

**1868:** There were many competitors through the years, but it excelled when F.W. Blake took control in 1877. The *Gilroy Gazette* began in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, but by 1930, the *Gazette* was acquired by publishers of both *The Advocate* and *The Dispatch* (begun in '25).

**Public:** On a bluff above the meandering Coyote Creek, cabins, a hotel annex and a clubhouse followed, all of which greatly increased the resort's popularity. Nestled amongst oak and pine woodlands in the eastern foothills 13 miles from Gilroy, visitors flocked here from around the world. In 1905, the William McDonald family became managers, and in the ensuing years added a swimming pool and more cabins. Gardens were planted and other gracious amenities added, among them traditional bathing facilities and a Japanese teahouse. Mr. Sakata also encouraged Japanese families to build cabins of their own there. The resort opened to the public in July of 1946, but within a few years, given its remote location and stricter safety codes, the cabins had to be closed.

**Cattle King:** Ranching headquarters of their enterprise—all told, a grazing empire of some 1½ million acres—were at Rancho Santa Rita, Merced County, about 13 miles east of Los Banos.