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C. K. Tuttle in his Lodge Uniform - October 1887



Tuttle Photo

**Tuttle's store front (551 Lighthouse) as it looked in 1890. It was a one-room building which he rebuilt into a two story structure.**



Charles K. Tuttle standing in his one-room pharmacy in 1890.

## C. K. Tuttle In Business Half Century

(From the April 17, 1937 Herald)

It was 50 years ago tomorrow - April 18, 1887 - that Charles Kirkham Tuttle, ambitious young pharmacist, arrived in Pacific Grove from San Francisco. He was primarily interested in building up his health and felt that a summer on the Monterey peninsula might do the trick.

Tomorrow will find him still "doing business at the old stand." Not only did he find restored health in Pacific Grove but he found a source of satisfaction and contentment that has kept him happily occupied through the half century since he became a part of the community.

Upon arrival here, only a few years after his graduation from University of California College of Pharmacy, he acquired a drugstore that had hitherto been operated only during the summer months. For 50 years since that time, both summer and winter, he has operated the same business in the same location, a record said to be without parallel in the annals of American commerce.

Not only is he still doing business in the same place but in the same building, although the original structure has been moved back from the street (in 1892) and a new front added. But the address is still the same, 551 Lighthouse avenue.

Born in Benecia, December 29, 1859, son of an army officer, Mr. Tuttle celebrated his 77th birthday last December. Although his health is not quite as good as he and his friends would like, it still permits him to enjoy most of the activities which have engaged the major share of his attention through the years.

For 55 years he has been a member of the Masonic order, for 30 years inspector for this Masonic district. He assisted in instituting Pacific Grove Masonic lodge in 1897 and served as its master for more than four years. He had joined the order in Salinas in 1882. He is still organist for the lodge and has been for many years.

For 15 years he served Pacific Grove as a member of the city council. He became affiliated with St. Mary's-by-the-Sea Episcopal church when it was founded in 1887, and served as its first organist. He is still active in affairs of the church and attends regularly when his health permits.

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Charles K. Tuttle inside his pharmacy on the 50th anniversary of the opening of his shop.

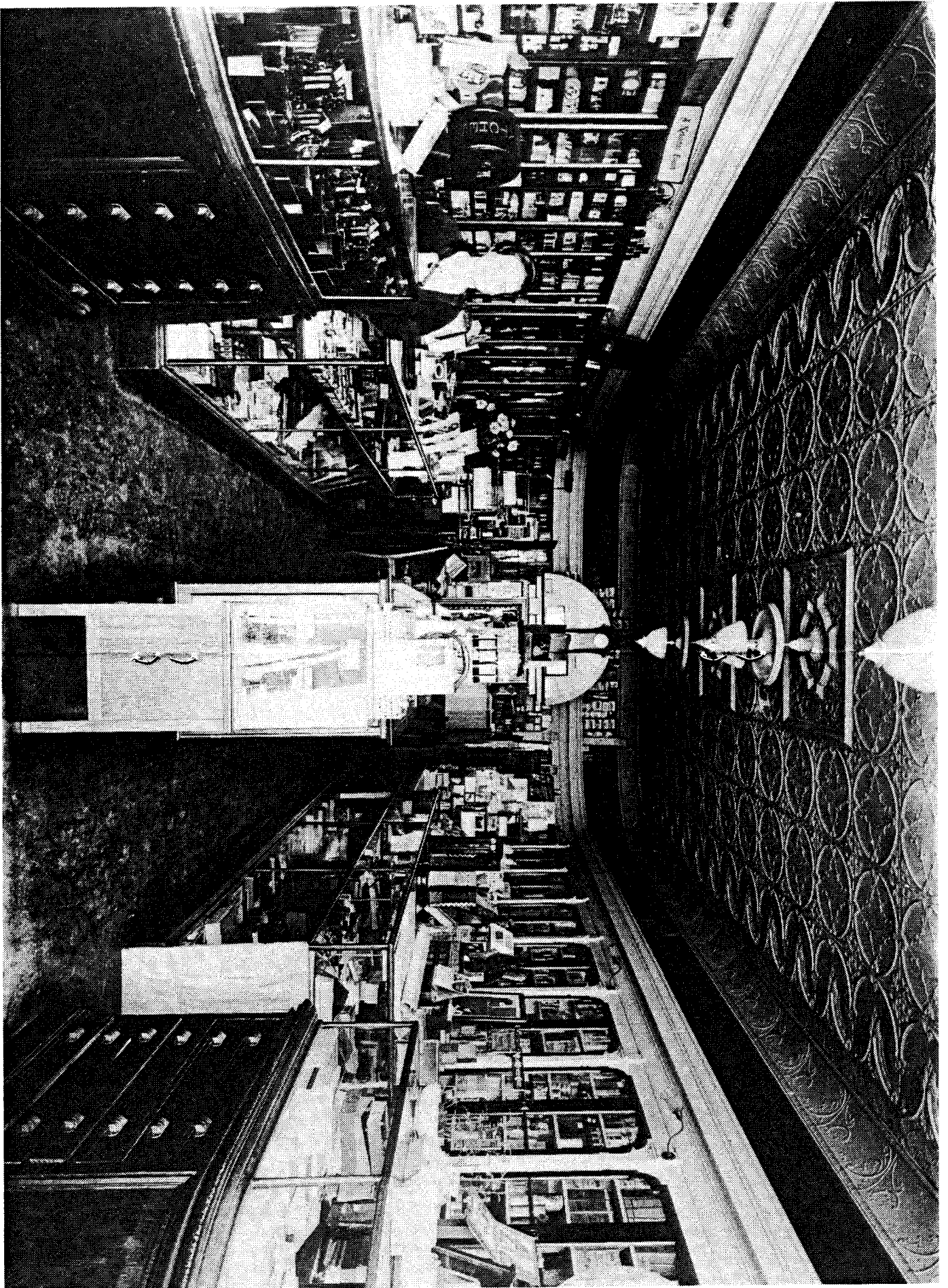
1937 Photo

Four years after he came here, in 1881, he married Miss Emily L. Young, niece of Dr. O. S. Trimmer, first mayor of Pacific Grove. Their wedding took place at the Trimmer residence in Salinas, where the family lived at that time.

Mr. Tuttle has been an interested observer of community progress and an active factor in that progress during the years he has been here. Yet he embodies the virtues of steadfastness and stability, symbolized by his retention of the same site and same building, modified to keep pace with advancing ideas. He still has the old fashioned colored globes that were formerly the universal sign of the pharmacist - but he no longer illuminates them. And he still relies on the original store clock - for like him it is always on time.

(Editor's note: C. K. Tuttle died in Pacific Grove in August 1939. He was 80 years old. All the stores in town closed during his funeral. He is buried at Cypress Lawn in San Francisco.)

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Tuttle's Pharmacy Interior circa 1910.

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Winifred Tuttle (circa 1910), daughter of C. K. Tuttle, was the first telephone operator in Pacific Grove. This office was in Tuttle's Pharmacy until 1923.

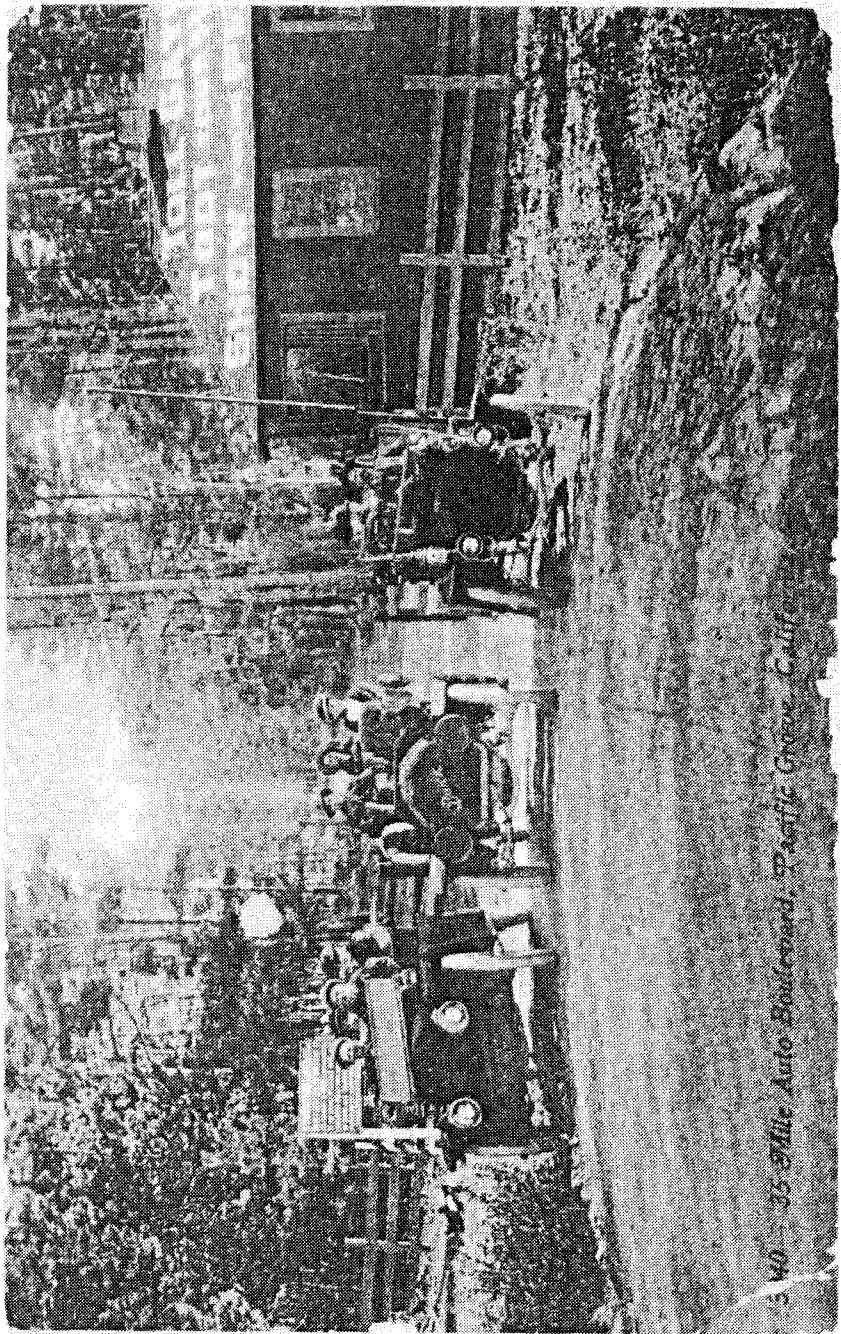
## DOWN THE PINEY PATH

News of old Pacific Grove from the Monterey WEEKLY CYPRESS  
(July-August 1890)

◆ by E.C. Davis

- Several busloads of Grovelites attended the concert and dress parade of 700 men at Camp Monterey.
- Several residents of Salinas had a clam bake at Lovers Point.
- Centrella Cottage was beautifully decorated on the national holiday.
- The streets are sprinkled every afternoon.
- Miss Belle Duncan of Salinas has completed a small cottage (222 6th Street) on her lot and is spending her vacation at the Grove.
- Too many arrivals to mention this week.
- The Chautauqua program included a lecture on "Washington and Cromwell" and classes in elocution were presented.
- The manager of the skating rink was knocked down by a skater when he attempted to stop dancing.
- A Junk anchored off Chinatown for over a year and suspected of smuggling opium is seen sailing off Santa Cruz.
- St. Mary's-By-The-sea is consecrated.
- Professor Trask has an evening class of twelve who are studying bookkeeping. They are doing good work.
- Foggy days make bonfires safe and their smoke has arisen in many places.
- Mothers who have come here to rest will be glad that the German idea has been adopted as a notice on 16th Street shows. It reads, "Children's Shelter" and here children are cared for by the hour.
- The low tides at seasonable hours have attracted many shell hunters to the beach.
- The work of moving the old Grove school building, to make room for the new \$10,000 structure, is now progressing.

## Others Saw Us Through Postcards



Postmarked December 6, 1912 when the 17 Mile Drive was known as the 35 Mile Auto Boulevard.

## Postcard Writings:

(From the back of the card on the preceding page sent to Mrs. Emily H. Humphry in Santa Barbara in 1912.)

Dear Aunt Emily,

The finishing up here has taken much longer than I had expected. I might go south about the 10th - will let you know the day by letter or phone. Will leave here on the evening train so that I may be in Santa Barbara in the morning. I shall be so glad to see Montecito. I trust you, mother and all are improving. Believe me ever yours with love.

Ellen Humphry Briggs

## Correction

As a few of you noticed, the caption for the centerfold photo in the last issue should have read 1945, not 1935. At least one of the autos in the photo was a 1945 model.

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