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### Agriculture: Alive and Well

## Three Generations of Farming



Augie Hagemann shows off a box of cucumbers picked at Hagemann Farms. Visitors to his produce stand can choose from a variety of fresh vegetables.

The road leading to the Hagemann Farms vegetable stand is a bumpy, one-lane drive that curves sharply before winding past a ramshackle structure bounded by farm machinery and half a dozen dozing dogs.

Under the mid-day sun at his Stanley Boulevard farm, where August "Augie" Hagemann has spent nearly forty years growing vegetables and grain, he and his men have lunch in the refreshing shade of the produce stand.

Hagemann's large, calloused hands easily envelope a beer can like fog over a bay. He took a pull on his beer and said, "I just love it when those little kids come out here on a field trip. Most of them have never even seen a real farm. They say, 'Mr. Hagemann, are you a real farmer?'"

And then growing somber, he continued, "I guess you could say I'm one of the last full-time farmers in the area. Most of them are going to part-time or weekend farming."

Shifting his cap, he added, "It just doesn't pay anymore."

Born on August 19, 1930, Augie Hagemann joined three previous generations of farmers. The farm was

first established in the late 1860's by his great grandfather Maas Leuders, a German immigrant.

Today, Hagemann Farms occupies 600 acres between the Livermore Airport and Stanley Boulevard in the unincorporated area of Alameda County.

Roughly 1800 tons of sugar beets (about 25,000 pounds of sugar) are produced here each year, along with 500 tons of hay, 400 tons of wheat, 80 tons of safflower and 50 tons of barley. In much lesser amounts, sweet corn, cucumbers, beans, pumpkins and a variety of other vegetables are grown on a 25-acre portion.

The grain and sugar beets are shipped to markets in Tracy, Stockton and San Francisco while the vegetables are sold through the roadside stand.

Every day except Monday, the stand remains open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Several years ago his eldest daughter, Terry, put up the "Fresh Vegetables" sign which is the only marker on Stanley Boulevard that indicates the direction of the stand.

"She wanted something to do during the summer. So it became a family

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### Banking In The Park

## Old Establishment Extends Service To New Area

It's official that Community First National Bank has extended its services to Hacienda Business Park.

For the convenience of the employees in the Park, according to Warren R. Harding, president of the bank, the operating hours of the facility will be 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday.

There will be nine employees on hand to insure fast service to the clients.

The 4,000 square foot building is located in Hacienda Plaza at Stoneridge and Gibraltar Drive.

"We have continued to double in size every five years," stated Harding, "and presently have approximately \$75 million in assets."

The main office of the bank is located at 749 Main Street. Other branches are located at 11805 Dublin Blvd., Dublin; 1800 Fourth Street, Livermore and a drive-in office at 5765 Valley Avenue.

Managing the Hacienda Branch will be Michael J. Harris, formerly with Wells Fargo Bank.

Salley Hallbrook, a nine-year employee with Community First National will assist Harris as an operations officer.

Approximately 250 friends, family and clients were in attendance at the grand opening held on July 17.

For pictures of their opening see page 7.



Michael J. Harris, Bob Philcox, Sally Hallbrook, Mayor Ken Mercer and Warren Harding cutting the money ribbon.



# IN MY OPINION

*In My Opinion is a bi-monthly column featuring the opinions of guest editors. This column is by Carolanne Lapham, President of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, and Vice President and Area Credit Administrator for Bank of America.*

What is a Chamber of Commerce? The Chamber is:

- ... A voluntary association of business people working to improve the economic and civic vitality of our community.
- ... An organization financed entirely by members' investments.
- ... Independent of all other organizations and groups.
- ... A leading action organization.
- ... The Voice of the Business Community.

The Chamber is not:

- ... Supported by tax dollars.
- ... Directed by or answerable to the U.S. Chamber or any other organization.

The purpose of a Chamber of Commerce is to create an environment where business can operate at a profit. The Pleasanton Chamber, with over 750 members, is working to bring this

philosophy to reality. I am pleased to have the opportunity to tell you more about the Pleasanton Chamber. Our committees are hard at work bringing programs and information to the business community to assist in operational and economic decision making. It is our task to track issues affecting the long-term health of Pleasanton's economy and act as a resource and advisor in areas affecting Pleasanton's quality of life.

The programs we have sponsored have been remarkably well attended and have covered a wide range of interests. Luncheon programs have addressed a variety of national, state and local issues while offering an opportunity to interact with business associates.

Workshops have been presented to provide the entrepreneur with "state of the art" information to enhance the success of his business. Members have learned about tax laws concerning business write-offs, business development techniques, and a computer seminar is scheduled this fall.

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Forums have been provided to increase awareness and seek solutions to issues such as transportation, housing, jobs and sewers. We supported city efforts in the creation of a valleywide transit agency and work closely with the city on an ongoing basis on issues

relating to traffic circulation, BART extension, and others.

Our Downtown Committee spearheaded a design guidelines study which may result in a city ordinance. We were the catalyst in the establishment of the newly formed Valleywide Economic Development Committee comprised of five valley chambers. This committee studies regional issues such

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as housing, traffic and sewer constraints.

Pleasanton 2000 showcased the commercial industrial and residential areas by bring over 700 prospective businesses to Pleasanton for a tour of the community and an opportunity to interface with the existing business community.

Special community-wide events like Career Week, Job Fair, Pleasanton Day at the Fair and Heritage Days afford the opportunity to meet hundreds of new people and for them to learn about your business.

The second annual Job Fair put valley residents in touch with over 800 current and future job opportunities.

Career Day, co-sponsored by the Chamber, created an environment whereby hundreds of valley high school students explored career opportunities in more than 70 occupational fields.

We produced a new city street map and distributed it free to over 11,000 homes.

Heritage Days, a week-long celebration, will be coming up soon. This event affords fun for everyone in the business and residential community. (Watch this newspaper for calendar of events.)

Parts of Pleasanton have changed a great deal since its incorporation in 1894, but much has been preserved. The decades ahead promise continued change, and with it our commitment to preserve and enhance those things that give us a sense of community pride and pleasure. Pleasanton is unique. It is the home of a beautiful regional shopping mall as well as a charming and historic downtown; the home of the most modern corporate and business developments in California as well as historic wineries and twenty municipal parks. Truly, Pleasanton is the "City of Planned Progress."

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce is committed to foster and preserve an environment that provides opportunities for quality business of every size and type to succeed. We want to ensure that businesses of the highest calibre continue to select Pleasanton as a site for relocation and expansion — businesses providing good jobs for valley residents and a strong tax base for public improvements and services.

My term as president of the Chamber has been truly rewarding. I encourage our members to get involved in our events and committees and wish them much success in their endeavors. A special thanks to the many volunteers who make up the Pleasanton Chamber. Countless hours have been spent to make our Chamber such a wonderful success!

*Carolanne Lapham*

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## Hospice Training Course

Hope Hospice announces a second annual training course for members of the community interested in learning more about hospice care. Volunteer nurses and non-nurses are needed and urged to join this rewarding work. In the past year the case load has doubled.

The ten-week course begins Thursday, September 12, and continues weekly from 7 to 10 p.m. through November 14.

Classes will feature guest speakers and panelists from a variety of disciplines. Topics include introduction

to hospice concepts, family systems theory, physical assessment, pain and symptom control, and death, dying and grief.

This course provides 30 hours of continuing education units for registered nurses at a cost of \$95. Non-nurses may take the course for no credit for \$25. Classes will be held at AT&T, 4480 Willow Road, in Hacienda Business Park.

For registration information, contact Hope Hospice at (415) 462-9353.

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Bernie Rollinger and Mike Harris discuss a new account.

### Personality Profile

## His Banking Business Is Personal

Just four months shy of his fortieth birthday on July 14, Michael J. Harris accepted a position as a manager with Community First National Bank.

After 18 years with Wells Fargo, Harris said he was ready for a change.

"I like a more relaxed, know your customers type of bank," Harris said recently in his new quarters at 5684 Stoneridge Drive in the Hacienda Business Park. The site is Community First National's fifth branch office.

"I'm a good listener, and that's a rarity in banking," he said.

Although he said there was greater opportunity for advancement at his former job, Harris felt that personalized banking was more important.

"When a customer changes banks, it usually means there's a problem," he said.

Banks are becoming much more volume oriented, he added, and the trend robs consumers of their right to prompt and courteous service, and is not beneficial to the community.

"It may not be the most profitable way for the bank, but I like to concentrate on what's best for the customer. We can do that here — Community First National isn't looking to be the largest bank in the country or even in the Valley," he said.

As manager, Harris will oversee a staff of nine employees initially.

The bank marked its seventy-fifth anniversary this year, and Harris said he is pleased that Christmas club accounts, small loans and "reasonable" safe deposit box fees are still alive and well at Community First National.

Harris explained, "These are some of the differences between a large bank and a community one. We may not be able to finance some of the million dollar buildings under construction right now, but we can deal with small businesses and executives right down to

the little 4-H kids who borrow money to buy sheep and calves for the Alameda County Fair."

One of the biggest bonuses Harris reaped from his recent change of employment is increased time with his wife, Vicki, and their three children, Shireen, 8, and six-year-old twins Mark and Janelle.

"I'm now working eight hours a day instead of 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. There's really no reason why you can't get your work done in eight hours," he said.

He enjoys camping with his family and is an avid auto mechanic.

From his present desk, he faces the front door and lobby.

"I don't mind being seen. Being around people is why I chose a career in banking. I was really beginning to dread having my own office," he said.

Harris is enjoying the freedom of working in a small bank. As manager, he has the final say on loan requests. Before he approves a business loan, he normally visits the site.

"I'm really interested in what kind of business you have and how well you run it."

Right now he is enrolled in the masters program in banking at Golden Gate University in San Francisco. He holds a bachelor of science degree in business management from San Francisco State University.

Overall, he feels that the banking industry is a challenge today.

"It's growing more complex," he said. "But I still like to keep things simple. There's a trust that develops between a client and banker."

"Sometimes banking isn't fun because you can't go home at the end of the week and see what you did. But if I see someone whose business is prospering and I lent them the money that set the wheels in motion, that makes me feel pretty good."



The days have been sunny and warm and the breezes balmy, so when it was suggested we go for a day of boating on the Delta, I agreed. Hesitatingly, but I agreed.

A nice, relaxing day on the beach appeals to me. Boating makes my stomach do flip-flops!

I love the water, love being in it or near it, but I do have the greatest respect for it. It can be fun and it can be dangerous.

And, of course, being a mother somehow those "dangerous" aspects come to the mind first.

I want to relax and fully enjoy the luxury of boating.

Watching the docking at the Delta brought a thought to mind. First of all, most of the boaters are quite young. Are they all buying boats because they can't afford homes?

I'm trying to keep in mind while we are waiting to put the boat in the water this is to be a "get away from it all" and relax day.

Relax! My God, these people would just as soon run over you to "rush" to wherever they are going to relax than give you a polite smile and a "good morning!"

Getting out in the water with the boat is even more fun!

As the boats are speeding by I keep telling myself, "relax, relax" as my knuckles are turning white from holding on to the boat.

My daughter assures me she is not going too fast. It's a new boat and I'm not even sure she has ever driven a boat before. Oh well, sit back and relax!

Rumor has it that we are slowly breaking the boat in and we are headed for Bethel Island to see Ron Potter who is working on his small yacht.

Navigator father is another story. Daughter can have a heavy foot while he has a slow eye on the map. He "basically" knows the way.

We arrive safe and sound at Ron's boat. It's a relief — in more ways than one!

We take time to visit and have a nice lunch prepared by Pam Foster, a friend of our Pam. This also gives me time to renew my courage for the return ride.

Ron takes us for a ride in his boat. I learn from Pat, Ron's mother, that she shares the same fears as I do about boating. That makes me feel a little better.

We decide all boat\$ we ride on will be called "Hail Mary" as that is what we are busy saying continuously under our breath, along with a few other prayers.

Is there some way I can talk the man upstairs into building a Callahan Lake in Pleasanton?

Seriously, all you boaters, have fun boating, but always let safety be utmost in your minds. Or, I'll join the Coast Guard and you'll be sorry!

Happy and safe boating!

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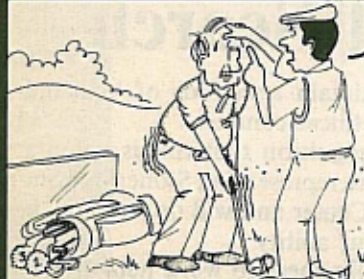
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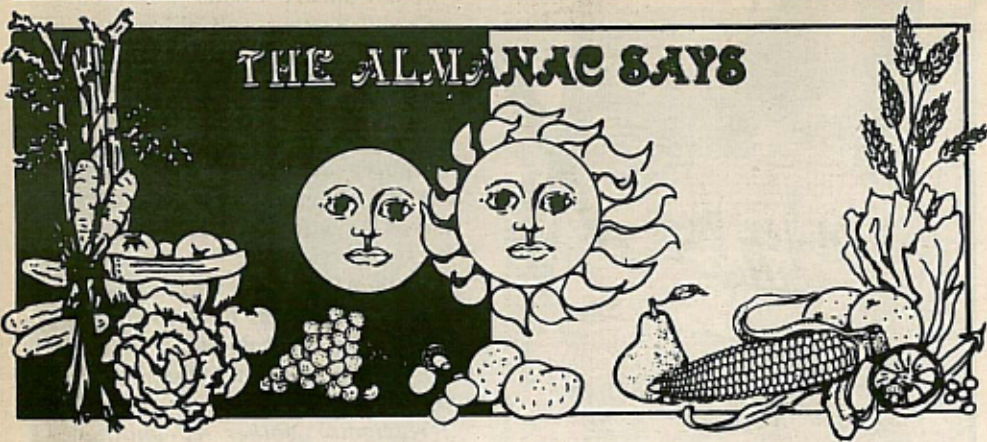
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## THE ALMANAC SAYS



For most people, the beverage for a break is coffee. In fact, the majority of us would be better off eliminating coffee from our breaks entirely. Caffeine is a stimulating drug and very addictive. Caffeine is found in tea, cocoa, chocolate, and in cola drinks, as well as coffee.

The immediate effects of caffeine consumption include sleeplessness, increased secretion of gastric acid, and an increased heart rate. Caffeine has been known to cause birth defects, and cancer in both the pancreas and the bladder.

To cut down on caffeine consumption,

tion, mix your coffee half and half with a grain-based coffee substitute. Gradually cut back on that amount of coffee in the mixture until you are drinking pure grain substitute. Try carob milk to replace hot chocolate. Carob is made from the ground pods of the honey locust tree. It tastes just like chocolate but has no caffeine.

There are many alternatives to drinking coffee, such as herbal teas which are caffeine free, they make a tasty alternative to regular tea and coffee.

Try something different on your next coffee break. You'll probably live a much longer and healthier life.

For further information on the various routes and registration forms, call Bob or Bonnie Powers, 828-5299 or Pete or Tami Gilbert, 829-2454.

### Newcomers

Pleasanton Newcomers will hold its monthly luncheon on September 11 at Dan McGrew's in Danville.

Call Kay at 846-5585 for reservations.

## Hekaton Classic

The Valley Spokesmen Touring Club will hold its Fourteenth Annual Hekaton Classic, a collection of tours for cyclists of all abilities, on Sunday, September 1.

Cyclists will gather at Frederikson Intermediate School, 7243 Tamarack Drive, Dublin beginning at 6 a.m. for registration and check-in.



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### Sister City Exchange

## A "Lifechanging" Experience

Students who participated in the Pleasanton/Tulancingo exchange program returned to Pleasanton last month and said the trip was "life-changing."

For many of them, the month-long visit to Pleasanton's sister city was their first venture out of the United States.

"It was a life-changing experience for me," said 17-year-old Elaine Albertson, a senior at Amador Valley High School.

"I met people whom I'll never forget. They were so warm and affectionate. The people really made my trip," said Elaine.

The six students were required to have completed two years of Spanish before they could be eligible to enter the exchange program. But all agreed that their Spanish improved markedly.

"I learned a whole lot more Spanish," said an excited Dawn Douba. Dawn, 16, a junior at Foothill High School, who worked in her host family's restaurant during her stay.

"I'd really like to go back. I don't want to forget my Spanish," she said.

The students stayed in the homes of host families during their visit. Each student's itinerary consisted of their respective family's daily activities. Some went sightseeing and followed a planned agenda, while others such as 15-year-old Erin Capilla did "normal family things."

"We went bowling a lot or to the movies," said the Foothill High sophomore who said she was impressed with the open air markets. "They had everything from nail polish to clothes."

For 15-year-old Allison Mohr, the trip was a cultural experience.

"They showed me a different way of

life," said the Amador Valley sophomore. "It was like 'My house is your house' with them."

No one had any complaints, and the students noted that their host families and their friends treated them with respect and affection.

"It's really nice that they hold hands and hug without being afraid of what others think," said 16-year-old Mary Suter.

The sixth student, Bill Dabney, 18, is vacationing in Tahoe with his family and Hector Reyes of Tulancingo.

On July 28, six other students arrived in Pleasanton from Tulancingo and are staying with local families. A reception was held for them that same day at the home of Muriel and Frank Capilla. A Touch of Elegance donated its limousine services to transport students between Pleasanton and the San Francisco Airport.

The Mexican students and their host families include Ignacio Alavarez, John and Karen Oldmeyer; Hector Reyes, Roger and Marty Dabney; Ricardo Ahued, Cliff and Juanita Preston; Jose Gonzalez, Jim and Tally Rose Tierney; Zelene Cordero, Larry and Karin Mohr; and Maria Aladro, Brian and Joyce Leonard.

The itinerary for the Pleasanton visit includes a tour of Amador and Foothill High Schools, trips to Marriott's Great America, sightseeing and a dinner on August 19 at Haps Restaurant. The dinner is open to anyone interested in learning more about Pleasanton's Sister City Committee.

The students are scheduled to return to Tulancingo on August 25.



Amador Valley High School senior class president Tyce Fields guides Mari Ortiz, Ricardo Ahued and Jose Escarcia through the hall with Greg Preston and Mark Tierney.

## Fashion Panel Search

The search is on for enthusiastic and energetic people to serve as fashion representatives for Stoneridge Shopping Center.

Each representative will spend a year taking part in photo shoots, fashion shows and promotional events.

Qualifications to become a Stoneridge Fashion Panel members, are as follows:

- Must be at least 16 years of age on or before January 1, 1985.
- Mandatory participation in rehearsals, events and all scheduled meetings.
- Acceptance of various types of assignments and willingness to learn.
- Community involvement and maintain scholastic achievement.

- Maintain standards of high moral and ethical conduct.

- Recognition that this is voluntary, you are representing Stoneridge Shopping Center and will do so to the best of your ability.

- Willingness to work hard.
- Must possess poise and personality.
- All semi-finalists will be chosen by August 9.

A Back-To-School Fashion show will feature the finalists of the Fashion Panel auditions and present the newest looks for school and career wear.

The public is invited to attend the fashion show on Saturday, August 17th at 1:00 p.m. in the Grand Court.





Mary Hunt, center, a familiar face at Carnation, and her sister-in-law, Norma West, are greeted by hostess Sylvia Riccio.

## Loving People and Pleasanton

### The 'Other Chamber of Commerce'

The first person that people see when they walk into the Carnation Family Restaurant on Hopyard Road is a diminutive woman wearing a brightly colored blouse and skirt.

And upon leaving the restaurant, the last thing they may notice is the flash of a smile from Sylvia Riccio, who describes herself as Pleasanton's "other Chamber of Commerce."

"That's me," said the 65-year-old hostess. "I'm always telling people the good points about Pleasanton."

If you're a regular at Carnation, Sylvia will skip her sales pitch about the community and pour you a cup of coffee. She may inquire about the family and stop to chat before seating you and your guests.

But if you're new in town, you'll get the works — a smorgasbord of people and places in Pleasanton — plus the restaurant's special of the day.

"In a restaurant, it's the door that counts," she said. "Everybody that comes through that front door is my friend."

"I treat everybody the same," she continued. "I'm Sylvia. And I feel relaxed with people like I've been talking to them for a long time."

Unlike other hostesses for the Carnation chain of restaurants, Sylvia does not wear a uniform. "I switched to a uniform once," she explained, "But my customers didn't like me anymore."

It's hard not to be comfortable around Sylvia with her sweet disposition and diminutive stature. She has a smile for everyone and knows how to turn a quick joke as she guides customers along rows of booths.

For those who know her well, Sylvia will be sorely missed when she retires

on August 31. After eleven years as Carnation's hostess, Sylvia said she'll spend more time caring for her pet rabbits, working in her garden or visiting her hometown, Chicago.

Born in Italy and raised in Chicago, Sylvia came to the United States when she was six years old. Later her family moved to Pleasanton where she now lives in a house with a four-acre walnut grove.

She has never married because she said jokingly, "I'm waiting for Tom Selleck to discover me."

Indeed, she has met many celebrities in her present job, including Buddy Hackett, David Carradine and David Frost.

"I moved here when there were only 2,200 people. I know a lot of people," she said.

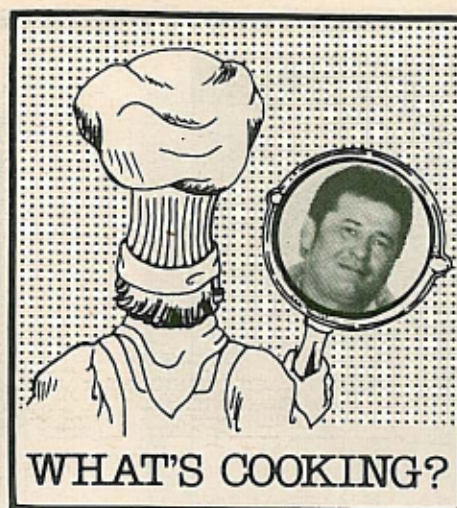
She has lived and worked in the Bay area for 29 years. Of her various and sundry jobs, Sylvia prefers hostessing over all of them.

"I'm going to miss the people. I never, ever forget a face," she said.

In the lobby, a showcase displays Sylvia's photographs of some of the people who frequent Carnation. There is one of Sylvia and a line-up of Alameda County Sheriff's Department personnel. There is another of her laughing with Mayor Ken Mercer.

Said Sylvia, "It's always Christmas for me. Somebody's always bringing me some little trinkets, like those glass animals in the case near the register."

"I think the secret to working with people is that you have to open up and make them feel at home. I just wish I could subtract 20 years and work here all over again."



Tradition plays an important role in Bob Kanae's life.

A native of Maui, Bob's specialty is preparing luaus for his friends. His traditional Hawaiian feasts include roast pig, poi (similar to squash), raw fish or sashimi, baked fish, salmon salad, chicken with rice and baked yams. For dessert, he makes sure there is plenty of coconut pudding cake and Mai Tai.

Preparation for a luau begins early in the morning, according to Bob, who said some of his larger feasts have taken as many as three days of cooking.

His general rule of thumb is "one pound of pork per person." At the San Jose County Fairgrounds this year, he prepared a luau for 2,400 people who consumed 2,200 pounds of roasted pork.

"It was a lot of work," said Bob. "The thing that keeps me going when I'm cooking is how much people will enjoy it. That makes me feel really good."

A jovial man, Bob, 39, said he learned to cook by watching his mother

prepare meals for his family back in Hawaii. He came to California in 1970 and joined Duran Jones Construction firm in Pleasanton as a construction worker.

"My mother taught me and my brother to wash our own clothes and cook for ourselves. It was expected of us to know how to survive as adults," he said.

His daughters, Luann, 16, and Lori, 12, will learn to cook in the same fashion, he added.

"It's a challenge to think up new ways to prepare food and decorate it. If you give me just about any food, when I'm done with, it will taste good," he said. "I guarantee it."

The recipe below is one which Bob has memorized from his childhood in Hawaii.

### HAWAIIAN STYLE BAKED FISH (Serves 10-12)

3 lbs. fish fillets (Red Snapper or Rock Cod)  
4 cups soy sauce  
2 cups water  
1 cup sugar  
1 cup Marukan rice vinegar  
1/2 cup shredded fresh ginger  
1 bunch chopped green onion  
Ti leaves to wrap fish pieces

Mix marinade until sugar is dissolved. Marinate fish for 2 hours at room temperature. Remove center stem from Ti leaves. Cut fish into pieces to fit Ti leaves. Wrap fish pieces in Ti leaf and then again in foil to seal. Place fish packets in large baking pan, pour 3 cups of marinade over wrapped fish. Cover pan with foil and bake for 1 hour at 350 degrees. Fish may be wrapped in foil only, but Ti leaves add a unique flavor.

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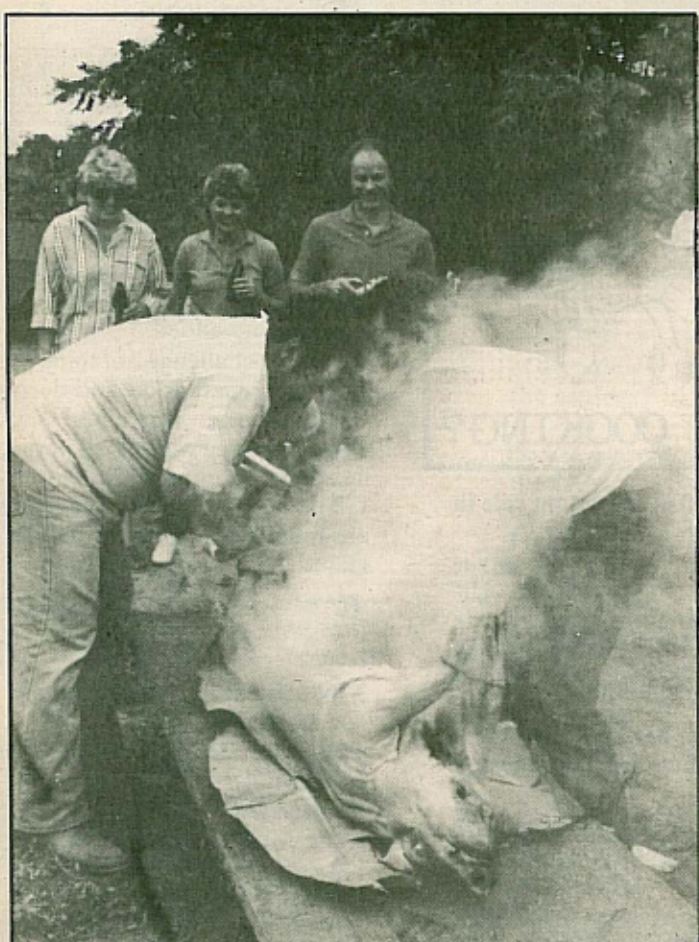
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Phil and Judy Mayhew serve dessert to Peggy Despotakis and Sharon Lindsay.

## The Know-How — Of A Luau



The invited guests enjoying their Hawaiian Dinner.



Chris Silvers looks on as Joyce Getty greets Art Bartee.



Larry and Sharon Lindsay check out the banana tree.



Felice Price, Joe Johnson and Mike Harris selecting their dinner.



# Community First National Bank Opens Its Doors In Hacienda Business Park



Diane Ward visits with Mr. and Mrs. Jay Robinson



Merle Telford, Rudy Dettenrieder and Barbara Kirk around the hors d'oeuvre table



Margaret Gerton, gets a good luck squeeze while Ray and Linda Hastell wish her well on winning the door prize.



Mel Nielson and Bill Herlihy in serious conversation.



Sharon and Betty Stallings chat with Mrs. Warren Harding.



Mark Biagini and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Philcox discuss the Bank's new location.



Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Pagnolt and Ben Fernandez sign in at the opening.



## a bit of trivia

By Ben Fernandez

It has been a hot summer, maybe the hottest in a long time. Of course, we said that last year, too. Let's look heat straight in the eye and deal with questions revolving around soaring temperatures.

1. What famous acting couple starred in the movie, "The Long Hot Summer?"
2. Third base is called "the hot corner" in baseball. Who has played more major league games at third base than anyone in baseball history?
3. "Steam Heat" was a famous song number from a Broadway musical. What was the name of the musical?
4. "Some Like It Hot" starred Tony Curtis and Jack Lemon in drag. What were the names of their female parts?

5. We all know her as "Hot Lips" on

### Vocational Opportunities

## College For Mature Women

Women interested in entering college for the first time or returning to college are encouraged to enroll in the Chabot College-Valley Campus course entitled "College and the Mature Woman."

This psychology course is designed to assist women in learning more about themselves and in knowing more about the vocational opportunities available to them. In addition, such topics as self awareness, self esteem, and interpersonal relationships, will be explored.

This group serves as a support group for women returning to college or entering college for the first time. It offers an opportunity to earn credit, practice some of the skills necessary for success in college, find a direction in life and meet new friends.

Dr. Dee Roshong, who heads the counseling service at Valley Campus, will serve as daytime instructor for this course. Dr. Roshong's experience in

"M\*A\*S\*H" What was Lieutenant Houlihan's real first name?

6. What was the famous song played at all political rallies at the turn of the century?
7. He was a pretty good playmaker in the NBA after being a big star in college. His last name was Hundley. What was his nickname?
8. "Heat Wave" has been a disco favorite of the past few years. However, a famous song with the same name was written by one of the giants of American music. Who was he?
9. "When You're Hot You're Hot" was on everybody's radio about 10 years ago. Who sang it?
10. Johnny Carson, during his monologue, will tell his audience that it was hot in Los Angeles that day. What is the audience's response?

teaching psychology courses and in helping women to make choices for new direction in their lives, makes her especially resourceful as the instructor of this course.

The daytime section of the course will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:20 p.m. on the Valley Campus in Livermore.

Mrs. Carol Iantuono, psychology instructor and local therapist, will serve as the instructor for the evening section of this course. Mrs. Iantuono is well known in the Valley area as a therapist in private practice and a presenter for Parent University.

The evening section of the course will meet on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 10:20 p.m. at Foothill High School in Pleasanton.

Women interested in enrolling in this course are encouraged to call Chabot College-Valley Campus for registration instructions. The phone number is 455-5300.

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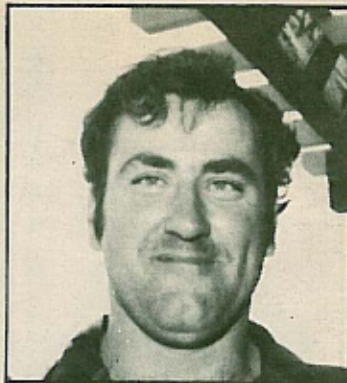
**Ed Nielsen** — "Records. I have ten thousand that I have been saving for 75 years. I have about 5,000 78's."



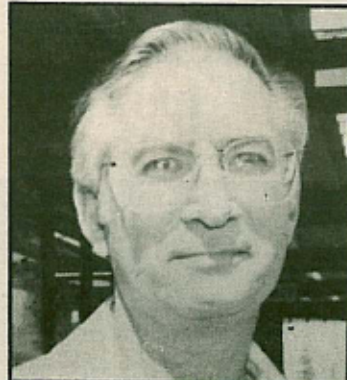
**Connie Walter** — "Grapevine wreaths. I started making them back East. I only have four now, but I give them as gifts."



**Joyce Toste** — "Baskets. I collect all sizes to hang on the wall. Anytime I go anywhere, I pick up a basket as a keepsake."



**Dennis Swank** — "Nothing. But my wife collects all kinds of junk."



**Vernon Kaplan** — "Girlfriends."



**Kim Jagger** — "Toys. Because my two kids love to play with them & they are hard to throw away."

### TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward
2. Brooks Robinson
3. "Pajama Game"
4. Gladys and Daphne
5. Margaret
6. "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight"
7. Hot Rod
8. Irving Berlin
9. Jerry Reed
10. "How hot is it?"



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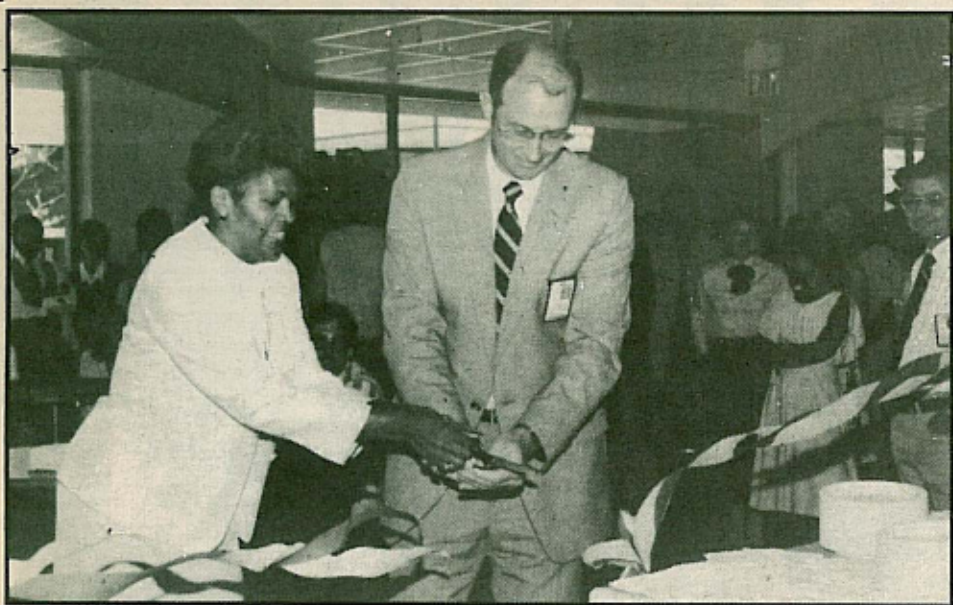
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## Hunger Walk

The third annual Tri-Valley Walk for Hunger will take place on Sunday, October 20th.

A recruiters' meeting will be held on Thursday, August 15, at 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church on Hopyard Road in Pleasanton. A representative from each church is asked to attend.

## Widowed Men And Women

The monthly business and planning meeting of the Widowed Men and Women of Northern California will be held August 19 in the Stoneridge Shop-

ping Center Meeting Room, Pleasanton, at 7:30 p.m.

THE WMWNC provide social re-entry support through a variety of events.

Monthly business and planning meetings are held on the third Monday of each month.

For additional information, call Blanche at 829-3977; Barbara at 846-6543; or Jim at 846-7076.

## Preschool Openings

Hill 'N Dale, a co-op preschool in Pleasanton, is currently taking applications for enrollment for both morning and afternoon sessions.

Call registrar, Sue Frost, at 462-5731 for information.

# Community Calendar

### Monday, August 19

Golf tournament scramble. Castlewood Country Club, 11 a.m. golf clinic contest, 12:30 tee off. Sponsored by Young Life Tri-Valley Area. Fee \$100 tax deductible. For sign-ups call Steve Woods, 846-8947 or Vince Lucido, 846-6168.

### Monday, August 19

Sister City Association general meeting, 6:30 p.m., Hap's, 122 W. Neal St., \$10 per person. For reservations or information call Bob Athenour at 846-3597 or Steve Noble, 463-9500.

### Wednesday, August 21

Great Books Discussion Group will discuss "Huckleberry Finn," 7:45 p.m. Stoneridge area home. Observers welcome. Call 462-8431 for information.

### Sunday, August 25

Deadline for Fall Tennis League entries sponsored by the Tri-Valley Cancer Society. For further information and registration forms call Sharon at 846-8031.

### Tuesday, August 27

Great Books Discussion, "The Screwtape Letters," 11 a.m. Stoneridge area home. Observers welcome. For information call 462-8431.

### Sunday, September 1

Valley Spokesman Touring Club 14th Annual Hekaton Classic, Frederikson Intermediate School, 7243 Tamarack Drive, Dublin. For further information call 828-5299 or 829-2454.

### Saturday, September 14

Twilight Dance, Courtyard, Amador Shopping Center. Live country-western music, 8-12 midnight. No charge. For further information, call 462-9555.

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by Leslie Jensen

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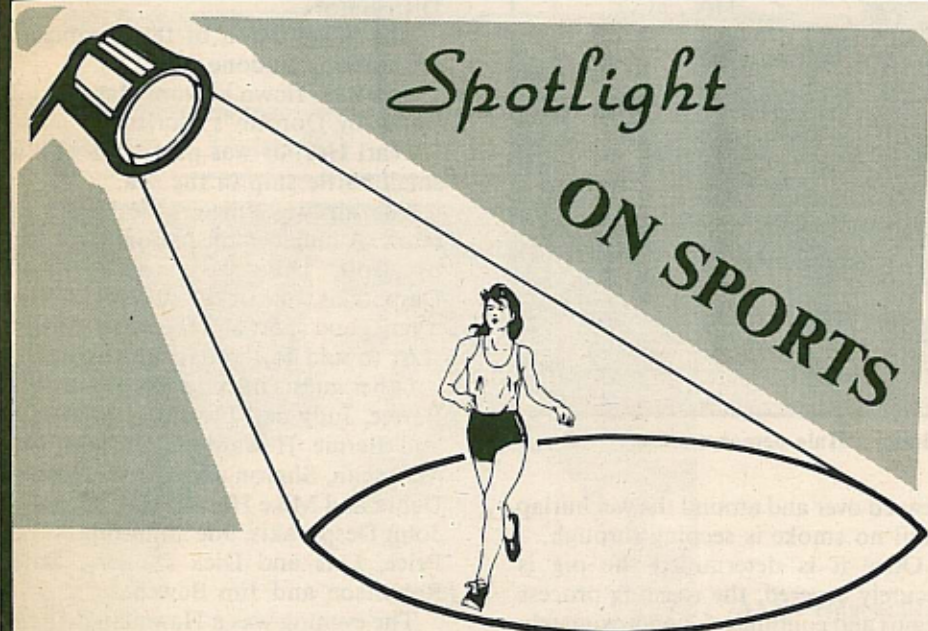
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# GOOD SPORTS



## Long Distance Runner

At 5:30 every morning Joanne Wilson pops out of bed without the aid of her alarm clock. In the predawn silence, she slowly stretches her muscles.

Warming up for the first leg of her daily five to six mile course, she jogs past Castlewood Country Club on Foothill Road around 7 a.m.

"The key to a running program is consistency," said the 38-year-old marathon runner. "You have to get out there every day."

Although she covers about 30 miles per week, Joanne can slack off a bit now. Her body is recovering from the recent 1985 San Francisco Marathon in which she completed the 26.2 miles in 4 hours and 5 minutes.

The winner, Ric Sayre, of Ashland, Ore. finished in 2 hours, 15 minutes and 8 seconds.

She admits her time is poor, but she said, "I don't run for speed, I run for distance. After 23 miles, my legs began

to hurt but I wanted to finish. I wanted to keep running as long as I was able"

Her time was actually two minutes more than her first marathon in February of last year. She completed the 1984 Oakland Marathon in 4 hours and 3 minutes.

"I recovered much quicker this time. I got in enough mileage and distance beforehand. If you have good basic training, you'll finish strong," she said.

Joanne's daily running regimen began nine years ago when she said she felt the urge to "do something athletic. My children were young so it had to be an exercise that wasn't time consuming.

"When I first started, I couldn't even run a mile. The first time I went over five miles, I was really inspired."

Now that her two children are teenagers, Joanne devotes more time to her favorite sport. In addition, she also plays soccer on a coed adult team sponsored by the Pleasanton Recreation Department.



Marathon runner Joanne Wilson.

"I like the sociability of soccer, but the running I do for myself," said Joanne, who prefers to run in the morning before work rather than in the evening. An administrative assistant, she works for Bissell & Karn, Inc., an engineering firm in the Hacienda Business Park.

In October, she wants to run in the New York Marathon pending her acceptance into that race. As usual, she

said her training will include plenty of sleep, high-quality running shoes and gradually increasing her weekly mileage to around 54 miles.

Even if she is not accepted into the fall marathon, Joanne said, "I'll keep running regardless of the competition. There's all shapes and sizes out there running. I prefer marathons because I'm not fast!"

*For The Health Of It*

## VMH Foundation Golf Tourney



Milt Codioli, Ed Rundstrom and Joe Hernandez watch Sue Scott practice her golf swing for the Valley Memorial Hospital Foundation Second Annual Golf Tournament. Women are welcome to play in the tournament as well as men.

Valley Memorial Hospital Foundation will sponsor their Second Annual Golf Tourney on Friday, September 20, beginning with a noon shotgun start at Las Positas Golf Course in Livermore. The tournament is open to men and women.

An entry fee of \$60 per person includes golf cart, green fees, refreshments, tee prizes and dinner.

Prizes include low gross, low net, most gross, closest to the pin, longest drive.

A barbecue steak dinner, including beer and wine, will follow the tournament at the aircraft tie-down area across from the clubhouse.

For non-golfers planning to attend the dinner only, the donation is \$25 per couple or \$15 per person. Children under 12 years, \$5 per child.

Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor may contact the Foundation office at 93 South "S" Street, Suit G, Livermore.

For further information on the tournament, call Bill Payne at 447-7300.

## Swinging For Cancer

Take a swing at cancer and sign up for the Tri-Valley Cancer Society's fall tennis league to be held September 7 through November 2.

The Round-Robin League includes ladies, mixed doubles and men's singles.

An entry fee of \$10 per person includes an "Awards Reception," first place trophies and door prizes.

Entry deadline is Sunday, August 25. Registration forms are available by contacting Sharon Williams at 846-8031.

Rules and additional information will be mailed to participants.

## Boating Safety

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct two 13-week public education classes, "Boating Skills and Seamanship" and "Sailing and Seamanship," beginning September 17 at Amador Valley High School, Pleasanton, 7:30 p.m.

There is no cost for the classes. For more information, call 462-4420 or 828-5159.



# Pleasanton Setting Of Authentic Luau

By Lilly Ault

Winners of a \$750 Hawaiian Dinner at the Labor of Love Auction in February, did not have to travel far to enjoy an authentic Luau.

The beautiful Pleasanton home of Pat Pakelekia Jones in a country environment provided the perfect setting for the event.

A few showers sprinkled the area the day of the Luau Saturday, July 20; however, this in no way dampened the spirits of the working crew, which included Pat, John Hunt, Chris Silvers, Mike Donahue, Judy and Phil Mayhew and Joyce Getty.

Bob Kanaele, a native of Hawaii who has been involved with Luau's since he was 10 years old, masterminded the roasting of the pig and the tasty Hawaiian food.

Chris was in charge of obtaining the animal for the special dinner and Florio's Market stored the victim until the event.

If you have never had an opportunity to observe the preparations of a pit for roasting a pig, I suggest that the first chance you get, do so. It is quite an education.

This particular four-legged-creature weighed 80 pounds and required a four-foot diameter, 18-inch deep pit.

Once the pit is dug, paper is placed on the bottom of the pit, with wood added and topped with lava rocks.

By the time the wood burns, the



Bob Kanaele and Peggy Despotakis doing a Hula demonstration.

rocks are well heated, have dropped and are level with the ground.

Stocks of corn husks are placed on the hot rocks. A few of the rocks are placed in strategic places of the pig's body to make sure the pig is thoroughly cooked.

The pig is then enclosed in a mesh wire device which assists in placing and removing the pig from the pit.

Layers of wet burlap top the pig until it is completely covered. Dirt is

heaped over and around the wet burlap until no smoke is seeping through.

Once it is determined the pig is securely covered, the roasting process begins and continues for approximately four-and-a-half to five hours.

The guests were extended an invitation to observe the removal of the main dish from the pit, however only a few took advantage of the experience.

All guests had to participate in the unique entrance into the patio area

which was transformed into Waikiki Beach.

They entered through the sands of the beach, then the water, received a lei, and moved to the bar for their favorite Hawaiian refreshment. Beer, wine and pop were donated by Coors Distributors.

The imagination of the organizers left nothing undone.

Leis were flown in from Hawaii and stored by Dorothy's Florist.

Pearl Harbor was portrayed with a small battle ship in the spa.

The air was filled with Hawaiian music. A hula demonstration was given by Bob, the cook, and Peggy Despotakis, one of the guests who was a very good sport and even wore a grass skirt to add to the dancing lessons.

Other guests included Lynn and Art Barte, Judy and Elwyn Bruker, Jette and Bernie Howard, Carol and Joe Monahan, Sharon and Larry Lindsay, Debra and Mike Harris, Twyla Teitzel, John Despotakis, Joe Johnson, Felice Price, Lois and Dick Damery, Dale Robertson and Jim Bowen.

The evening was a Hawaiian delight and once again the fun continues from the Labor of Love Auction.

Proceeds from the event benefitted the Amador Valley High School Theatre renovation project.

For pictures of the evening, see page 6.

## Reflections

# Like Father, Like Son

Nobody has to remind Jim Fields that things have changed a lot since he was a senior in 1962 at Amador Valley High School.

After his son, Tyce, was elected Amador's senior class president this year, Jim has been very much aware that things will never be the same.

Like many fathers, Jim prefaced his lecture with, "In my day, we put up a few signs if we were running in the student election."

Indeed, Tyce put up a few signs too. But politics, even in a high school student government election, have become more sophisticated.

"I had a campaign manager and I'll be going to a leadership skills camp at the University of Santa Barbara this summer," said the 17-year-old Tyce. The camp is sponsored by the California Association of Student Councils and paid for through Amador's senior class fund. A fellow classmate, Kevin Cooper, ran Tyce's campaign.

His father, a veteran teacher for the Pleasanton Joint School District, said, "I know things have changed, I see it

every day. When we were seniors, things were lively. There was no apathy of the '70s.

"If there was a dance or a game, everybody came and filled the place until there was standing room only because that's all there was to do. Now when there's a game, the stadium is only half full. I guess people have other things to attend."

According to Jim, the pendulum is swinging back toward the past. In the last few years, he said he's observed more spirit and cooperation among students at his old alma mater.

"I don't think the apathy is anything like in the '70s. It's changing for the better," he said.

Jim also admitted that he had secretly hoped his son would become involved in student government. "I wasn't going to push it but I'm glad he ran."

One of the biggest differences Jim has noted is class size. Today's senior class at Amador ranks approximately 400. He said that figure is about three times the size of 1962's graduating class.



Tyce Fields and father Jim Fields share a laugh over high school yearbooks.

According to Tyce, this year's senior class has about \$17,000 in the bank.

"I know it sounds like a lot of money but we can't spend it all. At the most, we spend about \$5,000 a year," said Tyce.

In his father's day, the senior class would have welcomed even \$5,000 in its

bank account, Jim said.

"It was tough to raise money for a dance. The most we ever had was a couple of hundred dollars," he said.

Tyce, a member of the California Scholarship Federation, plans to attend the University of Southern California and major in mass communications after he graduates.

# Farming A Way Of Life For Hagemann

Continued from page 1

project and we helped her start it," said Hagemann.

On a more recent family project, the Hagemann's won first place for their vegetable exhibit at this year's Alameda County Fair.

The Hagemann's youngest daughter, Jenny, 18, and his two sons, Steve, 25, and John, 23, also help run the farm. Hagemann and his wife, Linda, reside in Pleasanton.

One of the few remaining food-producing farms of its size in Alameda County, Hagemann said, "Grain prices are lower now than they were 15 years ago. We've showed profit losses for the last three years. The only thing that's halfway profitable is the stand."

But losses are nothing new to the

55-year-old farmer who had braced himself and his family for another shortfall last year. "We had money in reserve. What troubles me is that the losses have been steady."

He blames inflation, embargoes and dwindling foreign markets for the poor prices, however, he added that California farmers "are a lot better off than midwestern farmers."

"See that hay," he pointed to a wall of baled hay in a nearby field. "In the midwest, that hay would probably sit there. At least here we have ranchers who need it."

At one time, the Hagemann family owned a sizable portion of the fertile land near Stanley Boulevard. "We had a heck of a time with the taxes," he said. Now the entire 600 acres is leased from

the Rhodes-Jamieson gravel company.

After he retires, Hagemann said he does not expect the farm to continue operating on its present scale.

"It's rough for a young fellow to get started in farming today," he said referring to his son Steve, who has expressed an interest in farming. "I can't bring him in as a partner if there's no future for him."

Hagemann himself began his career nearly forty years ago while in high school with 150 acres and 200 sheep.

"I've always wanted to be a farmer ever since I can remember. I wouldn't consider doing anything else," he said.

After graduating from the University of California at Davis in a two-year agricultural program, he settled on farming as a full-time occupation.

The hours are long — 7 a.m. to around 8 p.m. — and constant. He works holidays and weekends with no fringe benefits. Yet he said, "I love the independence. Today we're irrigating so I have to stick close by and keep an eye on it. But there's times when it rains or I can break away for a few hours."

Despite long hours, poor prices and endless hard labor, Hagemann said he wouldn't trade it for the world.

"Farmers are a group who share common problems. And there's one thing that will never happen with farm people — at least not in my generation — you'll never get them to agree on something."

"But that's because we're independent. In some ways, farmers are more independent than businessmen."