

January 4, 1924

Wilson Sommerville was called to San Bernardino Monday morning by the death of his wife who has been in a critical condition for the past year. The family and friends have known that it was only a matter of time as her recovery was impossible.

Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Friedemann were Riverside visitors Sunday.

The Misses Rita and Peggy Domenigoni have rented one of the Barton cottages for the remaining of the school term.

Mrs. F.H. Hall was a Riverside visitor last Friday.

J.G. McSweeney was a business visitor in San Diego last Thursday.

Mrs. J. Hampton Watts of Baldwin Park spent last Friday and Saturday here with her father, A.F. Nienke.

Miss Mary Culver and Cecil Smith both of San Diego were guests of Miss Ethel Burnham a few days lat week.

The Misses Boguat, Patton and Patterson and Mrs. Pettrie, who have been visiting at the home of Miss Ethel Burnham for the past ten days left for their home in San Bernardino Tuesday evening.

School opened Wednesday after nearly three weeks vacation.

S.A. Seiple has purchased a new Essex coach.

E. Ceas of Los Angeles was a guest at the J.M. Nicholas ranch last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Vail are visiting relatives in Los Angeles this week.

Mrs. C. W. Swanguen, who is in the hospital at Riverside, is doing fine at this writing.

January 11, 1924

Temecula Ships Seed Potatoes
Larsen's Barber Shop and Pool Hall Robbed
Assistant Cashier Resigns from Bank
Other Temecula Notes of Interest

Temecula, Jan. 11th – The McSweeney Farms shipped two cars of seed potatoes to their warehouse in Los Angeles the fore part of the week, they being dipped already for the spring planting. They had three hundred acres in potatoes this fall and the average production being one hundred and twenty five sacks to the acre of the finest seed potatoes grown in the entire state. The thirty five thousand sacks which are stored in their warehouse here will move within the next two months to various points within and without the State. This seed is the certified White Rose variety. Their acreage to potatoes in this valley will be between seven and eight hundred acres this spring.

O.E. Larson's barber shop and pool hall was robbed of sixty dollars last Thursday night. It was no doubt the work of an inexperienced burglar as the culprit crawled through one of the windows which he had pried open and in the effort to get to the money drawer left foot prints on a chair which were close by. No arrests have been made so far.

Vern Spivey and family were Hemet visitors Sunday.

A.F. Nienke spent Sunday with his family in San Bernardino.

Mr. and Mrs. Records spent Sunday with their daughter at Placentia.

Miss Gilbert, county rural supervisor, was a visitor at the school Monday.

Miss Myrtle Milburn spent the weekend with her aunt at National City.
A.L. Otto and sons, Lester and Vernon spent Sunday in the Menifee valley.
Arthur Escallier left Saturday for Corvallis, Oregon, where he will attend the State University.
Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Friedemann and S.G. Veazey attended Eastern Star Chapter at Elsinore Monday evening.
Mrs. Lena Brown and son, William, returned Saturday from Los Angeles where they have been visiting for several weeks.
The Vail Company received ten cars, six hundred and fifty head of feeder cattle from El Paso, Texas Sunday morning.
Mrs. Fred Winkle and children who have been visiting Mrs. Winkle's mother, Mrs. Jack Escallier for several months, left Saturday for their home in Spokane, Washington.
S.G. Veazey has resigned his position as assistant cashier at the First National Bank.
Mrs. Grace Cantarini, taking his place; Mr. Veazey will leave for Los Angeles in a few days.

January 18, 1924

New Radio Installed by Temecula Merchant
Large Party Attends Royal Neighbor Installation at Elsinore
Other News Notes of Interests

Temecula, January 17 – G.A. Burnham has installed a fine, new Mutridie Radio and has cut in on concerts from Chicago, Cincinnati, Pittsburg, Vancouver and several other eastern cities as well as Los Angeles and San Francisco.
Mrs. W.T. Barton has returned from a visit with her sisters in Los Angeles.
S.G. Veazey left Wednesday for Los Angeles where he expects to spend a few weeks before he starts on a tour through Alaska.
Mahlon Vail has purchased a new 1924 Buick roadster.
Mrs. R.S. Powell was visiting friends in Escondido several days last week.
Elmer Hanson of Los Angeles was visiting old friends here over the weekend.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harris and Mrs. Anna Burnham of Elsinore were guests at the G.A. Burnham home Sunday.
Mrs. W.M. Frederickson (Friedemann?) was a Riverside visitor last Thursday.
Mrs. C.W. Swanguen who has been in the hospital in Riverside is home and doing fine.
Mr. and Mrs. H.R. Price spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson of San Jacinto.
Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Foreman and children spent the weekend with friends in San Bernardino.
Wilson Sommerville is back after a ten day vacation in San Bernardino.
Mesdames J.B. Kelly, W. M. Friedemann, F.H. Hall, A.B. Barnett, A. Knott and J.M. Nicolas attended the installation of officers and the initiation of a class of twenty five into the Royal Neighbors camp at Elsinore Tuesday evening.

January 25, 1924

Santa Fe Rip Raps Temecula Tracks
Warehouse Being Painted
Other Personal Notes of Interest Concerning Temecula People

Temecula, January 24 – The Santa Fe railway has had a force of men employed the past week rip rapping the right-of-way along the banks of the river west of town. Concrete blocks are being used for the work. Frequent cut-outs have occurred along the right-of-way during the past two years and the present work is being done to forestall a wash out.

Mr. and Mrs. H.R. Price spent Sunday at Oceanside.

L. B. Huffman of Los Angeles was a visitor here last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. V.B. Sands were San Bernardino visitors on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Foreman and children spent Sunday in Oceanside.

R.B. Patterson is back at the Pauba ranch after several weeks' vacation.

J.G. McSweeney was a visitor in Los Angeles the fore part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Corgan spent the weekend with friends in Los Angeles.

L.S. Powell and two sons, Charles and Thornton were San Diego visitors last Friday.

Mrs. V.B. Sands and son, Edward, were in Los Angeles several days the fore part of the week.

Mrs. J.B. Kelly left Wednesday for Taft where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Carr for several weeks.

The McSweeney Farms have just finished painting their warehouse, and adding a few improvements.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Spivey and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Smith of Victorville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Greenfield entertained over the weekend Mr. and Mrs. George Buck of Tujunga.

Mrs. L.S. Powell, who has been quite ill and is in the hospital at San Diego, is much improved at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Barnett and Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Friedemann attended Eastern Star chapter in Elsinore Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Bremner of Oceanside were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Kelly last week. Mrs. Bremner is a niece of Mrs. Kelly.

February 1, 1924

Bridges are Being Built near Temecula
Director of Physical Education Arranges for Annual Track Meet
Other Temecula News Notes

Temecula, January 31 – Mrs. L.C. Lunt, physical education director was at the school last Friday giving instructions for the annual track meet to be held at Murrieta this spring.

The county has under construction three bridges on the main highway to Warner Hot Springs. This is indeed a much needed improvement for it has been necessary to ford the river during the winter months and at times the roads being impassable.

Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Vail entertained Mrs. Vail's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.P. Howard of San Gabriel over the weekend.

Mrs. V.B. Sands and son, Edward, are visiting their cousins, Dr. and Mrs. C.G. Weltman at Fresno this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson of San Jacinto were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H.R. Price Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Haynes spent last Saturday in Ontario.

L.S. Powell was an Escondido visitor Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A.S. Burnham of Elsinore were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W.M. Friedemann Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Barnett were Riverside visitors last Wednesday.

Mrs. L.S. Powell who has been in the hospital in San Diego returned to her home here Tuesday.

A.F. Nienke spent the weekend with his family in San Bernardino.

February 8, 1924

Pauba Ranch Has New Power Plant

Three Hundred Horse Power Sub-Station Recently Installed

The Southern Sierra Power Company has recently installed a new sub-station on the Vail Brothers Pauba Ranch, three miles south of Temecula, capable of developing 300 horse-powers, which will be used for domestic purposes and in the operation of the 5 pumping plants on the ranch. The largest well flows 225 inches of water.

In addition to the many beef cattle now ranging on the 95,000 acre Pauba ranch, 120 heard of fine dairy cows are kept, the milk being shipped by truck to Los Angeles for retail trade. The herd is cared for by strictly up-to-date methods, and is subjected to the monthly tests made by Mark Butterfield for the Riverside County Testing association.

Mahlon Vail, one of the owners and manager, states that E.D. McSweeney, who holds a lease on 1200 acres of the irrigated lands within the ranch boundaries, is fast establishing a reputation as a grower of seed potatoes, a crop of over 40,000 sacks of the White Rose variety being harvested last year, most of which was sold as certified seed under the Shamrock brand.

February 8, 1924

Temecula, February 7 – Mrs. Mahlon Vail is visiting relatives in Los Angeles this week. V.B. Sands, Santa Fe agent here has accepted the position as car distributor for his company in San Bernardino and left Wednesday evening. A.M. Pfeifer is acting relief agent until the regular man is assigned to the position just vacated by Mr. Sands.

Mrs. Donald Peace of Winchester spent several days last week here with her sister, Mrs. Vern Spivey.

Mrs. W.H. Haynes, who has been quite ill at her home here for the past week is still confined to her bed but much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lyon and son of Pasadena were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Haynes Monday.

Mrs. Eila Sweet of Los Angeles is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Amos Kolb this week.

Mrs. Fred Guiol and baby of Los Angeles spent the weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F.H. Hall.

Researcher's Note: With Mr. Sands accepting a job transfer, his family would have moved with him to San Bernardino. If this is true, then Mrs. V.B. Sands from this date forward was no longer the author of the Temecula Gossip Column.

However, it appears that Mrs. Sands stopped writing the column before January 1924. There are two clues to the January change in authorship.

Clue #1: The term "fore part" is used in several entries. Mrs. V.B. Sands never used this term in her writing.

Clue #2: The name Edward instead of Eddie is used in an entry. Eddie is a familiar name and Edward is more formal. This may show that the author is not related to the Sands family.

With the changes in the newspaper layout and with Mrs. V.B. Sands moving to San Bernardino, there were no further February entries for the Temecula Gossip Column. It will be interesting to see what other changes were made in 1924.

March 14, 1924

Temecula Land May be Subdivided

Los Angeles Syndicate Reported to be Planning Large Tract of Small Farms Other Temecula News Notes

Temecula, March 13 – It is reported that a Los Angeles land syndicate has been negotiating for two of the large ranches near Temecula with the view of subdividing them into 10 and 20 acre tracts. Rumor has it that one of the ranches bought was the E.E. Barnett place. It is also rumored that other interests from Pasadena are considering purchasing the Plumb ranch adjoining. If these deals go through it will mean the settling up of hundreds of acres of fertile farm land, giving the district substantial growth such as men of vision have predicted for several years.

Gus Almquist of Perris is doing some concrete pipe work on the Vail Brothers Pauba ranch. Two years ago he put in about nine miles of pipe on the same ranch.

Mrs. A.F. Nienke has returned to her home form San Bernardino where she has been under the care of her physician for some time. Her daughter, Mrs. Hampton Watts, of Baldwin Park, returned with her and is taking care of her.

A newspaper in Kern County recently carried stories of spring potato planting, stating that McSweeney seed from the Temecula district was being used the most.

The three new bridges on the Aguanga and Warner Hot Springs road are nearly completed. This will be of great benefit to the back country and also to Temecula, bringing increased traffic this way.

G.A. Burnham made a business trip to Riverside Tuesday.

Alex Bovel (Borel?), recently in town, reports his alfalfa crop to be growing finely.

Domingo Moro, Indian Policeman and farmer at Pala was in town Tuesday and reported crops in good shape in that district.

John Wentworth of Oak Grove visited with friends here the early part of the week.

Researcher's Note: The next article was written by A.F. Nienke. It gives voice to the current thoughts of the time.

March 21, 1924

Temecula Business Man Urges Harmony and Co-operation

Points out that Great Future is Ahead of the Entire District from Alberhill to the Pauba Ranch if Residents of the Valley will look forward

By A. F. Nienke
Manager, Temecula Valley Lumber Co.

The high school bond election is over. Now let us all bury the hatchet, throw away the hammer, and work together for the common good of the whole valley from Alberhill to the Pauba Ranch. There is a lot of work to be done. By co-operation and good will we can make this valley one of the best districts for homes in all Southern California.

Let your light shine and do your best. Look forward and forget the past. We have many fine settlers that came to the district in the early days who deserve credit for their good judgment for selecting this district for their homes. But times have changed. No longer can we farm as in the early days. Today there is a great demand for small farms with water. We have both particularly in the Temecula and Murrieta districts. Capital is required to develop them which can only be secured by interesting outsiders.

The future of this section is more apparent to outsiders than to many who live here. Many men of means can be found who will feel that a land investment in the district is a safe one. The time has arrived for a forward move in this section. Every indication points to a "back to the land" movement in the cities. We must ever be on the alert to attract the right sort of financiers and the right sort of settlers. We must encourage honest effort and dishonest tactics.

Few of us realize the varied resources of the district. We have more than land and water. We have the finest health resorts in the state- the Murrieta Hot Springs, famous for its mineral waters and mud baths – and Elsinore with its mineral waters, bath houses and sanitariums. When we stop to think what those resorts will mean to this section in the future we should feel more confident that we have the making of one of the best valleys in the entire state.

But to put the district on the map as it should be we must all work together, for what is good for Elsinore is good for Murrieta and Temecula also. Elsinore has made a good start, so let the good work go on all down the line.

March 21, 1924

The McSweeney Bros. are preparing 500 acres for planting potatoes.

Alfred Knott has his rest room about completed. He is also making other improvements at his Garage in an effort to give Temecula an up to date establishment.

County Bee Inspector, Andrews is inspecting bees in this part of the valley. He reports the prospects for honey very poor.

D.J. Button, rancher from the Auld Country, was in town last week. He reports crops holding out good in the Auld district.

J.E. Roripaugh, one of our up to date ranchers, reports his alfalfa is making a good growth he also feels quite encouraged the way the grain is growing after the rain.

Freeman and Helm are busy shearing sheep. They have a large herd and employ quite a number of men.

E. C. Wickerd, road superintendent of this district, has a crew of men at work making a fill for the bridge approaches on the new bridges on the Aguanga and Warner Hot Springs road. Wickerd is a live wire and is making good head way improving our roads.

March 28, 1924

E. C. Baird from Fullerton arrived here Monday and took up his work as station agent for the Santa Fe R.R.

Farmers are coming in town with a smile on their face and report the rain has been coming down just right and with the April and May showers the prospect for a good crop looks favorable.

Joseph Welty, of Los Angeles, called on friends here Friday. Mr. Welty is one of the oldest settlers of the valley he having resided here some 46 years until moving to Los Angeles last fall.

J. H. Watts, of Baldwin Park, spent the weekend with his wife at Temecula. Mr. Watts is Principal of West Covina Grammar School.

James Nienke, of Los Angeles, came home Friday to visit his mother, Mrs. A.F. Nienke, who has been ill for the past week.

Mrs. Luella Jennings, a trained nurse from Elsinore, is here taking care of Mrs. A.F. Nienke.

Billy Friedemann, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Friedemann, is on the sick list this week.

April 11, 1924

600 Acres Spuds are Planted at Temecula

Rainfall is reported to be Ten Inches
Chicken Ranch is started
Temecula News Notes

Temecula, April 10 – McSweeney Brothers, recognized throughout Southern California as the leading potato growers of this section are planting six hundred acres to potatoes this season. This acreage is somewhat reduced from that planted last year, but still constitutes a large portion of the rich bottom land leased from the Vail brothers by the McSweeneys. Spuds planted earlier in the season are coming up nicely and according to reports are in excellent condition as a result of recent rains.

Rainfall Exceeds 10 Inches

Rainfall in this district is reported to be over ten inches for the season. Farmers are now optimistic over the crop prospects because of the excellent condition of the ground. Rains have been frequent but not so heavy as to pack the soil thus leaving it in a moist mellow condition.

Other News Notes

Constable Jack Roripaugh of Temecula has issued an order to all stock and dog owners to keep stock confined and dogs chained up. These orders were issued as a precautionary measure against foot and mouth disease. While no cases have broken out here the heavy stock interests of this section warrant every precaution possible.

Due to quarantine regulations John Lundy, whose ranch lies across the line in San Diego County, was not allowed to move a recent consignment of baby chicks. Not daunted by such obstacles in his ambition to become a successful poultry man, Lundy has started a temporary chicken ranch in Temecula until such time as he can move his flock.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. A.F. Nienke are glad to hear that Mrs. Nienke who has been ill for some time is improving under the competent care of Mrs. L.C. Jennings, a trained nurse of Elsinore.

Mrs. J.H. Watts who has been visiting friends here for some time left for her home at Baldwin Park Thursday.

The four room cottage of Ray Thomas and Mr. Joy, recently under construction on their ranch, is now completed, and they are now building a water tank and pumping plant and planning other improvements.

George Kemphefener is making some improvements on his dairy ranch near Murrieta Hot Springs. George is a progressive rancher and believes in having things first class.

May 2, 1924

Joe Winkle has returned from a week's business trip to Los Angeles. He reports the old town is growing fast but expressed doubt as to whether it will be the largest city on the coast, giving as his reason that "it is too far away from Temecula."

Frank Burnham, of the firm G.A. Burnham and Son, is making some improvements on his house, which will be strictly modern when completed.

Farmers are cutting their first crop of alfalfa hay this week in this section.

J.M. Cockerline of Rainbow a successful poultry man is adding another unit to his poultry houses.

Two men landed in an airplane here Tuesday morning, being short of gasoline. After filling the tanks at the Temecula garage they resumed their flight, stating that they were from South Dakota and bound for the Imperial Valley.

June 12, 1924

Temecula Potato Crop Looks Fine

McSweeney Interests have 575 Acres in Seed Spuds
Other Temecula Items

Temecula, June 11 – John McSweeney of the McSweeney Farms reports their potato crop is looking fine and that the prospect for a bumper crop from the 575 acres is very encouraging at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. V.B. Sands and son, Edward, formerly residents of Temecula, visited friends here Sunday. Mr. Sands is now in the car distributor's office of the Santa Fe at San Bernardino.

Farmers in this section are cutting and baling hay. Nearly all report a good crop, especially on the Vail Brothers Pauba ranch. J.O. Freeman, (ranch) foreman, reports acreage going over two tons of grain hay to the acre, and of good quality.

The Temecula Valley Lumber Company received a large shipment of lumber last week. The company enjoys patronage from a wide trade area.

The Vail Company recently received 12 car loads of young cattle from the Santa Rosa Islands. The mountain ranges in this section are offering good feed this year.

Mr. Heath of Oceanside until recently, and formerly a resident of Temecula, has returned and will open a service station.

Temecula fishermen have been after trout recently. Some report good luck, while others tell of the "ones that got away."

June 19, 1924

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Spivey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walters and daughter, Peggy, and Roy Record spent the weekend fishing in Oceanside.

Mrs. Lewis Powell has been visiting with friends in Alhambra.

Miss Happy Burnham, and mother, Mrs. G. A. Burnham, are at Oceanside for a few weeks.

Mrs. Mark Shipley and son, Tommy, were callers in Temecula Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burnham have as their guest their nephew, Burton Kimpton, of San Bernardino.

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Haynes were Los Angeles visitors on Wednesday of last week.
Miss Mabel Nienke had as her house guests over the weekend Miss Catherine Waldup and Miss Bessie Maxon of West Covina.

Mrs. W.T. Barton is in Los Angeles visiting her daughter, Miss Ethelyn Walters, who graduated last Tuesday evening with the class of 1924 from the Clara Barton hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Corgan, who were called to Santa Barbara a few weeks ago by the serious illness of Mrs. Corgan's brother, have returned home. They left the brother on the road to recovery.

French Valley Mourn Loss of Pioneer

Lake Elsinore Valley Press

June 19 1924

The people of the valley were grieved on Tuesday, June 10th to learn of the death of Mrs. Zemima Nicolas of French Valley. Mrs. Nicolas was one of our oldest and most respected pioneers and passed away after a lingering illness of two months. She was born in France in 1858 and came to the United States when a young woman. Her husband, Joseph Nicolas, passed away fourteen years ago. Besides a host of friends, two children, Mrs. Clementine Serval and Joe Nicolas both of French Valley and six grandchildren are left to mourn her passing. Funeral services were held in the Catholic Church of Temecula at one o'clock Thursday. Rev. Father Norman Raley of Elsinore officiating. Her body was laid to rest in the Temecula Cemetery beside that of her husband.

September 4, 1924

Dies of Injuries Received when Struck by Auto

T. H. Brooks of Temecula, who has been employed by Nelson Brothers for the past year, was accidentally killed in Pomona Wednesday evening, August 27th. He was coming around the rear of his car, near Walnut, when a car, driven by a lady, struck him, injuring him fatally. A passing truck picked him up and took him to the Pomona hospital where he died a few hours later.

September 11, 1924

Temecula Notes

The barber shop and pool hall owned by Ole Larson was gutted by fire Tuesday morning at 3:30 a.m., the pool tables being the only things saved. The outside of the building was not damaged by the fire.

Mrs. Bessie Barnett left last Sunday for a week's vacation at Oceanside.

September 18, 1924

Ice Company Sells Routes to Drivers

Clyde F. Bair, proprietor of the Lake Elsinore Ice Company, has announced the sale of the company's two outside routes to the drivers. Jack De Arman bought the Alberhill and Temescal Canyon route, which he had been driving and Charles Kitch purchased the Temecula and Murrieta route.

The sale of the route to the drivers is a progressive step in line with the policies of the largest ice manufacturers, and tends to enable the local plant to function as manufactures rather than distributors.

Eli Barnett of Temecula Sued for \$31,000 Damages

A damage suit against Eli Barnett, of Temecula, for \$31,200 damages, was filed in the superior court in Riverside Monday by James G. Parrot and Fred Guiol. Plaintiffs claim damages in that amount to themselves and car as a result of a collision over a year ago near Temecula. The defendant is alleged to have been "driving in a reckless and negligent manner." Parrot claims a fractured nose and three broken teeth; Guiol claiming a lacerated scalp and a broken arm.

November 6, 1924

Temecula Warehouse is to be rebuilt

Vail Brothers, owners of the Pauba ranch, will rebuild the warehouse destroyed by fire there a few months ago, according to information given out this week by A.F. Nienke, proprietor of the Temecula Valley Lumber Company.

The new warehouse will be constructed of corrugated iron. It will be 40 by 180 feet in size and when completed, will be used for the storage of potatoes and hay. The cost of the structure is estimated at \$5000. Construction is to start at (?)

November 13, 1924

Hundreds of Acres to be Placed under Water at Temecula

Vail Brothers, Big Ranch Owners, are Handling Project which will ultimately care for many additional Families

By R. F. Chamberlain

An irrigation project that will put 500 acres of rich, fertile land under water immediately north of Temecula was started last week by the Vail Brothers, owners of the Pauba Ranch.

Development plans call for the drilling of numerous wells in the water bearing sections of the area to be placed under water and the construction of thousands of feet of concrete pipe line, for which over 25 car loads of cement will be used. The Temecula Valley Lumber Company, holding the contract for the cement, has already started deliveries of car load lots to the pipe manufacturing plant that has been especially constructed at Temecula to handle the project.

The estimated cost of the development will run into many thousands of dollars, and is in keeping with the policy of the Vail Brothers to place under water as much land as possible in the rich valley that forms a part of the Elsinore trade area. Ultimately, it is thought, this land will be placed on the market in small tracts but for the present the developers will farm it themselves or lease it.

“The outlook for the Temecula section is very encouraging,” says A.F. Nienke, proprietor of the Temecula Valley Lumber Company, who points to the present irrigation project as an indication of a future population growth in that section. Nienke also states that the past year has been “a prosperous one, farmers having made good money.” Grain and alfalfa seed crops were both good in the section, which is also noted as a seed potato district of unusual excellence.

Considerable building improvements have been made in the Temecula valley during 1924, and all this time a large corrugated iron warehouse, 40 by 180 feet in size is being erected for the storage of hay and potatoes.

The proposed paved highway from Winchester to Temecula will increase business in both Temecula and Elsinore, according to prevalent opinions through the southern part of the valley, inasmuch as it is thought that it will prove the means of creating or attracting a great deal of auto traffic that does not now pass through either community.

November 27, 1924

Forest Fire near Temecula Reported now under Control

At the time of going to press Tuesday evening, the forest fire at Dripping Springs, east of the Pauba ranch, near Temecula, was reported to be under control unless high winds should come up.

A large crew of men from the Pauba ranch and other fire fighters under the direction of C.W. Beardsley of the Oak Grove Ranger station are fighting the flames. The fire, of unknown origin, broke out Monday morning.

According to Beardsley the fire which has been raging in the Aguanga mountains has already burned over 1000 acres of brush, most of which is in San Diego County.