

Hamilton Field Worth Its Cost

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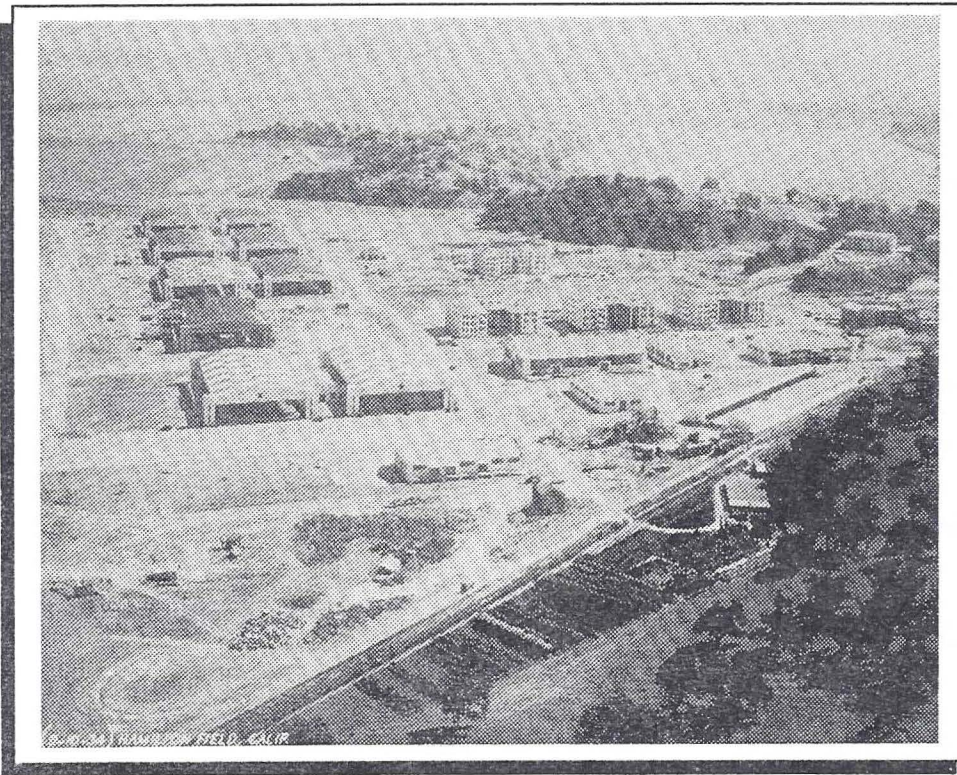
The people of the bay districts bought the site of Marin Meadows for \$200,000 for the army. In return army contracts have dropped into the laps of business men \$5,000,000 for which the following figures show the staggering quantities of materials received:

In the construction of the 130 buildings at Hamilton Field 3,000 car loads of cement and aggregates were poured into the walls, basements, roads and curbs. If these 3,000 cars had been made into a single train, the brakeman who might begin walking over the top of the train would be exhausted before he reached the end, for

this train would be twenty-seven miles long, reaching from Hamilton Field to San Rafael four times. 70,000 cubic yards of cement were required for the project at the flying field.

The Technical Area at Hamilton Field, which is the flat around the barracks and hangers, needed reinforcing before buildings could be constructed upon it, for it is about one foot below sea level. Accordingly 4,922 piles were driven, which if placed end to end would extend 41 1/2 miles.

In the building program 820,000 bricks were laid and in addition thereto 420,670 square feet of building tiles were used. The carpenters set down 189,400 face feet of finish wood floors. In addition they used 2,682,000 board feet of framing lumber.



Hamilton Field under construction, September 10, 1934.

However, these buildings to be useful had to have water, gas, sewers and roads. So that you will be amazed that Hamilton Field, which has an area of 928 acres has 8.02 miles of paved and 3.22 miles of gravel roads. It has, moreover, 7.28 miles of sewers, 8.19 miles of water mains, and 6.43 miles of gas mains.

Captain Howard B. Nurse, constructing quartermaster at Hamilton Field, who directed all of this project, likens the building program to that of a great city whose physical beauty can only be enhanced by a well considered control over its environment as a whole. While the artistic results cannot be questioned in the architectural triumph of Hamilton Field, the average layman who is not versed in construction materials, can now digest the above statistics and marvel at the magnitude of the work which has been completed in 2 1/2 years.

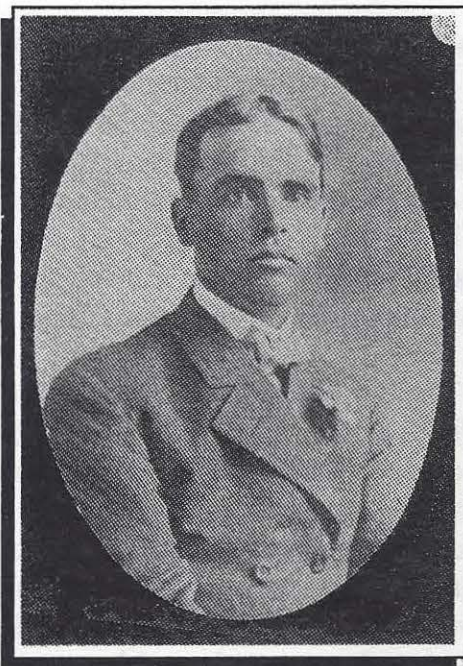
Correction . . .

After the last issue of the News and Notes, we received a letter from the Cain family pointing out a few errors in our article. In the interest of historical accuracy, they pointed out that the Novato Utilities Company was founded by James W. Cain, and later a portion of it was sold to his brother, A.J. Cain.

Our fault for the error was in not reading far enough into our source material and in not consulting our own book, **Novato Township**.

We certainly want to thank the Cain family for their correction, and as they said in their letter, we certainly want to give credit where credit is due.

Novato, Aug. 31 — The spirited contest for queen of the Airbase Jubilee at Novato September 14th now in progress will close at midnight, Sept. 11th. After the weekly movies, an informal free dance will be given with announcement of votes given hourly during the evening. Attractive costumes for the queen and her attendants are being furnished by the committee in charge with an airplane ride, or its equivalent for her majesty and complimentary tickets for the two next highest in the contest. An excellent meeting was held Tuesday evening when all sorts of good things were planned for the jubilee. A magician of note will make all kinds of magic during the evening and just to hear of the barbecue makes one's mouth water. Headquarters of the best steer beef obtainable with all proper "trimmings" will be barbecues by a prominent chef and ready to serve at six p.m., the beginning of the jubilee. Counting of votes in the Jubilee Queen contest after the movie shows show Carin DeBorba still in the lead with 1081 votes. Miss Margaret Kenna, popular assistant bookkeeper of Pini & Co. jumps to the second place with 636 votes; Ramona Lane, 342; Mrs. Clara Myers, 273; Jane Simmons, 186; Edna Bacaglio, 179; Rose Soares, 121; Katy Trabucchi, 120; Annabelle Young, 120; Evelyn Haire, 25. Miss Haire was entered after the period for the 100 complimentary votes offered by the committee had expired.



James William Cain

WELCOME

New members to the Guild are Cynthia Motsinger, Patricia Ruhlman Hansen, Betty Listman, Jack & Barbara Sparrow, Clinton & Madeline Kellner, Martha Wells, Edward & Stella Almeida, David Milano, Dorothy Young Narducci and Great Western Bank. We welcome you and look forward to seeing you at our meetings. We now have 367 members, and growing!

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