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Probably one of the most faithful town officials is Chief Buchheister, who believes in progress, and the building up of a community, even though it comes from volunteer service and protection. And he has in several conversations told us of some of the difficulties and experiences in holding together a regular number of volunteer members, many of whom are busy daytimes, workingmen obliged to earn their livelihood, or men with home duties, so that at times attendance at regular meetings was illsa. Yet all through these years the company has existed and the Chief feels he has had the hearty and loyal support of the community at large, and particularly appreciates the unanimous support of the trustees of the town and later the city officials.

Chief Buchheister speaks in behalf of the members of the volunteer fire department in the following eloquent manner: "The reason for a volunteer fire department is to make a safer and saner community in which to build homes, invest money, colonize and communize with brotherly protection. It is impossible in the start to pay salaries, therefore the demand for volunteer service to sponsor and protect improvements and progress.

"The volunteer is the foundation and establishment of the Government of the United States, it is the foundation for the development of the greatest nation on the face of the earth.

"The definition of true democracy is given by a preview of the pioneer days, when groups of Pilgrim families, men, women and children crossed the continent in lumbering wagon trains, forcing their way across mountains, rivers and deserts, through heat and rain, pampered by the hazards of an unknown seeking their wealth, and with the danger from wild beasts ever present. In such traveling there was a call for volunteer discipline, as guards had to be on duty at different intervals, day and night, to protect lives and property. In one small group of seven it is said that all had taken their turn on guard but two, who broke their discipline, refused to protect the oxen, milk cows, provisions and the lives of the men and children. These two men can be likened to our law violators of the present day, to those who break our rules of Government.

"*A laborer, a business man of* any citizen who gives his services day or night, subject to call, with-

With the Old Timers

Like some great peak towering above a host of lesser mountains—thus does William Fay stand out from his fellows. Like a great battlement scarred a little by the mighty onslaught of Time. That is the impression he builds. His personality has been experienced by most of you; his kindness of manner you must have realized. He is one of the finest men you will meet, for his is the courtesy of the Old School. His the courtliness of another age; and strangely but well does the manner become him. For he has watched the growing-up and the dying-down with the seasons, the plants and wild grasses. And he has watched the growing-up and the dying-down with the years, the orchards and vineyards. And he has watched the growing-up and dying-down with the decades, the men and women who linger on this plane awhile, wandering, and then flee on to another unguessed plane. And in his years he has seen these things, and learned tolerance and patience, so modeling himself to the man he now is, respected by all. Perhaps a little of the eternal has crept into him.

Bill Fay has watched Morgan Hill grow up from chaparral flats and brush covered hills. He has served our city in many ways, at many times. He is always ready to help us ahead; officially or unofficially, for he was one of our first constables; one of our first Justices.

The past years, could they speak, might tell of Justices dealt by Fay in office, which in its way is as immortal as the deeds of men of history. A fair mind; a self-taught knowledge of law, and an inherited sense of equanimity. These are the qualities the old timers speak of with reference to William Fay.

Fay was born in Santa Clara County in the year 1860, at San Jose. While quite young his parents moved to Pajaro, where he spent his early adolescence.

Around the site of what was to be Watsonville, and at Corralitos *and the country surrounding*, the lumber industry was in full swing. There were four mills running there at one time. The supply of "big wood" is nearly exhausted now; the mills are no more.

Fay can remember when a great willow swamp a mile and a half from Watsonville was shunned by farmers. This vicinity now is fish

same thing with San Martin. He died at about seventy years of age.

It was at the time Phillips was making our city that Bill Fay first came here. A man dealing in wood and doing business in San Jose, had purchased two hundred cords of four foot wood here in Morgan Hill. He asked Fay if he would come to this town and load the wood on railroad cars for shipment. This was the first Fay had heard of the new town in the making, for the last time he had been down this way there was no town at all, nor any prospect of one. Anyway, Bill Fay took the contract to load the cars and came down here with the intention of staying about three days. Instead, he has been here nearly forty years. That's how well he likes Morgan Hill.

In 1894 Fay was elected Constable, and later he was appointed Justice of the Peace when another resigned before his term had expired. Bill Fay had instructed himself in law, and has read law more or less all his life. The old residents still speak of his justice when in office. But Fay is and always was unimposing and modest, and refused to consider campaigning for another term.

The first prune he ever saw was after he was grown; in San Juan, and he mistook it for a plum until corrected. He has seen many since then, too many to count. He can remember when most of our orchards were planted; can remember when the brush was cleared from the lands where the chaparral had ruled for ages. He has helped reach in the building in this end of Santa Clara Valley.

You would not know how that thousands of cords of oak wood have been taken from the lands where now your orchards stand. Perhaps the very space where you sit as you read this was once filled by the trunk of some ancient oak. Your home might rest upon the buried stumps of a grove of once living trees.

Bill Fay remembers that the first baby born in the city of Morgan Hill was one Carl Moore, the son of W. F. Moore, the first Southern Pacific agent in the new depot here.

Fay named one of the principal fruit raising centers of this district; the name has been used ever since. The writer is not privileged to give the name of this district.

He hauled the first load of lumber that came from Paradise Valley, for a man named Kelley, the *pastor of a church in Alameda. He* helped to clear that valley, and he drove the first team into it.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carey and family, of Palo Alto, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sheldon.

Mr. Ed Wilson and daughter, Evelyn, were supper guests Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. G. Jolly.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Patterson, of San Francisco, were Monday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. H. Wyman, of Lone Oak avenue. Mrs. Patterson is Mrs. Wyman's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Dr. F. Gerlach and Miss Maud, of San Jose, were Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. M. Thomas and family. Mr. and Mrs. Dr. F. Gerlach and Miss Maud were returning home from a vacation, which they spent up north, and which they enjoyed tremendously.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Martella, Sr., were the honored guests at a delicious supper Thursday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. B. Martella, Jr. The occasion was in honor of the birthday of Mr. and Mrs. Martella, Sr., their birthdays being just a day apart. Mr. Martella, who has reached the wonderful age of eighty one, claims that he feels just as young as he did twenty years ago. Those who enjoyed the supper were Mr. and Mrs. B. Martella, Sr., Mrs. T. Edwards, Mr. S. Barloggi and Mr. and Mrs. B. Martella, Jr. Later in the evening a number of relatives and friends dropped in to wish them many more happy birthdays. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. P. Rossetti, of Cerrito, Mr. and Mrs. T. Telmelli, of San Jose, and Mr. Ed Wilson and daughter, Evelyn, of Madrone.

Next meeting of the Jolly Dozen will be at the beautiful new residence of Mrs. P. Raggio, at San Jose. All members are asked to be there and attend as this will be a special invitation from Mrs. P. Raggio and Mrs. F. Pinard, of San Jose, who will be the hostesses of the afternoon. The meeting will be October 8th. Three of the regular members of the Jolly Dozen have dropped out. Mrs. T. Carter, Mrs. P. Raggio and Mrs. McCullough have taken their places.

Coyote

Dental school will open for the fall term Monday morning. A full