moved into a new building in Southern Alameda County. Spokesmen for the Civil Aeronautics Administration said the move is dictated by national defense requirements, which view the airport as a critical target area.

Officials of the General Services Administration said several sites for the facility are being considered in an area south of Hayward, east of the bay and north of San Jose. The area would include the communities of Newark, Fremont or Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, January 28, 1958*

#### **VFW Initiates New Members:**

Mary Perez, Margaret Gamardo and Lucy Martinez will be initiated into the Paul E. Rivers, Post 7906 VFW of Alvarado at 8 o'clock tonight.

*The Daily Review, February 5, 1958*

#### **Alameda County Water Board:**

The race for three openings on the Alameda County Water District Board was thrown wide open yesterday as three more candidates announced. They are Centerville Attorney James McFeely, Alvarado businessman Fred Brown and Civil Engineer Fred Duvall of Centerville. Incumbents Manuel Bernardo and George Latham have already filed for re-election. Former board member Louis Amaral, defeated in 1956, has filed his intention to run. W. D. Patterson, a board member for 45 years has taken out a nomination petition, but said he has not yet decided whether he will run.

*The Daily Review, February 5, 1958*

#### **Alameda County Water Board:**

Three more candidates have filed for positions on the Alameda County Water District Board. They include Centerville rancher Harvey Granger, county planning commissioner Mrs. Florence Buehler of Niles, and engineer Roy Dean of Mission San Jose.

*The Daily Review, February 8, 1958*

**Union Sanitary District:**

The Union Sanitary District Board of Trustees approved a study of taking over or serving the Alvarado Sanitary District and the town of Alvarado. The Alvarado Sanitary District refused to undertake any part of financing the study. The City of Newark (which is served by the USD) also objected to spending the money, as the people of Alvarado have not shown any interest in becoming part of Fremont.

*The Daily Review, February 11, 1958*

**Marriage License:**

Sal Barrera, 24, Alvarado  
Rose Mary Saucedo, 22, Fremont

*The Oakland Tribune, February 15, 1958*

**School Trustees to Meet:**

Trustees of the Alvarado Grammar School will meet at 8 p.m. tonight in Alvarado School, 1651 Smith St., according to Supt. Leslie H. Maffey.

*The Daily Review, February 17, 1958*

**A Real Tossed Salad:**

The menu, when the Alameda County Farm Bureau held its annual dinner Tuesday, included Livermore Club Steak with Decoto Onion Rings and Mt. Eden mushroom sauce, Alvarado baked potato, San Lorenzo peas and carrots, Hayward French rolls, Mountain House butter and San Leandro coffee, tea or Pleasanton milk.

*The Daily Review, February 20, 1958*

**Marriage License:**

Leonard John Barrera, 22, Alvarado  
Patricia Geneva Espiritu, 16, Hayward

*The Daily Review, February 21, 1958*

**Southern Alameda County Sheriffs Dept:**

With the City of Fremont preparing to take over its own policing, and with the City of Newark already having their own Police force, the Sheriff's substation at Centerville will soon have only Alvarado and Decoto to patrol.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 26, 1958*

**Dance Permit:**

On motion of Supervisor Stanley, seconded by supervisor Pursel, the application of Conrado Perucho for permission to conduct dances every night at 1437 Smith Street, Alvarado, was granted.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 26, 1958*

**Police Protection:**

Fremont will establish its own police department with Captain Richard E. Condon, veteran of the Alameda County Sheriff's Department, as its first chief. Two thirds of the sheriff's 28-man force in Washington Township has been serving Fremont under contract since the city was established two years ago.

Creation of Fremont's own police agency will leave the Washington Township sheriff's substation responsible for law enforcement only in Decoto and Alvarado. The City of Newark already has its own police department.

*The Oakland Tribune, February 26, 1958*

**Alvarado Street Names Changed:**

Because of many conflicting names of streets in Southern Alameda County some street names were changed in Alvarado. In the adoption of the new names, names with local historical significance were given priority. The changes are:

Beard Street to Tay Avenue  
Granger Road to New Haven Street  
10<sup>th</sup> Street to Veasy Street  
17<sup>th</sup> Street to Bulmer Street  
18<sup>th</sup> Street to Brooklyn Street  
19<sup>th</sup> Street to Brier Street  
"V" Street to Horner Street  
"W" Street to Marsten Avenue  
Alvarado Street to Fredi Street

An unnamed road adjoining Baker Road will now be known as Baker Road

Whipple Road (the dog leg) will be changed to Amaral Court and Amaral Street

The Mt. Eden-Alvarado Road from the Hayward City limits to the Alameda Creek will be Hesperian Boulevard.

Hop Ranch Road (unofficial) will be Hop Ranch Road (official)

The Alvarado-Centerville Road from Vallejo Street in Alvarado to the East Shore Freeway (I-880) Interchange will be Alvarado Boulevard.

***The Oakland Tribune, February 26, 1958***

### **Alvarado Street Names Changed:**

Street names changed after 1958:

Mt. Eden-Alvarado Road to Union City Boulevard from Alameda Creek to Levee Street.

Levee Street to Union City Boulevard

Marsh Road to Union City Boulevard

Hall Ranch Road to Dyer Street (between Alvarado Boulevard and Union City Boulevard).

Alquire Road to Dyer Street (between Industrial Blvd and Alvarado-Niles Road).

Fair Ranch Road originally ran from Alvarado Blvd east over the SP railroad tracks to the levee of Alameda Creek, along the levee on the south bank, under I-880 and continued east to the old Baker Road. Now it ends just before the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks. The portion between the end of today's Fair Ranch Road used to cross the SP tracks and line up with Santa Susanna Way at Dyer Street. Santa Susanna Way and San Rafael Way were also parts of the original Fair Ranch Road. The Fair Ranch Road, which runs west off of Alvarado Boulevard, never existed prior to the road changes in the 60's.

### **Editor's Note:**

**These changes were made after 1958.**

### **Classified Ad:**

FOR RENT – UNFURNISHED:

Suburban 3-bedroom, Hiway 17 and Hall Ranch Road, \$85

Phone: **AL**varado 55-895

***The Daily Review, February 28, 1958***

### **Veteran Sharpshooter:**

Harry Lorensen, 73, is a trap-shooting sharpshooter from Hayward California. At the age of 73 he bettered a record he set in 1918, shooting 96.59 per cent out of every 100 targets when he was 33 years old. At 73, he is shooting 96.72 per cent, showing he is getting better with age.

"Mt. Eden and Alvarado were a shooters paradise," recalled Lorensen. "Thousands and thousands of ducks, hardly any duck clubs, no limits, and a box of 25 12-gauge, black powder shells cost 45¢, a 12-gauge model '97 Winchester pump gun sold for \$19.50."

It all adds up to a making of a champion.

***The Daily Review, March 4, 1958***

### **Meat Market Robbery:**

A south county burglar now has an excellent opportunity to test the worth of high protein diets after breaking into Quan Yut's Market, 1027 Levee Street, Alvarado, and making off with 10 chickens, eight pounds of pork, five pounds of beef, three sticks of salami, 10 dozen eggs, and various boning and slicing knives. Total value, \$28.

*The Daily Review, March 4, 1958*

### **School Unification:**

Washington Township is taking its second shot at a study of school district unification, this time without those threats that marked the first attempt two years ago.

Ten districts have been included in the study: Washington High School District and the nine elementary school districts within its boundaries. For several districts there is considerable urgency in launching the study. Newark wants its own unified city district, with its own high school, so it is pushing the study. Some Decoto elements favor a unification study, believing it will call for a merger of Alvarado and Decoto School Districts and perhaps further the uncertain future of Union City.

Within Fremont, at least three districts have evinced strong interest in unification. That interest has been spurred by Fremont's actions in planning its future. The Fremont master plan specifically designates areas for industrial development. This will benefit two elementary school districts within the city and leave the other four high and dry with only homes and a sprinkling of retail stores for tax support.

Thus, taxpayers in one part of the city will be unfairly burdened, and education in those schools might be limited by financial ability. All taxpayers would pay for planning, streets and utilities to serve industry, but only some would benefit by those industries.

Discussion of unification will be resumed on a more specific basis next month when superintendents of the 10 districts report their proposals for meeting this Washington Township dilemma. Decision will not be easy due to the unsettled future of the northern part of the township, but decisions must be made to meet the challenge of municipal complication and the need for more effective communication.

*The Daily Review, March 13, 1958*

### **Auto-Pedestrian Accident:**

Pedro Oliva Sr., 53 of 1457 Smith Street, Alvarado and his son, Pedro Oliva Jr., 7, were injured by a moving car yesterday at 4:30 p.m. as they tried to cross the intersection of Smith and Watkins Streets in Alvarado.

The senior Oliva was treated at Fairmont Hospital and transferred to Highland Hospital for x-rays. He was reported in good condition. His son was treated and released.

No citation was issued to the driver, Jesus Reyes Flores 43, General Delivery, Alvarado, pending investigation the CHP said.

*The Daily Review, March 13, 1958*

### **Liquor License:**

Julia Mora has applied for an "on-sale beer and wine" license for her establishment at 1045 Levee Street, Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, March 13, 1958*

### **Luncheon Social:**

A luncheon social will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup> at the S.D.E.S. Hall on Watkins Street in Alvarado. The affair will be held under auspices of the Ladies S.D.E.S. Auxiliary for the benefit of the annual Holy Ghost fiesta.

*The Daily Review, March 14, 1958*

**Chamber of Commerce:**

Kenneth Garcia, Decoto Fireman, was installed last night as President of the Union City Chamber of Commerce. Other new officials include J. A. Ratekin, Holly Sugar Co. executive, Vice President; Frank George, Alvarado, oil company distributor, Treasurer; and Leslie Maffey, Alvarado School District Supt., Secretary. New members of the board are outgoing President Oscar Dowe, Henry Rivera, Charles Spencer and Mrs. May Watkins.

*The Daily Review, March 14, 1958*

**Box Co. Razed:**

The Hayward Box Co., on the northeast corner of Hesperian Boulevard and the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks one half mile north of Alvarado, will be torn down. The Campbell Chain Co., of York, Pa., will occupy a 150,000 square foot building at the site when it is completed about July. The company is expected to hire 300 employees.

*The Daily Review, March 17, 1958*

**Union Sanitary District:**

Newark, Decoto and Fremont officials last night demanded inclusion of the Alvarado area in the overall sewer expansion plan to be financed by the Union Sanitary District's forthcoming bond issue. At a joint meeting to thrash out policy decisions, USD officials indicated the idea would meet with their approval if further study shows the 10-mile area can be sewerred within the \$6 million under consideration.

District Manager F. Raymond Boege said a main trunk sewer running from Nilas to a new treatment plant near the present Alvarado Sanitary District plant at a considerable savings to the one now proposed. Fremont City Manager F. Robert Coop suggested that USD take over leadership and "show these people the way" into the district.

*The Daily Review, March 20, 1958*

**Campbell Chain:**

The Campbell Chain Co. of York, Penn. Plans to build a \$2,000,000 chain plant in Alvarado. Their site will be on a nine acre plot of land on Alvarado Boulevard one half mile north of Alvarado, just south of the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks.

*The Oakland Tribune, March 20, 1958*

**Union Sanitary District:**

The \$6 million sewer bond issue Union Sanitary District placed before voters will include a 1,400-foot line and new treatment outside the district in the Alvarado area. This was decided last night by directors after Manager Raymond Boege presented figures showing Fremont official's contention would be right that this would be cheaper than by staying within present boundaries.

The Alvarado line can legally be laid without a merger of USD and Alvarado Sanitary District or annexation of outside lands, because the line will carry sewage from the Nilas area and the eastern part of the district.

*The Daily Review, March 25, 1958*

**Unclaimed Money:**

The First Western Bank Branch in Alvarado has made a report of unclaimed deposits to the State of California, as is required by law. It lists the account of the Japanese-American School in the amount of \$2.34 the money goes to the state if unclaimed.

*The Daily Review, March 27, 1958*

**Marriage License:**

Rodney Leroy Hendricks, 22, Alvarado

Loretta Ann Ferreira, 19, Decoto

*The Oakland Tribune, March 28, 1958*

**4-H Delegates:**

Four-H All Stars Karen Griffith, 18, of Pleasanton, a member of the Amador 4-H Club and Chris Silvey 16, a member of the Alvarado 4-H Club, will take part in an All-Star Conference on the campus of the University of California.

*The Daily Review, March 29, 1958*

**Flood:**

With no electrical power or water, Alvarado this morning faced a crisis, although the town itself was not flooded. However, with levees threatened all around the town and peak tide expected, emergency crews worked at high speed to channel the muddy floodwaters towards the Bay. One levee broke at mid-morning, but emergency equipment was rushed to the scene.

*The Daily Review, April 3, 1958*

**Flood:**

In Southern Alameda County careful watch was being kept of the levees and banks of the swollen Alameda Creek, which has spilled out to cover 50-square miles of low lying farmland between Alvarado and Newark. The waters have isolated the Coyote Hills NIKE Anti-Aircraft Missile installation and prevented delivery of food to the troops.

Water service was restored to 425 Alvarado residents today. They were without fresh water for six hours yesterday after a water pipe across Patterson Slough, an arm of the Alameda Creek, was carried away by high water.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 4, 1958*

**Flood:**

The Bay Area braced itself today for a new Pacific storm expected to pound flood-ravaged areas in Northern and Central California tomorrow.

With more than an inch of rain predicted between 2 a.m. and 8 p.m. tomorrow, County Surveyor Olof Anderson said his department's 160-man force expects more "trouble".

Meanwhile the Army rushed soldiers to meet a threatened levee break on Alvarado-Niles Road between the Eastshore Freeway (I-880) and Alquire Road ([today's Dyer Street at Alvarado Landing](#)). Alvarado proper is not threatened by the break, but farm homes in the area are in the path of the break. The Nike base south of Alvarado, its water lines cut, is completely cut off by a mile and a half lake of water.

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| Recent Rainfall Stats: | Inches: |
| 24 hours to 7 a.m.     | .53     |
| Total to Date          | 34.10   |
| Normal to date         | 18.26   |
| To date last year      | 11.77   |
| Season Normal          | 20.16   |
| This storm (10 days)   | 6.28    |

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*Daily Review, April 4, 1958*

**Flood:**

In southern Alameda County a 15-square mile triangle from Decoto to Hayward to Alvarado remains threatened today. The Marsh Road, between Alvarado and Newark is officially closed but is still passable.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 5, 1958*

**Fire Protection:**

The City of Hayward has filed a Notice of Withdrawal of Leslie Salt Annex No. 3 from the Alvarado Fire Protection District.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 5, 1958*

**UPPEC Luncheon:**

There will be a luncheon special April 17<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon at the Alvarado S.D.E.S. Hall, sponsored by the Alvarado UPPEC Council #131.

*The Daily Review, April 7, 1958*

**Alvarado Fire:**

A fire at Smith & Alvarado Sts. thoroughly gutted the home of Jesus F. Arriola. Fire Chief Elvin Rose said the fire broke out in the residence about midnight. The fire had a good start before it was turned in and the firemen controlled the blaze to keep it from spreading to other nearby buildings. Smith and Alvarado Streets are across from the Alvarado Grammar School.

*The Daily Review, April 7, 1958*

**Federal Aid Sought:**

The Alameda County Board of supervisors dispatched off a telegram requesting Federal flood relief funds to Congress today. Locally, \$15,000 was appropriated to place rock surfacing and riprap on the levees of the channels in the area between Hayward and Alvarado.

During the 1955 floods the county collected some \$60,000 in Federal aid to defray costs of the huge cleanup program. Since that time, however, the Federal Civil Defense Administration has changed its policy and now provides only "emergency" funds, that is, money needed to fight the high waters, not clean up after them.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 9, 1958*

**Rodney Hendricks Marries:**

Rodney Hendricks, of Alvarado, married Miss Loretta Ferreira of Decoto on Easter Sunday. Best man for Mr. Hendricks was Robert Dutra, also of Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, April 11, 1958*

**Home Falls Two Feet:**

An expectant mother "got the scare of my life" when four water-weakened supporting timbers gave way and dropped her home two feet.

Mrs. Jennie Marin, 37, 1144 Marsh Road Alvarado, was at the kitchen table setting her hair when the one-story frame house dropped. "I thought it was an earthquake," she declared.

Mrs. Martin suffered no injuries but was obviously shaken by the experience that partially collapsed a rear portion of the house, jammed a floor furnace through the linoleum and broke up the floors between rooms. Porches and the roof also were damaged.

Mrs. Emily Sacramento, 38, owners of the home who lives nearby at 813 Watkins Street told deputies the house was probably a total loss. She estimated the damage at possibly \$4,500.

Mrs. Sacramento theorized that past floods in the Alvarado area and water standing even now below the house caused four supporting timbers to rot over the years resulting in the collapse.

*The Daily Review, April 12, 1958*

**Filipino Community of Alvarado:**

Six candidates are competing to reign as queen of the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration by the Filipino Community of Alvarado and surrounding communities. This Independence Day will also be the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Republic of the Philippines. The queen will be selected June 21<sup>st</sup> after tabulation of ballots. The voting will benefit the building fund of the community.

Candidates are Juanita Rose Seville, 17, of Oakland; Donna Sacramento, 16, of Alvarado; Sandra Bernido, 15, of Hayward; Eleanor Ranoa, 14, of Irvington; Carmen Avuncular, 17, of Pleasanton;

and Durlyn Mangiben, 16 of Oakland. The July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration will be held at the S.D.E.S. at Smith and Watkins Streets in Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 18, 1958*

#### **Innovations at Alvarado School:**

Innovations at **Alvarado Elementary School** include a typing class, novel for an elementary school, and a unified, concentrated reading class. In the latter the students are divided into groups according to reading level regardless of grade level, for a program in which interest reading and reading for improvement of understanding and rate have been established.

*The Daily Review, April 21, 1958*

#### **Alvarado School Salary Discussions:**

Salary discussions with members of the **Alvarado Teacher's Salary Committee** will head the agenda at tonight's 8:00 p.m. trustee's meeting. Supt. Leslie Maffey said discussions are still tentative. The district's budget will not be whipped into shape until mid May.

*The Daily Review, April 21, 1958*

#### **Manuel White Dies:**

Edith Machado and Mary Costa of Alvarado are mourning the passing of their father, Manuel Branco (White) who died April 22, 1958.

*The Oakland Tribune, April 23, 1958*

#### **VFW Auxiliary:**

Milton Castro and Mrs. Emily Sacramento will be seated as commander and president respectively of the Paul E. Rivers Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and Auxiliary of Alvarado on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*The Daily Review, April 24, 1958*

#### **Holy Ghost:**

Fourteen-year-old Elaine Pinto will be crowned the main queen of the Alvarado Holy Ghost fiesta during high mass at St. Anne's Church, corner of Smith and Watkins Sts., Alvarado, tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. Donna Rae Corchero, nine-years-old and Rhonda Rose, six-years-old will be crowned at the same time. The religious festival is scheduled to begin at 7:30 this evening as a procession leaves the S.D.E.S. Hall on Watkins Street and goes to the Peter Pinto home to pick up the queen, from there it will wend its way to the home of Seraphine Noia where the crowns will be secured. After that, dancing will be held at the S.D.E.S. Hall from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Prior to the 11:00 a.m. mass tomorrow morning, a procession led by the queens will go through the town at 9:30 a.m. and following mass, a dinner of carne of sopas will be held at the S.D.E.S., tickets may be purchased at the door.

The fiesta will culminate with a dance after dinner. Maids to the queen will be Alice Andrade of Niles, Betty Jean Pimentel of Alvarado, Jo Ann Silva of Alvarado, Linda Ornellis of Hayward, and Claudia Corchero and Darlene Andrade of Alvarado. Chairman of the fiesta will be Gregory Perry, Manuel Pinto and Manuel Martin, Jr.

*The Daily Review, April 26, 1958*

#### **Alvarado School Registration:**

Registration for next year's Kindergarten class and new first graders will be held in Alvarado School, 1651 Smith Street, all next week during the school day. All Kindergarten children must be at least four years, nine months of age by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, Supt. Leslie Maffey said. The only first graders who must register now are those who have recently moved into the community or who didn't attend Kindergarten in Alvarado District this year.

*The Daily Review, May 6, 1958*

#### **Private Richmond:**

Private Frank C. Richmond, 23, son of Mr. & Mrs. S. Richmond, 2065 Smith Street, Alvarado, recently completed eight weeks of Advanced Artillery Training at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas. He is a



1953 graduate of Washington Union High School and a 1957 graduate of the University of California.

*The Daily Review, May 7, 1958*

### **Decoto Annex Death Blow Hinted:**

Annexation of Decoto to Fremont may have been dealt a deathblow last night. A very confident Oscar Dowe, leader of the forces against the 8.6-square mile annex of Decoto to Fremont, estimated he had signed up and turned in property with an assessed value of \$1.06 million. If this adds up to 51 per cent of the assessed land value in the annex, then it is dead. City Clerk Howard Reese today refused to be pinned down as to Decoto's assessed value, but did say it was in the \$1.5 million to \$2.0 million range.

*The Daily Review, May 7, 1958*

### **Jackie Foster Homes Celebration:**

The Jackie Foster Homes Agency recently celebrated its seventh birthday with a luncheon at the Claremont Hotel in Oakland. Attending from Alvarado were Mrs. Lloyd Bailey, of the Alameda County Social Service Board and Mrs. R.A. Sparrow of the Washington Township Child Welfare Club.

*The Daily Review, May 7, 1958*

### **SPRSI:**

A social luncheon will be offered the public at noon May 22<sup>nd</sup> in the S.D.E.S. Hall in Alvarado. Sponsored by the SPRSI Lodge, the luncheon committee includes Mmes. Isabel Mondragon, Helen Goularte, Mayme Roderick and Eleanor Azevedo. Funds from the luncheon will go to the lodge's various charities.

*The Daily Review, May 12, 1958*

### **Alvarado Rezoned:**

The Alameda County Planning Commission yesterday clearly set the future pattern of development for Alvarado, heavy industrial. It also ordered a long-range study with a view of changing the Master Plan, which calls for keeping the community a residential area.

Commissioners rezoned a 60-acre area at Hesperian Boulevard and the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks, between the 15-acre site of Campbell Chain and Alvarado. Commissioners commented that "this will decide the fate of Alvarado," and that "the die is cast in favor of heavy industry.

*The Daily Review, May 15, 1958*

### **Industrial Park:**

Work is in progress on the \$2 million Campbell Chain plant just north of Alvarado on Hesperian Boulevard and the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks. The 150,000 square foot plant, first in what may become an integrated heavy industrial park, is scheduled for completion early next year.

A group headed by Abe Doty has purchased the 160 acres on each side of the railroad and has gathered capital to lease or sell plants. A.S. Holmes and Son of San Leandro, is handling the contracting and Robert Holmes, of the firm, has been spending considerable time in the eastern states endeavoring to interest large firms in the Alvarado area.

*The Daily Review, May 17, 1958*

### **Manuel Hendricks Dies:**

Manuel S. Hendricks, 86, died yesterday in an Oakland hospital. Mr. Hendricks, a native of Decoto leaves two children, Manuel Hendricks and **Mrs. Helen Anderson**, both of Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, May 19, 1958*

### **Alvarado Master Plan:**

A master plan to keep Alvarado from becoming "another Emeryville" is under study by a five-man committee appointed by the Union City Chamber of Commerce. Alvarado School Superintendent

Leslie H. Maffey was named Chairman. Other members are Fred Brown, Nick Ratekin, Damaso Diaz and Maurice Cox.

The idea of the master plan is to create a balanced community desired by residents, Maffey said. The committee will work with county planners and residents in mapping out new land uses, he asserted.

*The Daily Review, May 19, 1958*

#### **VFW Auxiliary:**

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the Paul E. Rivers Post in Alvarado will hold a ward party at Oak Knoll Hospital Thursday. Those who will be participating include Kathleen Silva, **Helen Anderson**, Lorraine Silva, Bernice Silveira, Marjorie Re, Jeanette Bratton, Dorothy Vargas, and Beatrice Rose.

*The Daily Review, May 19, 1958*

#### **Union City Teachers Group:**

Guy Emanuele Jr., has been installed as President of the Decoto-Alvarado Teachers Assn. Other officers seated were: Bruce Bradley, Vice President; Goldie Landy, Secretary; Anne Baca, Treasurer and Jim Blood, Director. Dr. Harold Schoenfeld, District Superintendent, was the installing officer.

*The Daily Review, May 20, 1958*

#### **Vargas Elected:**

George Vargas has been elected to the school board. He was running unopposed.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 21, 1958*

#### **Wilbert Hendricks Honored:**

Wilbert Hendricks was honored for his thirteen years of service to the Alvarado School District by the Alameda County School Board's Assn.

*The Daily Review, May 23, 1958*

#### **Classified Ad:**

MUSICAL:

Hammond organ, spinet, new model, mahogany, \$1,050

Phone: **AL**varado 55-945

*The Oakland Tribune, May 25, 1958*

#### **Alvarado Teen Hurt:**

Leonard Thomas, 23, of San Leandro and Gary Danley, 17, of 1090 "V" Street were injured when the car Thomas was driving overturned on a curb in San Leandro. Danley was taken to Mt. Eden Hospital and Thomas was released.

*The Daily Review, May 26, 1958*

#### **Frank Furtado Dies:**

Frank Furtado, 75, native of Alvarado and long time Washington Township resident, died in a Fremont rest home on Monday.

*The Daily Review, May 27, 1958*

#### **Alvarado Contractor in Court:**

J. W. Stiarwalt, of 803 Vallejo Street, Alvarado, was found guilty in Hayward Municipal Court of violating the Contractors State License law. It was noted by Judge T. L. Foley that this was the third time Stiarwalt had appeared before him on the same charge. Judge Foley set June 17<sup>th</sup> for probation report and sentencing.

*The Daily Review, May 27, 1958*

#### **Oakey Receives 30-Year Pin:**

Walter Oakey II, Manager of the Alvarado Branch of First Western Bank received his 30-year service award pin from Chairman of the Board T. P. Coats. Mr. Oakey began his banking career in 1928 with Central Bank in Oakland.

*The Oakland Tribune, May 29, 1958*

#### **Alvarado Pains Fremont:**

Alvarado is proving to be a thorn in Fremont's official side at this time. Fremont City Manager F. Robert Coop reported he is having a little trouble reaching an agreement on division of assets in the Alvarado Fire District. When Fremont incorporated it took 17 per cent of the Fire District and the city is now asking for 17 per cent of the assets, which would total \$7,000. Alvarado officials feel this figure is too high and are failing to go ahead with the plan.

*The Daily Review, May 29, 1958*

#### **PTA:**

Mrs. Robert Chavis has been installed, as President of the Alvarado PTA. Joining Mrs. Chavis is Mrs. Frank Sacramento as First Vice-President; and Mr. Leslie Maffey as Second Vice-President. Other officers installed were: Mrs. Raymond Dias, Mrs. Leonard Silva, Mrs. John Griffin, Mrs. Gene Rose, Mrs. Peter Pinto, Mrs. Joseph Rose and Mrs. Norman Silveira.

*The Daily Review, May 30, 1958*

#### **Commercial Advertisement:**

Direct Dial Is Here:

Starting tomorrow you can dial your own long distance call from Alvarado, Decoto, Centerville, Newark, and Niles Telephones.

Tomorrow is the big day, the day nationwide Direct Distance Dialing comes to the five exchanges above. After the change, if you have one or two party phone service, you'll be able to dial your own telephone calls direct to hundreds of cities throughout the nation. And, of course, low station-to-station rates will apply for this fast new service.

Here's how it works. Suppose you want to call **AC**ademy 3-0399 in San Diego, California.

First dial 714, the Area Code for San Diego.

Then dial the San Diego number, **AC3**-0399, that's all there is to it!

Many of the Area Codes you'll need are listed in the Direct Distance Dialing booklet we sent you. It's a good idea to read it carefully and keep it near your phone, for it tells *where* you can dial and *how* to do it.

No Area Codes will be necessary when dialing cities like Hayward, Oakland, San Jose, and San Francisco.

#### **Remember phone numbers change tomorrow, too.**

As part of the change to nationwide Direct Distance Dialing, all customers in the Alvarado, Decoto, Centerville, Newark, and Niles exchanges will get new telephone numbers. Be sure to use your new directory after tomorrow.

*The Daily Review, May 31, 1958*

#### **Auto Accident:**

Two soldiers stationed at the Nike Base near Newark were injured when their car plowed into a power pole on Hesperian Boulevard near Smith Street in Alvarado. Thomas E. Dyson and Delbert Magee were transferred to Letterman Army Hospital after treatment at Fairmont Hospital. Both are members of Batter D, 740<sup>th</sup> AAA Missile Bn.

*The Daily Review, June 2, 1958*

#### **Sewer District:**

If the Union Sanitary District's \$6,000,000 sewer bond issue is passed by voters next month, the district will build a sewer line and treatment plant in Alvarado. Justification for the main line sewer, which will cross Alvarado area farmlands for 14,000-feet outside USD boundaries is that it is the best way to serve the Niles and Decoto districts.

*The Daily Review, June 2, 1958*

### **San Jose State Graduates:**

San Jose State University will confer 1,246 degrees at commencement exercises to be held this Friday. Two will be from Alvarado, Yukio Hisaoka and Elaine Hocking.

*The Daily Review, June 2, 1958*

### **Child Hurt:**

Ramon Carabello, 27, of "V" and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets, Alvarado, struck and injured a 6 year-old boy who darted in front of his automobile while chasing a ball. The boy is scheduled to undergo an x-ray examination for possible fractures to his skull and pelvis. No citation was issued.

*The Daily Review, June 3, 1958*

### **School Pay Dispute:**

"We're not going to sit down with teachers and discuss administrators pay!"

This was the flat statement made to the *Daily Review* today by Wilbert Hendricks, Clerk of the Alvarado School Board. The rhubarb between teachers and administrators and trustees developed this week over pay hikes for Vice-Principal John Bond and Principal-Superintendent Leslie H. Maffey. Teachers have refused to accept the \$200 (a year) across the board increases unless increases are also forthcoming for Bond and Maffey. Hendricks charged "Maffey is supposed to be taking orders from us (the board). But it seems like the teacher are ones that are giving him the orders."

"Instead of coming in and sitting down with the board for a discussion of their salaries as we requested, Maffey and Bond preferred to go sit with the teachers," Hendricks declared. "Bond is governed by the teachers salary schedule and will get the flat \$200 pay hike, plus a \$200 increment this year," the board clerk continued. "But if we went along with the teachers, the administrators would be getting almost \$1,000 increases and we felt that the size of the school and the number of students doesn't warrant that kind of increase." The Alvarado School District has 11 teachers and 300 students.

Hendricks indicated the board might be willing to review Bond's salary which is now \$6,000 a year, but Maffey is getting \$8,400 a year plus \$500 travel allowance, "which to my way of thinking is enough," concluded Hendricks. Hendricks explained that Maffey got a \$900 increase last year and if "we granted him a \$1,000 raise this year the taxpayers would hang us from the flagpole."

On Monday the board did adopt a salary range for teachers of \$4,400 to \$7,400. They were getting \$4,200 to 7,200. Maffey said the district is in good financial shape and could pay higher salaries if it wanted. He said that the teachers were none to happy about their increase since they are still among the lowest paid in the township.

*The Daily Review, June 5, 1958*

### **Alvarado 4-H:**

A fashion show and Gay 90's Revue will be featured attractions at the next community meeting of the Alvarado 4-H Club 7:00 p.m., June 16<sup>th</sup>, at the I.D.E.S. Hall on Watkins Street in Alvarado.

A guest organization, the Independent 4-H Club will present the Revue. The fashion show will be produced by the Alvarado Club. Refreshments will be served.

*The Daily Review, June 5, 1958*

**VFW Awards to be Made:**

Two awards will be made to two graduates of the Alvarado Elementary School by the Paul E. Rivers VFW Auxiliary during graduation exercises next Wednesday. Final arrangements for these awards will be completed at today's meeting of the auxiliary at the Niles Veterans Memorial Building. Also at the meeting, memorial services will be conducted for deceased members.  
*The Daily Review, June 5, 1958*

**Appreciation:**

To the Editor of the *Daily Review*:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for space allotted to our auxiliary this past year in your newspaper.

Mrs. Marjorie Re, Alvarado

Publicity Chairman, 1957-1958

Paul E. Rivers VFW, Auxiliary No. 7906

*The Daily Review, June 6, 1958*

**Dance Permit Issued:**

On May 27<sup>th</sup> the County Board of Supervisors granted permission to Mrs. Julia Mora to conduct dances at 1045 Levee Street in Alvarado on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 6, 1958*

**Alvarado Rezoning:**

Abe R. Doty ([Oakland real estate developer](#)) was granted permission to rezone 60-acres of agriculture land for industry in the area north of Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, June 8, 1958*

**John L. Samarron Graduates:**

John L. Samarron of Alvarado will graduate Sunday in ceremonies to be held at the College of San Mateo.

*The Daily Review, June 10, 1958*

**School Pay Dispute:**

The Alvarado School District Trustees met with John Bond and Leslie Maffey over teachers and administrators pay last night. The school board is standing with their previous actions of \$200 across the board annual raises for teacher, which has balked at the increase because the administrators will not receive a pay increase. For the moment things are at an impasse.

*The Daily Review, June 11, 1958*

**VFW:**

Saturday at 9:00 p.m., the Paul E. Rivers Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Alvarado, will hold their annual spring dance at the Niles Veterans Memorial Building.

Norman Silveira and Raymond Corchero will chair the public dance and the Pinto Brothers Orchestra will play the music.

*The Daily Review, June 12, 1958*

**Fatal Stabbing:**

Three Decoto men are being held in custody today for investigation of murder after a wedding party erupted into a death-dealing brawl here early Sunday.

Recovering from stab wounds are John R. Martinez, 24, of Alvarado and Peter Hernandez, 25, of Hayward. Joe Hernandez, Peter's brother, was declared as dead on arrival at Fairmont Hospital.

Deputies reported the stabbings occurred during a brawl on Alvarado's Levee Street shortly before 2:00 a.m. Sunday morning.

*The Daily Review, June 16, 1958*

**Stiarwalt to Serve Jail Time:**

J. W. Stiarwalt, 803 Vallejo St., Alvarado, was sentenced to six months in jail with five months suspended. He was found guilty of violating the State Contractor Licensing law. He pleaded guilty May 27<sup>th</sup> to contracting without a license, and was sentenced in Hayward Municipal Court.  
*The Daily Review, June 17, 1958*

**Marriage License:**

Lupe Michael Torrez, 19, of Alvarado  
Theresa Mary Martinez, 17, of Decoto  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 18, 1958*

**School Pay Dispute:**

Supt. Leslie Maffey and Vice-Principal John Bond of the Alvarado School District have accepted the school trustee's refusal to grant immediate pay boosts. Maffey announced today that since trustees reserved the right their right to reconsider raising Bond's and his pay later this year; they will drop their demands for more money now.

Bond, who is on the regular teacher salary pay scale will receive an immediate \$200 increase, while Maffey's pay will remain unchanged at \$8,400 a year.  
*The Daily Review, June 19, 1958*

**Drunk Driver:**

A driver who walked away from an accident scene in Hayward on Wednesday night was arraigned yesterday in Hayward Municipal Court. Ysidro Jimenez, 25, of Alvarado, was ordered to appear on June 23<sup>rd</sup> to enter a plea on felony drunk driving. He is being held on \$1,500 bail.  
*The Daily Review, June 20, 1958*

**Union Sanitary District:**

More than 16,000 voters in the sprawling Union Sanitary District are eligible to vote on a special \$6 million sewer bond proposal tomorrow. Polls in 24 locations throughout the district, which most of Fremont, Newark and Decoto will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. To be decided is whether USD directors will be authorized to sell \$6 million in bonds to finance long range expansion plans in the fast growing district.

If the bonds are successful, the money would also fund a trunk line to carry sewage from the Niles area to a new treatment plant outside the district's present boundaries in Alvarado.  
*The Daily Review, June 23, 1958*

**Dance Permit Issued:**

The application of Julia Mora, et al, for permission to conduct dances every day at 1045 Levee St. has been granted.  
*The Oakland Tribune, June 25, 1958*

**USD Sewer Bond Vote:**

Union Sanitary District voters overwhelmingly supported a \$6 million sewer bond issue in a special election yesterday. Although only 18 percent of registered voters turned out, the margin was 2,968-696 in favor of the bond issue to finance sewer line and treatment plant expansion for the next twenty years. Only Alviso District and Warm springs District voted against the bonds.

Planned are main line sewers throughout Fremont, Newark and Decoto and eventually into the unincorporated area of Alvarado, presently outside the district. Treatment plants at Irvington and Newark will be improved and a new plant will be built in Alvarado to handle sewage from the Niles-Decoto area.  
*The Daily Review, June 25, 1958*

**Delicatessen Business Sold:**

Gerald and Remedía Gamardo of 1085 V Street, Alvarado, intend to sell their Delicatessen business located at 400 Foothill Boulevard to P-X Markets of San Lorenzo.

*The Daily Review, June 25, 1958*

### **Neighbors Feud:**

Sheriff's Deputy Eugene Saper of Eden Township substation won't be able to close the strange case of Mr. Titus' tires until 1960. Until then, he is hoping he won't have to referee another match between Titus and David Doyal Jr. 39, of 519 Alquire Road.

Saper was called to that address yesterday morning. Doyal told him that for the past six or eight months, Titus has been burning tires on property on back of the Doyal's home. The prevailing wind invariably blows the smoke towards him, Doyal says.

Saper talked to Francis Dewayne Titus, 34, 525 Alvarado-Niles Road. Excerpts of the report: "Titus says he does have a permit to burn the tires. Mr. Titus has a problem. He bought two acres along Alquire Road for his business but about 1,000 worn out automobile tires came along with the deal."

"Now he is faced with disposing of the tires and no one will take them off of his hands. He can only burn two tires at a time and at this rate he figures he will be rid of them by 1960. He stated he would move the tires and try to get along with Mr. Doyal."

*The Daily Review, June 25, 1958*

### **New Incorporation Petition:**

Union City forces have filed a new Incorporation petition with the County Supervisors excluding the court contested South Hayward Industrial Annex. The proposed city is only nine-square miles in size, compared with the original 23-square miles. Also excluded from the new filing are the 11-square miles Leslie Salt annexed to Hayward, which cuts off Union City from the Bay and Hayward's 190-acre McCosker Annex and the hill area behind Mission Boulevard.

The Union City action followed the Tuesday failure of a move to annex the Decoto area to Fremont. The petition was signed by 41 persons headed by Elvin Rose. "This time we mean business. We're going ahead with incorporation, providing people want it," J. A. Ratekin said today. Ratekin heads the Alvarado plant of the Holly Sugar Company, which has backed the previous moves.

*The Daily Review, June 26, 1958*

### **Crossed Wires:**

A man up a pole had sheriff deputies up a tree this in a morning scurrying for what, if any, bank had been robbed. An "intermittent" alarm, too faint to be pinpointed, sent the law dashing in at least seven directions, checking banks in Irvington, Centerville, Newark, Niles and Alvarado. It was deputy Walt Cordon who discovered the source of the alarm; a lineman on a pole behind the Bank of America ([First Western Bank?](#)) in Alvarado had his wires crossed.

*The Daily Review, June 27, 1958*

### **Alvarado Filipino Community:**

In a two-day celebration opening tomorrow, the Filipino community of Alvarado and vicinity, and some 2,000 people will commemorate the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Philippines Independence and the 182<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the U.S. Independence. Mrs. Isabel B. Loyola, chairman of the queen contest, which preceded the festival, said today that Durlyn Mangiben, Oakland, won the title as Queen of the festival and will receive her crown at 5:00 p.m. Friday from Consul Dominador B. Amor of the Philippines. Site of the ceremonies will be the S.D.E.S Hall on Smith and Watkins Street in Alvarado.

Eleanor Ranoa of Fremont was named Miss Luzon and will be crowned as Princess by Mayor Michael Overacker of Fremont.

Zandra Bernido of Hayward was named Miss Visayas and will be crowned a Princess by Mayor Frank Biggs of Hayward.

Donna Sacramento of Alvarado was named Miss Mindanao and will receive her crown from Councilman Leonard Lucio from Newark.

*The Daily Review, July 2, 1958*

### **Alameda County Fair:**

The Alameda County Fair, enjoying a record run, goes into its fourth day tomorrow with a salute to the sister cities of Alvarado and Decoto. Decoto citizens will stage their own variety show at 2:00 p.m. in the Court of the Four Seasons and Alvarado residents will stage a similar show at 6:30 p.m.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 2, 1958*

### **Alvarado Decoto School District Merger:**

A town meeting to determine if Alvarado and Decoto School Districts are ready for unification will be held in Decoto's Barnard School July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Decoto trustees have invited trustees of their sister district and hope for large turnout of citizens to hear results of a University of California service center study on the feasibility of unification. "The trustees will be hearing it for the first time along with the public," said Decoto Supt. Schoenfeld.

*The Daily Review, July 3, 1958*

### **County Fair Winners:**

County Fair officials today announced the following first place winners for 4-H displays and competitions:

#### 4-H Booths & Exhibits:

The Alvarado 4-H Club

#### 4-H Agricultural Mechanics:

Dennis Machado, Leroy Pinto

*The Daily Review, July 5, 1958*

### **Stabbing Death Set for Trial:**

Three Decoto men will stand trial in Superior Court in Oakland for the June 15<sup>th</sup> murder of an Alvarado man. This was the decision of Judge E. A. Quaresma of the Niles-Centerville Judicial Court yesterday following a 4½-hour preliminary hearing.

The victim was Joe L. Hernandez, 34 of 1033 Granger Ave., Alvarado. An insult to a woman bartender apparently set off the fight that ended with the fatal stabbing.

*The Daily Review, July 8, 1958*

### **Manuel Avila Dies:**

Manuel Antone Avila, 86, of Alvarado died in a Niles Sanitarium yesterday. He leaves his wife, Mary L. Avila and a sister in the Azores. A native of Pico, he had lived in Alvarado for 46 years where he was a farmer.

*The Daily Review, July 9, 1958*

### **Alameda County Fair:**

The Alameda County Fair presented trophies to four 4-H members for their showmanship in the stock-raising category. A winner from Alvarado was Melvin Silva in the sheep division.

*The Oakland Tribune, July 10, 1958*

### **Mrs. Anderson Mourns Loss:**

Mrs. C.M. Anderson of Alvarado is mourning the loss of her father, Ralph A. Stoppel of San Mateo who passed away in San Mateo on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

*The San Mateo Times, San Mateo Calif., July 10, 1958*



**Alvarado Bank Robbery:**

Alvarado's First Western Bank \$35,000 robbery of last August 30<sup>th</sup> has been linked to three men who held up a Fresno bank and escaped with \$46,000 Tuesday. Alameda County Sheriff's Captain Frank Madigan said the method of operation was the same and the bandit's leader description in both robberies tallied. The leader was described as a hawk nosed man of between 30 and 40 years old and wearing pancake makeup. Two Oakland robberies also were believed staged by the trio.

*The Daily Review, July 10, 1958*

**South Alquire Road:**

The City of Hayward has changed the name of Alquire Road to South Alquire Road from the Hayward City limits to Smith Street in Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, July 11, 1958*

**License to Marry:**

Frank C. Richmond, 23, Alvarado

Evelyn A. Bettencourt, 20, Niles

*The Oakland Tribune, July 12, 1958*

**Nisei Growers:**

Nisei Growers of Washington Township were named winners of the feature booth display at the Alameda County Fair. The theme of the Blue Ribbon display was "Tomato Culture" and it used a turntable to explain such information as planting season, crop care, fertilization, and harvesting.

Kaz and Chuck Shikano were co-chairmen of the booth. Committee members included Henry and May Kato, Yutaka and Ace Handa, Yosh Hisaoka, Kay Mayeda, Kaz Kawaguchi, Kiyoshi Katsumoto, Ky Kato, Toyoko Yonekura and James Sekigahama.

*The Daily Review, July 14, 1958*

**School District Unification:**

Washington Township school districts are jockeying for position as the unification battle heads for a July 23<sup>rd</sup> showdown. As matters now stand it appears that the nine elementary districts that make up Washington Union High School will be split up into more than one unified school district unless something drastic happens between now and then.

Although high school trustees have gone on record as opposing any move for unification, except one that includes the whole area, bids for "home rule" by individual districts are gaining strength.

On the local front, Decoto and Alvarado Trustees have indicated that they may combine to seek an Alvarado-Decoto unified district within the boundaries of the unincorporated Union City area.

*The Daily Review, July 16, 1958*

**Marriage License:**

Larry Dean Lewis, 18, Alvarado

Evon Marie Rannebeck, 18, of Alvarado

*The Daily Review, July 16, 1958*

**VFW Hoedown:**

The Alvarado VFW is sponsoring a hoedown at the Niles Veterans Memorial Building Friday evening. All square dance groups, VFW organizations and the general public are invited to attend. Jess Jacinto is the chairman of the affair with Walt Ambiel, Bob Lind, Bob Chavis, and Norman Silveira.

*The Daily Review, July 17, 1958*

**The Future of Washington Union Schools:**

Whether Union City will go for its own unified school district or throw in its lot with Fremont could be decided at a joint meeting of the Alvarado-Decoto School Boards tonight. They will seek public reaction to unification at the town meeting type session. The decision of the trustees will become apparent tomorrow when the county committee on school district organization convenes at Washington Union High School.

This is the last date the committee, augmented by the trustees of Washington Township Districts can act and still meet the deadline for the 1959 unification. Later action will delay the unification until 1960. Newark school officials have already announced they will press for a vote in favor of a Newark Unified school District tomorrow. If Alvarado and Decoto also decide they want to unify, Washington Union High School would be trimmed to only six Fremont Districts. High school trustees have already declared they favor the unification of the township, which would change the legal structure but leave the present high school boundaries intact.

*The Daily Review, July 22, 1958*

#### **Windows Stolen:**

Twenty-four odd sized window sashes, valued at \$532, were stolen from the construction site of the new **Alvarado School**, 1651 Smith Street, workmen reported yesterday. The new structure will replace the old building, now being torn down at the same location.

*The Daily Review, July 23, 1958*

#### **Township Schools:**

With help from neighboring educators from the north, Washington Township schoolmen voted last night to make one unified district for all schools in Decoto, Alvarado, Newark and Fremont. The district would have to be ratified by the vote of Washington Township people in a special election.

Six of the 10 school districts voted against the proposal but a majority of the Augmented County Committee on School District Organization put the recommendation across 11 - 8.

*The Daily Review, July 24, 1958*

#### **Classified Ad:**

USED CARS FOR SALE:

Chevrolet, 1949, radio, defrosters, good motor, \$195. See at Chevron Station.

Alvarado

*The Oakland Tribune, July 25, 1958*

#### **Union City Petition:**

Petitions are being circulated here again to incorporate Decoto and Alvarado in to Union City. A mass meeting is set up for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Decoto School to bring residents up to date and outline some plans for the future city.

Rumors had started that the new city would allow legal gambling within city limits to augment the tax base, but this rumor was quickly squelched by all leaders as totally false.

Two committees have been formed for circulate petitions for Union City, one in Alvarado headed by Elvin Rose and the other in Decoto headed by Manuel Bolivia.

To qualify for an incorporation election, Dowe said, they would have to sign up 25 per cent of the areas estimated 5,100 citizens and 25 per cent (roughly \$700,000) of the assessed value of the land, figured at \$2.8 million.

*The Daily Review, July 25, 1958*

#### **Classified Ad:**

WOMEN WANTED:

Stenographer-bookkeeper, type 50 words per minute, also calculating, must be accurate. \$275 to start.

Holly Sugar Co., Alvarado Interview 10:00 to 11:30.  
*The Oakland Tribune, July 27, 1958*

### **Marriage:**

Rebecca Jean Overacker, daughter of Fremont mayor Michael Overacker will become the bride of Clifford White of Niles. Ms. Overacker is employed at Alvarado's First Western Bank.  
*The Daily Review, July 29, 1958*

### **Union City Tax Rate:**

Alvarado-Decoto residents can incorporate into Union City with minimum services and a minimum 48-cent tax rate. This was told to some 50 residents last night by Oscar Dowe, Pacific States Steel Executive and one of the incorporation leaders.

But a drawback to this financial picture is the fact that Alvarado and Decoto Fire Districts will continue to function as separate taxing agencies. The Alvarado Fire District has a 28-cent tax and Decoto has a 35-cent tax rate. This means a minimum total tax rate of 76-cents for Alvarado and 83-cents for Decoto.

Dowe stressed that the 48-cents would be a figure for a minimum government. If the people want more services they will have to pay a higher rate he declared.

*The Daily Review, July 30, 1958*

### **Alvarado School:**

Wrecking crews are tearing down the old **Alvarado Grammar School** to make way for a new plant being constructed at the rear of the site. The archway that housed the old school bell is the only whole piece of the school that was built in 1924 that is still standing. The archway and bell tower is the next thing on the wrecker's crew to bring down. While wreckers are busy, construction men are hard at work putting up new quarters for Alvarado students. The \$340,000 school will have 13 classrooms and will open in September.

*The Daily Review, August 1, 1958*

### **Township Schools:**

A battle of figures has started in the wrangle over Washington Township school unification. Union City Chamber of Commerce President Kenneth Garcia yesterday took on Centerville School District Supt. Tom Maloney for "misrepresenting the facts" in comparing basic tax rates.

Maloney last week hit the proposed township unification by claiming it would mean Centerville taxpayers would have to up their \$1.13 tax rate if it merged with the higher priced districts like Decoto, which will charge a rate of \$2.15 for elementary education this year.

Garcia added in the rate charged by Washington Union High School and other school taxes and came up with \$3.17 per \$100 assessed valuation as Centerville's total education tax compare with \$3.98 for Decoto. Technically this is true because the tax paid by a unified school district would probably top the total rate paid for all education.

But whether you use a basic tax rate or the total rate, the difference is the same, in this case Decoto pays 80 cents more than Centerville and will pay about \$1 more next years because of a tax increase. Garcia also maintained that Decoto resident's pay more taxes because they offer a better program such as music, shop, recreation and the like.

Maloney on the other hand charges that Decoto residents want to have Fremont residents help support their schools through unification, but are unwilling to help pay city taxes by annexing to Fremont.

Decoto trustees with Alviso, Niles and Washington Union High School voted in favor of unification. The other six township districts, Newark, Centerville, Mission San Jose, Warm Springs, Irvington and Alvarado have banded together to beat the proposal.

*The Daily Review, August 4, 1958*

### **Washington Township School Budget:**

Washington Township school districts are expected to adopt an aggregate budget of \$5,544,866 this week. Public hearings started Friday will wind up Thursday in the 10 districts. Budgeted amounts include \$1,622,517 for Washington Union High School and \$3,922,349 for the nine township elementary schools.

*The Daily Review, August 4, 1958*

### **Classified Ad:**

WORK WANTED:

Man wishes steady farm work with housing, references.

P. O. Box 189, Alvarado

*The Daily Review, August 6, 1958*

### **Woman Finds Lost Father:**

A no trespassing sign is going to be added to the "no comment" stand of an Alvarado woman who believes she has located her father after a 15-year search. Mrs. Leona Howard, who lives on the Patterson Ranch off Marsh Road with her husband, Jack, and her son, wouldn't say much in a interview with the *Daily Review* yesterday afternoon.

She admitted being the woman who approached Leon Potter on a downtown street in Watsonville Tuesday and that she has spoken to him. Potter, a 66-year old, dapper dressing eccentric part-time dish washer, rode the rails back into Watsonville Tuesday to sign papers that will net him \$15,000 in back pension from the Veterans Administration. Potter told reporters that he didn't recall ever being married and didn't know of any children.

Mrs. Howard flatly refused to let photographers take her picture yesterday and she stood behind a screen door of her ranch house near the Nike Base to listen to a lot of questions and answer few.

*The Daily Review, August 7, 1958*

### **Washington Township School District:**

Protests against unifying Washington Township's 10 school districts are expected to come thick and fast at a public hearing tomorrow night. County committee members could not change their July 23<sup>rd</sup> vote if they wanted to, since legally their authorization has already been taken and this will only be a procedural meeting.

At a meeting on Tuesday Trustees changed their minds and said that while they still favor unification they will go along with the six districts currently fighting it to force a delay. Newark, Centerville, Alvarado, Irvington, Mission San Jose and Warm Springs Elementary Districts all voted against unification and have joined forces to gain at least a year's delay.

*The Daily Review, August 7, 1958*

### **Nimitz Freeway:**

Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz officially bestowed his name to the former East Shore Freeway. The freeway remains a work in progress and the link from Oakland to Warm Springs will not be fully completed until November.

*The Oakland Tribune, August 12, 1958*

### **Pay Hike Turned Down:**

Supt. Leslie Maffey's latest bid for boost in his salary from the present \$8,400 was turned down cold by the board of trustees. At the same time they said they would definitely grant a pay increase to Maffey's secretary at one of their next meetings.

*The Daily Review, August 20, 1958*

**Bill Emery Weds:**

Bill Emery, formerly of Alvarado, wed Diane Marie Tuhey of Centerville Sunday. Bill is the son of Mrs. Weston Emery of Lowry Road.

*The Daily Review, August 21, 1958*

**Union City Petitions:**

Petitions circulating to incorporate Alvarado and Decoto into Union City are coming into the home stretch. Leaders are confident and predicting overwhelming success in this initial stage of incorporation. Manuel Bolivia, Decoto chairman reports, "Things are looking pretty good. I think we've got it licked already."

*The Daily Review, August 22, 1958*

**California Sate Fair:**

Among hundreds of girls entering clothing projects in the California State Fair 4-H exhibitions are five girls from Alvarado. Gerri Pretti is entering an apron, Kathleen Silva a blouse, Wilma Silva a blouse, Carol Noia a skirt and Carol Ann Silva a skirt.

*The Daily Review, August 25, 1958*

**Ranch Foreman Robbed:**

Low Yee, 72, a foreman on the Patterson Ranch near here, was hit on the head with a gun and robbed of \$114 by two men who waylaid him in his house about noon today.

Yee said he came home to fix lunch and was met by two swarthy complexioned men. They demanded money and a struggle started. They slugged Yee, pulled a rice sack over his head and left him dazed on the floor.

He was found a few minutes later by Huie Wong, 54, who also lived in the house. Wong also found \$63 missing from a suitcase belong to his son, Tony, 19.

*The Daily Review, August 26, 1958*

**Bank Heist Anniversary:**

This week will mark the first anniversary of the Bay area's biggest bank robbery in recent years. The bank robbers who fled with \$35,000 after locking up employees in the vault at the First Western Bank on Levee Street are still at large. They have managed to baffle local police and FBI agents for a whole year.

*The Daily Review, August 26, 1958*

**Commercial Ad:**

MOVIE THEATER:

"3 Desgraciados Con Suerte:

Antonio Badu – Fernando Casanova

"El Mal Amor"

Ricardo Passano – Mocha Ortiz

Alvarado Theater

1115 Marsh Road

Phone: **GR1-4424**

Note the change in the phone number. It is now **GR** for Greenleaf. **GR1** converts to the numbers 471, Alvarado's first three digits on Direct Dialing.

*The Daily Review, August 27, 1958*

**St. Anne's Church:**

Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>: Bazaar, all day, S.D.E.S. Hall, Alvarado. Sponsored by St. Anne's for benefit of the Church.

Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>: Dance 9:00 p.m., S.D.E.S. Hall, Alvarado. Sponsored by St. Anne's for benefit of the Church.

*The Daily Review, August 27, 1958*

### **Alvarado School:**

Destruction of the old Alvarado Grammar School finally reached the time capsule placed in the building in 1924. Mr. Leslie Maffey, Principal and Delores Vierra, Secretary opened the capsule and among the major finds was: The class picture of the Fourth and Fifth Grades taught by Charlotte Jung, who still resides in Alvarado. Among the students in the picture is Wilbert Hendricks, who now heads the school's board of trustees. Another picture in the capsule was the Alvarado girl's baseball team, champs of the Washington Township Girl's League for the years 1922 – 1924. A history of the Alvarado School system stating that the first school in town opened in 1853 with only five students.

The new building will also have a time capsule. In addition to the 1958 mementos, the contents of the 1958 capsule will be buried in the concrete base of the monument, which will support the old school bell.

*The Daily Review, August 28, 1958*

### **Company Town in the Making:**

[\(Editorial comment from \*The Daily Review\*\)](#)

Union City has more than a 50-50 chance of incorporating, according to news reports drifting out of the area. Proponents say the new city could have minimum services with a 48-cent tax rate.

The 48 cents would not include the fire district tax, water district tax or sewer tax. Addition of those items would boost the total in Alvarado to \$1.95 and in Decoto to \$1.51. The minimum services to be secured through the 48-cent tax would be for police protection and roadwork.

Since minimum services are available now under county jurisdiction, it is obvious that the incorporation movement is for some other purpose. Two questions arise: What is the purpose? And, would the average homeowner serve his own best interests by voting to help that purpose?

It has long been evident that the sparkplugs of the incorporation movement are affiliated with the areas big industries. It has been hinted, also, that the area should have "protection" from Fremont and Hayward. Union City voters have already rejected annexation to Fremont, and their civic stance has suggested a cold shoulder would be turned to Hayward should the occasion arise. So protection is not the issue; voters are amply able to protect themselves from outside encroachment.

That leaves the question of whether encroachment from inside is lurking under the camouflage of reasons that have been advanced. In short, is an effort being made to incorporate Union City as a "company town" with the idea sold to voters by reasoning that doesn't stand up?

There is nothing wrong with a company town if voters establish it with full realization. But careful avoidance of the subject in Union City and the straw man characteristics of the reasons that have been advanced suggest that the whole story hasn't been told.

*The Daily Review, August 28, 1958*

### **Alvarado School:**

Alvarado Grammar School will begin classes on September 15<sup>th</sup> this year.

*The Oakland Tribune, September 7, 1958*

### **Christmas Seals:**

Mrs. Genevieve Dutra will lead the 1958 Christmas Seals sales team for the Alameda County Tuberculosis and Health Association in the Alvarado area. Christmas Seals help fund the search for a cure of tuberculosis.

*The Daily Review, September 10, 1958*

### **Union City Petition Checked:**

The petitions by the Decoto-Alvarado area seeking to incorporate as "Union City" is being checked by County Clerk Jack G. Blue to determine the validity of the names affixed to the document. Elvin A. Rose, chairman of the incorporation committee presented the petition to the Board of supervisors yesterday.

He declared that it did contain at least 25 percent of the property owners and 25 percent of the assessed valuation of the area, a requirement for the incorporation proposal. If the signatures are declared valid then the Board of Supervisors must set a public hearing as a preliminary to calling an election.

*The Daily Review, September 11, 1958*

**New Arrival:**

Born to Mr. & Mrs. Sal Barrera at Eden Hospital, a boy on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

*The Daily Review, September 13, 1958*

**Marriage License:**

Tony Luna Zendejas, 28, of Decoto  
Sara Garcia Ramirez, 27, of Alvarado

*The Daily Review, September 18, 1958*

**Engagement Announced:**

The engagement of Margaret Joan Corchero of Niles and Louis K. Burns was announced at a recent gathering at the home of the bride-elect's parents. Mr. Burns is a resident of Alvarado and is the son of Mrs. Melvin Arenchild ([formerly Mrs. T.P. Harvey of Alvarado](#)).

*The Oakland Tribune, September 21, 1958*

**Power Outage:**

There wasn't much rain yesterday, but what there was raised havoc with Pacific Gas & Electric Co. transformers and doused light in much of southern Alameda County. PG&E blamed a short circuit on a 12,000-volt line in Niles Canyon for a power failure that blacked out Niles, Alvarado, Decoto, and parts of Hayward from 7:30 p.m. last night to 12:30 a.m. this morning.

*The Daily Review, September 23, 1958*

**Local Residents Mourn Loss:**

Mrs. Mary Luiz of the Alviso district and Mrs. Helen Goularte of Alvarado are mourning the loss of their aunt, Miss Mary L. Faria, 86, who died Saturday at Warm Springs.

*The Daily Review, September 23, 1958*

**Matsumoto's Plate Glass Window:**

A man-and-wife scuffle in front of Ben Matsumoto's Alvarado grocery store got into the record the other day. The husband carried the groceries out of the store, got into a wrangle on the sidewalk, flung the bag of groceries at her, smashed Ben's plate glass window, and shot the cost of living sky high.

*The Daily Review, September 25, 1958*

**Pixie Cootiette Club:**

Pixie Cootiette Club 634 is now meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Eagles Hall, corner of Smith and Vallejo Streets in Alvarado, with Fuzzy Wuzzy Pup Tent 3, Military Order of the Cootie, according to Margie Collier, President.

*The Daily Review, September 26, 1958*

**Alvarado PTA:**

The first meeting of the year for the Alvarado PTA will be held in the school cafeteria at 8:00 p.m. tomorrow night according to Mrs. Florence Chavis, President.

*The Daily Review, October 1, 1958*

**Farm Worker Robbed:**

Jose Ochoa, 35, Newark farm worker, was kidnapped and robbed at knifepoint Saturday night, he reported to sheriff's deputies. Ochoa said two men approached him, knives drawn, in front of the Alvarado Hotel late Saturday. They forced him into getting into his own car and drive toward Irvington on Hiway 17. At Durham Road the two ordered him out of the car, took \$8.75 out of his wallet, then told him to drive away.

***The Daily Review, October 6, 1958***

### **Bowling:**

Yosh Hisaoka shot a 259 to set a new individual high game record for the Fremont Bowl League at Hayward Bowl, giving the team a high game of 1056. Team members and their scores: Ken Kraft 191, Yosh Hisaoka 259, Al McGowen 194, Pete Hisaoka 236, and Bernie Day 176.

***The Daily Review, October 9, 1958***

### **County Supt. Of Schools:**

Forty-six Southern Alameda County residents today were named to an Alameda County committee for the re-election of Dr. Harold Schoenfeld to county superintendent of schools. Named from Alvarado were J. A. Ratekin, Wilbert Hendricks, William Machado and George Vargas.

***The Daily Review, October 9, 1958***

### **Dekidos Fights Back:**

Union City Tow Company operator, A.B. Dekidos will file suit against the city of Fremont to back up his claim he doesn't need a ([Fremont City](#)) business license. This is the second step in the action that started last Friday when the ([Fremont](#)) district attorney's office issued a criminal citation against Dekidos for continuing to operate in Fremont without a business license.

The citation was never served because Dekidos' attorney made a last minute contact with Dep. District Attorney Bill Ahern and had the arrest warrant recalled. His attorney, Harold Abram of Oakland, said the counter action would be filed in the "very near future."

Dekidos, long at odds with Fremont Police and deputy sheriffs over the "rotation system" on accidents, declared he is no longer interested in having his name on the rotation list.

He charges the system "never did work out for me. I've monitored the radio and can prove there were several times my turn came up and I wasn't called."

DeKidos contends that he is licensed by the state and that he operates his business from his Veasy Street home in Alvarado, which is outside Fremont city limits and jurisdiction.

"All I want is the right to pick up and deliver cars in the city and be able to respond when someone involved in an accident specifically asks for me," he asserts.

Dekidos added that he stopped taking out business licenses this year "because I was paying \$50 and it wasn't doing me a bit of good."

***The Daily Review, October 10, 1958***

### **Classified Ad:**

FOR RENT - UNFURNISHED:  
2-Bedroom house, \$75, 280 Hall Ranch Road, Alvarado  
Phone: GR1-4541

***The Daily Review, October 10, 1958***

### **Gas War:**

Bay area gas stations continue to cut prices in the escalating gas war. Regular gas is now 25.9¢ at major oil companies in the Oakland area.

***The Oakland Tribune, October 16, 1958***



**Splitting Students:**

Splitting students between the James Logan and Washington Union High Schools may give trustees a splitting headache.

Supt. J.V. Goold this week came up with the recommendation that students within the Alviso, Alvarado, Decoto and Niles elementary district be sent to the Logan School in Decoto. The administrator estimated enrollment at the Decoto plant, scheduled to open next September, would be about 1,100 students. Only freshman, sophomore and juniors would attend the Decoto plant under the plan that would let senior students finish their terms and graduate from the Centerville school.

*The Daily Review, October 22, 1958*

**Western Pacific OK's Union City:**

A Western Pacific Railroad official said yesterday his company will probably go along with the proposed Union City incorporation. Samuel Fordyce, assistant director of WP's industrial development division said the railroad would not oppose incorporation if their industrial land in the Whipple Road area of Decoto can be served by South County utilities.

*The Daily Review, October 24, 1958*

**Melvin Vanderpeer Dies:**

Melvin Vanderpeer, a former native of Alvarado, who left to work in the DMV Offices in Oakland and Red Bluff died recently. Mr. Vanderpeer was a veteran of World War I.

*The Oakland Tribune, October 25, 1958*

**New High School Boundaries:**

Boundary lines dividing students between the Centerville and Decoto High Schools will be discussed by Washington Union High School Trustees at 8:00 p.m. tonight. School administrators proposed that students in the Alvarado, Alviso, Decoto and Niles Elementary School Districts attend the new James Logan High School in Decoto, which is scheduled to open in September 1959.

They also recommended allowing seniors to finish out their terms and graduate from the Centerville school. This would leave only freshman, sophomores and juniors at the new James Logan High on opening day. Trustees noted that this step would put Decoto at only two-thirds capacity and the Centerville school would continue to operate over capacity.

*The Daily Review, October 29, 1958*

**Protest Hearing on Union City Slated:**

A protest hearing on the proposed incorporation of Alvarado and Decoto into Union City will be held tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. by the County Board of Supervisors in Oakland. The hearing will be in the boardroom on the second floor of the County Courthouse, 1225 Fallon Street.

If there are no major protests it is expected that supervisors will set a date for an incorporation election for residents of the eight-square miles.

*The Daily Review, October 29, 1958*

**Mrs. Flora Dutra Mourns Loss:**

Mrs. Flora Dutra of Alvarado is mourning the loss of her father, Joaquin L. Silva of Fremont who recently died at the age of 75.

*The Daily Review, October 29, 1958*

**Legal Notice:**

NOT RESPONSIBLE:

I will not be responsible for any debts or commitments made by anyone other than myself on or after this date. Dated: October 24, 1958

Signed: Mary Berganciano Horton

Address: 1175 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Alvarado, California  
*The Oakland Tribune, October 29, 1958*

### **Gov. Knight:**

A committee of Southern Alameda County Democrats today joined in calling for the election of Governor Knight to the United States Senate. Representing Alvarado will be Damaso Diaz.  
*The Daily Review, October 31, 1958*

### **Splitting Students II:**

Division of students between Washington Union High School and James Logan High School is still up in the air. Boundaries proposed by the administration would put students in the Alviso, Alvarado, Decoto and Niles elementary districts at the Logan plant in Decoto. Seniors in these districts, however, would finish up their last year and graduate from Washington Union High School in Centerville.

Trustee Gordon Dickerson has criticized the proposal on the grounds the Decoto School would be operating at less than capacity and the Centerville plant would be carrying the bulk of the student load.

*The Daily Review, October 29, 1958*

### **Alvarado PTA:**

The Alvarado PTA will meet Thursday at 2:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria, 1651 Smith Street, Alvarado. **The Seventh Grade class** will provide the entertainment.

*The Daily Review, November 4, 1958*

### **Stabbing Nets Jail Time:**

The three Decoto men accused in the stabbing death of Joe Hernandez of Alvarado on June 16<sup>th</sup> received jail sentences of between eight months, for two of the participants, to 1 – 10 years in San Quentin for the third participant.

*The Daily Review, November 8, 1958*

### **Wedding Bells:**

A December 20<sup>th</sup> is being planned at St. Anne's Church in Alvarado by Sandra Siebes of Hayward and her fiancé, Joe Tenorio, Jr. Joe is the son of the Senior Tenorio who resides at 981 Levee Street, Alvarado.

*The Daily Review, November 11, 1958*

### **City of Fremont & DeKidos Do Battle:**

A. B. (Deke) DeKidos, fiery operator of the Union City Tow Co., on Veasy Street in Alvarado, isn't the kind to be pushed around. Last month the City of Fremont had the district attorney issue a criminal complaint against the Alvarado tow operator for refusal to take out a Fremont Business License. DeKidos got an injunction against the arrest warrant and has now started a lawsuit against the City of Fremont. DeKidos claims he does not need a Fremont business license since his base of operations is outside of Fremont. Meantime, DeKidos trucks continue to be a familiar sight chugging around Fremont's streets.

*The Daily Review, November 12, 1958*

### **Union City Vote:**

Residents of the Decoto and Alvarado areas have until January 13<sup>th</sup> to make up their minds whether that section should become Alameda County's thirteenth city. But residents of proposed Union City has deadlines next Thursday that will have an important bearing on that January 13<sup>th</sup> voting decision.

Next Thursday is the deadline for registering to vote in the incorporation election. And next Thursday is the deadline for candidates to file for spots on the city council, which would take charge if voters approve incorporation.

***The Daily Review, November 15, 1958***

**Union City Council Candidates:**

Four men are officially candidates for the proposed Union City Council, County Clerk Jack Blue reported today. Three other have taken out nomination papers but have not returned them to the clerk's office. The deadline for filing is Thursday.

Definitely in the race for council seats if Alvarado-Decoto becomes Alameda County's thirteenth city on January 13<sup>th</sup> are: John A. Ratekin, 57, Holly Sugar Co. Executive; Manuel J. Hidalgo, Decoto Realtor; Joseph E. Lewis, 65, Laborer; and Leo J. Avelais, 40, Warehouseman.

Others who still have papers out include Oscar Dowe, 51, Pacific States Steel Executive; Joseph L. Seoane, Jr., 41, Mechanic; and Irving A. Williams, 30, Contractor.

***The Daily Review, November 17, 1958***

**Auto Accident:**

Vernon F. Campos, 4262 Hall Ranch Road, Alvarado, escaped with an injured hand this morning when his car was totally demolished after it careened off Hesperian Boulevard near the Southern Pacific tracks. Campos told investigating officers he'd fallen asleep. The car struck a telephone pole and took out 39 feet of wire fence.

***The Daily Review, November 27, 1958***

**School Bonds:**

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors sold \$29,000 worth of Alvarado School District Bonds to Hill Richards & Co. of San Francisco for an average of 3.895 per cent on the series, which is to be retired in 12 years.

***The Daily Review, December 3, 1958***

**News Note:**

Mrs. Mary A. Gomes of Alvarado is mourning the passing of her brother, Emanuel Xavier of Morgan Hill who passed last week.

***The Daily Review, December 5, 1958***

**Candidate's Night:**

Hopefuls in the January 13<sup>th</sup> race in proposed Union City will speak at 8:00 p.m. next Thursday in Decoto Elementary School, Sixth and "H" Streets. The 15 candidates will have another speaking engagement at 8:00 p.m. December 15<sup>th</sup> in the I.D.E.S. Hall in Alvarado. Both candidates' nights are being sponsored by the Union City Chamber of Commerce.

***The Daily Review, December 5, 1958***

**Gambling Raid:**

A police raid on an Irvington home last night led to the arrest of two persons, and confiscation of nearly \$150 and gambling equipment. Acting on a tip, police swept into the home of P.C. Aubry, 23, 301 "A" St., and broke up what they called was a game of "Hi-Q" played with dominoes and dice. Aubry, who protested that he was throwing a party and alleged gamblers were his guests, not customers, was booked on running an illegal gambling house.

Rita D. Machahila, 32, of 945 "V" St., Alvarado, was also arrested. Police said she was the dealer.

***The Daily Review, December 8, 1958***

**Fremont City Councilman:**

Councilman Kenneth Steadman, of the City of Fremont, has been asked to mind his own business on the subject of the incorporation of Alvarado and Decoto into the City of Union City. A letter from the Decoto Merchants Association stated: "The association regrets that you have interfered in matters that do not concern you, namely your remarks that "the people of Union City to vote against incorporation."

The letter suggested that Steadman "please confine your remarks to your own city."  
*The Daily Review, December 11, 1958*

**PTA:**

The Alvarado PTA met last night in the school cafeteria. The glee club and orchestra of the Fifth & Sixth Grades provided the entertainment. Mrs. Georgia Paul is the new auditor and Mrs. Angie Vargas is the new publicity chairman.

*The Daily Review, December 11, 1958*

**U.C. Candidates:**

Fifteen candidates for the city council of the proposed city of Union City will face Alvarado voters for the first time at 6:00 p.m. tonight. They were introduced to Decoto voters Thursday night at a meeting attended by 80 persons.

Tonight's session will be held at the I.D.E.S. Hall on Watkins Street in Alvarado.

The election January 13<sup>th</sup> will decide if Decoto and Alvarado are to be united as eight square mile Union City. At the same time they will vote for five of the fifteen candidates who will become the first City Council if incorporation carries.

*The Daily Review, December 15, 1958*

**Mrs. Dekidos Mourns Loss:**

Mrs. Edna Dekidos of Alvarado is mourning the loss of her father, Antone Hagedorn of Salt Lake City who passed away December 15<sup>th</sup>.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 17, 1958*

**Alvarado 4-H:**

The Alvarado 4-H Club will hold its annual Christmas party Monday in the I.D.E.S. Hall, on Watkins Street, Alvarado at 7:30 p.m. The event will include an exchange of gifts.

*The Daily Review, December 18, 1958*

**Luso-American Dinner:**

The International Kitchen in Niles will the 6:30 p.m. setting for the Luso-American Fraternal Federation Council 13-22 of Fremont Christmas party. The council was recently organized in Fremont and is composed of members of the former Niles UPC Continental 13, Alvarado BSC Benevolent 22, and Irvington BSC Benevolent 89.

Members from Alvarado are: Mabel M. Rogers, Vice President; Esther Gardetto, Treasurer; Antone J. Rodgers, Master of Ceremonies; Michael Gardetto, Marshall and Patrick A. Bratton, new member.

*The Daily Review, December 19, 1958*

**Crossing Guard:**

Damaso Diaz, crossing guard for children going to Alvarado School, manned his post for the last time yesterday on Smith Street and Hiway 17 (Levee Street). Damaso turned 70 on December 8<sup>th</sup> and was told that under California law he must retire. "I am still able to handle the job but, by golly, they're going to kick me out," he said with a twinkle in his eye, a smile on his face, but a note of sorrow in his voice.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 20, 1958*

**Family Mourns Loss:**

Mrs. Mary Ferry of Fremont passed away December 22, 1958. She was the loving mother of Mrs. Veronica Silva and Reuben Ferry, both of the Alviso district; loving sister of Manuel Roderick of Alvarado, Frank Roderick and Mrs. Carrie King of the Alviso district.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 23, 1958*

**Campbell Chain Plant Progressing:**

The \$2 million Campbell Chain plant is now under construction on Hesperian Boulevard north of Alvarado. The 150,000-square foot plant is the first development in a proposed 160-acre industrial park. It is one of five major industries within the bounds of the proposed eight-square mile Union City.

*The Daily Review, December 26, 1958*

### **Ikuhri Haraguchi Dies:**

Ikuhri Haraguchi, 83, of Alvarado died on December 28<sup>th</sup>. Beloved husband of Yaeka Haraguchi and devoted father of Miki Tsutsui. He made his home at 1557 Smith Street, Alvarado.

*The Oakland Tribune, December 30, 1958*

### **Water:**

Despite an acute water shortage householders in the Alameda County Water District won't have to worry about their faucets drying up in 1959. Early in the New Year the district's \$130,000 percolation project in the Niles area will be completed doubling the amount of water that can be funneled from Alameda Creek into the underground basin.

ACWD General Manager Matt Whitfield said the project would utilize two more gravel pits in addition to the district's Shinn Pit, which has been in operation for several years, about 3,000 acre feet of water will feed the basin which provides water for Fremont, Newark, Decoto and Alvarado when the project, now 80 per cent complete, is finished.

*The Daily Review, December 31, 1958*

### **Vargas Drops Out of the Race:**

George I Vargas, of Alvarado, has announced that he withdrawing out of the race for the Union City City Council. He is asking his supporters to shift their votes to the other six Alvarado candidates on the ballot. He hopes this move will give Alvarado a better chance for representation on the council if the incorporation measure passes. There are still 14 candidates in the race with eight from Decoto.

*The Daily Review, January 9, 1959*

### **City Council Candidates of Campaign Trail:**

The fifteen candidates vying for 5 spots on Union City's city council are all out campaigning for the vote for incorporation first and for themselves second. They are urging all to get out and vote for the incorporation.

*The Daily Review, January 9, 1958*

### **January 13, 1959 – 11:59:59:**

This is the date and time of the last official second of the town of Alvarado's existence on earth. At 12:00:01 it became known as the Alvarado District of Union City. Goodbye "Old Alvarado."

### **January 14, 1959 – 12:00:01:**

Hello Union City. Here are the particulars:

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| Votes in Favor of Union City: | 837 |
| Votes Against Union City:     | 220 |

City Council:

Tom Kitayama, 35, Alvarado Nurseryman, 701 votes.

J. A. Ratekin, 57, Supt. Holly Sugar Co. Alvarado, 654 votes

Joseph J. Seoane, 41, Decoto Chemical Worker and Union Official, 574 votes

Oscar Dowe, 51, Decoto steel plant executive, 571 votes

Joe Lewis, 65, retired oil company worker, 428 votes

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