

Feb 13 - 1992



Staff photo by Michael Loren

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Cabin logs in Brea history

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~~F.F.~~ (F.) Daily Tribune

Dec 23, 1925

Boys of the Intermediate Department of the Christian church are helping to build an additional room to the Honor Knights log cabin.

Honor Knights Log Cabin

Brea Star

Friday Jan 14, 1921

We have propose to build a log cabin for the church on the back ~~of~~ of the church lot. We will dedicate it to Boy's Work. Other folks may use it when the boys do not need it. Endeavorers, ~~the~~ Junior Endeavorers, Men, Ladies, Boy Scouts, Red Cross, Social Gatherings.

We propose to do three things:

Enroll forty or more boys in the Honor Knights Class and every boy invest one dollar of his own cash in the cabin

To get forty or more big brother men who will each one invest five dollars of his own cash in the cabin

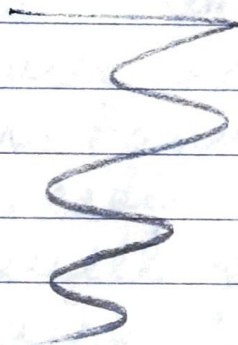
To start the canvass for boys and funds immediately and to complete the cabin within forty days

Walter Bergman, pres.

The boys have lots of encouragement which will be mentioned in our next issue.

Monday, Jan 17, 1921

Annual Meeting Christian Church



Walter Bergman, president of the Honor K who are working to build a I c in the rear of the church to be used for boys work, made the following report, which was received with enthusiasm, and several asked to be recalled:

Our roll last Sunday was 22. We will try to have the forty by one week from Sunday. Mr. Winthrop Bowen, two miles from here, will give us all the trees we need if we grub them and haul them away. Sullivan Brothers promise to haul the logs for us. Mr. Schwetzer will see that we get a truck to haul sand, gravel & cobble stone for the chimney & fireplace. Mr. Bruce promises to give us the lowest discounts for cash within thirty days for all building materials. Mr. Dan Dutton has made drawing and specification for the cabin which is to have a floor space of 16 x 24 feet with four windows, a door, fireplace, bookshelves,

electric lights, cement floor, shingle roof
rustic overhead joists useful for monkey
shines, and otherwise furnished suitably
for boy life. Randolph Dutton and James
Bergman will help us put up the legs
right. Mr. Fanning will supervise us in
wiring the cabin for lights, and Mr. H.
C. Wilson will furnish us some of the
necessary wire.

Feb 11, 1921 Brea Star

Sullivan Brothers brought in three
loads of heavy timbers for the Brea
Christian Church Honor Knights' log
cabin Monday evening, and Cox
Brothers finished up the pit with two
truck loads Tuesday evening, much to
the joy of the boys. Sand and gravel are
hailed by Mr. Schmetzger and Saturday
the boys will work on the foundation.

B. S.
Fri

June 24, 1921

Honor Knights Open Log ~~Table~~ Cabin

The Honor Knights Bible Class of The Free Christian Sunday School opened their log cabin to the public last night. More than a hundred of the men, women and children of Free enjoyed the delightfully informal program.

Benny Blanchard had established electrical connection for the cabin and court. Aubrey Sutliff completed the basket ball arrangements while a number of lads worked all over the place trying to get it ready. Some finishing touches are needed but it was practically complete.

Informal games were enjoyed by young and old, while three games of basket ball interested the older and younger boys and girls.

A bonfire centered all ages in a short dedicatory service in which everybody participated. Art Rajdt, Y. M. C. A. secretary from Fullerton coached the games and made a fine talk at the bonfire. Mrs. ~~Crispen~~ Crispen presided over the eats and all voted it a big family picnic with oodles of fun.

about the work of this splendid organization.

The Central body is planning to assist in extending the work of the Labor League in the county, and it is hoped that all women interested will attend the meeting tonight. There is to be a short program, and refreshments will be served.

The general committee from the Labor Council which has in charge preparations for the celebration of Labor Day held a meeting in Quakem last week and completed the organization. The following subcommittees were appointed:

Advertising, Sport and Entertainment —
C. C. K —, chairman...

Plans for the Labor Day celebration contemplate a parade followed by a picnic. C. C. Kinster of Brea, president of the Labor Council, is to be marshal of the day.

LOG CABIN by Brian Saul

Hidden back in a corner of old downtown Brea is a little bit of city history that most people don't know exists. Even when they're told that it's there, they still find it hard to believe.

What I'm talking about is our own log cabin, not in the best of shape but doing well enough to celebrate its 71st birthday this year.

And how did it come to be here? Well, I wondered that myself when I first saw it. After some searching around for answers, I discovered its history is a bit different than I expected.

First of all, it wasn't made by some early Brea pioneer who had an inkling to recreate his old homestead back east. That would make a great story, but the truth is still interesting. It was built as a Sunday school classroom.

Back in 1921 there was a Bible class of boys from the old Brea Christian Church who called themselves the Honor Knights. Not having their own place to meet, they decided they'd build one. It wasn't just going to be your ordinary run of the mill classroom though, but an honest to goodness log cabin.

Right behind the church on West Ash St., just before the land slopes down to meet the old Red Car tracks, there was some extra space. Everyone agreed that this would make the perfect place to build because when the cabin wasn't being used by the boys, the church could use it for other functions.

Now that the site was settled, where were the logs to come from? If Brea had been in the middle of a forest, that wouldn't have been a problem, but in the early 20's there weren't a heck of a lot of trees of the needed size around here.

A local oil company, Amalgamated, then came to the rescue. It donated some eucalyptus trees on its property if the boys, their fathers, and other church members would come and cut them down. Sullivan Bros. Trucking Co. of Brea volunteered to haul them to the cabin site.

In a Brea Star newspaper article dated Jan. 17, 1921, Walt Bergman, president of the Honor Knights, was quoted as saying, "Mr. Dan Dutton has made drawings and specifications for the cabin which is to have a floor space of 16 X 24 feet with four windows, a door, fireplace, bookshelves, electric lights, cement floor, shingle roof, rustic overhead joists (useful for monkey shines), and otherwise furnished suitably for boy life."

Building began in February, and when the last nail was driven in June, the boys were ready to show off their new classroom to the public.

The Brea Star then reported that on the evening of June 23 a "delightfully informal program" took place at the church attended by more than 100 Breans. There was plenty of good food, games of basketball, and other activities for young and old. The highlight of the evening was a bonfire and a short ceremony to dedicate the cabin. Everyone agreed afterwards that the entire program had been "oodles of fun."

What didn't appear in the paper though was that something special had been done as part of the dedication. Right under the hearth of the rock fireplace (or maybe it was in front of the door) the boys placed a time capsule to be opened at some unspecified date in the future.

Walt Bergman, that early Honor Knights president, still lives in Brea. Now 85 and living on Orange Ave. with his wife Evelyn, he has a great memory for what's occurred here in the past. Whenever I have a

question about early Brea, he's one of the first people I go to, but as for the time capsule, he just can't seem to remember exactly where they placed it. Of course, it has been 71 years.

He does recall though that the capsule is some sort of large can, and inside it are the names of all the people who gave their time, money, materials, or assistance in the construction.

Four years after the cabin was built, it was enlarged. By this time girls were allowed into the Honor Knights so more room was needed. As for logs, the boys tried something new. Instead of eucalyptus trees, they used old telephone\power line poles. In fact, one of these poles still has a metal plaque on it that reads "S.C.E.C." (Southern California Edison Company).

You might be wondering now what's going to happen to this Brea landmark when the area undergoes major redevelopment in the next couple years. Will it come down like so many of the surrounding homes? Fortunately, the answer is "no." Plans are that the cabin, as well as the church, will stay where they are.

Now used only for storage, the little classroom has definitely seen better days. After all those years since 1921, the logs are not in the best of shape, the fireplace has ~~lost some of its stones,~~ ^{Some major cracks,} and the roof really needs work. The Missionary Baptist Church, which now owns the cabin, is doing its best to maintain it, but it's being hampered by local graffiti "artists" and the elements.

During the past two years, whenever I was leading one of the Historical Tours of the old downtown, I always enjoyed seeing the look on people's faces when they saw the cabin for the first time. They seemed really amazed that Brea had something like this and they hadn't known of it before. Let's just keep our fingers crossed that the little

cabin is around for a long time and people can go on being amazed by it
for many years to come.

Brian Saul

ladies of the Brea Christian church. Tables were arranged in the form of a hollow square in the center of which were two large and graceful bunches of wild mustard in blossom. The tables were decorated with sweet peas and were faultlessly spread. The supper was bounteous and each item on the menu was a new source of delight.

In the absence of President J. R. Collins, Vice President Ed. Peterkin presided over the business session. After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, S. C. Jones, Paul Stevers, O. F. Crispin and C. D. Saddler were voted into membership.

Call Off Contest

After some discussion, it was voted to declare off the contest for a survey of Brea for publicity purposes, there having been but one contestant. On motion of W. H. Swoap, it was voted to hire an expert to do this work for the Chamber of Commerce. Progress was reported by the camp site committee and this committee was continued to work for the Brea auto camp.

A letter from Mr. Daley, president of the Federal Grocery Company regarding the proposed later closing on Saturday nights was read. Mr. Swoap was appointed a committee of one to wait on the Oil Workers Union to get their consent to a later closing hour and the secretary was instructed to send a second letter to business men from whom reply had been received in this matter. Messrs. Henigan, Ray and Oup were appointed to wait on the new grocery regarding the keeping of business hours uniform with the rest of the city.

Mr. Dodd of the Mutual Realty Company of Los Angeles gave a talk regarding building and loan matters. The building and loan committee was continued. D. E. Rich appeared before the meeting on behalf of a bond for Brea. On motion by H. C. Fiscus, seconded by N. B. High, a committee consisting of Messrs. Fiscus, Craig and High was appointed to start the bond going.

By-Laws Amended

On motion by J. C. Sexton, seconded by W. H. Swoap, the by-laws were amended to permit the election of officers from the membership at large. Election of officers was then proceeded with and resulted as given above. Officers-elect gave appropriate talks, as did

pickled beets, home made jelly and water, smoken chicken-noodles, mashed potatoes, giblet gravy, corn, green peas and onions, baby lima, cabbage salad, jelly, home made white cakes, coffee. They were prepared by the following ladies: Tomato bisque—Mrs. Edburn, mashed potatoes—Mrs. Henson, chicken noodles—Mrs. Chas. Reed, giblet gravy, Mrs. Taylor, creamed onions—Mrs. Bates, deserts—Mrs. Crispin, hot biscuits—Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Berrian, coffee—Mrs. H. B. Ercco. The excellent service from the kitchen to dining room was the work of Mrs. N. G. Wheeler, who acted as banquette maid, Mrs. Gurley and the young lady teachers of the Brea school to act as waitresses and they proved their ability does not end with their work in the school room.

All voted it one of the best feeds ever served in Brea and the ladies claim it was a pleasure to prepare and serve a banquet in rooms equipped as the new rooms are at the school. A place of the kind is what has long been needed in Brea.

LAST LOG IS LAID FOR SCOUT CABIN

The last log of the cabin for the Brea Boy Scouts home was laid Monday. The walls are complete and all is ready for the roof work. The cabin will soon be finished and the boys will have an ideal club room.

The boy scout movement is steadily growing in Brea. The parents are making up to the fact that here is nothing better than the scouts for their boys who "want to be good."

because in the scout they have the "gang" but under the proper kind of leadership. There are two patrols of scouts in Brea now, undoubtedly there will be more later. W. B. Spider is the scout master.

FOLLOW BREA PLAN IN NAMING SCHOOL

The grammar school board of the Fullerton school have decided to try out Brea's idea and they offer a prize of \$5 for the best name of the new school. The name should be sent the secretary of the board, Mrs. Belle J. Benchley or handed any member of the board.

to pass out invitations with the words "Wood's Pool Room Club" on them. The club was well planned and the officers believe that at least a dozen club members escaped while the police were forcing down the three doors guarding the entrance to the room.

The club is located in a frame house in the rear of Wood's pool room in Brea. It was formerly a private house and the officers are not sure how long it has been acting as a club house for the alleged gambling organization.

Of the six men arrested, all but Morgan and Yeagan were bailed out by Mr. Woods, proprietor of the Brea Pool Room. George Fee, suspected by the officers of being connected with the management of the place, was put under \$200 bond, and the others were set free on \$15 bond each.

George Fee and A. B. Morgan pleaded not guilty Tuesday to the charge of conducting a gambling house when their preliminary was held before Justice Cox. Their trial was set for the afternoon of May 9.

Fee, who was charged with being the head of the alleged gambling house, denied the charge and declared that he was only one of the partons of the establishment.

Morgan admitted that he was an employee of the house, and said that he acted as "lookout" but denied that he conducted the place. It is understood the owner was in San Diego at the time.

Of the four others arrested, Smith, Collins and Briggs pleaded guilty to the charge of gambling. They were given sixty days suspended sentences. Yeagan, the fourth member arrested for gambling said that he was not in the game because he was "broke." His trial will be held May 9.

DINNER PARTY FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS

Mrs. J. F. Stabenthal entertained at a dinner party given in her home Tuesday night in honor of four of the young lady teachers of the Brea school. A bountiful dinner and

by numerous exhibits which he read and other for reference. In open and his reports to the officers who made the on his office. He said it used numerous derogatory epithets and he "purp use the same ones. He "eterized the report as hazard," using one of "jectives borrowed from parts. He left it to th he said, to determine v or not the charge made experts was "extravaga compared with the sal was drawing from the.

In reply to the charge committee that it could determined from the fee the office. There road was spent Mr. McBride a number of warrant to be those in controversy showed that they gave information as to why work was done, the ki work, and the man who. He compared these wit rants issued under the o tem, many of which, h showed nothing but the paid out. He said he w to prove that under tl system road foremen had in time for work whi never done. As to show the warrants for roll w was used, Mr. McBrid this was impossible. A warrant was issued wh it was bought, and free it would not be used fo time after ward.

McBride said that the old system it was impos ascertain the exact cost particular piece of road but that now his office stalled a complete counting system. He "eterized the charge that materials had been sold to parties and no reced as absolutely false.

He said that the estimates of the office for the year amounted to only 1 percent of the money out in construction and maintenance of roads. Three had been added to the reason of additional man outside work, he said.

McBride did not reply to the charge which ed the investigation, me the Anaheim Chamber of merce, to the effect that costing \$50,000 per year under the present system under the former to han road work of the count various figures, however supposed to dover this Jerome H. Heard

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ADDITIONAL MODEL

William Goodrum of the Anaheim Auto Co., Buick distributors, has been advised that within 30 to 60 days the Buick Motor Co. will announce a four cylinder model. This is not official as yet, as the factory have not completed their experiments, but within a short time it will be duly announced. Mr. Goodrum also states that he is enjoying a greater business than ever before. The daily sales for the first ten days in June averaged two cars a day, twenty one cars being sold in that period. Furthermore, so many orders came in for closed models that the supply on hand soon was exhausted and orders are now being taken for deliveries in rotation. This is gratifying news to the general public, business men, and merchants, for the reason that it shows there is an optimistic feeling in the air. The tremendous demand is not local. All of the dealers throughout the Pacific coast territory state that the 1922 Buick is the present price is looked upon as the best automobile value value offered today, and they are kept busy taking orders.

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testants in the contest. They cannot possibly lose anything by trying and once they let their friends know they would like to win they will be surprised at the extent of support that will be quickly offered by their friends.

Most any one would save the 100 vote coupons that are printed in each issue of the Star. Contestants may secure any number of them and they count up fast in the scores. There are also many readers of the paper whose subscriptions have expired but who are still getting the paper and expect to pay for it very soon. These people would take pleasure in paying for their renewals for a year from now and giving someone the benefit of the votes. Most anyone who asked those people for a renewal for a year would get it and each such renewal counts 15,000 votes.

If you would care to compete call on the contest manager at the Star office in La Habra between 1 and 2 o'clock in the

- Miss Doris Shaw 10,800
- Miss Josephine Esseverri 10,400
- Miss Carmon West 10,500
- Mrs. Chas. Selover 10,900
- Mrs. Rose Redfern 10,000
- Mrs. Geo. Kollogg 12,200
- Mrs. Peter Amstutz 10,000
- Miss Olive Gale 27,800
- Mrs. L. Kewish 10,100
- Mrs. A. J. Wilson 11,700
- Miss Mary Blanchard 10,000
- Miss Anna Heaton 12,500
- Miss Erma Phegley 42,100
- Miss Marjorie Travers 11,600
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- Miss Jeanette Curtis 10,900
- Mrs. Bernard Birchfield 10,400
- Mrs. E. L. Fogarty 10,800
- Mrs. M. F. Davis 54,200
- Mrs. Pat Maley 10,400
- Miss Irma Ford 11,600
- Mrs. F. C. Chapman 10,800
- Miss Myrtle Pickering 10,800
- Mrs. Ella McGraw 36,100
- Mrs. A. J. Yerrington 10,000

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2 years	6.00	70,000		35,000
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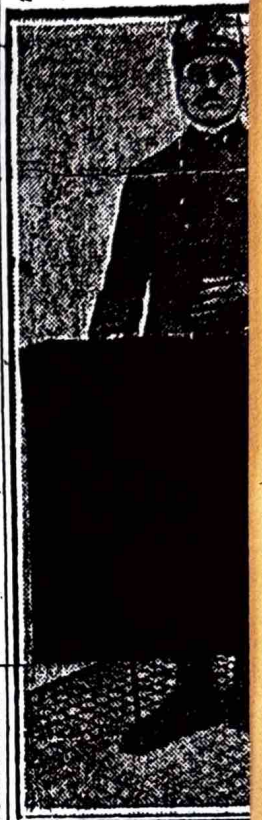
NAME _____
Address _____
Bring or mail these votes to Contest Manager, STAR office or drop in ballot box in STAR office.

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I nominate Mrs. (or Miss) _____
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As a candidate in the STAR POPULARITY CONTEST
On this blank or on a similar one, send to Contest Manager, STAR office, names of those making nominations and the amount of money to be divided. Only one nomination counts for each candidate.

now in use. It will be located where the sheriff now stands, directly across the street from the site of the old jail.

Vinifred Hooper In Bl...



WHERE IS JACK PYLE, IS QU...

That is the question the sheriff's offices of Bernardino and Orange are trying to determine to clear up one of the most recent cases that has come to their attention.

The aged parents of Jack Pyle drove to California from Worth, Texas, in an antique wagon pulled by mules, both parties being over 75 years of age. Now they are here, they cannot find the town in which they said he was living.

Their son came to them several months ago and told them he had been working in the city. He has been working in the city and has been making regular orders regularly. All of the boys in the town are looking for him and the sheriff is trying to locate him. It was thought of so many names. Officers call

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September 15, 1993

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Attention: Historical Committee

Attention: Sam Peterson, City Engineer

Attention: Brea Re-Development Agency

To Whom it May Concern:

Brea Landmark Missionary Baptist Church has made the decision that the log cabin, located behind our church building at 201 West Ash Street, be removed from our property by whomever would like to assume possession of same. This would include all liabilities and legalities involved with the removal of the log cabin.

It is the desire of the Brea Landmark Missionary Baptist Church that the log cabin not be destroyed, but that it be relocated and fully restored if possible.

Done by the Order of Brea Missionary Baptist Church on August 11, 1993.

Sincerely,

Brea Missionary Baptist Church

Elder Dwane Stutte, Pastor
Elder Dwane Stutte, Pastor

NEWSLETTER



401 South Brea Boulevard
P. O. Box 9764
Brea, California 92622

Vol. 4 No. 4

September, 1986

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, September 22, 1986
5:30 P.M.

Home of Betty and Dean Millen
420 S. Poplar, Brea

This will be a Yard Party,
so bring sweaters.

Those whose names begin with
A to H bring salad
I to Q bring a casserole
R to Z bring dessert

Coffee, rolls, butter, plates
and table service will be provided.

PLEASE RSVP by Friday, Sept. 19,
to Betty Straw at 529-3705, or to
Betty Millen at 529-3289.

We will enjoy Dean's collections,
and several donations will be made
to the society.

BUSY SUMMER

Inez Fanning will give a report at
the meeting about our July 4 Museum
Exhibit. Praises to the committee
which also included Miriam Bergman
and Rod Dickinson.

"Memories" Exhibit at the Civic
Center Gallery was enhanced by con-
tributions from our members: the
Seilers, the Fannings, Volney
Seibenthal, the Swarts, the Straws,
and the Millens. Other members
worked as volunteers.

Betty Straw and Inez Fanning made
a presentation August 4 at the Brea
Girl Scout Day Camp at Craig Park.
The theme was Western -- and 30
old-time Western and household items
were displayed and discussed with 8
different troops. The girls were
fascinated and most appreciative.

Betty and Dean Millen served at
the Orange County Historical Society
booth at the Orange County Fair.

Many members attended the All Class
Reunion at the Old High School August
17, as well as the annual Olinda
Picnic August 29.

LOG CABIN IN BREA

In 1918, there was a large Sunday
School at the Brea Christian Church
at Ash and Walnut Streets. A class
of seventh and eighth graders named
~~the "King's Knights"~~ needed a place
to meet, and assisted by the minister,
Rev. Spicer, and other adults, pro-
ceeded to build a log cabin behind
the church. This log cabin still
stands.

Walter Bergman, a member of that
class, was interviewed recently by
Century Cable Co. The interview was
shown on Channel 3, "Brea Newsline"
on September 3.

The logs that were used were trees
cut down on the "Amalgamated" Oil
Lease, and were hauled to the site
by Sullivan Bros. Trucking Co. The
trucking company was owned by Charles
and Arthur Sullivan, and located just
east of the church. The Sullivans
were church members.

A cement floor was poured and a
small fireplace was built at one end.
Much singing, worship, and laughter
took place in that old building.
The class teacher was Mrs. Gnagy,
whose husband had a local meat market.

The group grew rapidly and soon
another room was added on the west
side. This also saw much usage.
Most members of the class stayed
together until they were married --
some to each other.

The log cabin was used continuously
until 1963 when Brea Christian Church
moved to new facilities at 3125
Laurel, Fullerton, and became the
Lark Ellen Christian Church. The Ash
St. property is now owned and used by
the Missionary Baptist Church. The
log cabin is used for storage.

NEW MEMBERS

Recent new members include: Todd
Beckley, Gary Goff, Tom Lawson,
Grace and Clayton Ries, Norma and
Clyde Wanless, Eileen and Ted
Schafer, and Carole Wilson. A
hearty welcome to all of you!

Please call Betty Straw at 529-3705 if you wish to become a member of the society.

BOOK REPRINT

Purl Harding's "History of Brea" (1950) has been reprinted by our society and will be for sale at the potluck. Price \$6.00. Copies are also available at the Brea Chamber of Commerce, Civic Center.

COOKBOOK DISPLAY

The current display in the cases at Brea Library is, as usual, so well done by Catherine Seiler. The topic is Antique Cookbooks. Many have been put out by Brea groups, and others are from elsewhere. A printed explanation and commentary accompanies the display. A new display will be arranged about November 1.

ORAL HISTORIES

Six volumes have been recently added to Brea's collection of oral histories. These volumes bring the collection to a total of 29.

The city's oral history project was inaugurated in 1981 under the direction of Larry DeGraaf, professor of history at Cal State, Fullerton.

The latest volumes are interviews with Walter Bergman, Vincent Jaster, Don McBride, Donald Shaffer, James Stafford, and Wayne Wedin.

OTHER PROJECTS

During the spring and summer, "Frog" Winchel was building a marvelous wooden model oil "rig". It was displayed at the "Memories" Exhibit and is now in storage. We will have more information on this next issue.

Also, Frank Schweitzer has researched the "Welcome to Brea" sign and we will print this information later also.

WHAT ABOUT IT?

Early pictures of the Old City Hall show a cast iron antenna-like point gracing the tower of the building. This fixture now points from the top of the gazebo at the City Park. Who done it?

Our Old City Hall now being a Registered Historical Landmark -- shouldn't it be completely complete as before?

Letters to the editor will be appreciated.

AND ISN'T THIS SOMETHING?

On July 12, 1933, the United States Government set the minimum wage at 40 cents an hour. Some people still earn that, although they're paid more.

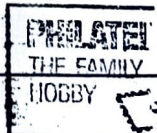
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SANTA ANA

When Downtown Was the Hot Spot

In the Orange County that existed before there were malls and freeways, the place to be on Saturday evenings was downtown Santa Ana, where people from even the most far-flung farming communities would converge to shop, eat, catch movies and—most important—schmooze.

Among the county seat's lures were the grand department stores that dotted Main and 4th streets. Those stores, along with other specialty shops in Santa Ana, offered fashionable goods that in the 1930s and '40s were not available elsewhere in this still-rural county.

"Saturday night was shopping night. All the shopping you had to do waited until Saturday night because you saw people you knew," said Constance Becker, a lifelong Santa Ana resident and vice president of the Santa Ana Historical Society. "A lot of people had worked during the week and had just gotten paid. They'd come downtown and park and socialize with people."

Among the most striking of the department stores was Buffums on Main Street, which opened in the early 1940s and served Santa Ana until it closed in 1987.

Buffums occupied an imposing white two-story building with a beige rock facade and several giant planters filled with tall palm trees. It covered a full city block between 9th and 10th streets. The store's wide back entrance was colored

with bright orange flowers and led into an airy main lobby and mezzanine.

"It was always very beautiful. They kept it very high-class until the closing," said Becker, who worked at the store in the 1980s and shopped there for several decades before then. "They always had it decorated beautifully during Christmas."

The store boasted of a restaurant called the Yorba Room, which was decorated with an early California motif and featured ornate light fixtures, Becker said. For many years, the Yorba Room played host to a fashion show at noon each Thursday, when models wearing the latest styles would roam the restaurant.

While many of the older department and specialty stores in Santa Ana closed in the '60s and '70s, Buffums stayed in business. But the neighborhood continued to change in the 1980s, with more office buildings being constructed and fewer shoppers venturing down Main Street.

Then the nearby Main Place/Santa Ana shopping mall was renovated and Buffums' owners decided it was time to sell the Main Street building.

"This was the last one to go around here," said Lina Garcia, who works at an escrow company across the street from the Buffums building. "I used to go there after work to shop. . . . Now all we have around are office buildings, not so many shops."

Soon after Buffums left, the building was converted into office space for the Orange County Department of Probation.

—SHELBY GRAD

What's in a Street Name?

To motorists, Orange County's grid of wide boulevards that crisscross the landscape provides reference points that help drivers keep their bearings amid the maze of cul-de-sacs, lesser-known streets and sweeping freeways. But 30 years ago, many of Orange County's largest streets had different names, and those names varied from city to city. In the early 1960s, county officials began renaming streets so that major roads kept one identity countywide, although there continue to be exceptions. Some of the results:

BEACH BOULEVARD

■ **Old Names:** Huntington Beach Boulevard in the cities of Westminster and Huntington Beach; Stanton Avenue north through the city of Stanton and Grand Avenue through Buena Park.

■ **Background:** The county renamed the entire length of street—also

HARBOR BOULEVARD

■ **Old Name:** Los Angeles Street through portions of Anaheim and Fullerton.

■ **Background:** Until road improvements were completed in the 1950s and '60s, Harbor Boulevard ended in downtown Anaheim. Los Angeles Street ran north through

NORTH



KARIRENE HALL / Los Angeles Times

Walt Bergman, 87, stands next to the old log cabin on West Ash Street in Brea that he helped build in 1921.

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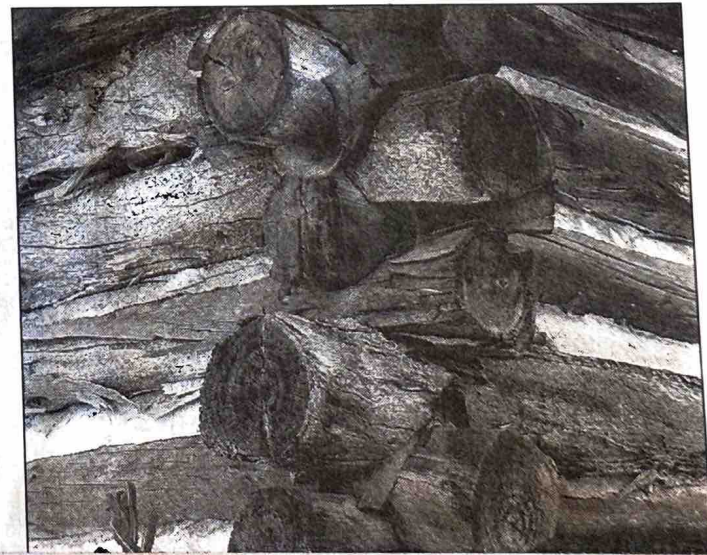
Log Cabin Sparks Memories of Builder

It isn't much to look at now. Decay has set in. Part of the roof is gone. Inside, there are piles of junk and debris. For 20 years, the Brea Missionary Baptist Church has used it as a store room.

But it still puts some light in the eyes of Walt Bergman, 87, whenever he sees the old log cabin on West Ash Street which he helped build as a young man in 1921. For Bergman, the rustic structure reminds him of when Brea was a simple, growing town populated by hardy folks who drilled for oil in the hills.

"We had some good times then," said Bergman, whose family came to Brea when he was 11 years old. "I called everybody in town by their first name."

Bergman, who worked for a local machine shop from 1939 to 1970, still lives in the city with his wife of 64 years. Evelyn, 84,



known as California 39—Beach Boulevard. That makes sense because the road ends at the ocean.

WARNER AVENUE

■ **Old Names:** Delhi Road in Santa Ana; Wintersburg Avenue through Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley.

■ **Background:** Delhi Road (pronounced del-high) was named after a farming community in southern Santa Ana. Wintersburg Avenue was named after a farming town north of Huntington Beach. County officials renamed the street after former Supervisor Willis Warner in the 1960s.

EDINGER AVENUE

■ **Old Names:** Smeltzer Avenue east of the Santa Ana River, and Edinger Avenue to the west of it.

■ **Background:** Smeltzer Avenue was named after a small farming area near Huntington Beach. The full street was renamed Edinger Avenue in the 1960s.

Fullerton and into Brea and La Habra. Road realignments eventually connected Harbor Boulevard directly with Los Angeles Street. The entire stretch of road was renamed Harbor Boulevard.

BROOKHURST STREET

■ **Old Names:** Wright Street north from the beach through Fountain Valley and Huntington Beach; called Brookhurst in Anaheim and Garden Grove.

■ **Background:** The full length of the street was changed to Brookhurst Street in the 1960s.

SEAL BEACH BOULEVARD

■ **Old Name:** Bay Boulevard.

■ **Background:** Bay Boulevard was named for Anaheim Bay, which is just south of central Seal Beach. The name was changed as Seal Beach grew.

Sources: "Historic Place Names in Orange County," by Don Meadows; Santa Ana Historical Society; Orange County Historical Commission; Researched by SHELBY GRAD / For The Times

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SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

Age Is in the Eye of the Beholder

Mayor Gil Jones always thought he lived on a street that had some history behind it. After all, local historians say Los Rios Street is the oldest neighborhood in California, containing adobe homes that were built just before the turn of the century. The 19th Century.

Then Jones had a visit from some friends who live in Greece.

"When I told them our neighborhood is almost 200 years old, they laughed because their home was built 1,500 years ago," Jones said. "And they said it's one of the newer ones."

But in a Southern Californian culture that is only a few hundred years old, Los Rios Street was there at the start.

In addition to laying claim to being the oldest neighborhood, residents like to say the circa-1860 jail cell on Los Rios Street is the oldest in the state. Nine generations of the Rios family have lived in one of the original adobes since 1794, when Feliciano Rios, a Spanish soldier, built his home near the Mission San Juan.

It is also a place surrounded by myth and legend—like the tales of ghosts that some say still haunt the neighborhood and the 19th-Century desperados that reputedly used the adobes as temporary hide-outs.



Only three of the original adobes remain—the rest are small, wood frame homes built at the beginning of the 20th Century. But residents take pride in their street, which is on the National Historic Register.

"I've always looked at this as an island in an urban environment," Jones said. "From the missionaries and Indians to the ranchers that settled in this area, this place has such a rich history."

Tony Alarcon, who has lived in the neighborhood since 1926, said several multi-generational families live in the Los Rios Historic District.

The homes here are meticulously cared for, much to the delight of tourists. But most residents aren't happy to have unannounced visitors walking on their laws.

Walking tours of the downtown area that include Los Rios Street are occasionally conducted by the San Juan Capistrano Historical Society. For information, call (714) 493-8444.

—FRANK MESSINA

Although the log cabin has been in the same place for 72 years, few residents knew it existed until recently, when the old buildings blocking it from view were torn down to make way for the downtown redevelopment project.

Now, motorists on Brea Boulevard can easily see the log cabin, and its "discovery" has excited many residents, who have prompted efforts to preserve it, said Brian Saul of the Brea Historical Committee.

"I hope it will be around for a long time and people can go on being amazed by it for many years to come," Saul said.

The cabin was built in 1921 as a Sunday school classroom for a group of boys from Brea Christian Church, who called themselves the Honor Knights. Bergman, then 15, later became the group's president.

The cabin was located behind the church, close to the tracks of the Red Car line, a commuter train that took residents to Fullerton or Los Angeles before it shut down, a victim of the automobile age.

Bergman said building the structure was a community effort that lasted about five months. A resident, Dan Dutton, drew up the plans. Amalgamated Oil donated eucalyptus trees, which were cut to size by the Honor Knights, their fathers and other church members. A trucking company hauled the logs to the construction site.

Bergman said the original cabin measured 16 feet by 24 feet, and had four windows, a door, fireplace, bookshelves, electric lights, cement floor, shingle roof, and rustic overhead joists.

Townsmen dedicated the finished structure with a party and a roaring bonfire. A metal can with the names of everyone who built it was buried as a time capsule. It has not been located, Bergman said.

Four years after the cabin was built, it was enlarged to make room for girls who were allowed to join the previously all-male Honor Knights, Bergman said. Telephone poles donated by Southern California Edison Co. were used for logs.

About 20 years ago, the Brea Christian Church sold the property to the Brea Missionary Baptist Church, which turned it into a storeroom. In the years since, Bergman said, he has seldom visited the log cabin or the old downtown.

"I don't like it here now. All my friends are gone," he laments.

Most of the old downtown is empty now, Bergman said. Familiar buildings have been torn down, and hundreds of residents and businesses are gone.

The city is planning a massive project that will convert the old downtown into a modern residential-commercial area with outdoor shops and cafes, movie houses, and a new county library.

"It will probably be all right in the end," Bergman said. "But it will take a long, long time."

—BERT ELJERA



Eucalyptus logs were used to build the structure, blocked from view until recently.



ANAHEIM

Radio Show Had City on the Right Tracks

Before Disneyland, Anaheim was known nationally as one of those California towns with a funny-sounding name that was shouted by a radio railroad conductor as a running gag on "the Jack Benny Show."

"Train leaving on Track 5 for Anaheim, Azusa and Cucamonga," voice master extraordinaire Mel Blanc cried out during the 1940s and '50s to ever-answering laughter.

In reality, however, passenger train service to Anaheim had ended in the 1930s. But one of its two stations still stands, although it was moved 600 feet south in 1991 from its original location when improvements were made to Lincoln Boulevard downtown.

Now at 210 S. Atchison St., the 71-year-old building is undergoing a transformation into a day-care center. It was last used as a passenger train stop about 60 years ago, when its former owner, the Union Pacific Railroad, discontinued passenger service to the city. A Southern Pacific station near where Loara High School is today closed in the 1920s and was torn down long ago.

"The Union Pacific station is symbolic of an industry that caused the semi-rural communities of Orange County to grow," said William A. Myers, who co-authored "Rails Through the Orange Groves," a history of the county's early train service. "There aren't many stations left. So this station is more important for its symbolism than any particu-

lar role it played."

When construction of the station began in 1917, Union Pacific's venture into the town was met with fanfare in the local press, which saw Anaheim's future confirmed.

"The company evidently has faith in the future of Anaheim, else it would not consider building the finest depot in the county here, when a cheaper one would answer the purpose," wrote the Anaheim Gazette on Feb. 22, 1917. It said the railroad was spending \$20,000 to build the station.

But the United States entered World War I six weeks later and construction stopped. It was not resumed until 1922 and construction was hurried so the freight depot would be available for the 1923 orange harvest.

"Rushed to completion to handle this year's Valencia crop," the Gazette wrote on June 28, 1923, three days before the station's opening, "this is a beautiful building, commodious and substantial, built in the mission style of architecture, the material being cement. It is undoubtedly one of the finest railroad stations on the southland."

Two trains arrived at the station from Los Angeles daily—Anaheim was the last city on the line—and returned to Los Angeles for "direct connections to Omaha, Chicago and points east," the Gazette reported.

For about 10 years, the Union Pacific used the station for passengers and freight, Myers said.

But Union Pacific stopped running passenger trains to the station in the 1930s, choosing to bus passengers from the depot to a station in East Los Angeles. When the Union Pacific dropped passenger service entirely in the early 1970s, it turned part of the depot over to a school supply store, which operated for 16 years until the building was closed in preparation for its move. Union Pacific used part of the station as a freight depot into the 1980s.

The station is now owned by Anaheim's Community Redevelopment Agency, which plans to open the day-care center this summer.

—TERRY SPENCER

ORANGE COUNTY



DON BARTLETTI / Los Angeles Times

Driver Darlene Stephan, also known as Sarge, wears her safety and service pins on her cap.

ROAD: Buses Will Be Boarded by Beach-Goers

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- 34 gas stations.
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- 9 car washes.
- 14 flower shops.
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- 5 McDonald hamburger joints.
- 1 major amusement park, Knott's Berry Farm, plus scads of other tourist attractions.
- 5 mobile home parks or dealers.
- And 3 cemeteries—two of them for humans.

The street has always held a kind of dubious mystique.

In 1979, a group of local punk bands released an album called "Beach Blvd" that, for a time, seemed to symbolize the suburban youth culture of that period for an international audience. "Beach Boulevard connected the punk rock spectrum from inland to the beach," said Jim Kaa, a guitarist and songwriter for one of the groups. "It was a classic period—the seed of a lot of Los Angeles and Orange County punk."

Officials of various cities along



DON BARTLETTI / Los Angeles Times

Beach Boulevard's northernmost stretch is shown, looking south. Beach begins at Whittier Boulevard, in foreground, in La Habra.

the route, disparaging what they described as Orange County's most congested street, later took to publicly calling it "Bleak Boulevard."

Many who grew up in Orange County have deeply embedded memories of the street closely associated with the visions of their youths. "I like the street," said one, Vince Conte, 33. "It has just about everything you want on it."

It was partly the boulevard's high visibility that prompted county officials in 1985 to designate it as the first of an envisioned network of 21 "smart streets"—major arterial highways connecting various parts of the county. The improvement of Beach Boulevard has al-

ready begun—a \$36-million project to widen the street, coordinate its signals, restrict parking and add bus turnouts as well as additional right- and left-turn lanes.

The goal, according to John Garcia, project manager at the Orange County Transportation Authority, is to increase traffic flow by about 6.5 miles per hour, thus decreasing the average 35-minute transit time for private automobiles by five to 10 minutes.

The work is expected to be completed in just over four years, he said.

All of which seems rather remote on a quiet morning at the northern end of Beach, where the street begins in a "T" intersection



This shady street in Buena Park, pictured in 1910, is now the busy thoroughfare Beach Boulevard.

at Whittier Boulevard. There's a Motel 6 here, frequented, according to its manager, by international travelers on tight budgets. Across the street is a Mark C. Bloom tire store, and at the other side of the intersection, a Bank of California building faces an abandoned-looking carwash.

Interesting things have happened here, according to the locals. It was nearby on Beach Boulevard that Richard Nixon's parents lived during the 1950s while their son was vice president. In fact, a La Habra historian said, the former President's father died here during the reelection campaign of 1956.

This end of the boulevard was home to the county's first commercial avocado grove in the 1940s. And it was near here that the discovery of oil in 1903 started the Standard Oil Company's rise from a small marketing firm into the major petroleum developer it eventually became.

One of the more significant things that happens around here these days, however, is the daily departure of Sarge's bus from the intersection once known as Family Corners, named after the family whose members lived on all corners.

"Beach is my favorite route," Sarge said as she pulled out even with the southbound traffic. "It's a wide street. You never know for sure what's gonna happen."

On this particular morning, what was happening was a beautiful Southern California day in the yawning weeks before summer.

"It's gonna be a good day at the beach," Sarge mused as she began to pick up speed. Later, as is her custom, the gray-haired woman greeted customers personally while calling out their stops.

"Thank you much and have a good day," she said with a smile. "Next stop—Stage Road."

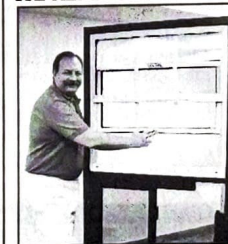
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One ticket purchased in Garden Grove had all six of the winning numbers picked Saturday night for the California Lottery's twice-weekly "Super Lotto" game, lottery officials said. The winning ticket is worth \$16.3 million. The winning numbers are 4, 23, 27, 31, 42 and 47.


Sales from Wednesday to Saturday's game were nearly \$10.3 million, lottery officials said.

Woman Arrested in Slaying of Man

LA HABRA-A 41-year-old woman was arrested on suspicion of murder Sunday after police found a man shot to death in her home, authorities said.

Police identified the suspect as Marta Charlene Patterson. The victim was not identified because his relatives had not been notified, police said.

Patterson was taken into custody shortly after police discovered the body in her home in the 500 block of North Palermo Way about 9:30 a.m.

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Local news wherever you turn.

Log cabin demolished

No buyers found to rehabilitate wooden structure

By Toby Hill
North County News

The historic log cabin, one of the oldest remnants of Brea's past, was turned to rubble in a matter of minutes.

"This is very hard to watch," Brea Historical Committee Chairman Brian Saul said Tuesday morning just seconds before a tractor's upraised jowls struck their first blow.

"We've tried for years to save this."

The cabin was built in 1921 on Ash Street behind the Brea Christian Church, now known as the Missionary Baptist Church. Constructed primarily of eucalyptus Edison power poles, the cabin had fallen into disrepair over the years. The logs had become termite ridden and the roof peppered with holes where knots had fallen out of the sun-baked planks.

The city and the community-based Brea Historical Society had tried in vain to find a buyer who could move the cabin from the church site and rehabilitate it.

There were no takers. "I think the city did all it could," said Saul, who is also the historical society's vice president.

But Saul and Missionary Baptist Church member Will Abbott, who also was on hand for the cabin's demolition, did save a few pieces of the rustic building's heritage.



Historic cabin torn down in Brea in the area of Ash street and Brea Boulevard.

Stan Bird/
North County News

As the tractor awaited its first run at the cabin, Saul pried a small metal plate off one of the exterior logs. The plate has a number which, if referenced, indicates where the power pole stood before becoming part of the cabin's southern wall.

And after much of the cabin's debris had been cleared away, workers attempted to dig up a time

capsule believed to be buried in one of two places within the structure.

Keeping an eye out for a metal can of some sort, workers ripped up the floor by the front doorway. Nothing.

The fireplace stoop was then torn apart. Again, nothing.

But as workers dug up the foundation behind the fireplace, some-

thing appearing to be plastic was noticed.

"Plastic?" Saul thought. "Buried in 1921?" Nah, can't be it.

But at Abbott's insistence, workers exhumed the mysterious artifact, which turned out to be a smashed glass bottle embedded in the foundation. The concrete surrounding the bottle was then cut

away.

It appears a note was left inside the bottle, Saul said. The paper was damaged by years underground, but two words were still legible: "faith by."

"We were expecting something quite different," Saul said. But he was not disappointed. "At least we found something," he said. "And it said 'faith.' That's kinda nice."

Brea's historic log cabin, built in 1921, might meet the wrecker's ball if no one offers to renovate or relocate the building. The cabin is behind the Missionary Baptist Church on Ash Street.

Jack Hancock/
North County News



CABIN PRESSURE

Future of historic structure still uncertain as little-used building falls into disrepair

By Toby Hill
North County News

It once was hidden by the shops and buildings of the old downtown, but now the historic Log Cabin off Ash Street and Brea Boulevard sits prominently amid the naked, smoothly graded landscape of the downtown redevelopment project.

The structure has been designated as an historic site and will not be destroyed to make way for new buildings. But its future is still in jeopardy.

Built in 1921 by the Honor Knights of the Brea Christian Church, now known as the Missionary Baptist Church, the cabin was used for Sunday school classes and other church functions.

Through the years the cabin, which is still owned by the Missionary Baptist Church, has fallen into disrepair.

Its eucalyptus logs battered by weather and roof full of leaks, it is used only for storage. A couple of lawn mowers and assorted tools sit near the cracked stone fireplace.

The church and its small congregation don't have the money to renovate the cabin or move it to another location and the Rev. Dwane Stutte has indicated it might have to be torn down because of liability concerns.

And while the Brea Historical Society has been working to save the cabin, it already has its hands full with other projects.

The society is raising funds to build

historical park in the Olinda Heights project, restore a 1933 fire engine and publish more copies of its book, "Brea: Celebrating 75 Years," by Membership Chairwoman Theresa Hampson.

"It isn't something we can undertake right now. We have so much going right now, it isn't even funny," said Jane O'Brien, historical society president. "If the public really wants to save it, we're going to need their help and input."

At the time of its construction in 1921, Walter Bergman was president of the Honor Knights, the group of young church parishioners who launched the building effort.

Bergman, 87, still lives in Brea. "I believe I'm the only one left now

who worked on the place," he said

Bergman said the cabin was built for the meager cost of \$20.45, thanks to community donations of building materials and labor solicited by the Rev. W.E. Spicer.

Amalgamated Oil Co. donated the eucalyptus logs from its oil fields. McClatchy Hardware donated nails, screws and other hardware. William E. Fanning installed the electrical wiring. Local masons built the stone fireplace.

Bergman is curious about whether a time capsule buried by the builders is still on the premises.

"It's buried either under the front step or the front of the fireplace," he said. The capsule is a square can containing a list of the cabin's builders and the people who donated money, materials and labor.

Bergman credited Spicer with making the cabin possible.

"He did a lot of work with the kids downtown," Bergman said. "He promoted a lot of things. There was no YMCA or anything like that for them."

Spicer planned trips such as two-week excursions to Mt. Baldy that cost about \$2, according to the former Honor Knight.

"He would get food and transportation donated," Bergman said. "He took boys from the whole town, not just from the church."

Bergman also said the cabin has been neglected but he would like it to be preserved.

"I'd hate to see it torn down," he said. "There were a lot of Brea youngsters who had great times in it. I'd like to see it stay."

Mayor takes Russian trip

By Brian Hall
Staff Writer

Brea Mayor Ron Isles, spotting wide-open business opportunity, returned last week from Samara, Russia, capitalism's newest frontier.

"I bet it's just like the early days in California when all the businessmen from back East came out here and tried to set up shop," Isles said.

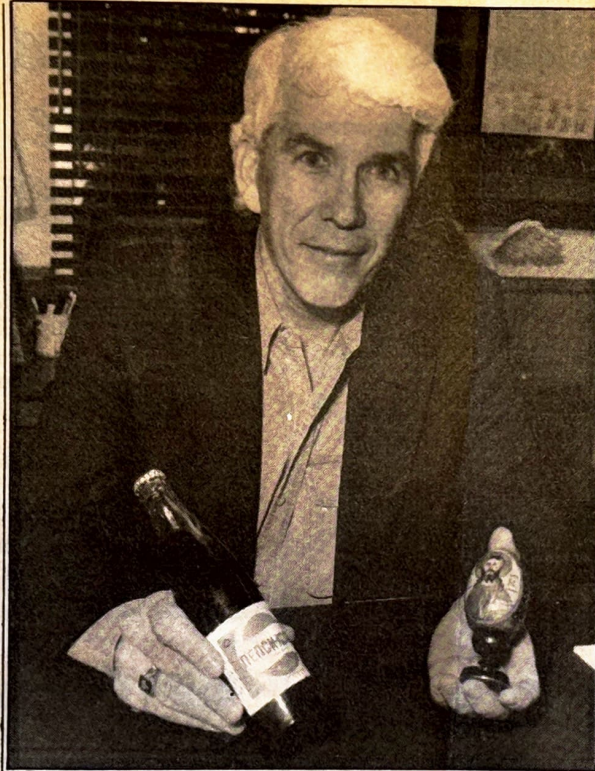
Isles is president of New Republic Inc., a newly formed company, 49 percent Russian-owned, 51 percent American. The corporate goal is to bring to Russia critical consumer goods and technology. This means everything from artificial fur for hats to road-paving, farm and solid waste management equipment.

In exchange, New Republic will take export licenses to sell the West valuable metals such as titanium and tungsten.

"These people aren't just going to roll over and play dead for you. You're going to have to bargain hard."

While the average Russian on the street is naive, Isles characterizes the country's businessmen as sophisticated. They've had to be.

Over seven decades, they've developed an intricate underground economy and barter system — the only way to distribute rare-but-needed consumer goods prior to the fall of communism. Now that free enterprise is taking hold,



Staff photo by Michael Loren

From foreign shores: Mayor Ron Isles went to Russia on a business trip and brought back Russian Pepsi and a sample of folk art from the former Soviet Union.

state service lines. Overall maintenance is poor, lending the Russian cityscape a drabness, Isles said, with potholed roads, little snow plowing infrequently

scramble to keep prices low and feed the population.

While Isles thinks an inflationary spiral is unavoidable in catching up with western

AROUND TOWN

Saturday/Sunday saved for Laughlin

The Brea Community Services Department will hold a turn-around trip to Laughlin, Nev., from 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, to Sunday, Feb. 16. The trip departs from the Brea Civic and Cultural Center, No. 1 Civic Center Circle. It features five hours of monitored gambling time, the remainder of the trip being personal time.

The trip costs \$15 for Brea residents and \$20 for others. It includes a continental breakfast, buffet and snacks for the trip home. Participants must be at least 21 years old. For information, call 671-4462.

St. Jude to host mall Health Fair

St. Jude Medical Center will hold a public Health Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15 at the Brea Mall. Various healthcare professionals will be available to answer questions and provide information.

For information, call 992-3000, Ext. 3323.

Soroptimists offer travel at dinner

Soroptimist International of Brea will give away two weekends during its annual fundraising dinner and auction, "A Glitzy Sella-bration," held at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the

Soroptimist International of Brea are used to benefit the community. The \$5 tickets are available from any Soroptimist, or call 671-5993.

Learning center hosts workshop

The Yorba Hills Mental Health Center is sponsoring the workshop "Parents, Kids and Self-Esteem: Getting Kids to Like Themselves" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at the Britannica Learning Center, 1215 W. Imperial Highway, Suite 102 in Brea. Speaking will be clinical psychologist Dr. Darrell J. Burnett of The Responsibility Center in Yorba Linda.

Admission is free. For information or reservations, call 1-800-628-3305.

Newcomers hold social/luncheon

The La Habra-Brea Newcomers' Club will hold its February social Feb. 15. It is set as a trip back in time, where one can dance to the music, eat the food and wear the clothing of the '50s and '60s. For information and reservations, call Gayle at 990-0184.

The club will hold its Feb. 27 luncheon at Mimi's Restaurant in Whittier. Social time starts at 11:30 a.m., with lunch being served at noon. The deadline for reservations is Feb. 24. For information or reservations, call Elsie at (213) 697-3866.

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