

3. Site Photographs

Former Utility Building – LECG, LLC (sbzoo-6867)
Photographs taken July 11, 2002



Photograph #1
Southerly elevation of study site looking north across animal exhibit.



Photograph #2
View of study site looking northwest.

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Photograph #3
Looking south at easterly elevation.

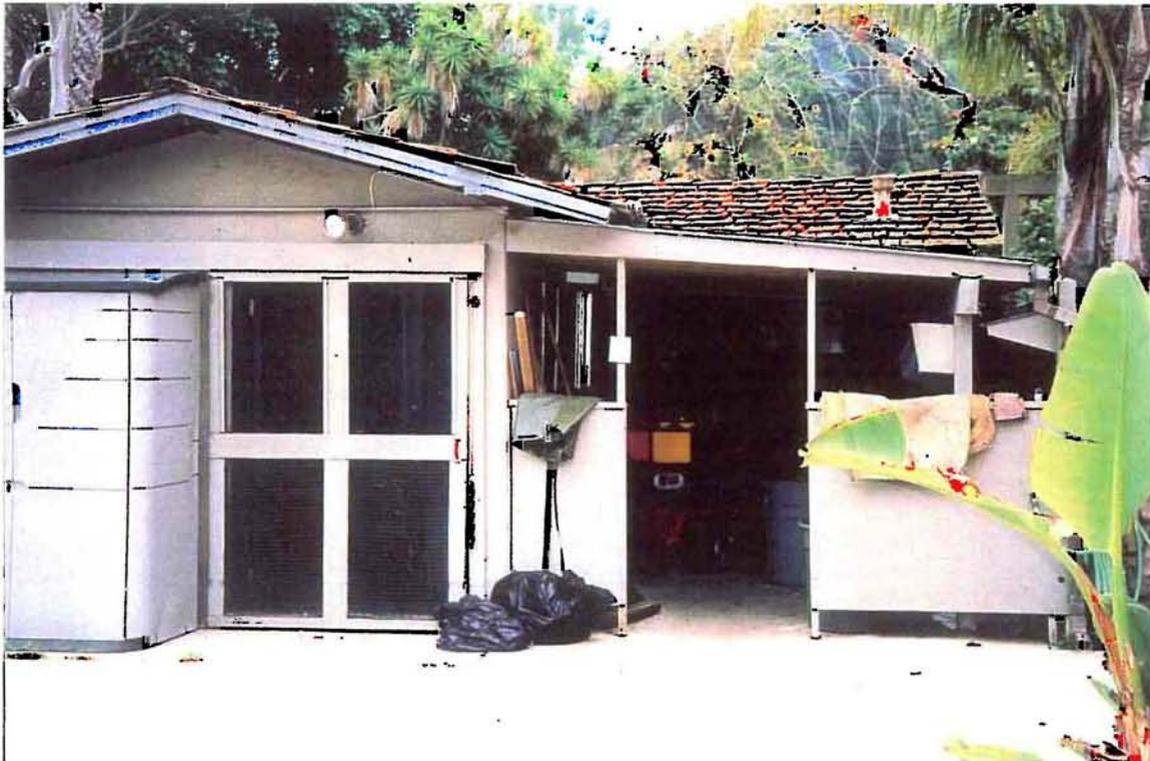


Photograph #4
Looking northeast at window and door renovations.

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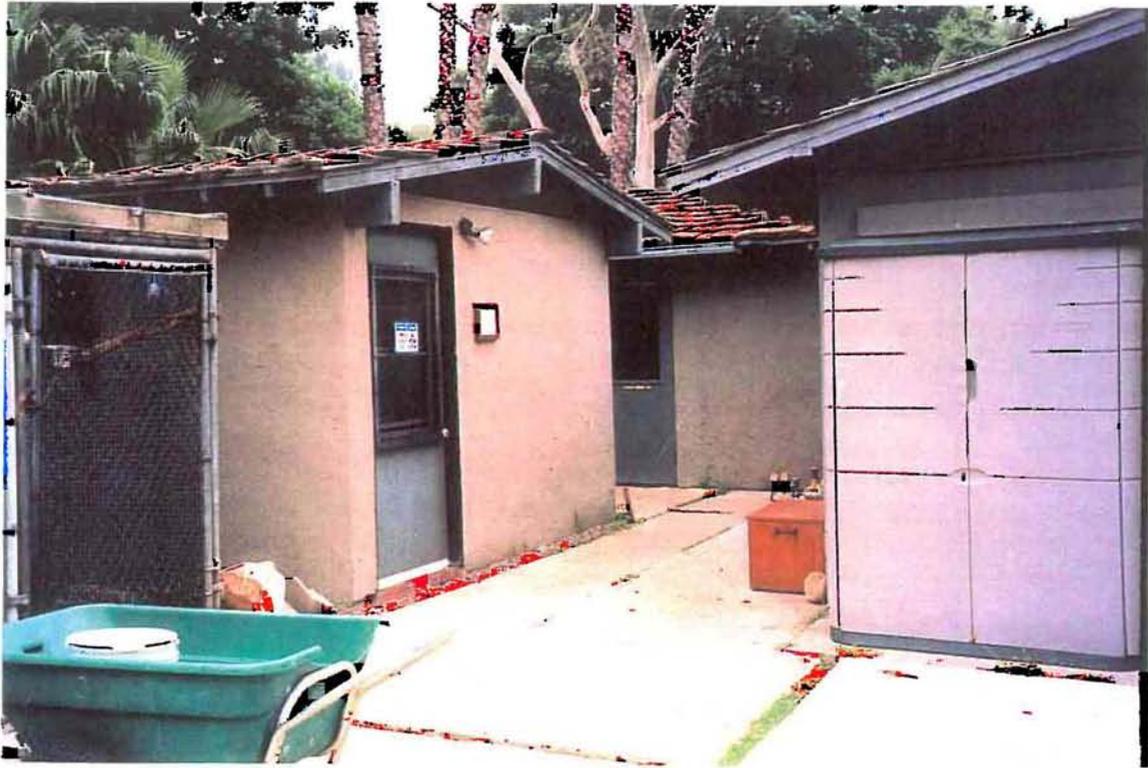


Photograph #5
View of study site looking southeast.



Photograph #6
Looking southeast at animal kitchen expansion and attached shed.

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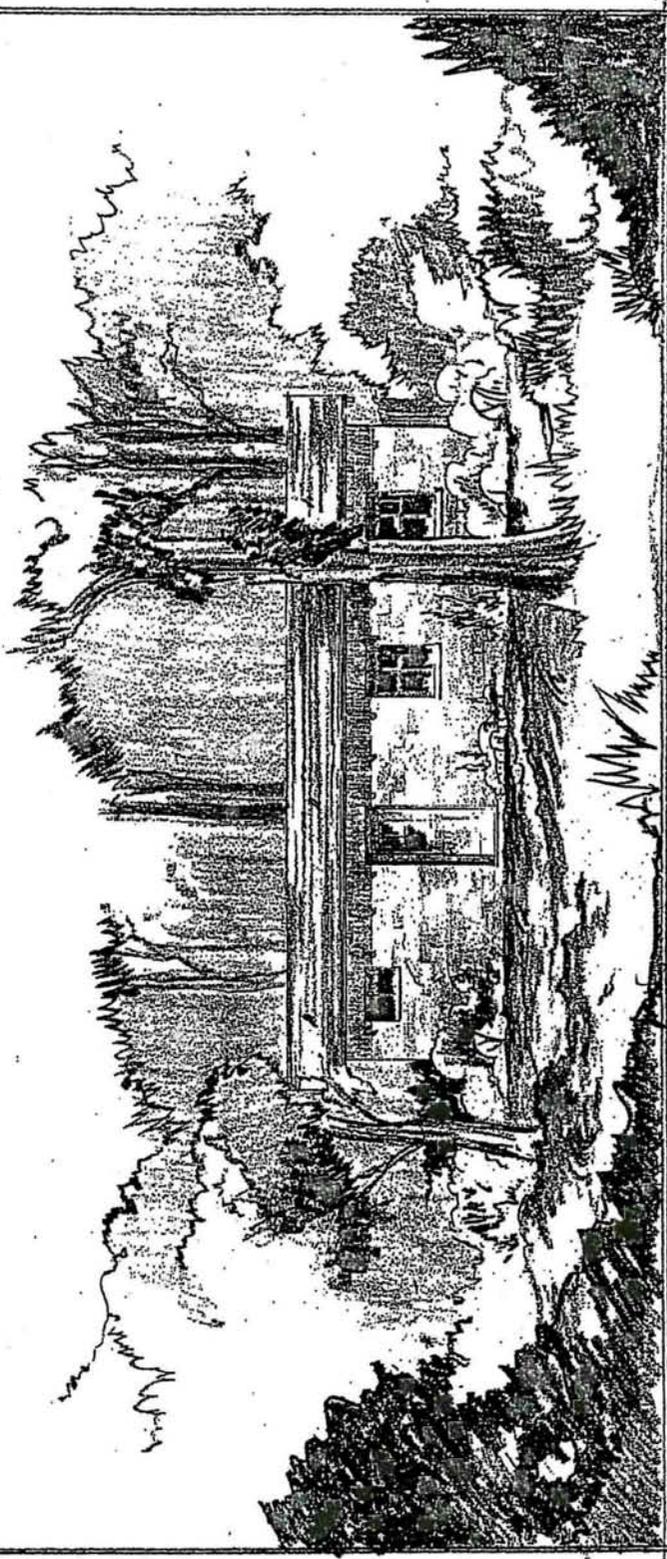


Photograph #7
Looking southwest at study site on right and animal infirmary on left.



Photograph #8
Looking northeast at westerly elevation.

4. Historical Plans



JUNGLEVILLE BUILDING

Approved by City Council
 subject to

APPROVED
 OCT 27 1953
 WILSON H. BARTMAN
 CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

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 SHALL COVER ANY PLUMBING UNTIL
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COMMUNITY BUILDING
BAUNGSVILLE ON CHILD ESTATE
 SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

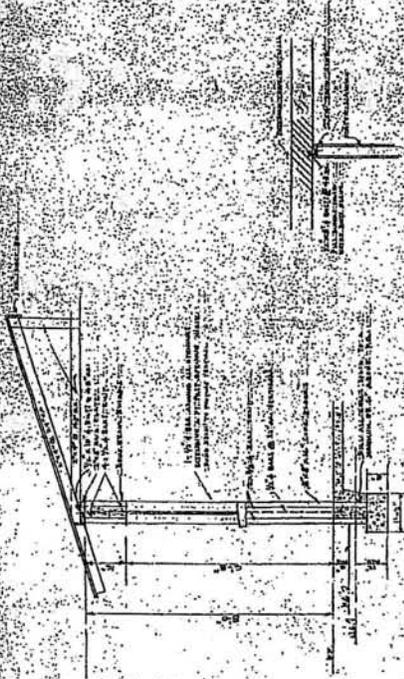
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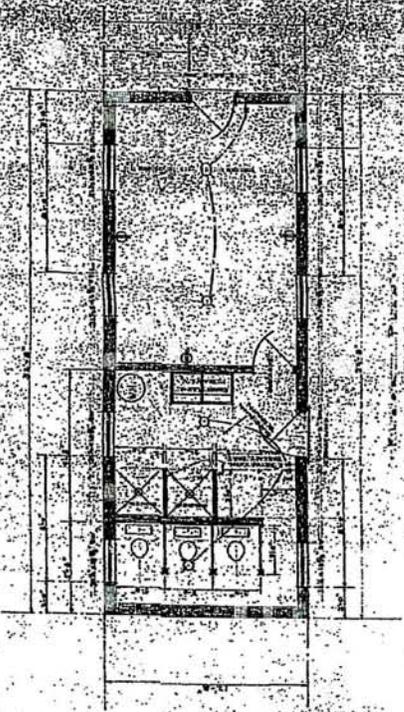
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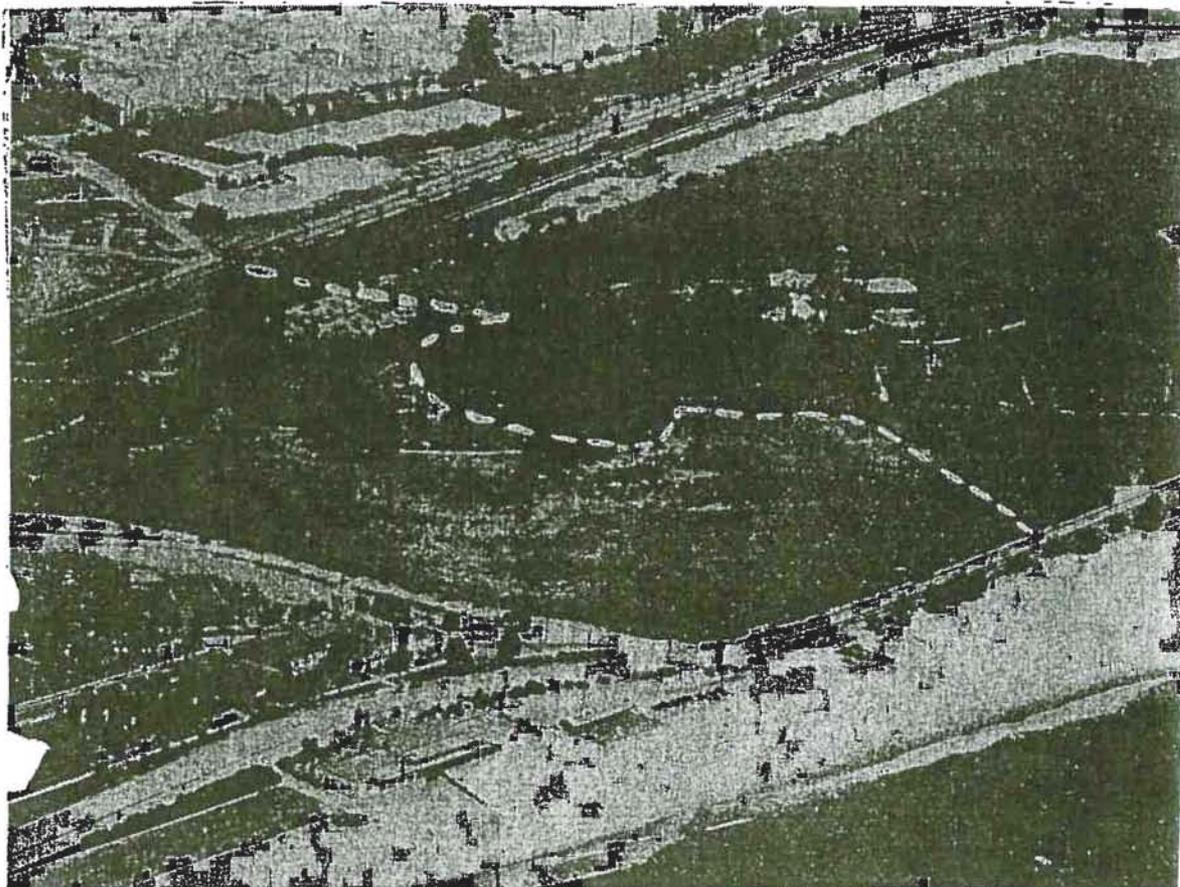


TRUSS - EXTERIOR CONNECTION



FLOOR PLAN

5. Historical Documents



THIS AERIAL PHOTO shows how the Child Estate lies in relation to the surrounding area. In the lower left are Cabrillo Pavilion and the Mar Monte Hotel. The dotted line shows

the boundary between the Mar Monte property and the estate, with the house on the wooded hill and the Bird Refuge in the background.—Timmer & Mancarti photo.

Mrs. John Howard Child Gives Vegamar to Public

Mrs. John Howard Child has given her spacious home, Vegamar, and its heavily wooded and beautifully landscaped 17-acre site to the people of Santa Barbara for whatever community serving use city development may dictate. Santa Barbara realty brokers say the property has an immediate value of more than \$100,000.

Mrs. Child's home faces on the beach and the Andre Clark Bird Refuge lake, between East Cabrillo Boulevard and the State Highway just beyond Mar Monte Hotel. It has been a Santa Barbara show place for more than 40 years. Santa Barbarans are familiar with the high view-tower of Vegamar rising above trees that hide the big home from view along all roads that surround it.

Mrs. Child has given Vegamar to the Santa Barbara Foundation. Directors of the Foundation will file their deed to the property tomorrow. They have agreed to pay the taxes on the property while Mrs. Child retains a life estate in it.

She has given her home to the directors of the Santa Barbara Foundation, it was explained, so that they and their successors may use the property in the best interests of Santa Barbara when the estate becomes available for public use and so that such best

use may not be interfered with by unchangeable provisions made at this time.

Mrs. Child expressed her willingness to give her home to the University of California when its regents made a University campus of Santa Barbara State College. She planned with representatives of the University and the City of Santa Barbara for that gift for several years.

Rules and regulations of the University, however, interfered with a gift that would permit Mrs. Child to keep her old home during her lifetime. She has overcome the difficulties of dealing with a municipality or a State institution by giving her home to the Santa Barbara Foundation. It has the freedom of a non-profit corporation maintained for public service.

Mrs. Child sold an unimproved half of her estate to the Mar Monte Hotel owners some time ago. They announced plans to landscape and improve their half of the Child property. The setting of the property given to the Foundation will be improved by development of 16 vacant acres between the hotel and the tree-covered 17 acres Mrs. Child has given.

Directors of the Santa Barbara Foundation attach much importance to the location of Vegamar and its fine buildings in connection with some eventual application of the property to building a better Santa Barbara. They

point to the Bird Refuge lake upon which Vegamar has a wide frontage, the wide sweep of East Boulevard on one side and the new State Highway on the other side, both of which are beautifully planted or planned for more planting and landscaping that will border the Child Estate.

Mar Monte Hotel and Cabrillo Pavilion establish the public and semi-public development of property West of the estate. The Bird Refuge lake forms the East side setting. Montecito Country Club

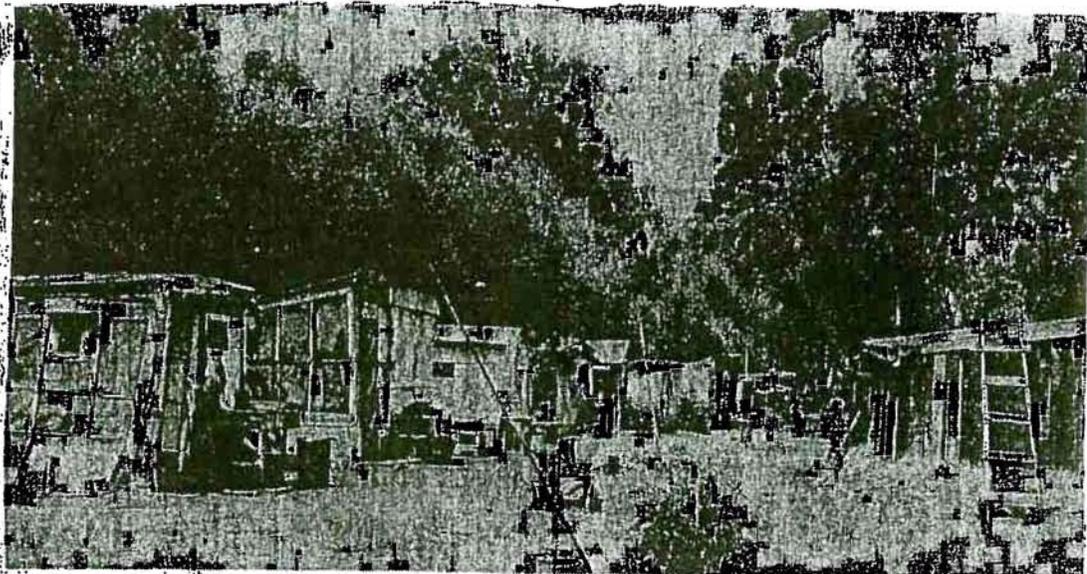
and its golf course, the Municipal Tennis Courts and Dwight Murphy Field are other open and public or semi-public developments in the immediate vicinity that the Foundation directors value as protection against inharmonious development around Santa Barbara's latest acquisition for public use.

Mrs. Child maintains, with her own life estate in Vegamar, the life estate of the hohoes whose village she has provided on her property for many years. It has become famous through description and report in national publication. She moved the hobo village some time ago when she sold unimproved land to the Mar Monte. She supervised personally the moving and the re-establishment of shacks the hohoes live in.

Vegamar is just across the East Boulevard from the famous home and acreage grounds of Mrs. William A. Clark's estate that extends between the Boulevard and the Beach on an elevated point overlooking the city's whole coast line. Mrs. Clark gave the city many years ago the improvement of the Bird Refuge, in the name of her daughter.

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HOME TO THEM—These shacks on the Child Estate, just added to the city by the Santa Barbara Foundation, may not look like much but they are home for the old, jobless pensioners who occupy them. Dilapidated on the outside, clean on the inside, these "jungleville" huts will continue

to be occupied until final plans for the use of the new city property have been made, Mayor John Rickard said yesterday. This caused joy on this small strip of land adjoining the Southern Pacific railroad tracks just east of Dwight Murphy field. News-Press photo.

STORY TOLD OF KINDNESS TO HOMELESS MEN

By RONALD D. SCOFIELD

The old-timers who have made their homes in the neat little colony of shacks and cabins on the Child Estate, ever since the depression days of 1935, got up early this morning to hear the sad news that they have been dreading to hear. At 5:30, Samuel L. Curry, mayor, postmaster, news carrier and general overseer of "the Child Estate," as the village is called by its inhabitants, received word of the passing of Mrs. John Howard Child, the friend and benefactress of the homeless old men. At 6 o'clock he had aroused all his constituents, and told them the news.

They didn't say much. They aren't given to fine words. And they don't do much worrying about the future—not out loud. Let each day take care of itself, and do what has to be done. So this morning, they didn't talk, but after the announcement they all got busy with their hoes, and shovels, and rakes and brooms. They cleaned up their little yards, cultivated their little garden plots, swept and raked the bare earth, tidied up the outdoor "barbecue" pits of old bricks and sheet iron. By mid-morning, when a reporter and cameraman arrived to talk to the Advertiser, there wasn't a stray carton, a speck of newspaper or debris of any kind in the whole area. Some of the shacks themselves, of course, the broken down old chairs and sofas, wouldn't look so sharp in a House Beautiful photograph. Old packing boxes and scrap lumber, odd doors and windows, shored up with makeshift brackings, do not make for the best architecture. But a home's a home, and a man likes to have his own little place, and to keep his independence.

Curry, the mayor, lives in the "castle" up on the hill overlooking the village. It used to be a tool shed for the gardeners of the big estate in years past, and he was given permission to convert it into his neat home and headquarters after he qualified for his old age pension four years ago and retired from his wartime job as houseman and manager for Mrs. Child. For 13 years he followed the seasons up and down the State, as a fruit tramp. Then when the depression hit, he settled down in the itinerant camp on the triangular bit of land between the railroad tracks and the rear of the Child Estate, with two scores or more other jobless migrants. One day the City authorities came along, with police, and ordered the men to clear out. Mrs. Child was passing by at the moment, saw the problem facing these homeless workers, and gave them permission to move their makeshift homes onto her property on condition that they keep the place sanitary and tidy, and that they "police" it themselves to prevent any drunkenness or rowdyism.

Without written regulations, police enforcement or official supervision, this self-government has continued ever since—and the villagers are proud of their record of peaceable cooperation. The original shacks were built from material reclaimed from the old City Dump and carried on their backs and in barrows to the area. Twice they have been dismantled and moved—once when the City evicted them, and once when Mrs. Child sold part of her property to the Mar Monte Hotel owners, and assigned the present area to her elderly guests.

Each year, on Sept. 12, all the villagers are required to leave the land for 24 hours, so the private ownership of the property will not be jeopardized. They leave the doors of their cabins open, "sign out" at the mayor's headquarters, and leave the premises for the day and night. Curry keeps an eye on their belongings, and signs them in again when the deadline has passed.

Seven citizens of the present population of 32—all single men, 50 years or older—are "pioneer settlers" who have lived there almost continuously since 1935. Besides Curry, they are Joe Davila, a Spanish-American War pensioner; Louis Lovente, Antonia Friass, Isaac Perakaryce (he is deaf and dumb), Alexander Graham, who used to reclaim material from the City Dump and peddle it in a wheel barrow, William Stan, formerly employed at the City Dump, Joe Troy, a cartoonist who is a familiar sight on his bicycle, and Jake Kester, who sports a motorcycle for his transportation.

None of the regulars among the 32 is steadily employed, but many of them pick up odd jobs now and then. They live on old age pensions, military pensions, or County relief.

In recent years Mrs. Child's health has not permitted her to have much personal contact with her free tenants, but old timers remember many unostentatious little actions to help an individual, a bit of meat from the kitchen, to make a good mulligan stew, occasionally some clothing or furniture from some of her friends. But generally the men respected her privacy, appreciated her hospitality in providing a site for their colony, and did not ask for more. Most of them, through the years, have maintained a high degree of self respect, and they try to protect her from "bums" and cadgers. Curry himself calls the police, or the ambulance, or the health department whenever a problem arises in his constituency, and he has served as Mrs. Child's deputy in dealing with any unusual situation.

In years past, Mrs. Child used to visit the men on Christmas, Thanksgiving, and other holy days, and pass out half dollars to each. But the word got around. One Thanksgiving she found the population tripled, by itinerants fresh off the gondolas and freight cars, and most of her regular friends crowded out. So she turned around and went home—but came back two days later to make her gifts to the men she knew.

What will become of the settlement now that Mrs. Child is gone? The old men wonder, but they don't talk about it much. What comes, will come. They know that the attitude of their friend, who respected their desire for independence in a world which gave them little opportunity to maintain it in other surroundings, is a rare attitude today. They are grateful for her hospitality, and her understanding.

Joe Troy struggled to find the words to express their feelings, but they didn't come. "We'll miss her," he said, shaking his head and walking away.

Famed Child Estate Turned Over to City

10-29-53

The City of Santa Barbara received a birthday gift in reverse today, a deed to the spacious and colorful Child Estate on Cabrillo Boulevard. The 16-acre property was presented to the City Council by the Santa Barbara Foundation on the occasion of the Foundation's 25th anniversary.

In a letter accompanying the deed, Archie M. Edwards, foundation president, said, "It is the firm and unanimous belief of the Santa Barbara Foundation that in years to come this valuable property will be of tremendous benefit to the city, and it is our hope that the citizens of this community will benefit from its use."

For the People

Edwards added: "We have been approached many times, by people eager to buy this property for various purposes, but our studied conclusion has always been that this property should perpetually belong to the people of Santa Barbara."

"The deed provides that the city may use the property for park, recreational, educational and promotional uses which we feel is sufficiently broad to cover any normal municipal use and development, and yet restrictive enough so that it cannot be developed or used in any way adverse to the best interests of the city.

"In the transfer of this property we feel that the beneficence of Mrs. Lillian Child should be recognized, as it was only because of her generosity that the foundation is able to make this gift to the city."

To Study Uses

Mayor John T. Rickard was made aware of the foundation's intention in advance, but the gift of the deed came as a pleasant surprise to most of the councilmen. They indicated serious consideration must be given to the proper use of the facilities. The Park Commission has favored its use as a city park.

Mrs. Child, who died Aug. 27, 1951, gave the estate, known as Vegamar, to the Santa Barbara Foundation in 1947 with the stipulation that she could retain lifetime tenancy, and with the intention that it be put to public use after her death.

For a half century the estate, on a knoll between Mar Monte Hotel and the Bird Refuge, has been a Santa Barbara showplace. At the time the foundation accepted the deed from Mrs. Child, the property was valued in excess of \$100,000.



NEW CITY PROPERTY—The tower of the Child estate mansion, deeded to the City of Santa Barbara today by the Santa Barbara Foundation, is shown towering above the trees and shrubbery of the attractively landscaped grounds. No definite plans for the future of the estate have been made by the city administration, although development as a park has been suggested.

Home for Itinerants

When Mrs. Child retained the life interest in the property, she also stipulated that the many itinerants who live in shacks of their own construction on the edge of the property were not to be disturbed. They were not disturbed when the foundation assumed possession and will present one of the problems the city must now solve.

To most Santa Barbarans the estate is somewhat of a mystery. Few have ever been on the grounds, but most are familiar with the tower rising above the trees that hide the big home from view along all roads that surround it.

The grounds, with winding roadways and meandering paths, and the residence, built atop the hill with panoramic views, are indicative of the splendor which once characterized the estate, although for several years it has not been kept up. This is particularly evident in the overgrown condition of the varied plantings.

Gardens and Walks

Guarded by an iron grilled gate, mounted in stone pillars, the approach road circles the hill and advances up the rear to the main residence, where it fans out into a circular drive. All of the grounds and gardens are intersected by walkways, obviously little used for many years.

The main room of the residence is two stories in height, elaborately finished in golden oak, and with a staircase and balcony around the entire room. Three large bedrooms are upstairs.

An arched corridor, with rooms leading off, extends from the main residence to the barn or garage, which also has living quarters.

It is from this corridor that the tower rises, with 55 steps leading to the observation tower. From the lower, which also houses a large water tank, a sweeping view is provided of the ocean, the coastline, the mountains and much of Santa Barbara, with Hotel Samarkand at the far background.

The house is built of pink stucco, and the roof is of red tile. Carving and ornamental work add to the attractiveness of the exterior.

Leon La France remembers Mrs. Child well. All the old timers miss the familiar figure who would come and bring Christmas presents—as well as orders to keep the place clean.

"We all thought the world of her and even say a prayer for her once in a while," another 70 year old resident said. "The Mayor is doing us a great favor by keeping this place. Some of the old men have been here 25 years. Nine of them are unable to walk. If they had to leave here the city would have to put them in a home. That would be more expensive and they are quite happy here. I often think you couldn't have any nicer neighbors in any other kind of neighborhood than we fellows have here. Tell Mayor Rickard 'Thank you' for us."

No. F-3777

Application for A Building or Structure Permit

IS HEREBY MADE TO THE BUILDING INSPECTOR OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

1300 *California Blvd*
DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS

CHILD'S ESTATE
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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
SPONSORS "THE CAVALIERS"

CONTRACTOR C.V. LAWRENCE 2910 DELA VINA

LIST EXISTING BUILDINGS ON LOT

CK.	OCCUPANCY	WIDTH	LENGTH	HEIGHT	STORIES	ROOMS	FAMILIES	AREA SQ. FT.	COST SQ. FT.	VALUE	FEES	PD. BY
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	ACCESSORY ATTACHED											
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	ADDITION											
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	MOVING											
	DEMOLITION											
	SIGN BILLBOARD											
	OTHER STRUCTURES											
<p>I HAVE CAREFULLY EXAMINED THE ABOVE COMPLETED APPLICATION AND I KNOW THE SAME IS TRUE AND CORRECT. AND THAT ALL ORDINANCES AND STATE LAWS GOVERNING BUILDING CONSTRUCTION WILL BE COMPLIED WITH.</p>											CK. FEE	\$
											TOTALS \$	\$



Issued Subject to Council Approval
Council App - 11-3-1955

FOUNDATION	INSPECTION REPORT	BY	DATE	ZONE YARDS	PLANS FILED
FRAMING				FRONT	PLOT PLAN
SPECIAL				SIDE	DUPLICATE
FINAL				SIDE	SINGLE
				REAR	DEPT.
				BET. BLDGS.	PENDING

APPLICATION RECEIVED BY: *E* DATE: 10-27-1955

OWNER OR AUTHORIZED AGENT: *M. E. Cloud* (SIGN HERE)

STRUCTURAL CHECKED BY: *A. R. ...*

CHIEF BUILDING INSPECTOR: *A. R. ...*

PERMIT DATE: 10-28-1955

SHOW PLOT PLAN ON OTHER SIDE

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

2 November 1955.

TO: Mr. Robert N. Shelton, C.A.O.,
FROM: Herbert P. Ringer, Building Director.
SUBJECT: UTILITY BUILDING - CHILD ESTATE

Plans for the proposed Utility Building on the CHILD ESTATE have been checked by the Building Department and are found to comply with structural requirements of the Building Code.



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BUILDING DIRECTOR.

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Council Proceedings

10/27/55

✓ B. License agreement with Cavalier's Club for the construction of a utility building on the Child's Estate. (Continued to 11/3/55)
(Council Clerk will be present at 5:00 P.M.)

1. Letter from Santa Barbara Foundation re. waiver.
Filed.

City Attorney to draw license agreement with Cavalier Club for building SUBJECT to location approval of the Park and Recreation Commissions and the building approval by the Building Director.

Council proceedings 11/3/55

✓ D. License between the City and Cavalier's Club for use of Child's Estate property for utility buildings. For execution.

Continued for one week.

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

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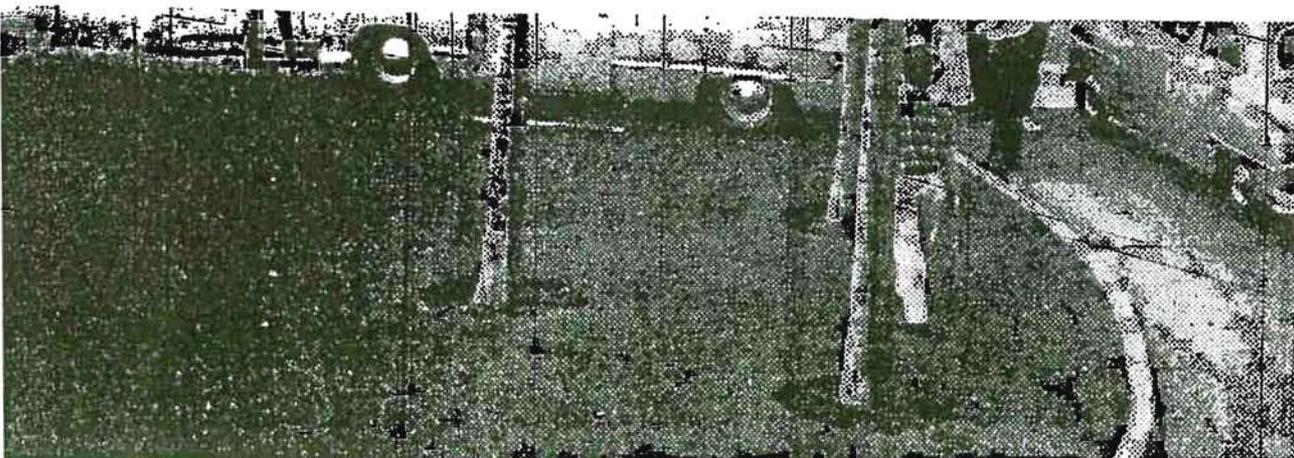
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IT WAS BOUND TO HAPPEN!

Guerra Plaza is used daily as a "chirping" ground by the community's young ones. Readers will recognize the carefully kept lawn of the Plaza where this time to rest. At the right is the city's Health Department building.

Meeting on County Fire Dept. Future Asked

W. N. Folbster of the Supervisors' said today that Greer, chairman of the county's fire committee, has a committee conference to discuss the future of the County Fire Department. He will ask the board to meet Monday. The committee has been studying the state Forestry on what type of functions of the Department. He wants to have his committee advance of the conference its final recom-

mendation to the board. It is understood that the committee is not opposed to the state's proposals. The supervisors have their eyes on a Feb. 1 deadline on the decision on the future of the department. If a plan is developed for a fire district system, under which areas which get structural protection would pay an additional tax, action must be taken before that date.

Building Progress At Jungleville

The walls will go up this weekend on the Cavalier Club's utility building being erected for the men of Jungleville on the Child estate, sponsor Noah (Stormy) Cloud informed the City Council. The council last night authorized issuance of a building permit for the structure after City Attorney Robert C. Newman said he would have the license agreement ready for execution by next Thursday's council meeting.

Property OK'd

Council has approved of the Langlo property re-Annexation from a 15,000-square-foot building site, zone City Attorney Robert C. Newman to prepare an ordinance to carry out. He was asked by Par-

'Marriage' Panel On KTMS Tonight

Mrs. Ernest Russell, Mrs. Hazel Clapp and the Rev. Robert P. Sikking will be heard in a forum discussion on "Marriage As It Has to Do With Any of Us" on KTMS, the News-Press station, tonight at 6:30. The program, a KTMS Community Mike feature, is a preview of the series of discussions sponsored by the Mental Hygiene Society of Santa Barbara, the first of which is to be held tonight at 8 at the Strollers Club auditorium, 326 W. Sola St., when Dr. Judd Marmor of the University of California at Los Angeles will speak on "Marriage—Fact or Fantasy."

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The new vaccine protect against the more APC virus some respiratory illnesses. Doctors said meant for the kind ple refer to as the than the runny-nose common cold."

Tentative plans were announced report that another provided "substar against one of the

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VODKA COLLINS

it leaves you breathless!

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FIREPROOF
Asbestos Siding

district will be before the County Planning Commission at its monthly meeting Wednesday.

Their petition asks a change in the zone classification from E-3, one-half-acre residential, to E-2, one-acre residential.

Residents in this area are opposing the inclusion of their district in the proposed annexation of Mission Canyon to the city.

The commission will hold a public hearing on the petition of property owners for a change of zone classification from A-1, agricultural-residential, to E-3, one-half-acre residential, for a portion of Tract 2, La Goleta Rancho, in the Goleta Union School District.

SOME OTHER ITEMS

Among other items on the commission's agenda are:

Tentative map of proposed Montecito Circle subdivision.

Petition for abandonment of Jonata Street within Los Olivos school grounds.

Request of Robert Anderson for abandonment of a portion of Sagunto Street, Santa Ynez.

Tentative map of proposed San Roque Grove subdivision, Hope area.

Request of Alan C. Whitechurch for permission to operate a retail cabinet shop, contractor's office and incidental storage of materials for sale at retail on Hollister Ave.

Request of Douglas H. Weldon for relief from front yard requirement to permit construction of a garage 24 feet from the centerline of road on Lot 21, Mission Canyon area.

FOR FRONT PORCH

Request of E. Lippert for relief from front yard requirement to permit construction of a roofed porch 45 feet from the centerline of road on Lot 262, Mission Canyon Heights.

Request of Lewis A. Storrs for adjustment under lot split ordinance to permit division of Lot 90, Tract 62, south half of Ortega Rancho, Ortega Hill area.

Request of Warren Wardman for adjustment under lot split ordinance to permit division of Lots 88, and 89, Hope School District.

Drinking Party Ends in Slugging

Matt Martinez, 25, of 625 E. Gutierrez St. was slugged with a club by a drinking companion last night, he told police. He was treated at Cottage Hospital, where several stitches were required to close a deep gash in his forehead, police said.

He and an acquaintance were together at a cafe, Martinez said, and when they got into an argu-

He sold his two hotel interests and floor of the building.

Jungleville Building Work Progressing

11-12-55

Construction of the utilities and recreation building for the aging residents of Jungleville on the former Child estate is advancing and donations by interested Santa Barbarans for needed expenses has reached \$429 toward the goal of \$1,000.

Police Officer Noah (Stormy) Cloud, sponsor of the Cavaliers Club, an inter-racial, non-denominational teen-age group which is spearheading the effort, reported that 10 block masons, donating their time under the direction of Ray Dodd, have completed the cement block wall. With a long weekend ahead, volunteer plumbers and electricians hope to get rough plumbing and wiring in. Any plumbers who would like to donate some time over the weekend are asked to call Louis A. Chauvel Jr., at 2-5927 or Cloud at 2-1590.

ADDRESS FOR CHECKS

All cash or check donations are to be sent to Jungleville Utility Building, c/o Gerald D. Carpenter, treasurer, County National Bank, 1000 State St.

Carl V. Lawrence, the volunteer general contractor, said that the \$1,000 needed will pay for a roof, a patio, fill dirt which will be needed, and pouring cement to fill the hollow cement blocks. In addition, furnishings will be needed, such as lounges, tables and a radio. Members of the Cavallettes, a teen-age girls group, plan to make the drapes.

CO-ORDINATION BIG JOB

"The big job here is the co-ordination of the volunteer labor and the delivery of the donated materials," Lawrence said. "You can not just order people and things around as you would on a regular job."

Lee and Neal will lay the sewer and Murphy Electric Co. will wire the building. The plumbing fixtures will be donated by Smardan Hatcher, Grinnell Co. and Southern California Plumbing Supply Inc. Chauvel, of Ott's, has volunteered to direct the plumbing installation.

Members of the Cavaliers were brought up to date on the project at a meeting in the Kiwanis Club building in Santa Cruz Park this week. President Arthur Sheridan reported on the project. Felix Simms and Doldean Collins, who have November birthdays, were

and cake donated by Irene Davis and Foster Freeze.

The boys themselves are working on the project as they have time, after school and on weekends, while John A. Linker, retired carpenter is putting in time. The citizens of Jungleville are all too aged or infirm to do any physical work.

—C.H.

Contributions to the building to date are:

Previous total	\$258.00
Anonymous	2.00
Anonymous	5.00
Anonymous	1.00
Anonymous	1.50
Anonymous	1.00
Anonymous	20.00
Anonymous	1.00
Anonymous	1.00
Anonymous	1.00
Mr. & Mrs. Adolph Pedotti	25.00
Anonymous	5.00
Anonymous	1.50
Anonymous	1.00
Mrs. Dorita S. Wilson	100.00
Anonymous	1.00

Total to Date\$429.00

Two Camarillo Escapees Sought

Two men, listed as escapees from Camarillo State Hospital, are objects of police search today. Authorities believe they may be in the Santa Barbara area, police said.

WHAT'S DOING

TODAY

"Picnic," Repertory Theater, 8:30 p.m.
"Squeeze Play," College Players, UCSC Little Theater, 8:30 p.m.

Promotion picture programs turn to Page A-3

TOMORROW

Tennis, men's veterans doubles, Montecito Country Club, all day
"Budgetigan Show," Cabrillo Pavilion, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Baseball, Barbareños vs. Nal's Diamonds, of Los Angeles, Laguna Park, 7 p.m.
"Buffalo Bill," Children's Theater, S.B. Jr. High auditorium, 2:30 p.m.
Polo, Santa Barbara Polo

Shacktown's Laundry, Bathing Offended Mar Monte Guests

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I have been urged to write a brief history of "Shacktown" as it was back over the years, and to kind of preserve an image of the grand little lady whose generosity made it possible. It shan't be easy because I became a permanent resident there just two months and one day before Mrs. Child died. But she left much behind to speak for her.

The first and only time I saw Mrs. Child was on a Wednesday in August, 1951, just two weeks before her death August 27, 1951. She made a tour of inspection — her last — leaning her left arm heavily upon the arm of the then "mayor," Sam Curry, who guided her among the shacks and introduced me to her as a newcomer. In her right hand she held, alpenstock fashion, a light bamboo pole upon which she also seemed to lean rather heavily — that is, all 65 or 70 pounds of her. A couple of "back East" visitors completed the entourage.

Next time I had a chance to pay my respects was when four or five of us stood, hat over heart, and watched a lonely funeral procession leave the old mansion — hearse and one car.

TOO BRIEF

So much for my personal contact with Mrs. Child: too brief, indeed, to properly form a mental image of this wonderful little woman. Please note I have not used the term little "old" lady. This because I remember the scathing rebuke she sent Fremont Older's Call-Bulletin when one of his reporters had "by-lined" an article on the Child Estate in which he called her a grand little "old" lady. It seemed that she did not mind being called little, but "old" — Humph!

As the shacks were there and men lived there because of her, I shall try from observation and hearsay, to construct my bit of Child Estate history and incidentally depict an image of Mrs. Child as unbiased as it is possible for a devoted admirer to do.

Just when the first shacks were built is a moot question and I personally doubt that there were many — or even any — there before Depression days as they began during the tail end of the Hoover administration. Be that as it may — at first the shacks were located in the eucalyptus grove facing Cabrillo Boulevard and the Mar Monte Hotel. I went through Santa Barbara, knew they were there, but never bothered to look them over because I was still too active

Editor's note: The accompanying recollections of Childville (more elegant name for what he calls "Shacktown") are by Edward E. Anderson, former "mayor" of the area on the Child Estate. The last three survivors of the unique settlement of men pensioners are now living in the former Miramar Hotel cottages moved adjacent to the park by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

for "homesteading." I cooked and camped under the trees nearer the tracks in my wandering north or south at the beck of the season. Later, Shacktown moved to the plot of open ground north of Canada Street.

CLEANLINESS

The story goes that the Mar Monte people and their guests did not like the sight of Shacktown and the problems created by its inhabitants. The major objection seems to have been the shacktowners' insistence upon personal cleanliness which meant frequent laundering of pants, shirts, underwear, etc., and the taking of baths under primitive conditions. Well, southern exposure is southern exposure and means a chance for a bit of sunshine. So the trees facing Cabrillo Boulevard and the hotel were often festooned with what amounted to family wash of all sorts and in all stages of repair and disrepair. And then, back among the trees might be seen — if one used field glasses — men taking baths from five-gallon tins and trying to catch a bit of sunshine the while — southern exposure. Of such trivia controversy is made and enemies engendered.

Battle lines were drawn. The city authorities, after receiving complaints, went into action. The police came down, but Mrs. Child, being a daughter of granite-ribbed New England, stood her ground in protecting her proteges and did not budge.

Then tax assessments were tried against the shacks. Whether any such tax monies were collected, I do not know. But Mrs. Child was constantly harassed in some fashion until finally she consented to sell part of her estate where the shacks stood, and they were then moved across Canada Street to the side facing the

SP tracks — out of sight of the Mar Monte Hotel.

Even so, the city authorities were not quite through pestering Mrs. Child about shacktown and its inhabitants. It came to light when some of the older men who had small Army pensions, wanting to buy new doors, windows, etc., or some new boards to improve their shacks in rebuilding, ran into a veto from Mrs. Child — "Go to the dump for all your materials, new stuff is taxable," she said. She even went so far as to insist that they build a bit three-cornered and lopsided. Anything to convince the taxman that the shacks were of no value. Some thirty-one shacks made up Jungleville, as it was called when I arrived.

NO SOUP KITCHEN

Some "Parson Weems" created the myth that Mrs. Child cooked huge pots of soup or stew in her kitchen and had them brought to the shacks where she then served the men with helpings. If she did, I have personally been unable to find any oldtimers who had seen, heard of, or partaken of any such meals. What I have heard, but not experienced, was that she would come around at holiday time with fifty-cent pieces and give one to each man staying in a shack, or cooking and camping in the open.

And further, in the early part of the Depression, Mrs. Child had her own make-work program to aid broke shacktowners. She graded and paved Canada Street from the circle driveway at the fountain to the city property line. Joe Shuttle, now dead, told me of the Canada Street paving job with the little lady in the midst of it with her skirt kilted above her knees, leading her graders and pavers, telling them what and how she wanted it done, and upbraiding them when things did not go to her liking.

Aye! A grand little lady she was and not just a chip of New England granite, but a diamond — emerald cut — four square with the world.

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