

TEMECULA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1915 Newspaper Articles & Gossip Columns

January 15, 1915 *Murrieta News*

The Pauba Ranch Company employed a Chinaman cook for the ranch house on Santa Rosa. The Chinaman arrived, finding no one to meet him, left his baggage, and started afoot to find the ranch. A few hours later Mr. McGee (Magee?) took the baggage, expecting to overtake the Chinaman and take him on to the ranch. McGee met the Chinaman returning to Murrieta he had been lost and nothing could coax him to go on to the ranch. So now the company is looking for another cook.

January 22, 1915

Things are picking up in Temecula and the merchants report increased business and collections much better. Temecula has three first class stores, namely George A. Burnham, Mac Machado, and Alex J. Escallier, which would be a credit to a much larger city.

Supervisor Shaver has been having the main street through town graded with decomposed gravel. Pat Speziali, the road foreman, is in charge of the work.

During the past week many automobilists have stopped over in Temecula to have repairs made on tires, etc. due to tacks, which were scattered on the road to San Diego. Mr. Fernald, the garage man here, says the vandals evidently did their work on Thursday afternoon between two and three o'clock, as his wife made a trip at noon to Murrieta, and did not pick up any tacks.

Granite blocks are being shipped this week from the quarries near town to Los Angeles.

Cashier C. P. Shumate reports that business at the bank has increased about twenty per cent since the first of the year. Deposits have gone away up.

Mrs. McAney has a large class in music. She is said to be a fine teacher and is giving satisfaction. Miss E. E. Drake, also of Elsinore, has a class in art in Temecula. Miss Drake has rare ability as an artist and painter.

Our people are becoming very impatient over the long delays in getting permanent roads. It is said it will be a very easy matter to get the right-of-way, but that very little has been done to get it.

January 22, 1915

Temecula Baseball team won a game from the Pala team Sunday afternoon. The score was 17 to 18.

Pat Speziali has just seeded 270 acres to barley and oats.

Mrs. Eli E. Barnett has returned from a visit with her son Cephas L. Barnett of Uplands.

Members of the (John) Z. Barnett Mining Company held their annual meeting January 15 in the Hall. Adolph Johnson and secretary from San Bernardino were present with the members.

Supervisor Shaver of San Jacinto was in town Monday inspecting the streets.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Maness of Arizona are visiting their sister Mrs. Azeltine of the Wynoak Ranch.

Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Fish and Mrs. Hall were visitors at the public school this week.

Miss Bertha Pierce has returned to her home at Devore, after an extended visit with her sister Mrs. Vardy.

Joseph Welty returned to San Bernardino after a short stay in town.

F. Tubb of Oregon is a guest of Mrs. William A. Kolb.

A car of lumber has just arrived for the new Post Office building, which is to be erected on Front Street opposite the City Garage.

Mr. and Mrs. Lobaugh are visiting in Los Angeles.

Charlie Carsington leaves soon to take charge of the new meat market in Pala.

January 29, 1915

Robert Magee's stone quarry has just received an order for six carloads of paving stone; 58,500 blocks have been shipped to Los Angeles this month.

Mrs. Lillian Haynes returned Saturday evening from Oakland, where she has spent the past month at the bedside of her sick sister.

William Hanna is a guest at the Berry ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Winkles will return soon from Spokane, Wash., to make their home. Mr. Winkles will enter the store of Alex Escallier as his partner.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McClintock have moved to Santa Fe Springs. Mr. McClintock will resume work with Sewer Gas and Pipe Company.

Vail brothers of the Pauba Ranch Company drove 650 head of cattle through town Tuesday morning on the way to the Santa Rosa Rancho.

Clark brothers of Elsinore are guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Barton.

Mr. & Mrs. Lobaugh returned Sunday evening from Los Angeles.

Mrs. George A. Burnham and daughter Ethel spent the weekend at home, returning Sunday evening to Fallbrook, where Miss Ethel is attending High School.

Arthur Escallier returned Tuesday morning to Riverside where he is attending Business College.

Jake Kuntz had two fingers severely crushed while hauling stone for the Spanish-American quarry last Friday.

Messrs. Marsh and Clark of Elsinore are rushing work on the new Post Office building and expect to have it finished in a few days.

Chalma A. Bailey of Aguanga has received a carload of galvanized water pipe from West Virginia by way of the Panama Canal.

February 5, 1915

Mrs. Mac Machado has received a shipment of 30 rare varieties of rose bushes to be planted on her home place.

Raymond Cree, county superintendent of schools, visited the Pujol school district last Thursday.

Miss Jessie Goodman returned home last Friday from an extended visit to El Centro.

Mrs. Woolsie of Fallbrook was a guest this week of Mrs. Alice Machado.

Mr. and Mrs. Lobaugh have just completed their new bungalow.

Mrs. William A. Kolb has just added a screen porch and a coat of paint to her cottage.

John Gibbs, the new postmaster, will take charge of the office next Monday, Feb. 8

Miss Hattie Welty will have the cottage now used as a post office remodeled and furnished for the occupancy of C. P. Shumate and family.

Charles Escallier of Riverside is here for a few days.

On account of bad roads, the Aguanga mail failed to arrive Tuesday.

Seven inches of rain for the past week makes a total of 13 inches for the season.

Mrs. John Ludy from Rainbow was a visitor in town Wednesday.

The members of the Ladies' Auxiliary entertained their husbands at dinner Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. William Friedemann.

February 12, 1915

Mrs. Lulu Parks arrived home Saturday from a year stay in Utah.

Roy Fernald shipped a carload of honey Saturday.

Mrs. Grant Howard left for Visalia Tuesday for a two weeks visit with her sister, Mrs. Clarence North.

The Temecula Baseball Team won the game at Pala from the Pala team. The score was 16-15.

Mrs. Frank Hall is spending a week in Los Angeles.

Mrs. W. H. Rose of Los Angeles is a guest of Mrs. G. N. Fish.

Arthur Escallier spent the weekend at home, returning to Riverside Monday morning.

Logan Barnett of Uplands and Adrian B. Barnett visited Oak Grove Sunday. Cephas L. Barnett was a guest of his brother, the first of the week.

John V. Gibbs, the new postmaster, took charge of the office Monday.

Mark Robinson of Aguanga was in town Saturday.

February 26, 1915

Temecula Team wins over Fallbrook

The Fallbrook Baseball Team came to Temecula last Sunday and were defeated, but it was a fine contest. Neither team had a show until the eighth inning, when the locals pounded the pitcher hard.

Temecula started in second inning and scored three runs, but Fallbrook came right back and scored three runs in the fourth. Neither scored until the eighth when Temecula scored three more. John Kane, the crack Venice fielder played center field for Temecula and showed some speed in fielding and batting.

The Temecula fans were all pleased with the playing that the newly organized team showed and believe they will make other teams in the valley go some just as they did last year.

March 12, 1915

Carl R. Swanguen married Edna C. Hall source: Riverside County Recorder's Office

March 12, 1915

New School House for Temecula

Three trustees of Temecula joint school district are here today studying Riverside school buildings with a view to incorporating some of the best ideas into a new schoolhouse to be built in the Temecula district. It is proposed to erect a two-room building with a large auditorium.

This afternoon the trustees visited the new Magnolia building in company with Superintendent Cree and Architect Wilson. The trustees here are Adrian B. Barnett, Roy S. Roripaugh and William Friedemann. -*Press*.

March 12, 1915

The dance given last Saturday in the Bank Hall was well attended, many coming from Murrieta and the Murrieta Springs.

Ole Larsen of Rainbow bought two tons of hay from Eli E. Barnett and is hauling it home.

W. J. Smith, bookkeeper at the Pauba Ranch, narrowly escaped being injured, being thrown by a bucking horse.

Merrill Kolb in his Ford machine, made a social call on friends at Montserrat.

Frank Burnham and wife made a trip to San Bernardino Saturday, returning Sunday evening.

The trustees were in Riverside the first of the week looking over the plans for the new grammar school building, which is to be put up soon.

Adrian B. Barnett and William Friedemann were visitors to Elsinore one day the past week. They were looking over the Elsinore grammar school with a view to getting ideas for our new school building to be erected soon.

Mrs. Haynes and others went to Elsinore last week to see the wreck victims. Mrs. Haynes accompanied her husband to the Los Angeles hospital.

Alex J. Escallier has been appointed deputy county assessor. He will begin work at once. Mr. Escallier will make a good assessor.

March 12, 1915 LE

Adrian B. Barnett and William Friedemann Temecula school trustees were here last week as the guests of M. N. Herbelin and were looking over our grammar school building with a view to getting ideas for the new building with the Temecula district will erect. Stanley Wilson has been engaged as architect for the Temecula building. They were well pleased with the splendid arrangements of our new building.

March 19, 1915

Merrill Kolb motored to Fallbrook Tuesday evening, taking Miss Vardy and Miss Ethel Hall to visit Miss Burnham and cousin, who are attending high school there.

Ole Larsen was in town Monday having just returned from the exposition at San Diego.

Mrs. Hall has opened her new restaurant next door to the post office. Temecula now has three restaurants.

Alex J. Escallier, the new deputy assessor, was in Murrieta Tuesday on official business.

Mrs. Barton returned Wednesday from a visit with her father.

Mrs. William A. Kolb and daughter Eila were in Murrieta Tuesday on business.

Mrs. Cummings of Auld was in town Wednesday visiting Mrs. Frank L. Fernald.

The ball game between Pala and Temecula was a great victory for Temecula, the score being 16 to 6. Charlie Escallier scoring four home runs.

Miss Vardy visited over Sunday with her father in San Bernardino.

Frank Tripp will leave soon to make his home with his brother at Cottonwood.

Miss Valvina Feliz returned last Monday from San Fernando, where she was attending school.

Richard Escallier was badly bitten by a dog Sunday evening but the wound is not thought to be dangerous as it is healing rapidly.

George Friedemann motored to Elsinore Sunday evening, taking Miss Vardy, Miss Ethel Hall and Charlie Escallier to attend the show.

Mrs. Barton's sister, Mrs. Pope and daughter, who have been visiting her the past two weeks, left Sunday for their home in Pomona.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will meet with Mrs. Vader Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Guenther were in town Monday on business.

Jack Escallier, Charlie Carson and Joe Winkels were in Rainbow on business Tuesday morning.

Mac Machado returned Sunday from San Diego, where he had been visiting the Exposition.

March 19, 1915 Murrieta

Mr. and Mrs. Logan Barnett were visiting W. M. Thompson and family on Tuesday. Mr. Barnett expects to move up into the San Joaquin valley in the near future to live.

Alex J. Escallier of Temecula, deputy assessor, was calling on Murrieta people Tuesday.

March 26, 1915

Elsinore wins over Temecula Sunday

Elsinore Stars were too much for Temecula last Sunday when they crossed bats at Temecula. A large number of people from Elsinore and surrounding country were present to witness the game, which resulted in a score of 19 to 0 for Elsinore.

Elsinore has the champion team of Riverside County and has won every game she went after. Never in the history of Elsinore has the baseball aggregation been so strong.

April 2, 1915

Charlie Carsington, while working for C. P. Shumate, fell and hurt his ankle.

F. Winkle of Redondo Beach will open a new lumberyard next to the garage. The first shipment of lumber will arrive in ten days.

Merrill Kolb and Charlie Escallier motored to Fallbrook last week to visit friends.

Miss Ethel Hall and Miss Irene Vardy gave a party Friday night last week at Mrs. Hall's residence.

Mr. Bergman and family were in town Wednesday.

George Burnham and family returning from Los Angeles Tuesday.

Mrs. Kempton of San Jacinto is visiting her sister Mrs. Frank Burnham.

Ole Larsen was in town Sunday to attend the Sunday school.

Mrs. Mouren is learning to run her new Ford, which she purchased last week.

George Friedemann and Alex Escallier motored to Elsinore to attend the Masonic lodge Friday.

Mrs. G. N. Fish was called to Los Angeles to take care of her husband who was suddenly taken ill.

Charlie Escallier and Joe Nicolas motored to San Bernardino on business Monday.

The teachers, Mrs. Walker and Miss Vardy, left Monday to attend the teachers' institute at San Diego.

George Burnham and son have received a fine new line of spring dress goods.

Mrs. Frank L. Fernald motored to Escondido Friday.

Mrs. Gunther was a guest of Mrs. Winkle Thursday afternoon.

Arthur Escallier returned Monday to Riverside where he is attending Business College.

Joe Nicolas shipped a carload of hogs to San Bernardino Monday.

Mrs. Tripp of Aguanga was in town Saturday.

The school trustees held a meeting Saturday to decide on the new school building.

J. N. Able of Rainbow was in town Tuesday on business.

Hugo Guenther and family and Charlie Bergie and family passed through town Saturday on their way to the San Diego exposition.

June 4, 1915

The Oldest Woman in the State Recently Died in Temecula

A few days ago there died at Temecula one of the oldest, if not the oldest woman in California, Lenora Ardilla, who passed at the ripe old age of 113 while sitting her jacal, or woven wind break, weaving a basket. The picture shows her with her daughter, aged 80, and two great grandchildren bright and well educated little Indian girls.

though deaf and nearly blind for the past 20 years, Lenora sat daily in the open with some boughs at her back, the primitive, unrooted break wind described as the only habitation of many of the Indians at the advent of the spiritual Conquistadors of California. There in the shade of her kish, or jacal, she sat and wove baskets. On Monday she tried to finish a basket, which had been begun over a month ago, but her death intervened, and it remains unfinished. A year hence, when the Indians hold their memorial dance of the dead, this basket will be burned together with whatever articles of clothing she may have left. The government regulations control these customs and prevent harmful waste.

The old basket maker's only living child is Michaelo. She is now 80 years of age. She was at her mother's bedside at the time of her death. *Riverside Press.*

June 11, 1915

J. A. August of Elsinore has a force of men working on the new warehouse, which he is building near the railroad tracks south of the depot. The building will be 60 X 150 feet, fireproof, and will be a great benefit to the town and alley. Mr. Nelson of Elsinore has the contract to erect the building. N. L. Slosson and John Chrisman of Elsinore are also working.

Allen & Barnett are making a big success of the truck gardening business, which they started a few months ago. They are selling their produce in San Bernardino and other points and their vegetables are very large and of fine quality. The soil around Temecula is very fertile, and will grow nearly anything. Truck gardening would be a paying industry if we had shipping facilities to San Diego. Our ranchers here hope the Santa Fe will rebuild the gap.

Mac Machado and wife had an automobile accident recently. They were ran into at Fallbrook by another machine, but were not seriously hurt. Mrs. Machado was bruised a little, but is about well. The machine was damaged considerably.

Conductor William H. Haynes has returned home, and is feeling pretty well, although he does not know when he will be able to go to work. His many friends are glad to see him back, and hope that he will gain strength rapidly.

The First National Bank is making rapid growth, and its business has almost doubled during the last few months. Every accommodation is extended consistent with conservative banking business.

June 18, 1915

Plans Recorded for Temecula Schools

J. O. Tillery, of Beaumont, was in the city today on business connected with the schools. He called at the office of the county superintendent Cree has received word the Temecula district has reemployed J. G. Martin as teacher and that the Trujillo district has employed Miss Sarah E. Woodbury.

Plans for the new Temecula School have been recorded with County Recorder Logan. G. Stanley Wilson is the architect and Frank Ryeson the contractor. The building will be of mission design with shingled exterior walls. It will have a frontage of 120 feet, a cloister running the full length of the frontage. There will be two rooms, an assembly hall, and modern toilet conveniences. The structure will be completed for the fall term of school. It will cost approximately \$5,400. - *Riverside Enterprise.*

July 16, 1915

The new warehouse being constructed by August & Beatty will be ready to receive hay and grain the latter part of this week. Mrs. E. E. Beatty will be bookkeeper for the warehouse here and will shortly move form Perris.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new schoolhouse, and the building will be ready for use when school opens in September.

E. A. Cantarini has accepted a position as clerk in the First National Bank. The business of the new bank is increasing rapidly and is already on a paying basis.

Considerable grain will be hauled to town and stored as soon as the new warehouse is completed.

Temecula can now boast of a lumberyard and a shoe shop. A drug store is one of the prospective lines to be put in soon.

Temecula is not an incorporated town and will therefore get the concrete road through the main part of the town. This is a great thing for Temecula and later on when the town incorporates we will have a paved street if we never get any more.

September 17, 1915

Temecula National Bank has Fine Record

Elsewhere we call attention to the statement of the First National Bank of Temecula. This bank has been in existence less than a year and now has a business of over \$70,000, which is remarkable showing for a bank in a section so remote from the centers of population.

A few months ago the average financier would have hooted at the idea of starting a bank at Temecula, but Eli E. Barnett, Mr. Burnham, C. P. Shumate and other far sighted business men were of the opinion it would be a paying proposition and their judgment was exceedingly good for the bank is already on a paying basis. C. P. Shumate is cashier, and already has been compelled to have an assistant in the person of Mr. Cantarini, a bright young man and son of Auguste Cantarini. Mr. Shumate is making a big success of the bank.

October 1, 1915

Temecula, The Coming Section

It does not take a prophet to forecast the future of the Temecula valley. There is no section in Riverside County or anywhere for that matter, where nature has been more lavish in bestowing certain gifts. Temecula has been the cattleman's paradise for the last thirty years, and fortunes have been accumulated by the cattlemen. But a change is coming about and Temecula will soon be put on the map in big, bold type.

New Bank Paves the Way

It is the general rule of business that the town is built and a demand is created for the bank, but Temecula is an exception. Eli E. Barnett, George A. Burnham, Mac Machado, Auguste Cantarini, C. P. Shumate and others interested in the development of the valley decided that a good bank would materially assist in developing the community and they accordingly launched the First National Bank of Temecula. The bank has had a good business from the start and has already loaned about \$35,000. A bank building of concrete, costing over \$10,000 was erected and the bank is now comfortably installed in one of the best buildings in the county. Eli E. Barnett is president and C. P. Shumate is cashier of this institution. The directors are Auguste Cantarini, George A. Burnham and Mac Machado. The bank already has deposits of nearly \$50,000.

The Cattle Business

Thousands of cattle are shipped very month from the Pauba Ranch and by other, cattlemen to Los Angeles and other points. Temecula also furnishes the meat markets of Elsinore, Riverside and other towns with best, the best to be gotten anywhere. There are thousands of acres of land where alfalfa grows the year round without irrigation and enormous crops are produced. The grazing land in this section is not surpassed. The past year the wheat and barley crop was heavy and the dry ranchers were enriched by thousands of dollars. Vegetables, corn, apples and peaches will grow to perfection on the higher lands.

Stone Quarries are Busy

Trainloads of granite paving blocks are shipped from Temecula and this industry furnishes employment for many people. There are several quarries and work is being pushed on a large order of blocks, for the Pacific Electric people. The blocks when made bring \$55 (?) per thousand.

Inducements to Home Seekers

Temecula offers great inducements to homeseekers. There is being opened a large tract of land which can be purchased in five ten or twenty acres and the opportunity is offered to get a foothold in this rich section.

\$10,000 Grammar School

A new \$10,000 union grammar school building is being erected the bonds having been voted several months ago. Other new buildings are promised and all in all, Temecula has the prospects of rapid and substantial development.

Already the town has several stores, which would be a credit to a much larger community.

October 27, 1915

John Cantarini married Lola Swanguen source: Riverside County Recorder's Office

November 12, 1915 LE

Omer Bromley and Dell Clark are at Temecula this week, finishing an addition on Conductor Haynes' home.

November 26, 1915 LE

Messrs. Dell Clark and Omer Bromley returned from Temecula Saturday evening. They have been doing carpenter work there the past few weeks.

November 26, 1915

Elsinore Stars Win over Temecula Team

The Elsinore Stars came home triumphant yesterday afternoon from the Murrieta Hot Springs diamond, where they faced the Dusky Lads from Land of the Temeculas. The game was anybody's until the last inning. Then the Stars rallied and brought six runs across the plate, which won the battle. The score had been very close until then.

First one side was ahead then the other making the game the more exciting and interesting. In the third or fourth inning the Temeculas were one run ahead of the Stars and thought they had the world on a downhill pull, but they soon found the pull to be going the other way.

Two men on and BINGO Sketter Wright wraps out a two-bagger and made the lead of the Temeculas look sick. But they rallied and succeeded in tying the score, but that was as far as they ever got. The scream of the whole act was when Berry knocked the pill clear over the inferno regions of right field and only took three bases when he might made hoe had he hurried a little. No one said a word for a moment, the crowd had ceased their cheering and the players were going back to their positions when a yowl that would make the coyote take a back seat, came up from the players bench and a tall duskey thundered, "Meester Oompire" he roared "dat's foul bawl." Both umpires looked at each other in amazement for neither had watched the ball again the dusky roared "dat's foul bawl." All right" said

the Ump "foul ball" and sent Mr. Berry back to the batters box to try again. The final score rested with the odds in favor of the Stars by a margin of 12 to 6.

December 3, 1915 LE

Omer Bromley returned from Temecula Saturday night. He has been doing carpenter work there for the past month.

December 17, 1915 LE

Adrian B. Barnett of Temecula was in to see Attorney John C. Campbell Wednesday. He is planning on putting all his real estate in this county under the Torrens System of Land Registration.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Machado of Temecula motored to Elsinore Sunday in their new Buick touring car and gave the Press office a pleasant call.

The new concrete road between Murrieta and Temecula was opened for the first time on Sunday and automobilists thoroughly enjoyed the new pavement.

December 24, 1915 (Classifieds)

For Sale ~ Horse, harness, and two seated buggy, all in good shape, buggy nearly new. Apply to William H. Haynes Temecula 11-12-8t