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85 Years Ago

September 1925

Next Wednesday a very important election will be held affecting every resident of Novato. The sanitary district deals with the health of the community. It is not for the purpose of compelling people to beautify their property, but, if carried, it will have the right to see that disease breeding places shall be eliminated. If the sanitary district is established, local people will administer the affairs of the district, and as they are all property owners there is no fear but that they will act fairly and considerately toward every one. Vote for the sanitary district and let us be prepared to combat any epidemic that might possibly invade our community.

The Novato Salvage Co. deserve a vote of thanks for the way their place has been fixed up on the highway. It looks good.

H.R. Palmer has bought the hotel property east of the Advance and proposes extensive improvements.

Notice – Any dogs found running at large on the Sweetser property doing damage to stock or fowl will be shot without notice.

75 Years Ago

September 1935

Next Champion A Modest Colored Boy – Married at 7 o'clock and at 10 o'clock in the roped arena to battle for fistic honors is a record few men have achieved, but Joe Louis, the dusky thunderbolt, did that very thing Tuesday night in New York. The young man battled with Max Baer, of California, while his bride looked on from a ring-side seat. Baer made a miserable showing and was floored twice in the third round and once for keeps in the fourth round. About 90,000 people paid nearly a million dollars to see the one-sided contest. Louis escaped without a mark.

Edward DeBorba has concluded to sell his grocery business to A.S. and R.S. Rayburn, of Cotati. The transfer is scheduled to take place Oct. 4.

E.R. Samuels is having the foundation of his store repaired and other improvements made.

Mrs. A DeBorba met with a serious accident Saturday morning, in which she fractured her left leg in two places. Mrs. DeBorba was in the back yard of the DeBorba ice cream parlor, when she tripped and fell, with the above result.

The injured lady was taken to the Cottage Hospital, where an X-ray was taken and the leg placed in a cast. Mrs. DeBorba was brought to her Novato home, where she is now resting as comfortably as one could expect under the distressing circumstances.

50 Years Ago

September 1960

Sale of the large Mahoney Ranch located on the ridge overlooking Petaluma River was announced today. Making the announcement was Andrew W. Talbot of San Francisco who said the purchase of the ranch was being made by a group of investors headed by himself and including Maurice Baldwin of Novato. The property is located next to the Bugeia Ranch, which Talbot acquired last fall. The Mahoney Ranch is some 600 acres in size. Included among the plans for Bugeia Ranch is a memorial park or cemetery. He envisages lagoon-type residential development sometime in the future for the property.

Two longtime Novato volunteer firemen retiring from the active list were honored at a dinner Monday at the Novato main station by the Volunteer Firemen's Association. Jack Sparrow and Richard Connell were congratulated and received gold badges from Fire Chief George Cavallero. Sparrow is retiring after almost 20 years of fire fighting and Connell after 18 years. They join two other members on the retired list – William and Joe Gness.

25 Years Ago

September 1985

A \$60 million dream came true for Corte Madera last week, while a similar Novato dream remains on hold. The Village at Corte Madera, developed by Ernest W. Hahn Corp., officially opened Friday morning with hoopla, dignitaries and balloons. Meanwhile, a major shopping center planned for Novato by the same developer remains in the talking stage.

The Novato City Council chose Natalie West of Oakland last night to replace Joe Forest as Novato city attorney. West, who has a private practice specializing in representing municipalities, called the appointment "tremendously challenging and exciting." West is only Novato's third attorney to serve in the 25-year history of the city. Before Forest who took office (in 1979), local attorney Clark Palmer held the position.

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