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## P. G. Paving Plans Due To Encounter Stiff Opposition

*(From the July 9, 1928 edition of the Herald)*

Plans of the Pacific Grove city council for paving Eardley street between Lighthouse and Gibson, and Gibson between Eardley and Fountain are in for some hard sledding. At the last meeting of the council a resolution was passed rescinding previous action calling for sidewalk construction on the two streets while a new resolution of intention was adopted referring solely to concrete paving.

Latest developments in the contest between the council and a number of property owners on Eardley and Gibson came this morning with the announcement of F. L. Oliver (242 Locust), an opposition leader, to the effect that petitions protesting the paving on the two streets are now signed by a majority of property owners whose holdings aggregate more than 50% of the frontage on the two thoroughfares. The signatures are now under lock and key to be brought to the attention of the council at the proper time, Oliver states.

Under terms of the city charter the administration is bound to accept the wishes of a majority concerned in any paving project in the corporate limits.

Oliver mentioned in particular the matter of sidewalks, stating that the council had no right to include them in its original resolution of intention.

Secondly, he takes the position that construction of sidewalks should always be given to local contractors. But to return to paving "We're going to put a stop to it," says Oliver. And that's that.

That the council intends to proceed with its plan for the work was made clear today by J. O. Wanzer, Grove city manager. The administration takes the position that the paving was originally requested by a majority of property owners, and that the paving will be made possible accordingly. If the property owners finally reject paving, the council will accept their wishes. As Wanzer points out, the council is merely laying its plans as it was originally requested, placing final decision in the hands of those citizens immediately affected. The date for hearing protests has been set by the council for its first meeting in August, on the second. In the matter of sidewalks on a different street, Dr. D. J. Williams stated today that he does not oppose sidewalk construction on Forest avenue at the high school, as a number of people thought who heard him speak at the last meeting of the council. Dr. Williams states that he wants contracts for sidewalk construction to go to local workmen. He states that a sidewalk already exists at the high school and that it will be finished in concrete as soon as possible.

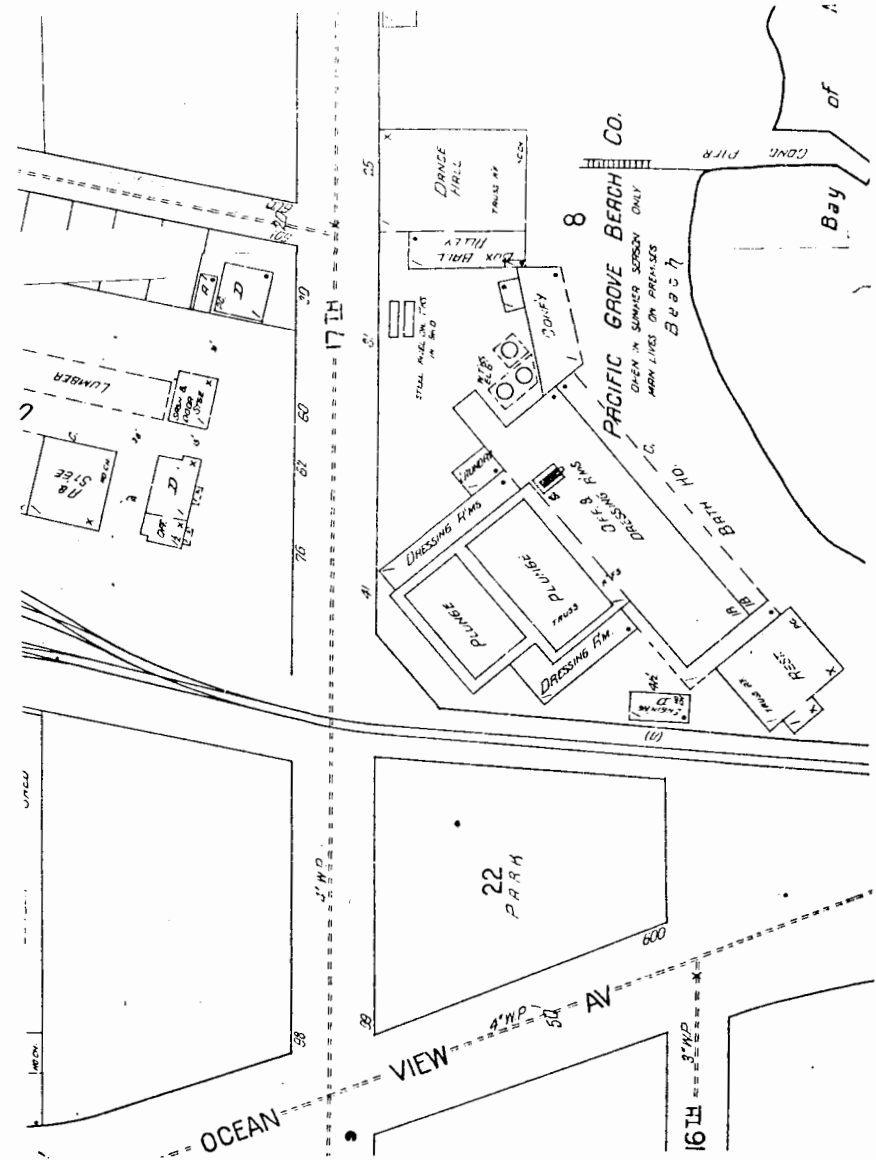
### Beach Dance Hall Complaint

On November 2, 1925, police officer William Ryan appeared before Judge Fitzsimmons of the Recorder's Court of Pacific Grove and swore out a criminal complaint against Cherry Vosmer of Pacific Grove.

The complaint alleged that Mr. Vosmer "did willfully and unlawfully open that certain public dance hall known as Pacific Grove Beach Dance Hall in the city of Pacific Grove to the public between the hours of midnight on the 31st day of October 1925 and the hours of eight A.M. of the following day to wit November 1st 1925 and did fail to close said dance hall at said time between said hours and did fail to clear said dance hall of guests and patrons at said time between said hours and in violation of Ordinance No. 190 of said city of Pacific Grove passed by the Board of Trustees of said city on the 20th day of December A.D. 1920."

Judge Fitzsimmons issued a Warrant of Arrest accusing Mr. Vosmer of the misdemeanor offense and directed Officer Ryan to bring Mr. Vosmer into court on November 3.

(Editor's note: This editor was unable to locate Mr. Vosmer for his side of the story.)



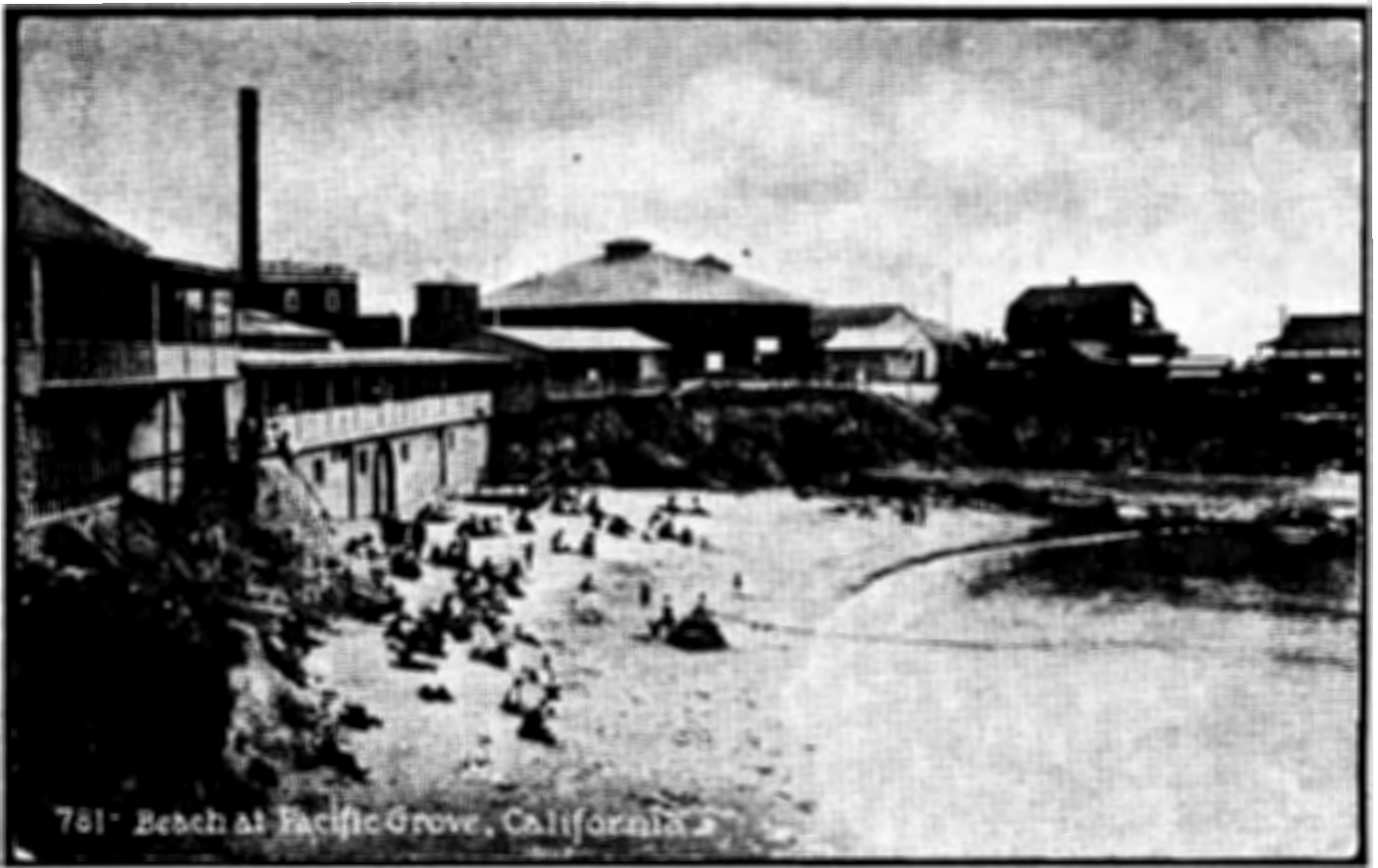
Portion of 1926 Sanborn map showing location of dance hall at Lover's Point near the bathhouse.

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The square barn-like structure in the center of the postcard is the aforementioned Beach Dance Hall.



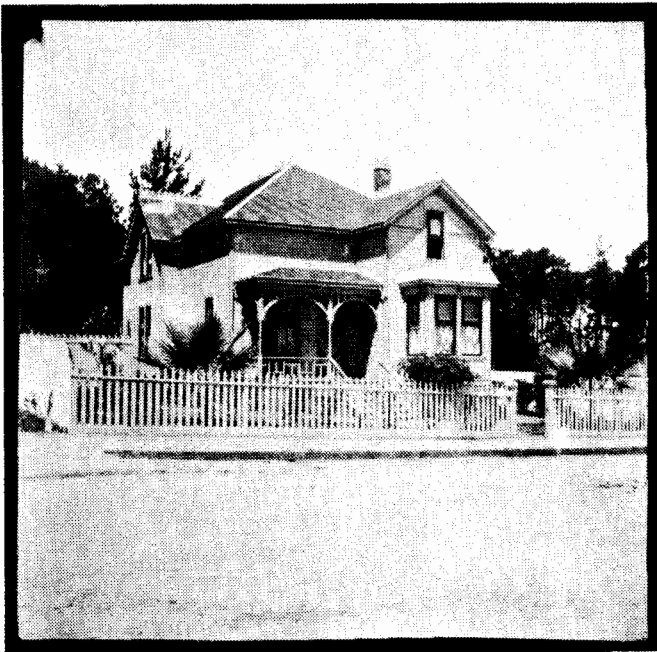
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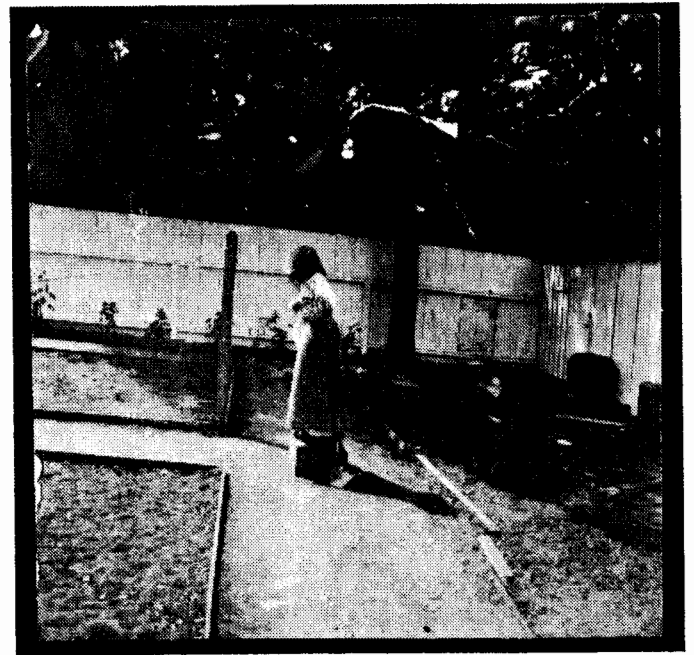
Candy Cane Lane getting ready for development in the late 1930s or early 1940s. The main road in the photo is Morse and McFarland is at the far right of the photo. The dirt alley in the center is now paved and still there. Barely visible in the background is the spire from the old Methodist Church.

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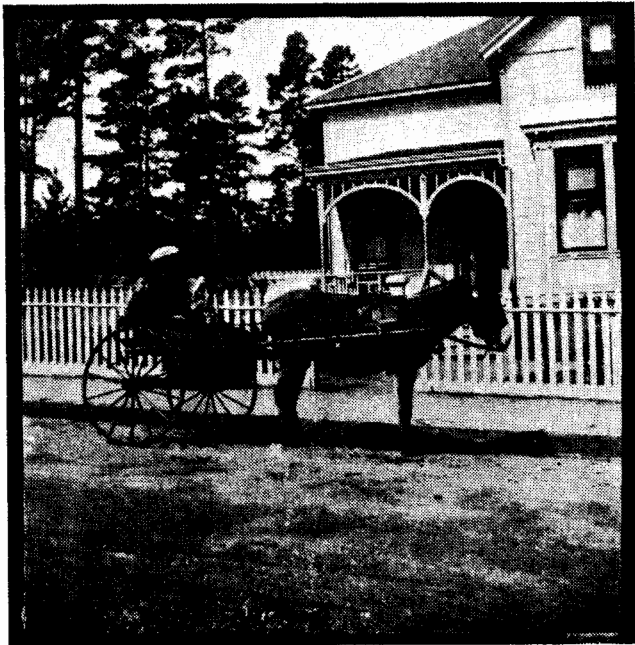
# Scrapbook Memories



*"McCormick Villa" at 226 Willow around 1903.*



*Charlotte drying her hair in the yard.*



*Dad and the boys in front of 226 Willow.*



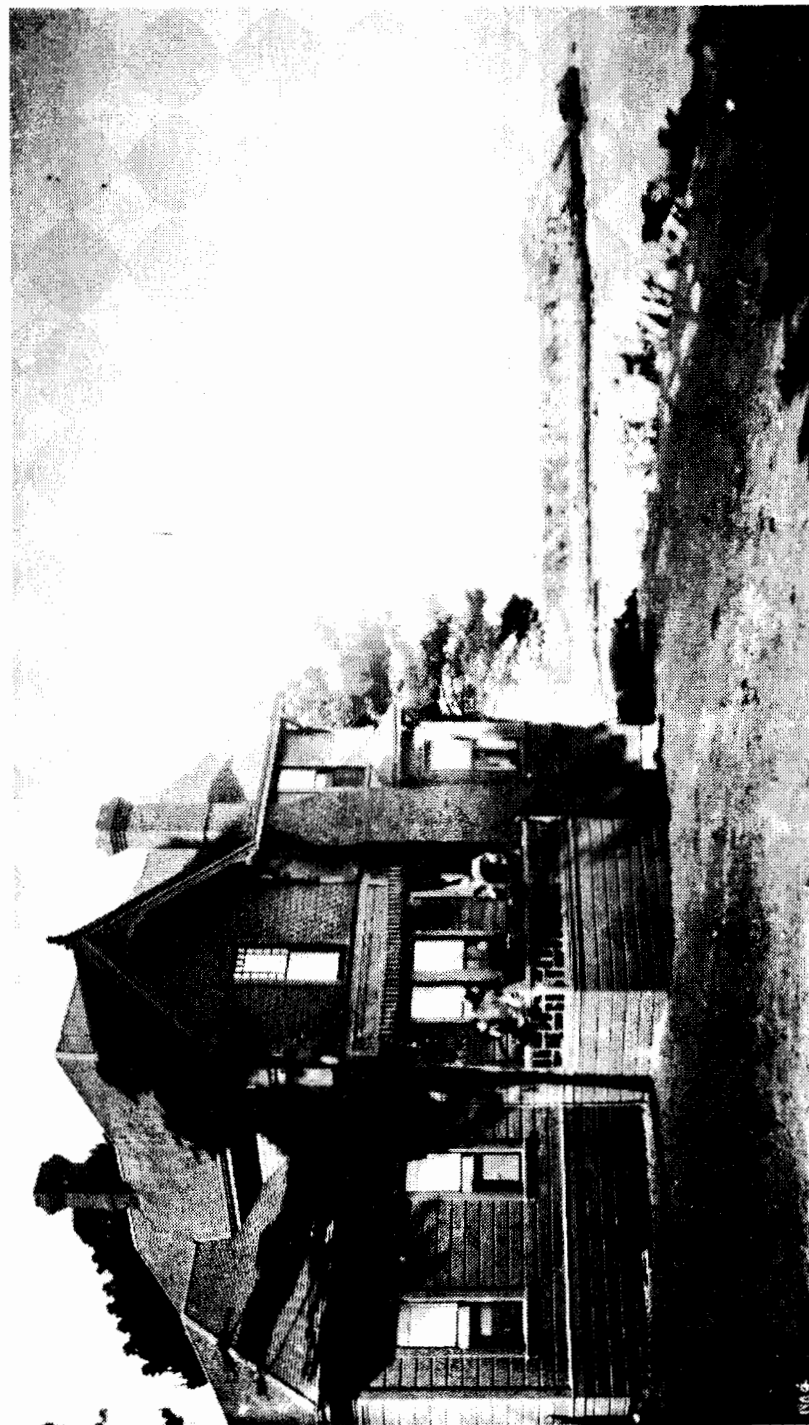
*George on the donkey in the neighborhood.*

## Down the Piney Path

News of Old Pacific Grove from the Monterey WEEKLY ARGUS  
(June-September 1886)

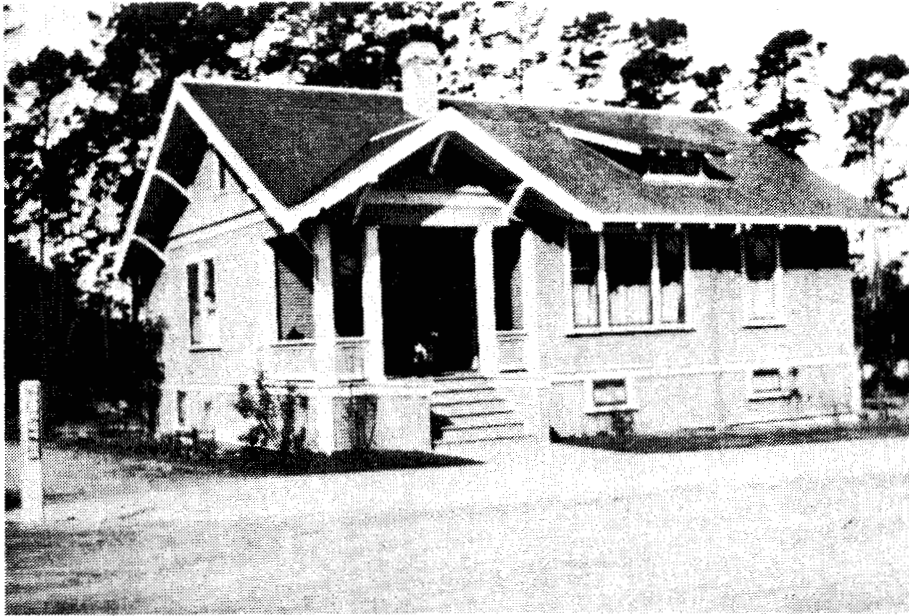
◆ by E.C. Davis

- Every day brings its arrivals, though for a week yet they will largely be property owners who come to "fix up" for the season.
- Mrs. Page is having her yard tastefully arranged by Mr. Ulrich. (Ed. note: Please see photo on next page of the "Page Cottage".)
- Professor Benham's famous choir of Oakland will give a concert assisted by the Chautauqua singers and others.
- Miss Fanny Low closed her school yesterday after teaching the first public school in this place for a term of ten months.
- Hereafter the rink at the Grove will be open Wednesday and Saturday evenings and Saturday afternoons.
- Miss Stoneman, daughter of Governor Stoneman is stopping with friends at the Grove.
- Carnival at the Grove Skating Rink tonight.
- An addition is being built to the Chinese Mission building at the Grove.
- John Miller's store at the Grove has closed its doors.
- Miss Kate Perry, the Grove school ma'am, is visiting in San Jose on a week's vacation.
- Sunday a fire broke out in the woods a half mile back of the reservoir, just below the first watering trough of the Drive. A force of men were sent out and after a hard fight succeeded in subduing it.
- Ten or twelve cottages are now being built at the Grove and several more are contemplated.



The "Page Cottage" at 104 Fountain was built in early 1886 for Mrs. J. Page, a charter member of St. Mary's Guild. This photo was taken soon after completion of the house. The house is now the Seven Gables Bed & Breakfast Inn owned by the Flatley family.





Front and rear views of 624 Forest taken around 1912. It was built in late 1910 and early 1911 for photographer Dan Freeman and his wife Lena. We assume that Lena is the woman in the back yard. The Freemans lived there until 1920, when it became the home of Mrs. Laura Hicks. The home has been used in recent years as a professional office.

## St. Mary's Antique Show

St. Mary's By The Sea Episcopal Church will be having their 35th Annual Antique Show and Sale on July 10, 11 and 12, 1992. The historic church is located in Pacific Grove at the corner of 12th and Central. Over 28 antique dealers from around the state will be selling silver, paintings, furniture, jewelry and other interesting antiques at reasonable prices.

The proceeds from the show will benefit St. Mary's By The Sea and the preservation of the historic buildings. There will be a lecture on jade on Saturday the 11th at 3:00 pm. The show is open Friday and Saturday 10-5 and Sunday 12-5. There will be a snack bar open all three days and lunch served on Friday and Saturday. Admission is \$3.50, including the lecture. Meals are additional. Call 375-4522 for information.

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