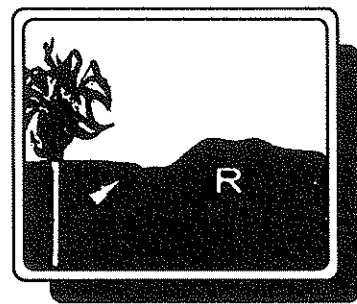


REDLANDS CHRONICLES



April, 2008

“Dr. Robert Hodges:
History Building the Latest Schools in
The Redlands Unified School District”

Monday April 28, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
Assembly Room, A.K. Smiley Public Library

Following the theme of “history makers,” the April program features Robert Hodges, retired Superintendent of the Redlands Unified School District. His talk will discuss the five new schools built in the Redlands District since 1995 and the sixth under construction now. Building schools encompasses passing bonds, and that embroils the superintendent’s office in the thick of politics. Hodges was able to retire February 1, 2008, as he successfully passed the bond to complete Redlands Citrus Valley High.

Redlands is noteworthy for Victorian homes, Smiley Library, the Bowl, University of Redlands, Lincoln Shrine, and the rural citrus atmosphere. But if one asks parent newcomers on another great attraction the community offers, the answer will be the strong education system of the schools. Real Estate brokers understand this well and sell Redlands on the basis of good schools.

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OLD HOUSE GROUP MEETING

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

150 East Vine Street

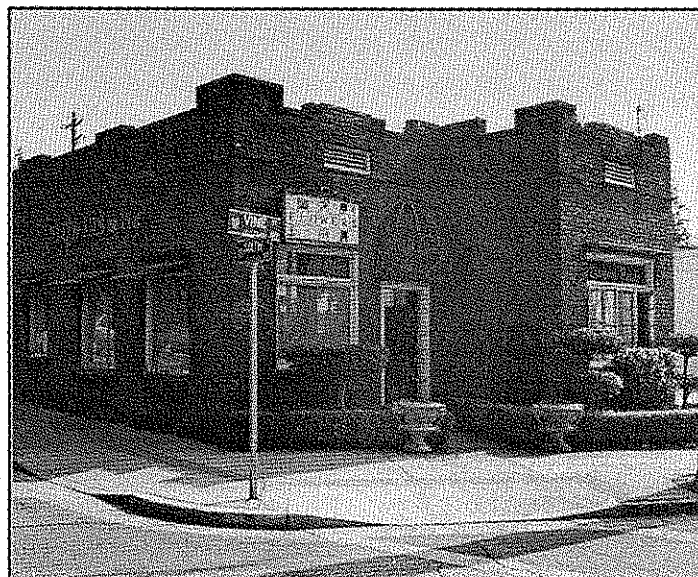
7 pm

Something different is planned for the April OLD HOUSE GROUP MEETING. Rather than getting together in a home, we will visit two commercial buildings on Vine Street.

Redlands Historical Society Board member Kathy Beall and her brother Richard Beall will open their offices to the group. Both of these buildings are Heritage Award winners and have a great history of early Redlands.

At 7 pm we will meet at Beall Design Group which is Kathy’s business at 150 East Vine. The one

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Redlands Motorcycle Club building on east Vine Street

A Letter from your President...

One of the cats jumped out of the bag when the Facts reported Monday that the Lugonia Kindergarten room, now the School Board Room, located at 25 West Lugonia, would be receiving a Heritage Award June 10th. The Redlands Unified School District Board had to "approve" the award prior to the awards presentation and the information appeared on the board docket and was scooped up by the Facts. So we plan to keep the other cats locked up tight in the bag until June 10th.

Larry Burgess and Nathan Gonzales have a fine color book on sale for \$29.95 at the main desk of Smiley Library. "Redlands in Transition" gives visual changes to agriculture, businesses, downtown, homes, education, and community. Only Edith Parker Hinckley and Frank Moore had tread this 1945-1980 period previously. Their perspective, while accurate, is now given depth by the clear summaries of Nathan and Larry. Redlands left its citrus culture in the 1950s and did so without much hesitation.

Looking over the buildings on West State Street does warrant a pause. They weren't all architectural gems but how different our downtown would be today if they had been restored and retained. Sometimes doing what everyone else is doing in Southern California isn't the best choice. The real issue was the civic leaders at the time had no desire or thought to even think about preservation of the old buildings. No groups of organized citizens banded together to call into question whether tearing down West State should go forward. Redlands charged into modernization and the building of the mall that is now deemed obsolete, in less than fifty years. What should we be thinking now that was overlooked in 1972?

When the Redlands Area Historical Society formed in the early 1970s, we had little strategy for preservation. We wanted monthly meetings to entertain us and inform us on Redlands History. I don't recall any members lamenting the demise of the downtown for the mall. Certainly no letters to the editor appear in the Redlands Daily Facts questioning the growth at the time.

Perhaps Redlands residents have matured more since 1980, because they now have learned just how unique Redlands really is compared to other Southern California locales. I've always been struck by the newcomers to Redlands, and their discerning quick observation on the Redlands experience. Newcomers thirst for the history while old-timers were ho-hum on the subject.

Redlands was lucky enough to be off the beaten path until the advent of the freeway. That alone saved us the quick urbanization that Los Angeles County witnessed. We gave the freeway few off-ramps not understanding the business opportunities nor what this new "conveyance" might do to the community. The freeway was close enough for "urban renewal" in Lugonia and little more than that. The downtown businessmen did not swoop down to the off and on ramps to buy up the opportunities.

Appreciation of Redlands history led to the Redlands Association and changes brought forth in city ordinances. We had a minor revolution on the City Council with "slow growth" giving pause and citizens voting to take a different path.

The Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission drew strength from this movement. The City of Redlands paid for historic research on the downtown and selective residential streets leading to "historic districts" and the desire to preserve the past. The city hired Darrel Cozen, a city planner, with expertise to project a new city preservation plan. The Trolley Barn was saved with city involvement. The Barton House was saved long enough by the city to allow a dentist to buy and restore the mansion.

We have an active Museum Association now and the Redlands Conservancy. Perhaps some part of the Zanja will be saved after all. Citrus preservation was given a lift by tax-supported Measure O purchases and now voluntary financial support to buy oranges.

The 1980s proved pivotal as Redlands residents reversed some of the trends of the previous forty years. Let us continue our romance with Redlands history and let us hopefully recognize what directions best fit the city we call home

Your President, Tom Atchley

Hodges, continued

Redlands has a tradition of experienced school superintendents. The first was Lewis B Avery, who helped form the Redlands Unified School District in July of 1906. Avery was the first principal of Redlands Union High (Redlands High) in 1891. His background was in science and he quickly took the new school to statewide recognition and open enrollment for all Redlands grads to Stanford Junior College. Avery had to convince a reluctant citrus community that reading, writing, and arithmetic were not wasted "book learnin'" objectives in an agricultural community. When he left Redlands in 1908, the district ranked above Los Angeles in scientific improvements, business education (we had typewriters!), and winners in Speech and Debate. Latin and Greek were the two foreign languages stressed.

Dr. Wayne Prescott Smith replaced Avery and gave a memorable "Discourse on Moral Education of Youths" for the Redlands Review in February of 1909. Smith fought for higher teacher salaries and emphasized teacher training in the district. Redlands continued to lead the county, especially after the University of Redlands opened, giving local grads a proximity college experience with a Baptist anchor.

Henry G. Clement, another previous Redlands High principal, took the reins of the district throughout the 1920s. He held the first school bond election in Redlands that ever failed. Clock Auditorium was deemed expensive and unnecessary by the citizens of Yucaipa and voted down as a community auditorium for Redlands at the expense of Highland and Yucaipa taxpayers. Clement also faced down a "Student Strike" in 1936 because the school board would not allow boys to use the new Girls' Gym. Through diplomacy and tact, Clement convinced the conservative board that Redlands' morals would stay intact, even while girls dressed and boys bounced a basketball.

Clement pioneered the idea of educating "Junior High" students on their own campus, rather than the elementary or high school level campus. Redlands Junior High was born in his tenure. State compulsory school attendance law was explained by Clement and he is remembered today in the name Clement Middle School, which was formerly Clement Junior High.

Clement believed in bringing in name recognized architects to complete school buildings at Mission, Crafton, Kingsbury, Lugonia, and Redlands High.

Succeeding Clement in 1937, John Branigan built McKinley and Lincoln while remodeling the junior high shower and locker rooms. He passed the bond to build Mentone Elementary and fought to keep Redlands competitive with a higher teacher salary schedule, college training, and health programs.

Our last superintendent in Redlands, Ron Franklin has just stepped down from the Banning-Beaumont District.

Bob Hodges is a product of the Redlands Schools. He attended the old Lugonia School, Franklin, Crafton and Mentone. He attended Redlands Junior High and graduated from Redlands High in 1963. He holds a bachelor's and master's degree from California State University, San Bernardino, where he received an administrative services credential.

His teaching career began in 1970 teaching sixth grade at Mission Elementary, where he became principal six years later. He has also served as a principal at Franklin and Victoria.

In 1987, Bob transferred to the District Office to work as assistant superintendent business manager and finally in 1994 was named interim superintendent, and in 1995 superintendent of the Redlands Unified School District.

Under his tenure, the federal "No Child Left Behind Act" has intertwined with state education, county, and district curriculum goals. Academic performance and the co-curricular programs have thrived and Redlands still dominates Speech and Debate, Academic Decathlon, and Mock Trial competitions. Very often it is Redlands High v. Redlands East Valley in the final county competitions.

Rarely does a modern school superintendent retire with praise from students, parents, teachers, fellow administrators, and the teacher's union all singing the same praise song. Bob Hodges kept the Redlands District educationally strong following the previous tradition but in the process crossed the line and made it better. He is a Redlands "history maker" in the strongest sense of the definition.

Newsletter Deadline

All RAHS members are encouraged to submit articles for the *Redlands Chronicles* to Nathan Gonzales at ngonzales@akspl.org by the 1st of each month.

CEMETERY PROJECT JUST GOT BIGGER!

Date: Saturday, April 26, 2008
Time: 7:00 a.m. (Work Project)
10:00 a.m. (Gravestone Work)

Our Hillside Cemetery project has grown. We continue with great progress our photo documentation of the gravestones for the Findagave.com website. Over 4,000 entries have been made to date.

One of our volunteers, John Paul Frehner, son of Kathy Beall, has decided to tackle the restoration of the new mausoleum as his Eagle Project as a member of Holy Name of Jesus Boy Scout Troop II. John Paul is one of the founding members of the Junior Redlands Area Historical Society at Redlands High School.

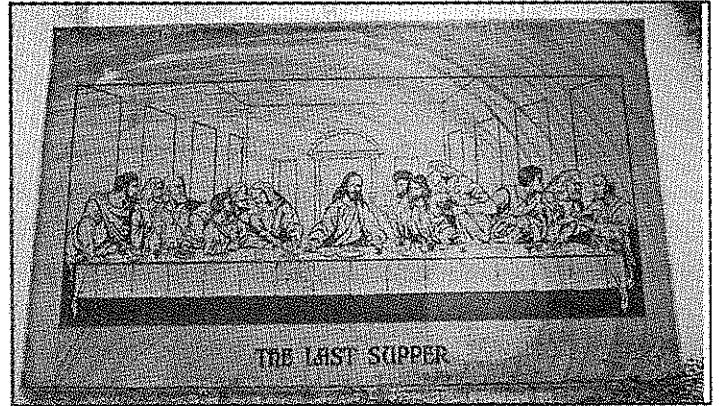
The Eagle Project will entail the restoration of the façade, grounds, and interior courtyard of the 1957 public mausoleum. This will involve professional cleaning of the mold and mildew on the building's walls in addition to repainting, restoration of the two sandstone murals on the façade, the flagstone planters, and purchase and installation of three concrete benches at the cremation garden and building front. Additionally, he would like to install trash receptacles for visitors to the mausoleum and replanting of the interior courtyard. Quite a list!

John Paul estimates that the total project will cost \$12,500. He is soliciting volunteer helpers from the Junior Historical Society, his Boy Scout Troop, other services clubs, and of course our Society. Persons interested in donating to the cause may do so by sending your personal check made payable to BSA Troop II. Indicate Hillside Eagle Project in the memo field. Send your donation to:

John Paul Frehner
1374 Oak Street
Redlands, CA 92373
Phone: (909) 793-5308

Work on the project will actually start on Friday, April 25, from 3pm - 6pm. On Saturday the mausoleum volunteers will begin at 7 a.m. The Findagave.com volunteers will start at 10:00 a.m. See you there!

---Contributed by Ron Running



Sandstone carving at the Mausoleum

39th Annual Southern California Genealogy Jamboree June 27-29, 2008

This year's Jamboree will be once again held at the Burbank Airport Convention Center. The annual event has been expanded to three days starting on Friday, June 17. Registration and lecture information can be found in the attached flyer.

We will be organizing car pools for persons desiring to attend. Please contact Ron Running at (909) 798-1289 or via email at ronrun5@yahoo.com.

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Old House Group, continued

story brick structure was constructed in 1911 for the Redlands Motorcycle Club. Members could socialize and have their meetings in the building and work on their bikes in the back. Always used as a business, some of the original features are the pine floors and a remarkable heat-a-later fireplace. Kathy is a member of the American Society of Interior Design and a national expert on the restoration of old homes and businesses. One example of her work is the beautiful reinstallation of the building's tin ceilings which were removed by a former owner during the 1940s. A bathroom renovation and period lighting are other projects which add to the uniqueness of this outstanding example of early Redlands.

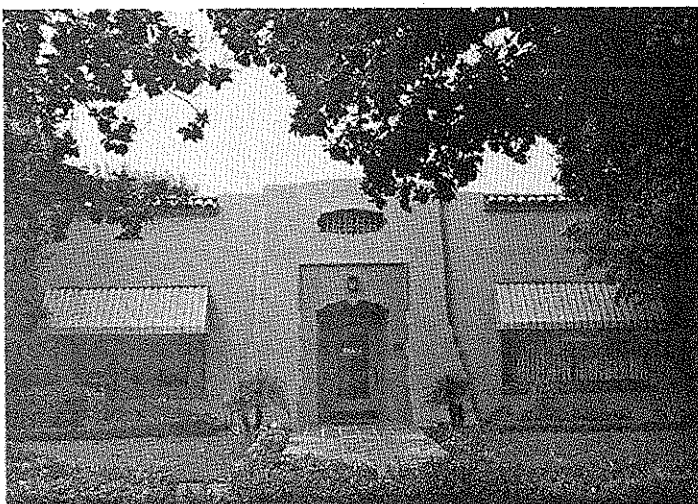
After viewing Kathy's building, the group will take a short walk to Beall Insurance at 130 West Vine, which is the restored offices of the Redlands-Highlands Fruit Exchange, built in 1926. Richard Beall is the third owner of the property and has taken great care to restore and preserve the character of the building. From the original ceilings and terrazzo floors to the walk-in vault built to hold cash collected, care has been taken to keep the period feeling throughout.

Interior Designers Magazine features both restored buildings in the November 2007 issue. The OLD HOUSE GROUP has a unique opportunity to learn more about these Redlands treasures. Suggested parking would be near City Hall or the Police Station. Remember to wear comfortable shoes for the short walk between the businesses.

Next OLD HOUSE GROUP

Wednesday May 21

At the home of Ellen and Gary Paytas



Redlands-Highlands Fruit Exchange on west Vine Street

One Hundred Years Ago...

Reprinted from *The Citrograph*

California Oranges

Should you ask me whence these stories,
Whence these legends and traditions,
With the odor of the roses,
With the brightness of the sunshine,
With the rushing of great rivers,
Leaping headlong from the mountains?
I should answer, I should tell you,
From the richest land 'neath heaven,
From the snow-capped hills of purple,
From the broad and fertile valleys,
Where the orange and the lemon
Grow amidst the peace and plenty.
They say - the happy dwellers,
In the land of flowers and gold -
That the orange is the symbol
Of their health and wealth untold.
All the brightness of the sunshine,
All the sweetness of the flowers,
All the glow of hidden gold fields,
All the dew from healing herbs,
Are by cunning nature blended
In this fruit of golden hue,
If long life you would be having
Knowing naught of human ills,
Daily eat at least one orange,
Bought from California's groves.

--- unattributed

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Upcoming Tours

The San Bernardino Historical Society is having a tour of the Pioneer Memorial Cemetery April 12, 2008, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The tour will begin at the Heritage House on "D" Street and proceed to the cemetery led by Nick Cataldo. Many Mormon pioneers and early settlers of San Bernardino are buried in this cemetery. The tour promises to be a history of the personalities of early San Bernardino. For more details contact Nick Cataldo at yankeenut@excite.com.

On May 3rd, join the San Bernardino Historical Society led by Mark Landis on a tour of the Kite Shaped Track of the Santa Fe Railroad. The tour is slated to begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Santa Fe Depot in San Bernardino. Local experts will highlight the Redlands, Mentone, and Highland areas on the tour.

Ending the flurry of Tours, join the Redlands Area Historical Society's tour of North Orange Street on Saturday, May 17th at 9:00 a.m., beginning at the Von's Market parking lot at Orange and Pearl. The tour fee is \$10.00 and will travel north on Orange Street ending at Lugonia Avenue. Park an extra car at the School Board Room parking lot on Lugonia and Orange Street.

For the early birds coffee shops are located right at the parking lot near Von's. The tour will proceed east but some mention will be made of the lumber companies that used to exist at the site of Von's Shopping Center. We will then proceed up the hill and discuss the Hill Crest Inn, Benton Johnson's Store, meat market and Lugonia post office. On the site of Stater Brothers 1955 market we had the Casa Loma Hotel and before that in 1896 the Wilson-Berry Business Block, the site where Redlands High began in October of 1891. Across the street history reminders of the Wyatt Opera House and Winn's Drug Store are still there. Street names themes were common in the development of Lugonia with newspaper names and political Congressional giants each getting attention.

The tour will have some surprises, showing just what is still on Orange Street that goes back to the late 1880s and 1890s. Major David A. Shaw's 1888 residence remains intact. Shaw was an early Lugonia resident who promoted Lugonia property as the "Land of the Apricot." His boastful Riverside Press and Horticulturalist ads ran in the mid-1870s through the

mid-1880s. Shaw was an 1849 gold rush pioneer and lived into his 100s, always promoting Lugonia and land sales.

While the tour will end at Lugonia and Orange Street, some discussion of the shooting ranges, Pioneer intersection, the Berry Roberts Ditch, Kubias Olive factory, Black residence, and other notable items can be entertained.

The Lugonia Northside Impact Group wants to promote the history of Lugonia and the Redlands Area Historical Society salutes that interest. See everyone on the tour, and we know it won't be cold.

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The Colton and Redlands Connection

Last week I was the speaker for the Colton Historical Society and I pieced together the following short outline on the connections between the two cities of Colton and Redlands.

First of all, both cities were part of the Lugo or San Bernardino land grant in 1842. Colton was to the extreme west and Redlands to the east.

Our first major connection, which seems obvious but most folks don't see, is "Colton Avenue" in Redlands. Proceeding due west from Crafton, through Redlands and before the creation of the Ocean to Ocean Highway in 1912 and later Highway 99, Colton Avenue will deposit the traveler into Colton directly to the west. Prior to the creation of Interstate 10 the roadway connected with Valley Blvd. in Colton. Ellison Robbins was the first husband to Mrs. E. P. Robbins Crafts and he taught school at the second San Salvador School 1863-1864. His wife was also a teacher in both San Salvador and Agua Mansa further south. Myron Crafts settled in Crafton in 1859 and his zanja home location fronted what was named Colton Avenue by Lugonia pioneers and approved by Mrs. Crafts.

Nicholas Earp moved his family to Crafton and leased a parcel of land from the Carpenter Ranch on the zanja near Opal Avenue from 1864-1866. The Earp family wandered back east and then back to Colton where Nicholas managed a saloon and Virgil became the Colton Marshall.

Scipio Craig created the Colton Semi-Tropic newspaper in April of 1877 and published a weekly screed until 1880. Craig would begin the Redlands Citrograph in July of 1887 and use much ink to promote Colton and Redlands alike in their formative years. Craig did much to push incorporation for both communities while he operated papers. He became the president of the Southern California Editor's Association and held conventions for the editors in Crafton, Colton, and Redlands several times.

The Arthur Cole and Richard Stetson Livery Stable brought railroad visitors to Redlands before the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific built lines here. Cole moved to Loma Linda and built the 1891 Victorian home that the Historical Society in Loma Linda is moving to their park. Stetson and Cole livery was located on Orange Street and found business lively in Redlands. It was the Cole and Stetson stage that

brought both Frank Brown and E. G. Judson to Redlands from the Colton Railway stop.

Colton High School did not open until 1904 and Colton scholars attended Redlands Union High School until 1904. The "dinky" afforded railway transportation from Loma Linda to Redlands beginning in 1891.

President McKinley's visit to Redlands began in Colton with dignitaries of both communities joining to meet the president and boarding the train to Redlands.

The Colton Motorcycle Club and Redlands Motorcycle Club often had joint ventures at the racetrack located at Urbita Springs.

Hazel Olson was the president of the Redlands Area Historical Society and a past president of the Colton Historical Society and museum. Janet Cosgrove, current Morey Mansion owner, was a previous owner of historic properties in Colton.

And now one more connection that strikes close to home. Emmerson Jackson Atchley, my great grandfather and Thomas York Atchley, my grandfather, both moved to Colton in the Atchley migration from Texas. A number of Atchley relatives are buried in the Colton Hermosa Cemetery. My latest grandson is named "Colton" Lahey and that just about trumps any other contenders for Colton connections.

--- Tom Atchley

I want a DVD copy of that program!

After the Jack Dangermond program, the phone began to ring off the hook for copies of the program. Blue Eagle Video will make a copy of any program for this past year for a fee of \$15.00. Contact Gerry and Linda Brassfield, 4555 F Street, San Bernardino, CA 92047 or call 909-882-2003 or email them at blueeaglevideo@aol.com. They can make copies of these programs: Bill McCalmon, Bill Cunningham, Bill Hardy, Nicholas Cataldo, and Jack Dangermond. The next two programs that will be available are Robert Hodges and the 2008 June 10th Heritage Home Award winners. A copy of each program is also available for patrons of the Heritage Room, A.K. Smiley Public Library.