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An 1881 Carmel Valley School Visit

By Elizabeth Barratt, CVHS Historian

In the Spring of 1881 a party of reporters from the Salinas Index took a field trip to visit several rural schools in Carmel Valley. Not foreseeing the distance and shift in travel mode (part in a buggy, the rest on horseback), the trip became grueling.

Reporting in his April 21, 1881 Salinas Index column titled "On the Wing," columnist and educator Samuel M. Shearer described the journey. He began with the scenic landscape. "Starting out from Salinas on the 5th, we reached the ranch known as the 'Laurelles.' We next passed on through Tularcitos Ranch. The appearance of the ranch at this season is lovely; thousands of cattle on the hillsides and the growing fields of grain are inspiring. We did not stop at the ranch house, but went on to the point where the road diverges, one going to Tassajara Springs about 15 miles distant, the other in the direction of the Tularcitos School District."

In 1881 the one-room Tularcitos School was located at the foot of Laureles Grade and Carmel Valley Road at the approximate site of

today's Bernardus Lodge. Thus, the "district" the party visited appears to have stretched far into Carmel Valley, somewhere beyond present-day Hastings Natural History Reservation. The school visit occurred four years before Jamesburg was founded and two years before the Tassajara School District was established.

The school described in the column is never named, giving rise to conjecture as to its location. Early Carmel Valley schools came and went during the era, sometimes held as classes in someone's living room. Locations changed as the older children grew up and new ones arrived.

The only hint the writer offers is that the school was located about twenty miles east of Rancho los Tularcitos. The sprawling rancho, owned by Julius Trescony, extended beyond today's Carmel Valley Village.



Students line up in front of the original Carmelo School, seen here in an undated photo. It was originally called the Meadows School. Mrs. Meadows was one of the early teachers.

(Photo Courtesy Monterey County Free Libraries.)

En route to the unnamed school, the reporting party stopped for dinner at the home of Austin Smith, located on what is now part of the Hastings Natural History Reservation. "Here we found genuine hospitality. We passed on rapidly, leaving our buggy behind and taking the saddle.

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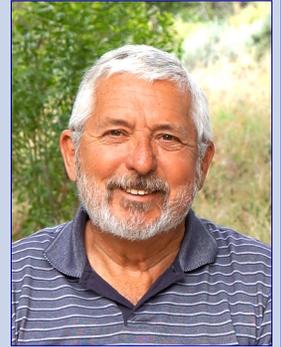
Volunteers in Action



Cherie Ohlson changes the posting on the bulletin board at the History Center. Cherie is on the board and also serves as the chair of the Exhibits Committee and the Marketing Committee.

A Message from the President

We anticipate another exceptional year for your Historical Society, thanks to our forward-thinking and dedicated board and volunteers. We are developing several new exhibits including: the 30th Anniversary of the Carmel Valley Centennial, a pop-up exhibit for the Fiesta, Typewriters-the Analog Precursors to Keyboards, and one featuring the 50th anniversary of the Apollo Moon Landing and the Jamesburg Earth Station's role in it. We will also update the Native American exhibit.



Kim Williams

We are also seeking a grant to analyze, interpret, and prepare for display the Don Howard Collection of artifacts collected from the site of the Indian community at the Carmel Mission Rancheria. We have held this fascinating collection for many years. It is time for it to tell us its story.

Our Annual Meeting is coming up on Saturday, April 13th, and I hope to see you there!

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Thank you all for your generous support!

Donations: Documents, Photos, Artifacts, Library Materials (Nov, Dec, Jan)

Leigh Cecka: 1949 Los Laureles Telephone Directory

Maurice & Julia Harvey: 1) Approximately 24"x8"x10" handmade small-scale antique reproduction of Cheyenne & Deadwood Stagecoach 2) Approximately 19"x10"x12" handmade small-scale reproduction of a Conestoga wagon 3) Three books regarding Artist Dong Kingman

Cherie Ohlson: Business cards: 1) Bebe Nails Professional Nail Care 2) Carmel Valley Brewing Premium Ales, Dean Hatfield/Karolyn Stone

Kim & Christine Williams: Softcover book: Rosie & His Cracker Barrel

Found in collection: Pair of vintage polo mallets, originally donated by Pat Herman of The Farm Center

Bill & Kathleen Tarp: Framed 14" x16" watercolor print by Ron Bean of the Plaza Linda patio

(Schools from page 1) After a hard ride of 12 miles, we reached the schoolhouse. Number of pupils enrolled: 7; attending, 4, sick, 3. Miss May Gordon, the teacher of the school, is pleasant and agreeable and seems to have the goodwill of everyone and will become an honor to the profession. We passed on after school to the house of Wm. Logwood, Trustee of the school, where we remained overnight. Standing on an eminence at Mr. Logwood's house, we overlooked one of the finest prospects that ever met the gaze of man in its picturesqueness and sublimity: sheep. Cattle, horses, cultivable fields, deep and precipitous canyons, everlasting rocks and hills, all mingled together in one harmonious whole. Mr. Logwood has an orchard containing a fine variety of fruit, grapes, berries, etc. Here at his home we find perfect contentment, notwithstanding the isolation. These hardy pioneers of civilization, including Messrs. Finch, Smith, Compher and others, live happily and contentedly, though they have carved out this contentment through muscle and hard work."



Interior of the original Carmelo School, seen by the visiting reporters, is shown in this undated photo. The original double desks were made by James Meadows.

(Photo courtesy Russel and Karen Wolter.)

Following the visit, the party returned west, heading through the area now known as Rana Creek Ranch, where they noted the spread of Samuel. B. Gordon, ex-Supervisor and Trustee of the Monterey School district

The weary travelers continued past Los Laureles Ranch and present-day Garland Ranch Park. Farther on, they noted the well-tended farm of ex-teacher Edward Berwick. "He has as fine barley as we have ever seen at this season of the year; his orchard of fruit trees shows his wisdom, in that all his surroundings prove his acknowledged intelligence and far-seeing wisdom."

Transiting the present Farm Center area and the Snively brothers' dairy, they stopped at the Carmelo School, taught by Mrs. Meadows. "Number of children enrolled: 7. Attending school, 5. Mrs. Meadows is capable and energetic. This school has a well-selected library and apparatus. James Meadows and Mr. Vasquez are the trustees."

Finally, the worn-out party reached the mouth of the valley and the extensive William Hatton dairy. The ranch was headquartered on the site of the present Barnyard Shopping Center.

The reporters had planned a final stop down the coast at the Bay School. They didn't make it. "We found... we could not possibly make the rounds, our trip occupying about three days, the horse was almost worn out on account of a severe attack of episooty," the writer joked.

They returned to Salinas by way of Monterey, no doubt glad to get home, put up their feet, and publish the saga of their unexpectedly arduous Carmel Valley field trip.

(Editor's Note: Episooty is equine influenza or "pink eye.")

There's Always Something to Do

The History Center is no different from maintaining our homes. It needs to be cleaned up after storms and its exterior as well as the interior has to be kept clean and inviting for visitors. We could use your help. Call the History Center at 659-5751 or email at cvhs3@live.com.

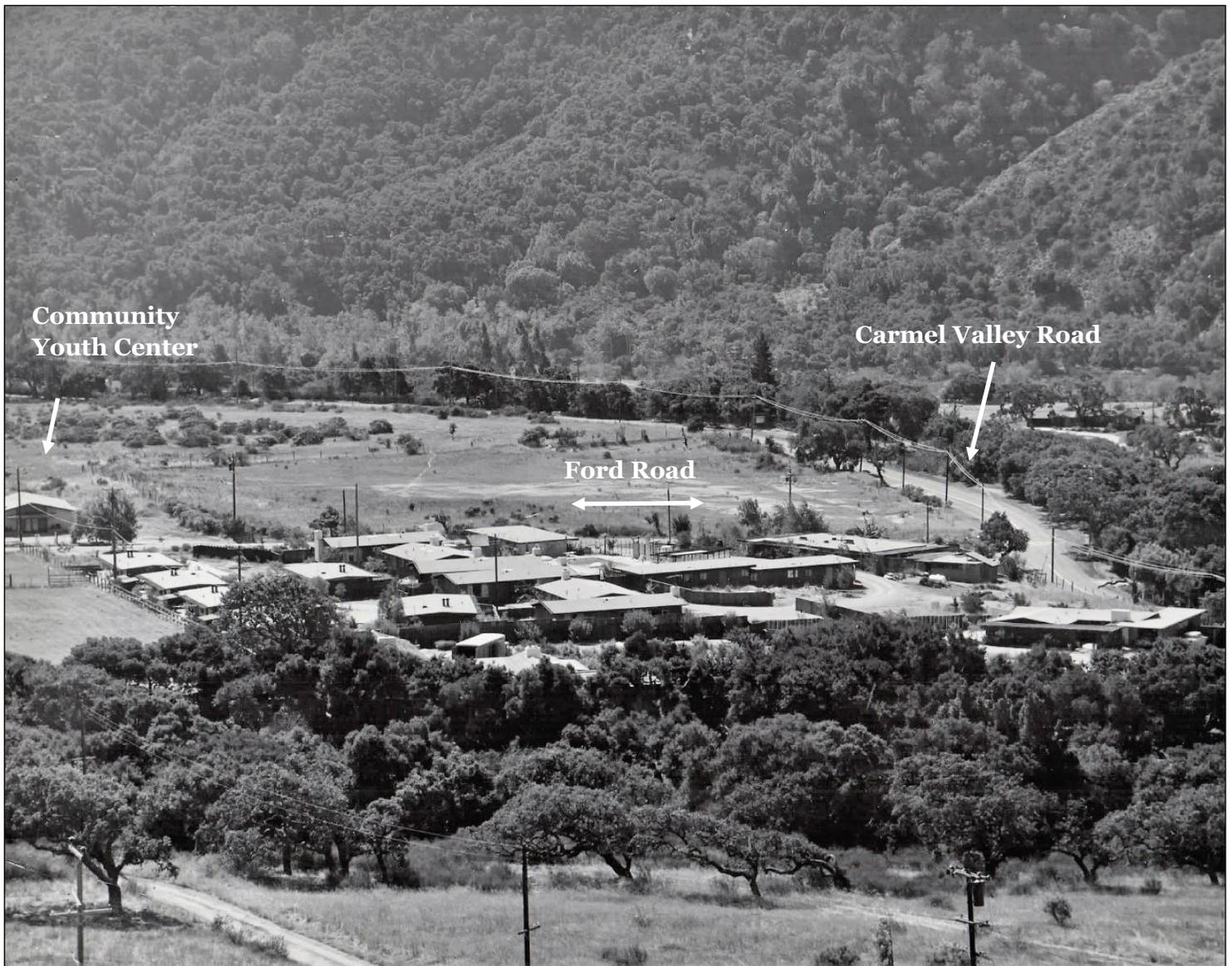
CVHS Volunteer Jeff Ohlson cleans the deck after the recent storms.



Then & Now - Transported through Time

By Jeff Ohlson, CVHS Historian

The Historian's "Then & Now" series visually show how Carmel Valley has changed over time. Change is constant and it is both interesting and nostalgic to look back on how the face of our community has been transformed. Carmel Valley Road is seen to the right in this photo that looks to the south-east from a hill west of the Village.



The CV Community Center (1954) is pictured on far left where it still stands today with Ford Road barely visible. Yet to appear in this scene are the community pool (1964), Village Green Condos (1981), and the Community Park (1990s). The buildings in the foreground are now occupied by offices for the Village dentist and doctor, several residents, and today's Carmel Valley Lodge.

Local photographer George T. C. Smith took this photograph from the hill above Toyon Way off Laurel Drive, circa late 1950s.

Christmas at the History Center

Over 70 people enjoyed a festive afternoon last December at the CVHS Annual Christmas Party. A special feature of the event was the announcement that our own Dave Burbidge and Sandy Schachter were to receive the annual Carmel Valley Good Egg Awards in January.

We're sorry to have missed you if you weren't there, but it's not too early to get this year's event on your calendar. We'll gather again on Saturday, December 7, 2019, 4:00-6:00 PM. Hope to see you there!



President Kim Williams makes the surprise announcement that Dave Burbidge and Sandy Schachter had been awarded the Carmel Valley Good Egg Award.



Sandy Schachter, Cherie Ohlson, and Dave Burbidge share a joyous moment.



Board Vice President Gary Tate mans the beverage table while guest enjoy visiting and examining the exhibits.



Tom Augustitus and CVHS President Kim Williams are having a load of fun at the Santa Fly-in Parade. Tom's 1948 International Harvester Farmall Cub Tractor is the star of the show.



Twins? Who knew that Past President and Board Member Emeritus Ellsworth Gregory had a twin brother?

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 13

★ CVHS Annual Meeting 4-6 pm

Saturday–Sunday, May 4-5

★ CV Garden Club’s Flower Show
Come visit the CVHS booth.

Saturday, June 1

★ 1st Saturday Library Talk by Jeff Ohlson and Reggie Jones: **Jamesburg Earth Station and the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing**

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A Schoolhouse Mystery

Can you identify the location of this red-wood structure? These photos were taken in 1992 by Frank Quilty and are labeled “Schoolhouse, Arroyo Seco.” If you have any information please email Elizabeth Barratt at hrhandqe3@gmail.com.



Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday, April 13, 2019, 4-6 pm

Come hear about what’s been happening, where the budget stands, what’s coming up and much more...like refreshments.

We will also be affirming the new class of board members. Maxine Callinan and Kim Williams are re-enlisting for another term, and former board member Dick Barratt is returning.

CVHS Historian Elizabeth Barratt will give a talk on Robert Louis Stevenson’s time in Carmel Valley.