

The Hathaway Ranch Museum



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"THE GERTIE" IS AWARDED

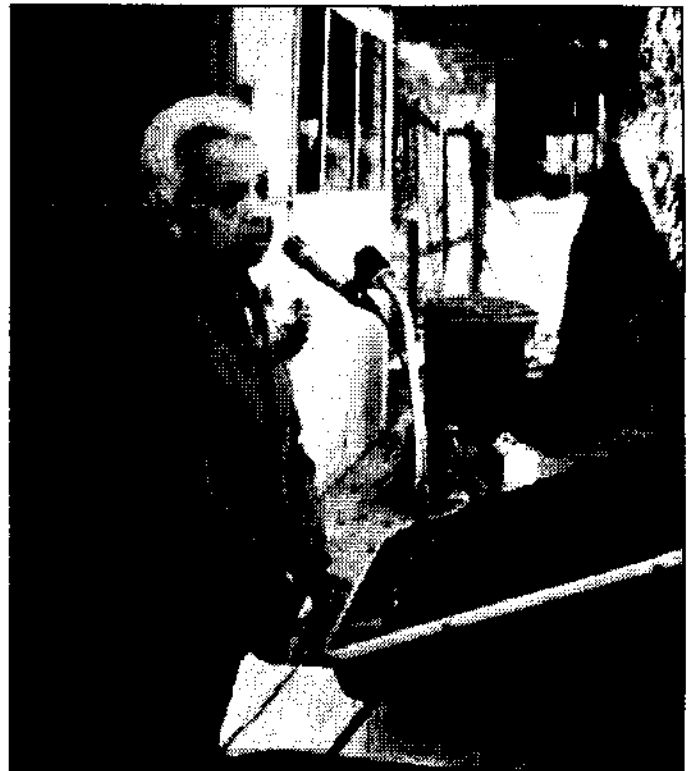
TO CANDELARIA CORRAL

At the volunteer recognition picnic held at the museum on October 17, 1993, CANDELARIA CORRAL was presented with a plaque by the Hathaway Ranch Museum in honor of her many years of helping to preserve Mexican Heritage in the Los Nietos and Santa Fe Springs area.

"The Gertie" award is presented periodically by the Hathaway Ranch Museum to someone living in the area bounded by the original Rancho Santa Gertrudes, someone who has contributed substantially to the preservation of the history of the area.

In her response, Corral told of being brought here from Mexico when she was 18 months old. She said that her first teacher was Ada Nelson in Los Nietos. She explained how her husband Gregorio and Emily Bustos and others formed the Club Cultural Mexicano 27 years ago, how members went to the schools to teach Mexican heritage to the children, and how a fiesta was put on each year around September 16, Mexican Independence Day, with monetary help from the City of Santa Fe Springs.

Because of health problems this year, Corral turned the club management over to the City, with the proviso that the fiesta would continue to be held.



Candelaria Corral being presented "The Gertie" award at the museum picnic on October 17, 1993.

SPECIAL FEBRUARY PROGRAM

"**BY GEORGE, HE DID IT!**" is the title of a program which will be presented at the museum by Joe DaRold on Sunday, February 20, 1994 at 2:00 P.M. The nature of the program will help to commemorate Washington's birthday.

There is no charge, but reservations are required. More information will be available in our winter newsletter.

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

ATTENTION RANCH HANDS AND MEMBERS!

On December 5th we will have our Annual Christmas Boutique at the Hathaway Ranch Museum from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

We would appreciate any donations. We will need homemade crafted items (sewing, crocheting, knitting, needlepoint, wood work, etc.) Also candies, cakes, cookies, pies, jams, jellies and pickles.

Home crafted items can be turned in to Carrie Long any time (phone 310/868-7186). Food items can be brought to the museum on Saturday, December 4, or Sunday morning, December 5, 1993.

HATHAWAY RANCH MUSEUM

MUSEUM GUILD

Youth (high school or younger)	\$1.50
Individual	\$3.00
Family (two adults & minor children)	\$5.00
Business	\$10.00

"Angel" Membership Categories

Supporting	\$50.00
Sustaining	\$100.00
Lifetime	\$500.00

Make checks payable to Hathaway Ranch Museum, 11901 E. Florence Ave., Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

Notice of membership dues are sent on a twelve-month basis. Donations are tax-deductible in the amount allowed by law.

The MUSEUM GUILD supports the aims and activities of the HATHAWAY RANCH MUSEUM, a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation dedicated to preserving and presenting the eras of farming, ranching, and oil development in early Santa Fe Springs.

Lifetime Members

O.K. Flood	Thomas Scott
Nadine Hathaway	Ray & Phyllis Stenson

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MUSEUM SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

(except for holidays) 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

First Sunday Of Each Month

(except for holidays) 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Sunday, February 20, 1994	2:00 P.M.
"By George, He Did It!"	Free
Lecture by Joe DaRold	Reservations Required

HRM VOLUNTEERS

THIRD QUARTER - 1993

Frances Agopoff	Frank Martinez
Marvin Carlzen	Betty Putnam
Mildred Carlzen	Josie Ramirez
Milton Clements	Francine Rippy
Ellen DeLacy	Marjorie Rondeau
Evelyn Grembla	Faye Smetanka
Aaron Hathaway	Mel Smith
Jean Hathaway	Phyllis Stenson
Jesse L. Hathaway	Ray Stenson
Jesse R. Hathaway	Mike Sullivan
Meredith Hathaway	Mollie Teschler
Jack Johnson	Louise Thorson
Carrie Long	Joyce Virnala
Henry Lynn	

NEW MEMBERS

Rodger & Betty J. DeGarmo
Byron Eash
Esther Schroeder
Thomas & Teresa Mayo

GENEROUS MEMBERS AND DONORS

Mrs. Kenneth Ball
Norfleet & Yvonne Blaine
Tom & Virginia Boles
Marjorie Fargo
Jack & Ruth Gray
Tom & Sylvia Takata
Louise Thorson
Laura Yee
Eleanor Zimmerman



Mexican Fiesta underway at the Neighborhood Center in Santa Fe Springs in September of 1993

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION PICNIC

Volunteers at the Hathaway Ranch Museum were honored October 17 with a BBQ dinner served picnic style at the museum. Active "ranch hands" received a T shirt and patch bearing the museum logo of a man on a big wheel/little wheel bicycle.

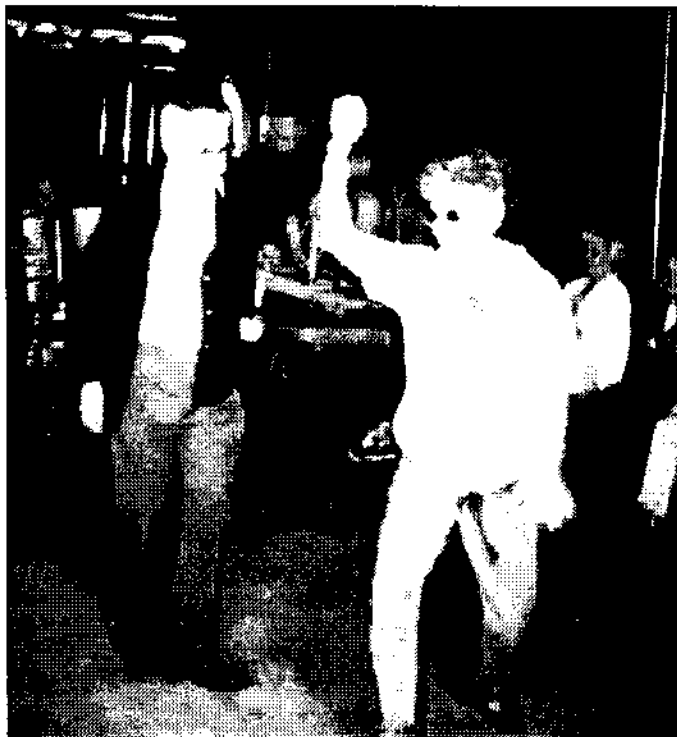
Ranch hands acquiring 100 or more hours of service between September 1, 1992, and September 2, 1993, were treated to gift certificates at nearby restaurants. Special awards to the latter group were furnished by Mildred and Marvin Carlsen. Mildred made outsized red bandanna neckerchiefs for the selected volunteers and Marvin fashioned slips for the bandannas featuring pins representing the museum.

Ray Stenson received fresh eggs and golf balls in appreciation for his frequent errands for lettuce and other green edibles for the chickens, geese, peacocks, guineas, pheasant, and parrots.

Tom Di Ponzio furnished music for listening and for dancing with his one-man band.



Marty and Henry Newton dance in the machinery shed.



Frank and Gloria Rahn cut a caper to Tom Di Ponzio's one-man band.

RANCH HANDS MOVE UP THE LADDER

JACK JOHNSON cleans off a spot for ranch hands who have contributed 2,000 hours of time to the museum. Johnson created the headpiece and hangers for the names of volunteers.



EVELYN GREMBLA and MILDRED CARLZEN have been added to the 250 hour category, to join the names of ANN BARTUNEK, JOSIE RAMIREZ, PHYLLIS STENSON, and RAYMOND STENSON. MELVIN SMITH has moved up to 500 hours to join the names of CAROLINE LONG and JACK THORP. JACK JOHNSON moved up to 1,000 hours. MARVIN CARLZEN and HENRY LYNN have surpassed 1,500 hours, and at the rate they are going will soon leave 2,000 hours behind them.

POST CARD COLLECTION

Betty Kaessner has finished assembling a post card collection on display in the museum which includes 300 travel cards and many others.

The oldest post card was sent to Lola Hathaway in 1905 and shows an Indian burial ground on the Columbia River in Oregon. There are cards from early Los Angeles area, such as Los Angeles in 1906, Echo Park in 1918, and Olvera Street in the 1930's.

Included are pictures from sites throughout California: actual photos of the Los Angeles Aqueduct, Bishop, and the High Sierras in 1924; early Lake Arrowhead in the 1920's and 1930's; Ramona's Marriage Place in 1905; Bakersfield, Julian, San Diego and Santa Barbara.

Harking from days when local people and sites were used on post cards are cards of the Little Lake School, Hathaway brothers and classmates, and the Surbeck home in Santa Fe Springs. Of special interest are approximately 400 cards related to the oil industry which were donated by Terry Hathaway. They show early machinery from 1910-1912, early oil fields in Santa Fe Springs and Whittier in 1924, fires and gushers, and wells in Oklahoma, Texas, New York (1911), and some foreign countries.



Betty Kaessner working on the Museum's Post Card collection.

REMEMBER WHEN in the 1920's...?

- Hamburgers were sometimes called "Wimpys" because they were popularized by a character called Wimpy who was a regular in the cartoon strip "Popeye" (with his girl-friend Olive Oyl)?
- When the regular price of a Wimpy was 10 cents, a stripped down version without the trimmings was 5 cents, and an occasional overstuffed variety was 15 cents?
- When a street car ride cost a nickel and people complained when the price went up to 7 cents or four tokens for a quarter?
- When a ride on the "big red" electric cars from Los Angeles terminal to Long Beach cost a quarter, and once in Long Beach one could buy a waffle with butter and syrup for 10 cents at an ocean front store that sold only waffles?
- When riding an aquaplane, the granddaddy of the single ski, was a popular sport?
- When the big steamships the "Catalina" and the "Avalon" regularly plied the waters between Wilmington and Catalina Island, with dancing on board to the music of a real live band?

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Three HRM members are active with Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Los Angeles County, Inc. WESLEY A. MURRAY serves as President. DON POWELL, city Manager of Santa Fe Springs, is on the Board of Directors, DICK WEAVER, retired Director of Planning for the City of Santa Fe Springs, is chairman of the Site Selection Committee. The purpose of Habitat For Humanity is to provide housing for those in need of it, using volunteer labor.

ALLAN ZOLNEKOFF had the privilege of conducting the Rio Hondo Symphony Orchestra at its first concert of the 1993-94 season on October 25th. He led orchestra members through their paces in "Colonel Bogey March." We suspect he felt more comfortable sitting on the Whittier City Council. Zolnekoff became winner of the surprise guest conductor contest for the "Rio Hondo Pops" program in a contest designed to increase membership.

Los Nietos School District trustee ADELIN ROCHA has been appointed to the Music Center Educational Council. The Council is responsible for bringing music and drama to schools throughout Los Angeles County, said Rocha, a Santa Fe Springs resident. In fiscal 1992-93, about 11,400 programs, including assemblies, staff development and art workshops, were presented in Southern California schools.

LIZ MECHE is president of the Little Lake Parent Teacher Association Council.

RITA MURRAY is president of the alliance for the Mentally Ill.

FRANCINE RIPPY won a bevy of awards — First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth place ribbons — for the thirty some entries of jams, jellies, preserves, and juices she entered in the Los Angeles County Fair this year. She also won first place for her crocheted rug.

AARON HATHAWAY was judged best English student in his class when he graduated cum laude from Whittier College in May.

Note: People interested in history aren't just living in the past.

THE CORN MAN

Remember the Corn Man? For years FRANK MARQUEZ had his fresh vegetable stand on Norwalk Boulevard across from the old county fire station in Santa Fe Springs. People came from miles around to buy his superior vegetables, especially his fresh corn. Later he moved his stand to Dice Road and Los Nietos Road.

Marquez showed up at the museum's October Open House, looking remarkably fit. He remembered going to Little Lake School with the Hathaway brothers.



Frank Marquez (The Corn Man) visiting the museum.

LONG BEACH FIREFIGHTERS MUSEUM

New member THOMAS MAYO of Long Beach would like us to know about the Long Beach Firefighters Museum located at 1445 Peterson Avenue in Long Beach, California 90813. It is open the second Saturday of each month from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Antique fire equipment is on display at Old Station #10 which was placed in service in 1925. The station was in service until 1968 when a new station was built on adjoining property. The restoration of the building, apparatus and equipment is being done by Long Beach Firemen, active and retired, their wives, and fire buffs. All of the funds are from donations. No public funds have been used.

OLD TIME NORWALK

"Where Time Stands Still" is the title of an article which appeared in the Press Telegram last August. The article describes Front Street in Norwalk, only a block south of busy Firestone Boulevard. Front Street was Norwalk's original main drag, but is now a quiet back street which writer Bill Hillburg claims is a living museum of the way we were from the 1870's to the 1950's.

Margaret Nice still sells chicken feed and other animal edibles in the store she has owned and operated since 1942. Haircuts still cost \$4.50 at Bernie's Barber Shop. Barber Bernie Garcia is known as the unofficial mayor of Front Street. And Clarence Luckcuck retools leather boots the old-fashioned way at Norwalk Shoe Repair.

Nadine Hathaway remembers an early association with Norwalk's Front Street when all there was of a commercial nature in Santa Fe Springs was the "Four Corners," or the intersection of Telegraph Road and Norwalk Boulevard. A trip to Norwalk was the only way to do any real shopping in those days. Dick Hathaway bought Nadine's engagement and wedding rings at Setterbergs Jewelry Store in the 1930's. And Nadine paid 50 cents apiece, in the 1940's, for her children's haircuts at Charlie's Barber Shop, owned by Charlie Bertch, whose wife Musa taught piano to some of Norwalk's youngsters. And Nadine and her mother-in-law, Lola Hathaway, sometimes shopped for meat and groceries at Wong's Market.

Come on, readers, what do you remember about Front Street with its shady pepper trees? Send recollections to the Hathaway Ranch Museum.



Yvonne Sullivan stands in front of the blacksmith shop. Yvonne is a sometimes tour guide at the museum.



**RUTH GRAMS GRANDMOTHER'S
RECIPE FOR MINCE MEAT PIE FILLING**

- 3 lbs. cooked meat, chopped
- 1 1/2 lb. beef suet chopped
- 6 lbs. apples peeled and chopped
- 3 lbs seeded raisins
- 2 lbs. currants
- 1 lb. citron chopped fine
- 1/2 rind of lemon and orange chopped fine
- 1 oz. cinnamon
- 1/2 oz. cloves
- 1/2 oz. nutmeg
- 3 lbs. brown sugar
- 1 qt. apple cider
- 1 qt. molasses
- Salt to taste

Cook all ingredients together for two hours. Bake in double crust pie crust.

"You take all the experience and judgment of men over fifty out of the world and there wouldn't be enough left to run it."

Henry Ford

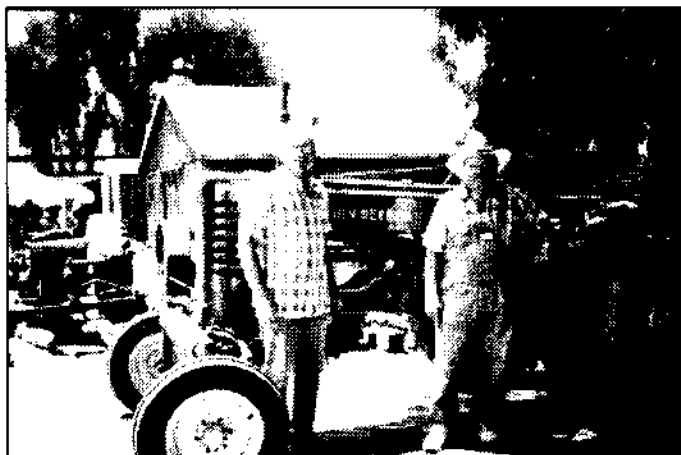
CORN HARVEST FESTIVAL

AT THE PADDISON FARM

The annual Corn Harvest Festival on the last remaining corn farm in the area was held on August 1st at the Paddison Farm in Norwalk. The fourth and fifth generation of John Paddison descendants were busy with farm tours: corn-shucking, hog-calling and frog jumping contests, country crafts, hayrides, pony rides, baby farm animals, bluegrass and country western bands, mountain clogging and country western dance demonstrations and antique farm equipment displays were all part of the fun.

Proceeds benefited the restoration of the (circa 1879) barn on Paddison Farm which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Corn Harvest Festival is a special event at a special place. Don't miss it next year!



Jack Johnson and Henry Lynn show off Jack's John Deere tractor at the Corn Harvest Festival at Paddison Farm in Norwalk.

1911 CASE STEAM TRACTOR BEING RESTORED AT THE MUSEUM



Milton Clements heads the team restoring the Case Steam tractor.



Volunteer crew works on the steam tractor.