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A golden jubilee for Camp Lassen – John H. Nopel
One Scout's Camp Lassen – Martha Slade
Stansbury Home Centennial – Keith L. Johnson
Civilian Conservation Corps: 50th Anniversary

27:4, Winter 1983

Bidwell Hall for ever – Martha Slade (Chico State)

26:1, Spring 1982

Greetings from the oldest suspension bridge in the west to the youngest! – Joseph McGie (Bidwell Bar Bridge)
The flood of 1907 in Oroville, California (photo essay)
My little brown church – Gertrude N. Bartley (First Congregational Church of Oroville)

26:2, Summer 1982

Magnolia Manor – Bye Morgan (Palermo)
Here but for fortune – Duane Adcox (railroad)
The Paradise Irrigation District, 1916-1982 – Lois H. McDonald

26:3, Fall 1982

A grand era in the history of Butte County – Jim Lenhoff (Paradise railroad depot)
Why I crossed the Plains to California in 1850 – Henry Wax Camper
When Chico was main line – Joseph R. Conlin

26:4, Winter 1982

Swift Feather's legacy – R.M. Welker
Pullins' Cyclery – James Vernon Pullins (Chico)
A ride through Butte County in 1864 – Joseph R. Conlin (Charles Teeter)
Society Doin's

25:1, Spring 1981

Butte County Historical Society: a quarter century – Ruby Swartzlow
Society doin's

25:2, Summer 1981

Reminiscing: Margaret Bickford Burket

25:3, Fall 1981

Early motion picture theatres in Chico, California – Myron Lee Buzzini
Butte County's early Masonic Lodge: Pacific Lodge U.D., at Long's Bar,
California – William C. Leeson
Society Doin's

25:4, Winter 1981

Historic Chapmantown: Chico's first suburb – Michele Shover
Historic Cherokee Mine celebrates centennial this year with new lease on life – Jim Lenhoff
State recognizes historic Long's Bar on Feather River

Society Doin's

24:1, Spring 1980

The life story and memories of Anna Widener – Bye Morgan
Post offices of Butte County – Edited by John H. Nopel
Society Doins – a review of 1979

24:2, Summer 1980

From sailor boy to Senator: George C. Perkins – Jim Lenhoff

24:3, Fall 1980

“When the President headed West”: a centennial account of the Great
Western tour of President and Mrs. Rutherford B. Hayes – Jim Lenhoff

24:4, Winter 1980

“Dynamo” Dan Beebe – Joan Ranieri
Refurbishing a lady (Ehmann Home)
Society Doin's: Hayes Celebration recap

23:1, Spring 1979

Our own Easter Parade – Gertrude N. Bartley (clothing)
The fashions under it all: the fashion under the fashion – Linda Cavis
The Paris gown – Evelyn Joslyn
The Hobble skirt – Mrs. Harold Gray
The scar on General Bidwell's forehead – Frank Bidwell Durkee

23:2, Summer 1979

Make a place better because you are there – Interview with Mabel Amende Clay assisted by
Janice Clay
The Out-Languager – Bye Morgan (Katy Carney, Oroville Chinese community)
History of our gold scale – Joseph F. McGie
About Ad – Rita Lack Bukdoll (Ad Kessler)
Three valued Society members – Clarence F. McIntosh (Ruby Taylor Ravekes,
Hazel Giovannetti, Ad Kessler)
A picture tour of Gridley's past – Joseph McGie

23:3 & 4, Fall-Winter 1979

Freda Ehmann – Walter E. Bolles and Gertrude N. Bartley

22:1, Spring 1978

Cohasset Cemetery history – Audrey Sorenson
I remember Cohasset – Jessie Gibson Cooper
Letters from a gold seeker 1850 to 1852 (James M. Gibson)

22:2, Summer 1978

Everything happened to me in Oroville – As told to Virginia Parker by Willow Pennington

22: 3 & 4, Fall-Winter 1978

Mrs. Elizabeth Hughes, Butte County's only woman legislator – Ethel L. Bornefeld

21:1, Spring 1977

Cherokee Cemetery – Katharine Campbell
Some who stayed: a memoir – William L. Whelan (Nisbet family)
Our Wonderland – Poem by Donna Mack Kiesling Hebert
Major Timothy Henry Barnard – Edith Lowry
BCHS Bicentennial Project—The Storage-Museum – Ruby Swartzlow

21:2, Summer 1977

Mayaro Lodge – Bye Morgan
Hatetna Mining and Exploration Company, a co-partnership and “Boulder Bar Placer Mining Claim” – bye Morgan

21:3, Fall 1977

Growing up in Chico: a memoir – Ernest S. Whisman
A Chico album – Photographs courtesy of John Nopel
Excerpts from essays written by high school girls who visited Camp Enjoyment shortly after the resort opened in June of 1909 – Ethel L. Bornefeld

21:4, Winter 1977

Some early school experiences – Jay E. Partridge
Jay Earl Partridge – Helen J. Partridge
Jay E. Partridge remembered – William C. Sanborn
Where the action is?: BCHS museum progress report
Hugh Patton: an appreciation – Clarence F. McIntosh

20:1, Spring 1976

The Bald Rock Ranch, Berry Creek, California, 1880-1962 – Bye Morgan (Zink family)
Society Doings – Twentieth anniversary

20:2, Summer 1976

History in the patchwork quilt – Anna Demmer
Star of Bethlehem quilt also called Lone Star of Texas
Patchwork quilts in the historic Judge C.F. Lott Home
Quilts in the BCHS collections are...
Mrs. Tribbey’s rug loom – Larry V. Richardson
Society Doings

20:3, Fall 1976

Ad Kessler remembers Oroville; an oral interview by Hester Patrick

20:4, Winter 1976

The Village of Stanwood – Ethel L. Bornefeld
Camp Enjoyment: the first resort along the Feather River – Ethel L. Bornefeld
The subdividers of Camp Enjoyment - Ethel L. Bornefeld

19:1, Spring 1975

Chico, City of Trees – Vivienne George
Stories about individual trees
Trees in Chico’s economy
More about the Mother Orange Tree

19:2, Summer 1975

Oroville drug stores of the past – Jack Lowe
Oroville’s patent medicine business – Grace Gravier
Herbs and herb doctors – Virginia C. Parker
Epidemic research reveals there were close to 10,000 Chinese in Oroville Area – Jack Lowe

19:3, Fall 1975

Dredgerville – Ida and Edma Huganey interviewed by Art and Clara Stransky
Society Doings – Outline of programs 1975
Sailing in Butte County – Peg Hammer
How some streets of Oroville were named – E.E. Ladd

19:4, Winter 1975

A pioneer mother who built her own monument – Anna M. Reed (Morrison family)
Amy Morrison: the lady stage driver – Evelyn Joslyn
Society Doings
An unique character – Anna Morrison Reed (Euphrasia Chevalier)
A story of an unique character – Alberto Brontia (Euphrasia Chevalier)
“Frenchie”: the hog raiser (near Forbestown) – Evelyn Joslyn
Inskip Hotel, 1868-1975

18:1, Spring 1974

Richardson Springs: a history – Patricia Louise Chapla
Waters talking – Harriet Helman Gray
The Richardson family – Larry Richardson

18:2, Summer 1974

Ashes to ashes...Chinese cemeteries in Butte County, 1880 – Susan Book
Chinese settlement in Chico 1880 – Susan Book
The Chinese question of the 1870's – Virginia C. Parker

18:3, Fall 1974

The Palermo Progress – Virginia C. Parker
Palermo Colony – Robert Sutton Frederich

18:4, Winter 1974

The ancestor trail – searching genealogy – LaVonne Ketchum
Dear Brother and Friends: three letters from Beeson Townsend at the Feather River 1850
Indian Church, Chico
Rock Walls
In Memoriam – Edith Veatch Reece, Carl Andrew Delgado, Frank B. Reardon – Lillian Tandy
Notes about the J. Wesley Jones pantoscope of California – Virginia C. Parker

17:1, Spring 1973

Cohasset Ridge – ElRoy N. Nathan

17:2, Summer 1973

Chico's rock throwers – as told by Clarence Charge
The Lansquenet woman – Anna M. Reed
A century of Masonry – Verne R. Wilcox (North Butte Lodge, Gridley)
The Red devil – Stanley T. Borden (railroad motor cars)
The last of the Mill Creeks

17:3, Fall 1973

Early history of churches in Butte County – 19th century – Rev. Thomas Miller
The Isaiahs: the story of the Isaiah Colony in Oroville – Launa McBride

17:4, Winter 1973

The Northern Electric, or En Nee; a recollection – Charles Randolph
History of the Northern Electric – Charles Randolph
Silk industry in California – Rodger Hardy
Oroville's town bell – Bill Talbitzer

16:1, Spring 1972

Mexican Land Grants in Butte County – Margaret Edith Trussell
Footprints in the sands...

16:2, Summer 1972

Cranley Memoirs saved
Historical markers of Butte County: Forestry Station dedicated
Society Doings: fashion show and ice cream social

16:3, Fall 1972

The story of Thaddeus Kerns
Recollections of early aviation activities in Butte County – Dan Corcoran
Society doings: annual Antique Show

16:4, Winter 1972

Letter on origin of Mother Orange
A history of the orange and olive industry in the Oroville-Palermo Area at the period
Of 1913 – Joseph F. McGie

15:1, Spring 1971

Chico's street car line: a half century of service – Kent Stephens
Footprints in the sand

15:2, Summer 1971

A history of Wyandotte in Butte County, California – William Dunstone
Who was William Dunstone?
Society Doings
The history of Bidwell Bar, 1848-1856 (Part 5) – David R. Brown

15:3, Fall 1971

The town of Durham – Alma Jones Blasingame
The California State Land Settlement Colony at Durham
Footprints in the sand

15:4, Winter 1971

Chico Women's Club and Bidwell Mansion – Lois Stansell
Bidwell letters to on display at Mansion
Presentation of Bidwell papers address – Lois Stansell
A comparison of two lives – Vonnie Eastham (John Bidwell and George Hearst)
The Bidwell letters – Lois Stansell
An adventure in historical research – Gaylord D. Grams (Bidwell letters)

14:1, Spring 1970

The filming of Robin Hood – Ed Drennan
Butte Creek Bridge: a brief history – Ruby Ravekes
Society Doings
The Danish Colony: a nineteenth century Butte County mystery – Margaret E. Trussell
The history of Bidwell Bar, 1848-1856 (Part 1) – David R. Brown

14:2, Summer 1970

The history of Chico Area Recreation and Park District, 1946-1950 – Marja Kay Windsor
Society Doings
The history of Bidwell Bar, 1848-1856 (Part 2) – David R. Brown

14:3, Fall 1970

Movements for preservation of the Chinese Temple – Max M. Harrell
Society Doings
Historical markers of Butte County (Hooker Oak)
The history of Bidwell Bar, 1848-1856 (Part 3) – David R. Brown

14:4, Winter 1970

A brief history of the work of the United State Food Administration in Butte
County, California – Frank B. Durkee
Bidwell letter to father of Chicoan revealed: written in 1893 – Roy G. Goodwin
History of Honcut: a Butte County community – Joseph F. McGie
Footprints in the sand
Historical markers of Butte County (Ishi monument)

The history of Bidwell Bar, 1848-1856 (Part 4) – David R. Brown

13:1, Spring 1969

Governor Waterman's Butte County years – MaryEllen Jones
Charles Gillette Leeson and the Feather Falls Area of 1913
Society Doings
A nugget from an old book: a story of Robert Allen Anderson
Footprints in the sand

13:2, Summer 1969

Butte County: Courthouses and jails – Hon. J. F. Good
Society doings: old ferries on the Sacramento River
Student organization at State Normal School, 1889-1921 – Rebecca Mattox Browne

13:3, Fall 1969

From Uncle Bruce's diary – Helen Pillsbury Kutz (Bruce Clark)
Society Doings – History of the McLaughlin projects on the North Fork of the Feather River
Eighty years with the Chico Fire Department
Footprints in the sand

13:4, Winter 1969

Memoirs of Howland Flat – Ella Huggan Sapp
A history of Biggs
From Uncle Bruce's Diary (Part 2) – Helen Pillsbury Kutz
Footprints in the sand

12:1, Spring 1968

"Horseless carriage" tails – Plez Guynn
Awards of merit
Clipper Mills – John H. Nopel

12:2, Summer 1968

Some stage coach robberies in Butte County – Stanley T. Borden
Butte County's courthouse—where? – Bill Talbitzer
Mrs. Derrick's garden: a memory – Anna M. Reed
The Neubarth Brass Band – W. Wesley Neubarth

12:3, Fall 1968

As it was in '49 – Judge Charles F. Lott
Butte County Centennials observed October 4-6, 1968 (Bidwell Mansion, Presbyterian Church, Manzanita School)

12:4, Winter 1968

Maidu Mythology – Henry Azbill
The Sierra Lumber Co. flume – John H. Nopel

11:1, Spring 1967

Early days of the Western Pacific Railroad – Bill Talbitzer
Award of Merit
The story of Leonard Tomasso

11:2, Summer 1967

Chinese Temple
Old Forbestown
Cherokee
Magalia—Old Dogtown
Honey Run Covered Bridge

Rock fences
Bidwell Mansion

11:3, Fall 1967

History of Big Bend Powerhouse and the community of Las Plumas – William C. Leeson
Dredge mining in Butte County – W.P. Hammon

11:4, Winter 1967

A walk from Chico to Honey Lake Valley – Ernest S. Whisman
Agriculture in Butte County – General J. Bidwell
Nuggets from the sluicebox

10:1, Spring 1966

The Feather River Railway – Kent Stephens

10:2, Summer 1966

Nord: the district and the town – Laura Carman Bowles
Anna Morrison Reed – Ruby Swartzlow
Nuggets from the sluicebox

10:3, Fall 1966

History of the cattle industry in Butte County – Alva W. Mitchell and Bill Talbitzer
Chico as I remember it – J. V. Pullins
Nuggets from the sluicebox

10:4, Winter 1966

Cherokee Flat – Jack D. Sturgeon

9:1, Spring 1965

Stage lines from Southern Idaho to the Sacramento Valley, 1865-1867 – Clarence F. McIntosh
Sacramento Northern's parlor car "Bidwell" – Kent Stephens
Why study meteorites? – Bruce Finson

9:2, Summer 1965

Memories of Joe Hendley: true pioneer of the Golden West – Evelyn Joslyn
Early Butte County bottles
Bancroft's Hand-book Almanac for the Pacific State 1863
A contest at Boston Ranch – Bill Talbitzer

9:3, Fall 1965

Recorded cattle bands of Butte County – Ruby Swartzlow
Forecasting the water supply for Butte County – Carl R. Swartlow

9:4, Winter 1965

California rice industry – Ruby Swartzlow

8:1, Spring 1964

The Carleton E. Watkins photographs of the Golden Gate and Golden Feather
Mining Claims – Clarence F. McIntosh

8:2, Summer 1964

Deadwood Sanitarium
Report of June 28 Paradise meeting (Magalia and the Dogtown Nugget, Roads
Of the Paradise Ridge, Early day schools in Paradise)
Mrs. Abrams is dead

8:3, Fall 1964

Pioneer Cemetery
Bidwell Bar Cemetery
Enterprise Cemetery
Clinton Family Plot
George Drown Plot
Andrew Smith Plot
L.D. Plot
Crandall Family Plot
Hamilton Cemetery
Pumpkin boats on the Feather River
The name on the map is Byrne Corner – Harriet Helman Gray

8:4, Winter 1964

Mr. Pitt's pot of gold
Aged Marshall letter turns up in Oroville – Bill Talbitzer
The massacre at the Workman Home
The murder of Hi Good
The robbing of the Silva Home
Massacre of the Big Meadows Indians

7:1, Spring 1963

The Oroville and Virginia City Railroad – Jim Lenhoff
Flood 1907 – Joseph F. McGie
Butte County Schools (Part 2) – Joseph F. McGie
Society Doin's

7:2, Summer 1963

Butte County prehistory – Francis A. Riddell and William H. Olsen
Polo in Butte County – Mary Dunbar Lemecke

7:3, Fall 1963

Captured by the Mill Creek Indians – Thankful Carson
Fiftieth anniversary of the Butte County Free Library

7:4, Winter 1963

Navigation of the Feather River – Wilbur Hoffman
Early Chinese in Oroville – Fee Chan
Oroville Chinese Temple
Society Doin's

6:1, Spring 1962

The Durham Post Office: a community affair – Ruby Taylor Ravekes
Personal notes about Bear's Hiding Place – Harry Hume
Western Canal in Butte County – Hugh S. Patton

6:2, Summer 1962

Federal census of 1850 presented severe problems in California
Butte County U.S. Census 1850 (transcribed enumeration)

6:3, Fall 1962

Chico Normal, Teachers College and State College, 1887-1962

6:4, Winter 1962

Gold Rush manor is saved – Jim Lenhoff (Lott Home)
Sierra Polytechnic Institute – Florence Styles
Hooker Oak before and after the storm

Alexander Preston Longley: 'Pres Longley, Bard of Butte – Mildred Forester
An agreement to transport across the Plains

5:1, Spring 1961

Diggin's Drive – Jim Lenhoff (Cherokee Road)
Quacks and Quackery – Carl Swartzlow
Society Doings
Footprints in the sands

5:2, Summer 1961

Dame Shirley and her letters – Ted Meriam
Roads and railroads for Butte County, 1850-1910 (Part I) – Henriette Dutro and
Marion Israel
Footprints in the sands

5:3, Fall 1961

Gold dredging in Oroville – Chet Nisbet
Roads and railroads for Butte County, 1850-1910 (Part II) – Henriette Dutro and
Marion Israel
Early days at Rich Bar – Frances Gard

5:4, Winter 1961

The discovery of Ishi – Ad F. Kessler
Llano Seco Rancho – Mary Dunbar Lemcke
Paradise Beginnings (Part 1) – Ruby Swartzlow
Christmas Season in Oroville 100 years ago – Jim Lenhoff

4:1, Spring 1960

Chinese houseboys in Butte County – Helen Gage
Society takes tour to Helltown – John Nopel
A definition of heritage – Jim Lenhoff
Footprints in the sands

4:2, Summer 1960

Butte County Schools (Part 1) – Joseph F. McGie
Showdown!: the story of Major Frank McLaughlin's dramatic encounter with Wyatt
Earp – Jim Lenhoff
Governor Robert Whitney Waterman: Butte County pioneer
Society Doin's

4:3, Fall 1960

Bidwell Rancheria – Annie H. Currie
Rancho Chico – Ted Meriam
Chinese in Chico – George C. Orberg
Chico's City Plaza – John D. Stewart
Development of the almond industry in the Chico Area – Mary Dunbar Lemcke
Richardson Springs – Vida Hills Shepard

4:4, Winter 1960

Glimpses of the Bidwells – Helen Gage
Moral improvement in Chico, 1866-1868 – Clarence F. McIntosh
A century of progress for Chico's schools – John Nopel
Chico in early days – John Kempf

3:1, Spring 1959

The Dogtown Nugget – Jim Lenhoff
Case of the virgin sturgeon: the story of Butte County's largest fish catch – Bill Talbitzer

Murder in Dogtown – Clarence F. McIntosh
Fremont pays a visit to Butte County – Joseph F. McGie
Society makes tour of Southern Butte

3:2, Summer 1959

Placer mining on the Feather River: Prologue to “The Dredging Era” – Elden Parker
Early schools in Butte County – John Kempf
The Cherokee Express Frank – Wm. R. Parker
Why historical societies – Clarence F. McIntosh
Society summer tour over portions of Beckwourth Trail – Joseph F. McGie

3:3, Fall 1959

The Yana and Yahi Indians of Butte County (Part I) – John Nopel
The Yana and Yahi Indians of Butte County (Part II) – K.W. Clarke
The story of Eiljan Merchant: Founder of Butte County’s first church at Forbestown
in 1853 – Jim Lenhoff
Justice in Oregon Township – John Nopel
Footprints in the sand

3:4, Winter 1959

Early floods in Butte County – Joseph F. McGie
Crusade would save historic Miners Alley in Downtown Oroville
Oroville and the pioneer holiday season of 1859

2:1, Spring 1958

A merchant in the gold fields : the letters of DeWitt Clinton Gaskill, Pioneer traveler
who settled in Forbestown (Part 1) – Ed. By Kenneth B. O’Brien Jr.
The Mormons in Butte County – Joseph F. McGie
Notes on Butte County Indians – Joseph F. McGie

2:2, Summer 1958

Butte County Historical Society takes grand tour – Joseph F. McGie
A merchant in the gold fields (Part 2) – Ed. By Kenneth B. O’Brien Jr.

2:3, Fall 1958

Butte County’s Little Brown Church - Mrs. Alfredo Rodriguez (Magalia Community
Church)
Footprints in the sands
A Merchant in the gold fields (Part III) – Ed. By Kenneth B. O’Brien Jr.

2:4, Winter 1958

The dredging era – Jim Lenhoff
Butte County’s famous rock walls
Footprints in the sands
Butte County Indian gives talk to Historical Society

1:1, Spring 1957

Writers on Butte history added valuable contributions to the West’s historical literature
Gold Town church (Oroville’s First Congregational Church)
Early American fur trappers in Butte County Area – Joseph F. McGie
The ascension of Malay Pete – Bill Talbitzer
The wickedest town in California – Jim Lenhoff (Oroville)
Footprints in the sands

1:2, Summer 1957

History and humor combine to make Dam ceremonies success
Historic Bidwell Bar to be sunken Atlantis – Jim Lenhoff

Black Bart in Butte County – Joseph F. McGie
The Dayton story – Elsa V. Boydston
Society Doin's
Footprints in the sand

1:3, Fall 1957

Chico in 1877
The Gridley story – Joseph F. McGie
Stroll down Miners Alley recalls Days of Gold – Jim Lenhoff
Research may prove first American gas engine was built in Butte County – Joseph F. McGie
Colorful gals in Butte history: Maggie Bowden the swill woman – Harriet Helman Gray
Saga of the John Hull Martin family – Mildred Martin
Footprints in the sands

1:4, Winter 1957

John Bidwell's farmers sack of flour – William R. Parker
From Gold Town to ski resort: the Inskip story
Old barn proves treasure house
Cherokee Strip – Clarence F. McIntosh
Trees in history in Butte County – Joseph F. McGie