

Riverside County Administrative Center

**ROBERT M. HOWIE PLAZA
DEDICATION CEREMONY**



Tuesday, December 12, 2006

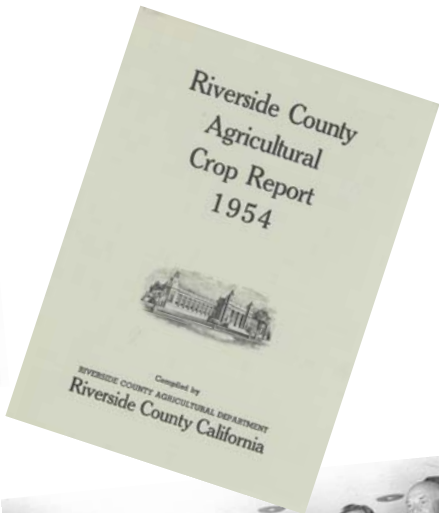
8:30 a.m.—9:00 a.m.

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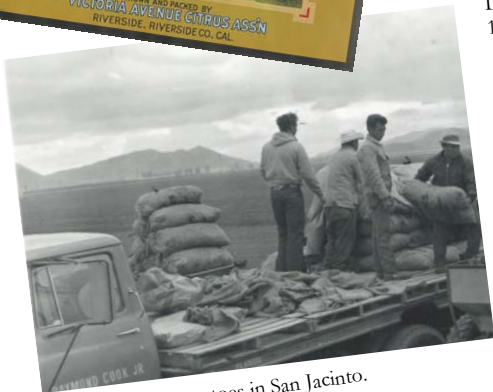
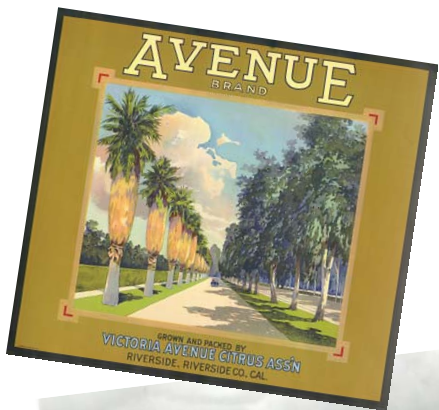
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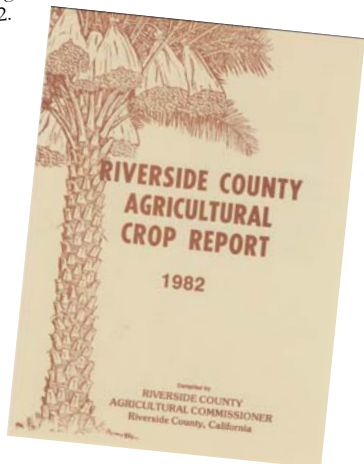
Agricultural Commissioner Robert Howie assists tomato growers with the development of a new field fumigation technique to combat soil pests.



Mr. Howie meets with members of a Russian Trade Delegation and Coachella Valley date growers in 1962.



Workers plant potatoes in San Jacinto.



Program

Welcome

Master of Ceremonies

John Snyder

Riverside County Agricultural Commissioner



Invocation

Richard Kelley

Citrus Grower



Pledge of Allegiance

John Gless

Citrus Grower



Remarks

Bob Buster

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and First District Supervisor

Leon Spaugy

Riverside County Agricultural Commissioner 1982 - 1988

Cindy Dominegoni

Rancher / Past President, Riverside County Farm Bureau

James Wallace

Riverside County Agricultural Commissioner 1988 - 2003

Robert M. Howie

Riverside County Agricultural Commissioner 1954 - 1982



Closing

John Snyder

Riverside County Agricultural Commissioner



Refreshments to follow in the Robert M. Howie Plaza



The original Robert M. Howie Plaza was located on the south side of the County Administrative Center (CAC), the current site of the CAC Annex. The Board of Supervisors approved the project on October 26, 1982 and the original plaza was dedicated on November 14, 1983.

OCTOBER 26, 1982

5.1 RESOLUTION NO. 82-322
 DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO BE EXCHANGED BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AND ELSINORE VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT RELATING TO DETACHMENT FROM ELSINORE VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
 LAFC NO. 82-35-1

On motion of Supervisor Schroeder, seconded by Supervisor Abraham and duly carried, the above entitled resolution is adopted by the following vote, to-wit:

Ayes: Abraham, Schroeder, McCandless, Younglove and Ceniceros
 Noes: None
 Absent: None

5.2 RESOLUTION NO. 82-334
 APPROVING SALE OF TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTY

On motion of Supervisor Schroeder, seconded by Supervisor Abraham and duly carried, the above entitled resolution relating to proposed sale of tax delinquent land at public auction - Sale No. 134 - on January 26, 1983, is adopted by the following vote, to-wit:

Ayes: Abraham, Schroeder, McCandless, Younglove and Ceniceros
 Noes: None
 Absent: None

5.3 On motion of Supervisor Schroeder, seconded by Supervisor Abraham and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that Change Order No. 1 on the contract with William Houshmand for the Cateby & Office Addition, Indio, for an additional cost of \$5,264.00 and 30 calendar days, is approved and that the Chairman is authorized to execute said change order on behalf of the County.

5.4 If appearing that the work of Dale C. Eckert Corporation has been completed on a contract for the Morgue (Mortuary Remodel) Riverside, therefore, on motion of Supervisor Schroeder, seconded by Supervisor Abraham and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the work is accepted on this date and the Chairman is authorized to execute a Notice of Completion on behalf of the County, for filing with the County Recorder.

5.5 On motion of Supervisor Schroeder, seconded by Supervisor Abraham and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the plans and specifications for the construction of a Snackbar/Announcer's Booth and Restroom Facility at Sunnyside Park, are approved as submitted, and that the Clerk is instructed to advertise for bids to be received in the Office of the Clerk of the Board, County Administrative Center, Riverside, California until 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 17, 1982.

5.6 On motion of Supervisor Schroeder, seconded by Supervisor Abraham and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the Administrative Officer is authorized to expend available funds to acquire and erect in a suitable place a plaque designating the plaza immediately west of the Robert T. Anderson Administrative Center as the Robert M. Howie Citrus Plaza.

5.7 On motion of Supervisor Schroeder, seconded by Supervisor Abraham and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the following service charge within County Service Areas 61, 86 and 93 are cancelled:

Parcel No.	Property Owner	CRA	Service Charge
474381020-9	Raker, Leroy & Peggy W.	61	\$53.50
		93	\$15.00
351094020-5	Herendich, Rich	86	\$40.00

Copy of Minute Order of October 26, 1982 authorizing the placement of a plaque identifying the Robert M. Howie Citrus Plaza.



Robert Howie pictured with his wife Betty and daughter Marty Ditchey at the dedication of the original plaza, November 1983.

Shortly after completion of the CAC Annex, current Agricultural Commissioner, John Snyder spearheaded an effort to relocate the Howie Plaza to an area just north of the Annex.

From the beginning, the plan was to create an environment and a monument that paid proper tribute to the importance of agriculture in Riverside County and the vital role that Mr. Howie played in the promotion and protection of agriculture.

Phase one of the project was the planting of nine Washington Navel Orange trees in the Plaza to commemorate the nation's first planting of this variety in the City of Riverside. Phase two was the design and construction of the monument that you see in the plaza today.

It is hoped that through this monument and plaza, current and future generations will be reminded of the historic and present-day importance of agriculture to Riverside County.

Acknowledgements

Board of Supervisors

Bob A. Buster.....First District
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Jeff Stone.....Third District
Roy Wilson.....Fourth District
Marion Ashley.....Fifth District

Agricultural Commissioner

John Snyder

Robert M. Howie Monument Committee

Phil Washburn	Richard Kelley
Steve Pastor	Rick Hoffman
Steve Schubert	Leon Spaugy
Jim Wallace	Jeff Crumbaker
John Snyder	

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