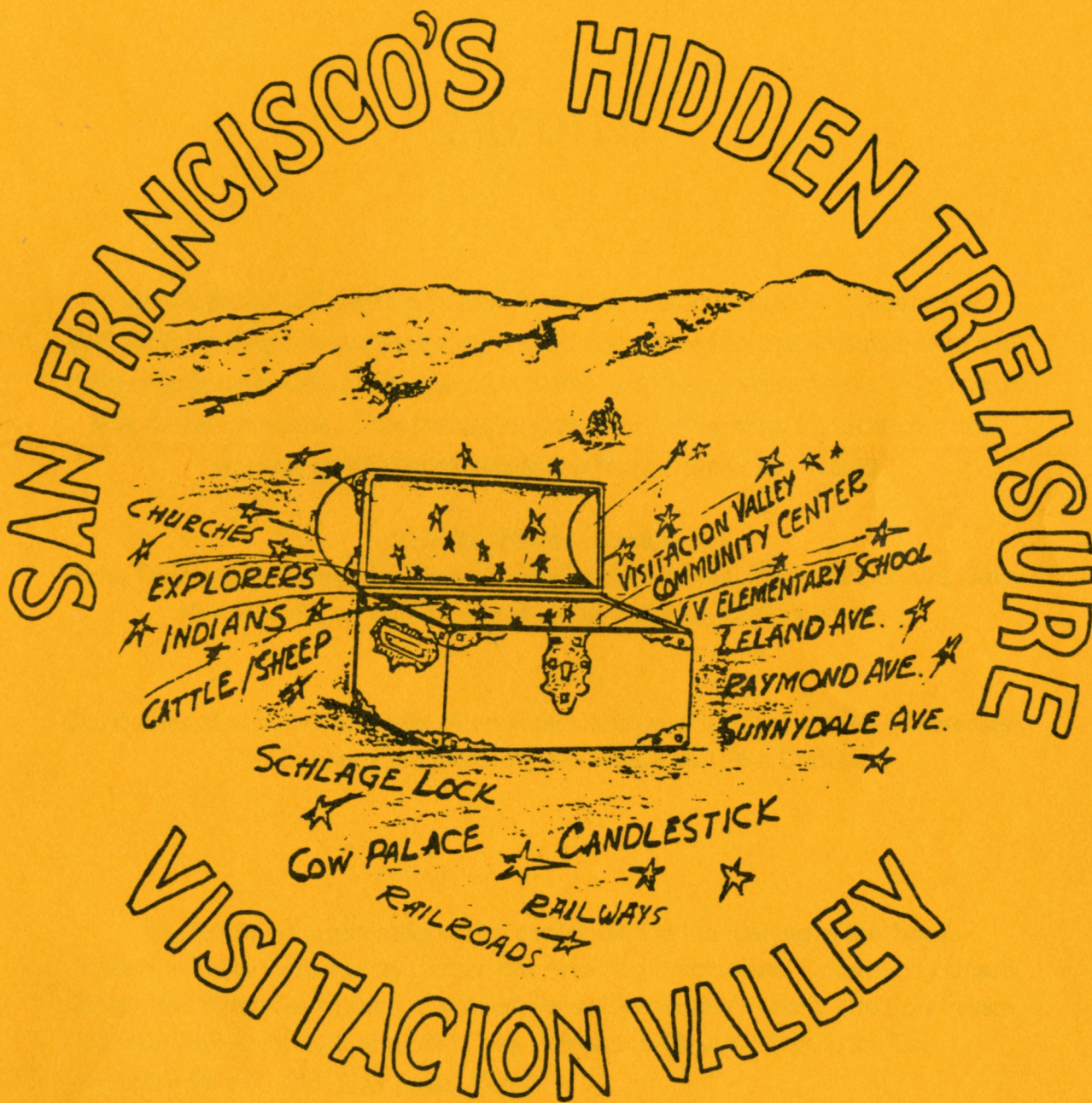


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San Francisco's Hidden Treasure—Visitacion Valley

CREDITS

This historical coloring book "San Francisco's Hidden Treasure—Visitacion Valley," was created to introduce others to our unique area and community. We acknowledge and thank the many volunteers who made this book possible. Their imagination, research, resourcefulness and energy make us proud to be from Visitacion Valley.

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FIRST EXPLORERS

... By Ship

In 1769, Capt. Portola entered the cove. That area is now called Candlestick Cove, named after a "rock that had the shape of a candlestick."



... By Land

Capt. de Anza and his party of soldiers, friars and explorers became lost in the fog, on July 2, 1777. When the fog lifted, they saw our beautiful Visitacion Valley, and named it for the feast-day, Our Lady of the Visitation. The Rock, used as the altar, still exists in this Valley.

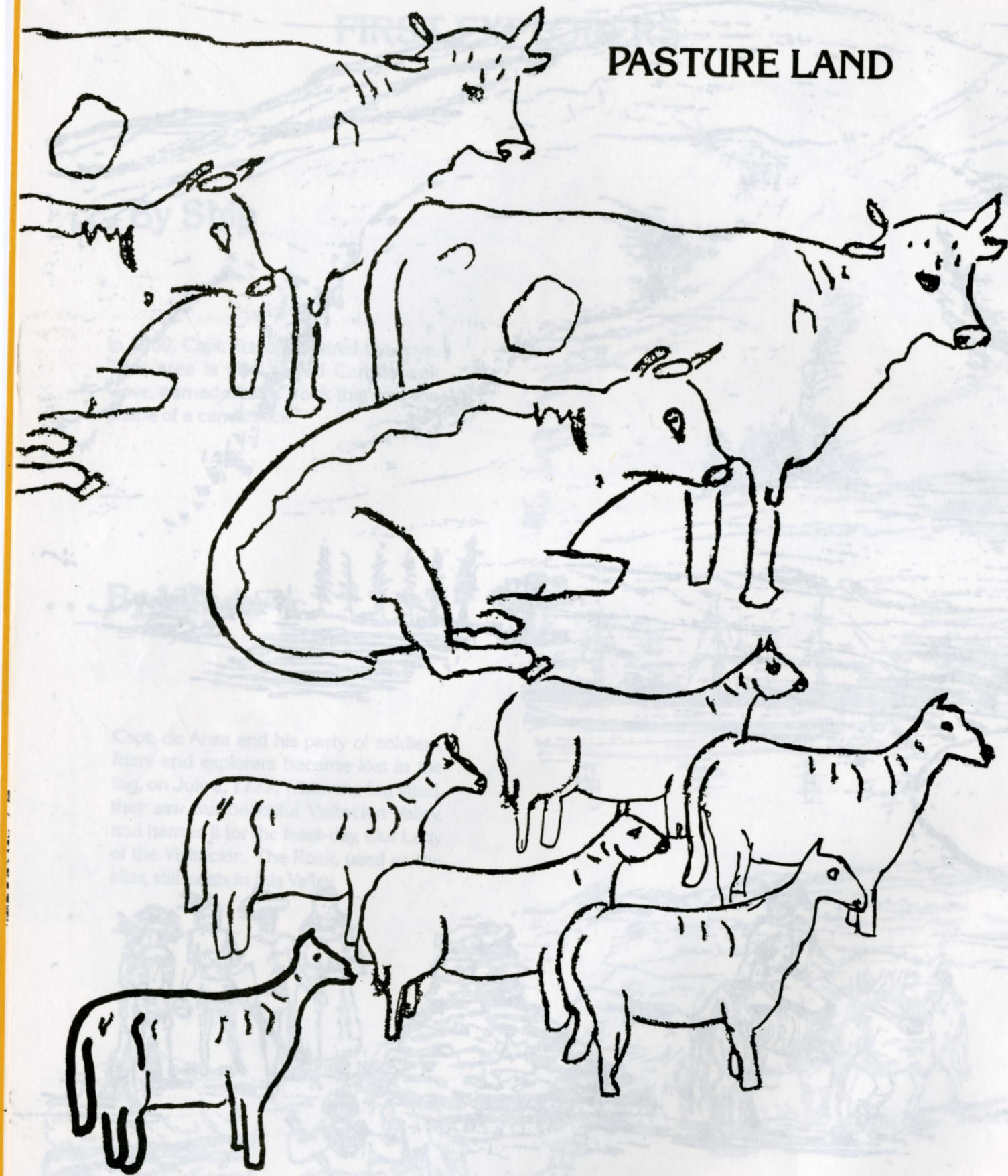


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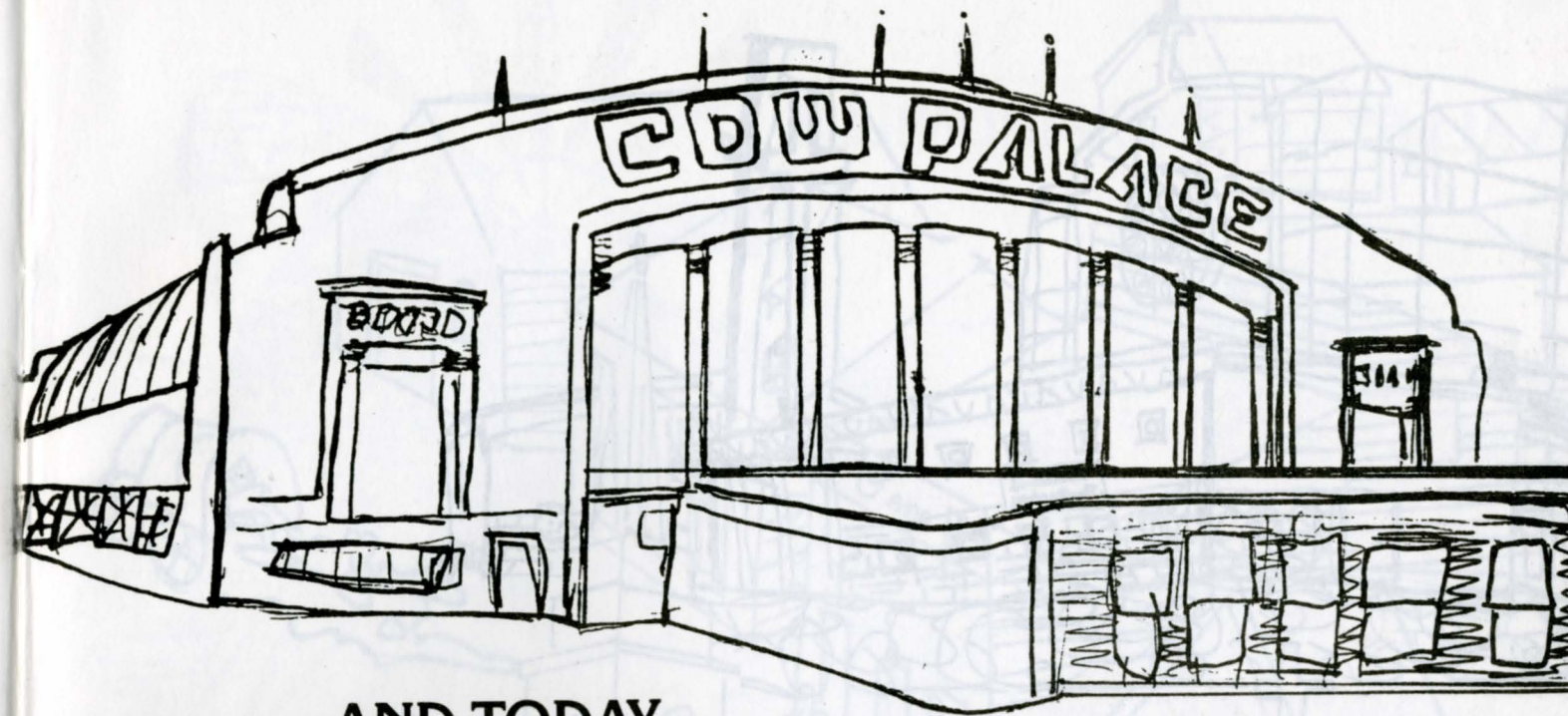


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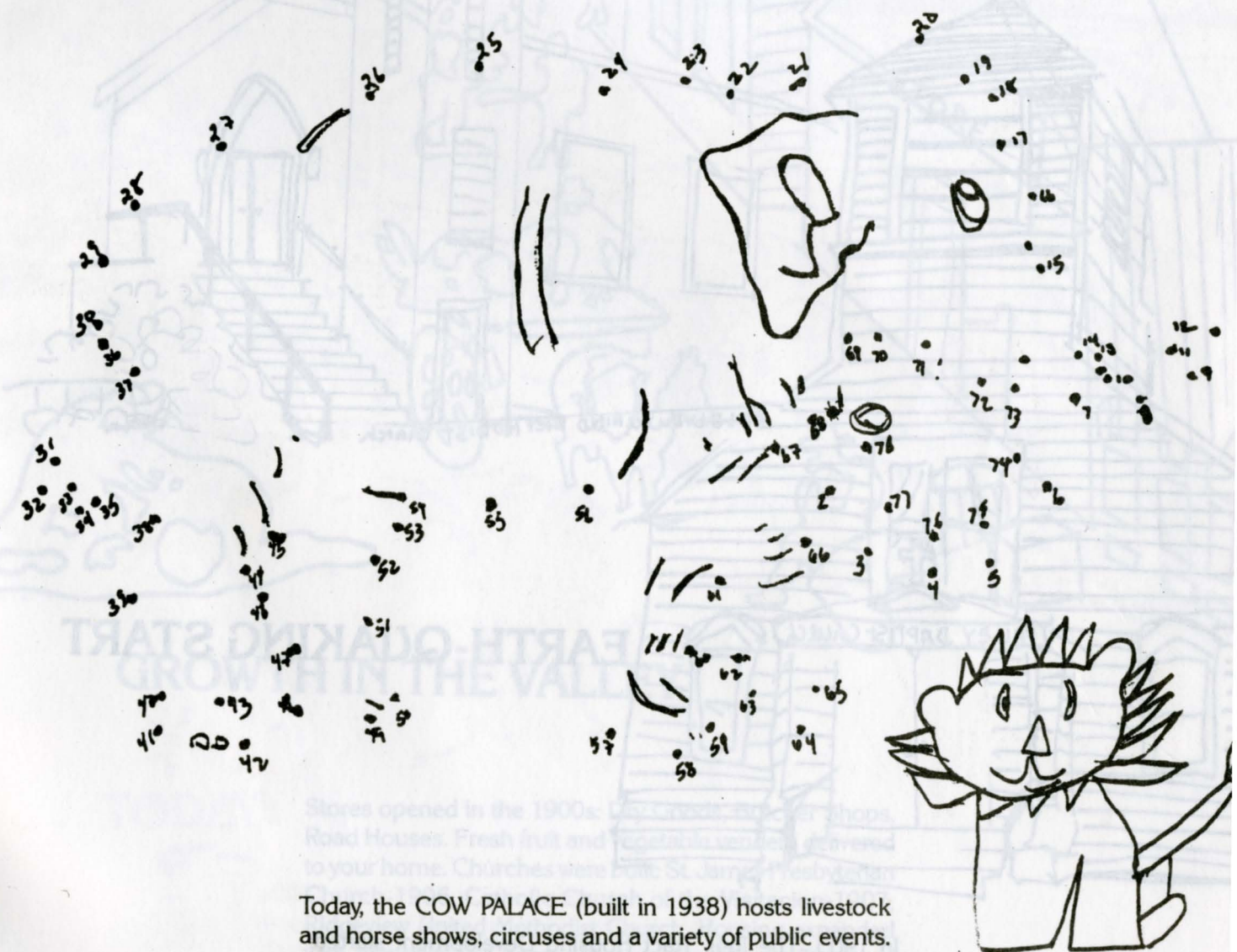
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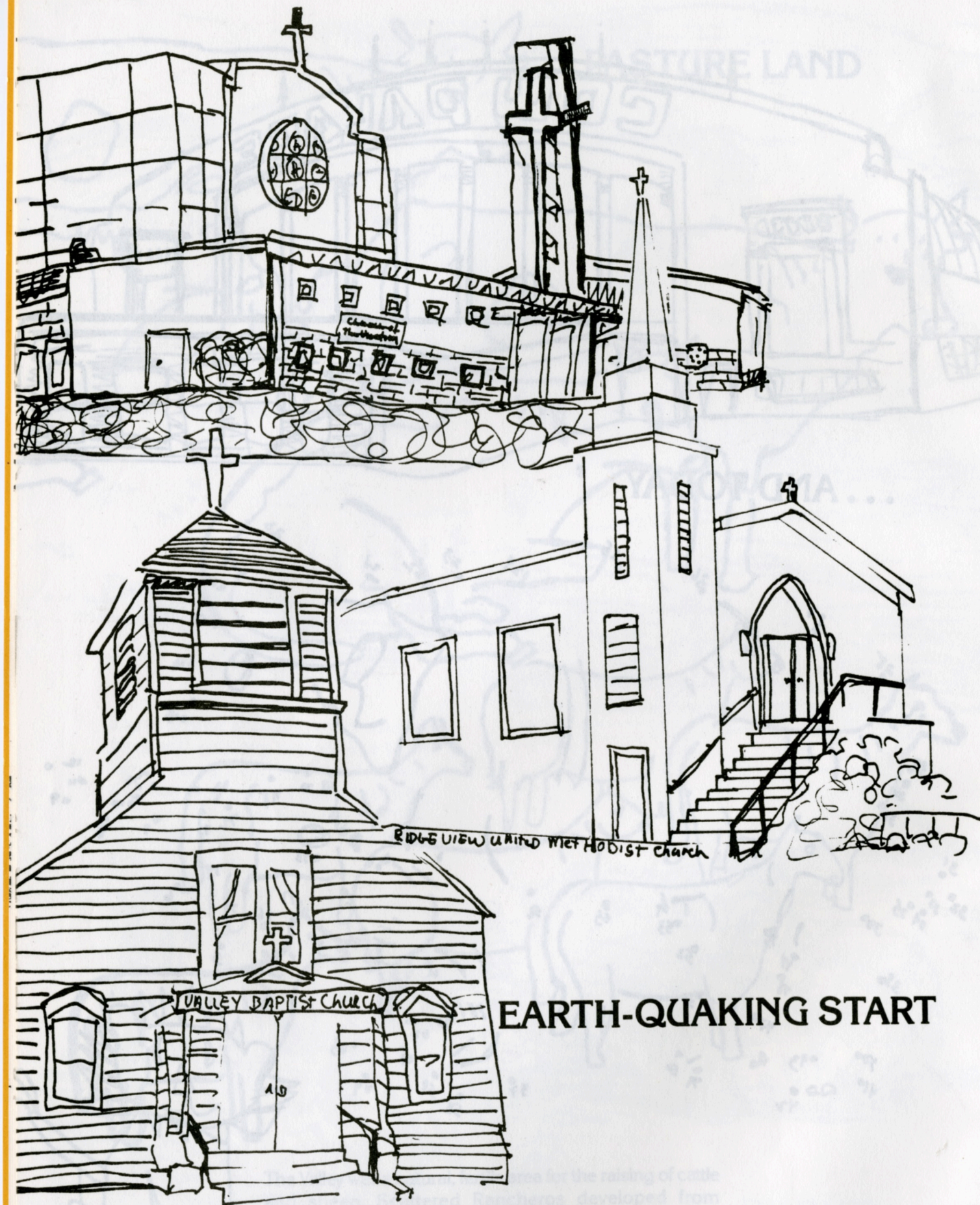
The Valley was a natural, fertile area for the raising of cattle and sheep. Scattered Rancheros developed from 1777–1887. The entire tract of Visitacion Valley was purchased by Jacob P. Leese in 1839. He was the first Anglo-Saxon to be given a land grant.



... AND TODAY

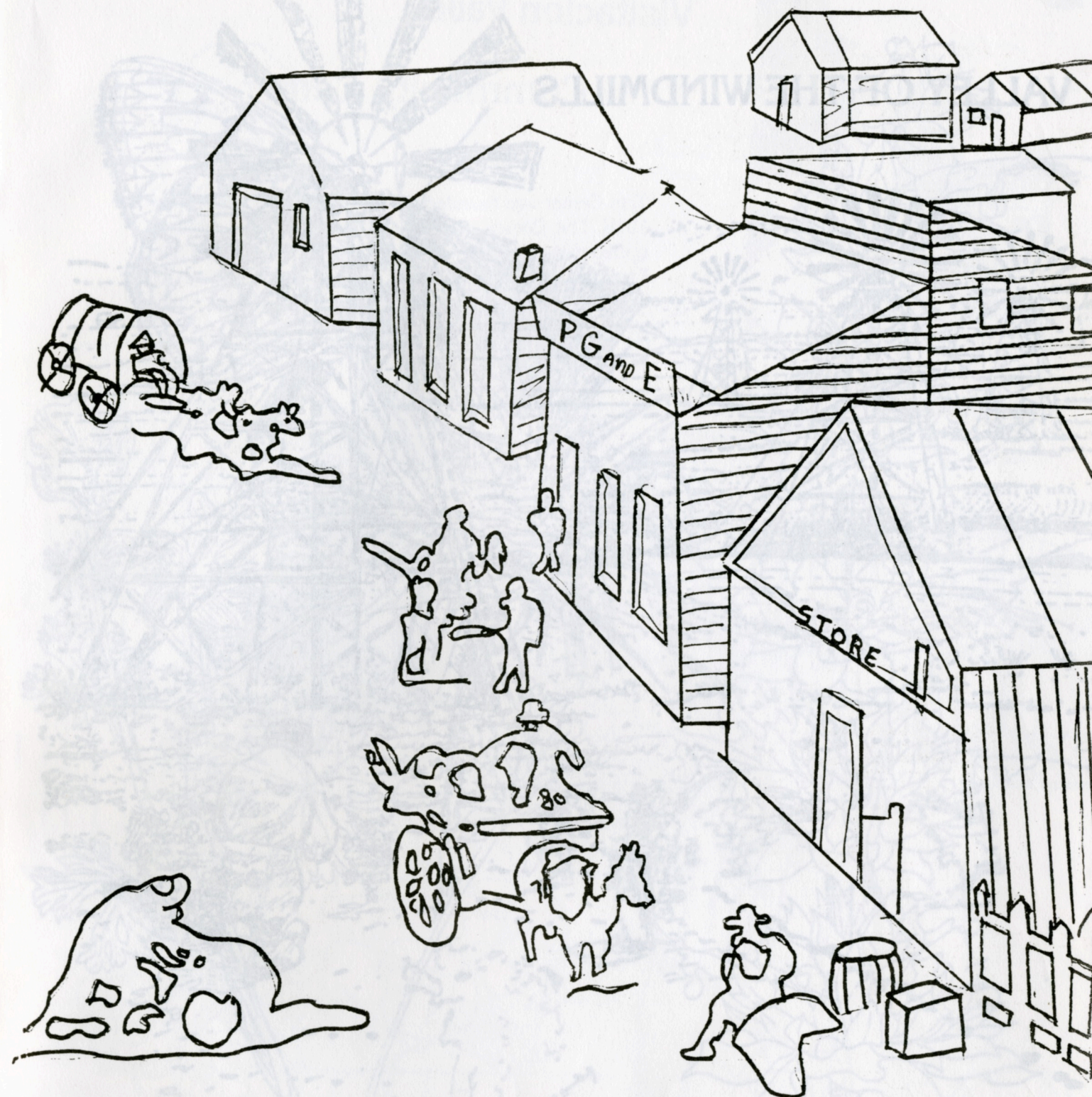


Today, the COW PALACE (built in 1938) hosts livestock and horse shows, circuses and a variety of public events. Yes, you can see elephants, lions and tigers, walking down Geneva Avenue every year!



EARTH-QUAKING START

In 1905, The Reis Tract Housing Development started: \$125 per site, \$1 down and \$1 per week! After the quake we saw ...



GROWTH IN THE VALLEY

Stores opened in the 1900s: Dry Goods, Butcher Shops, Road Houses. Fresh fruit and vegetable venders delivered to your home. Churches were built: St. James Presbyterian Church-1906, Catholic Church of the Visitation-1907, Ridgeview United Methodist Church. Housing expanded with cottages and homes dotting the Valley, reflecting a new community blossoming.

VALLEY OF THE WINDMILLS



Truck gardens and nurseries flourished in the late 1800s. Several of these nurseries still existed in the 1950s, south of Sunnydale Avenue. Irrigation of the Valley was primarily done by the use of powerful windmills.



... TODAY

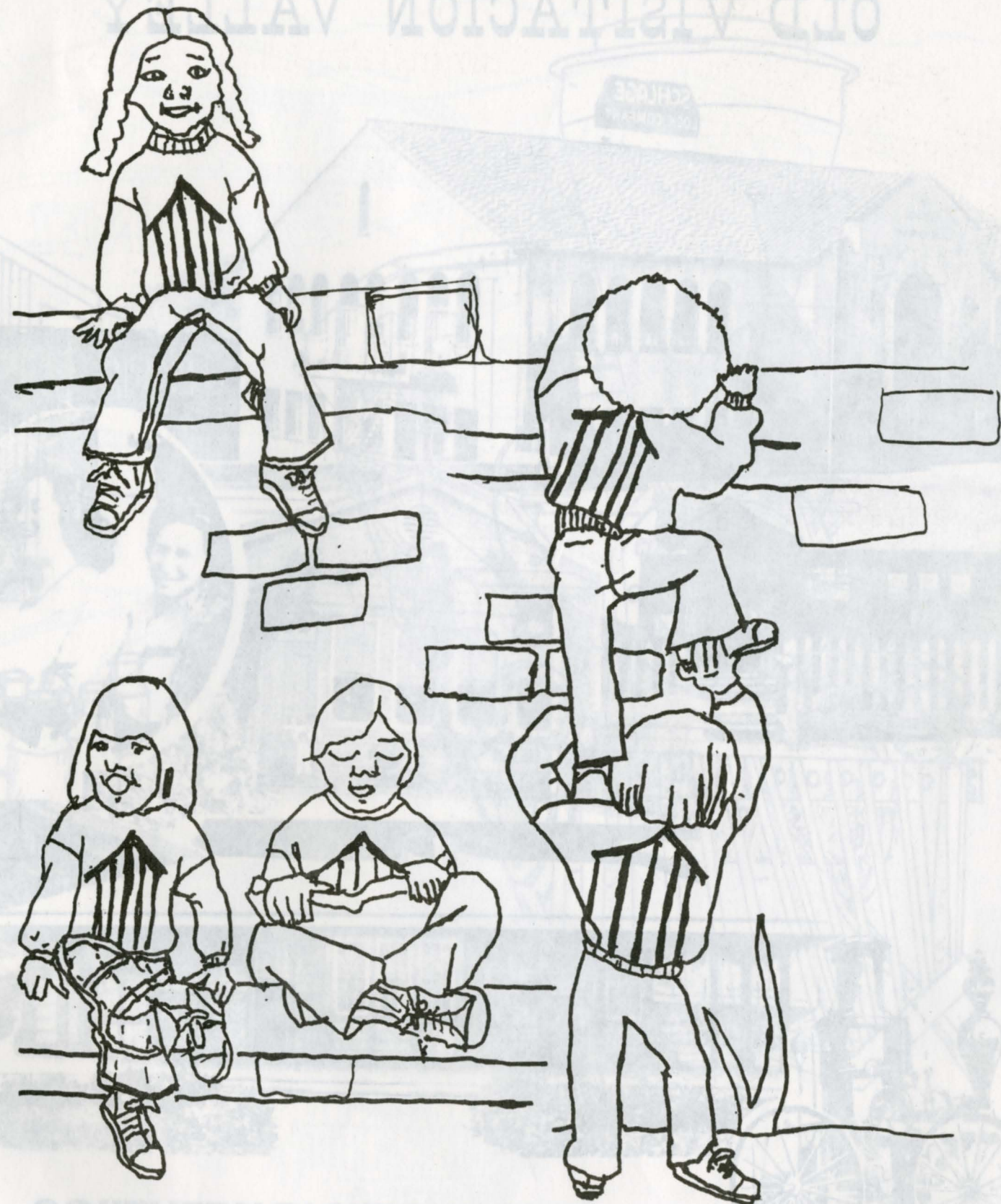
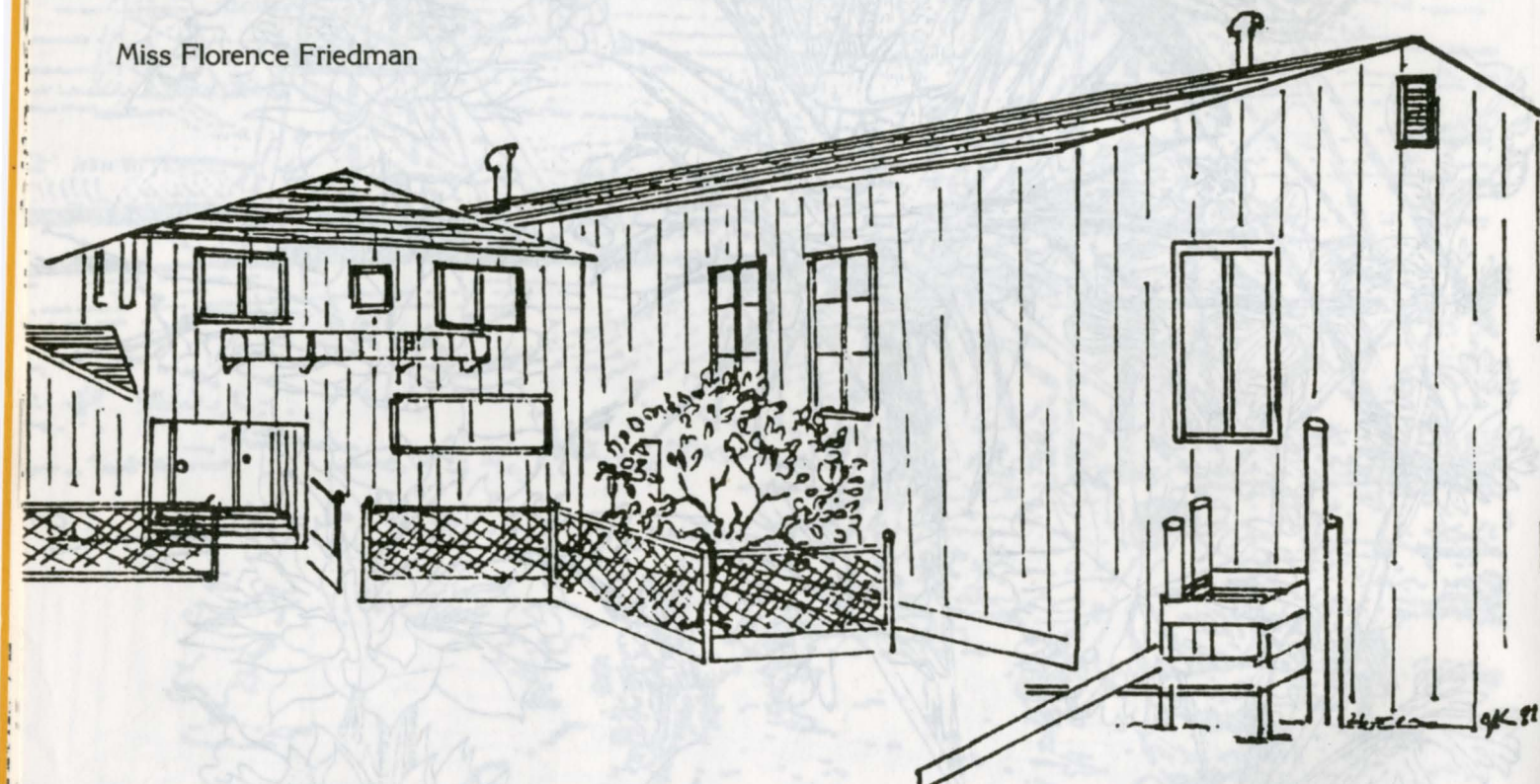
We still have many natural species of flora and insects. Shown on this page are: Crimson Sage, Mallow, Thistle (flora), and the Silver Spot Butterfly.

Visitacion Valley

Community Center

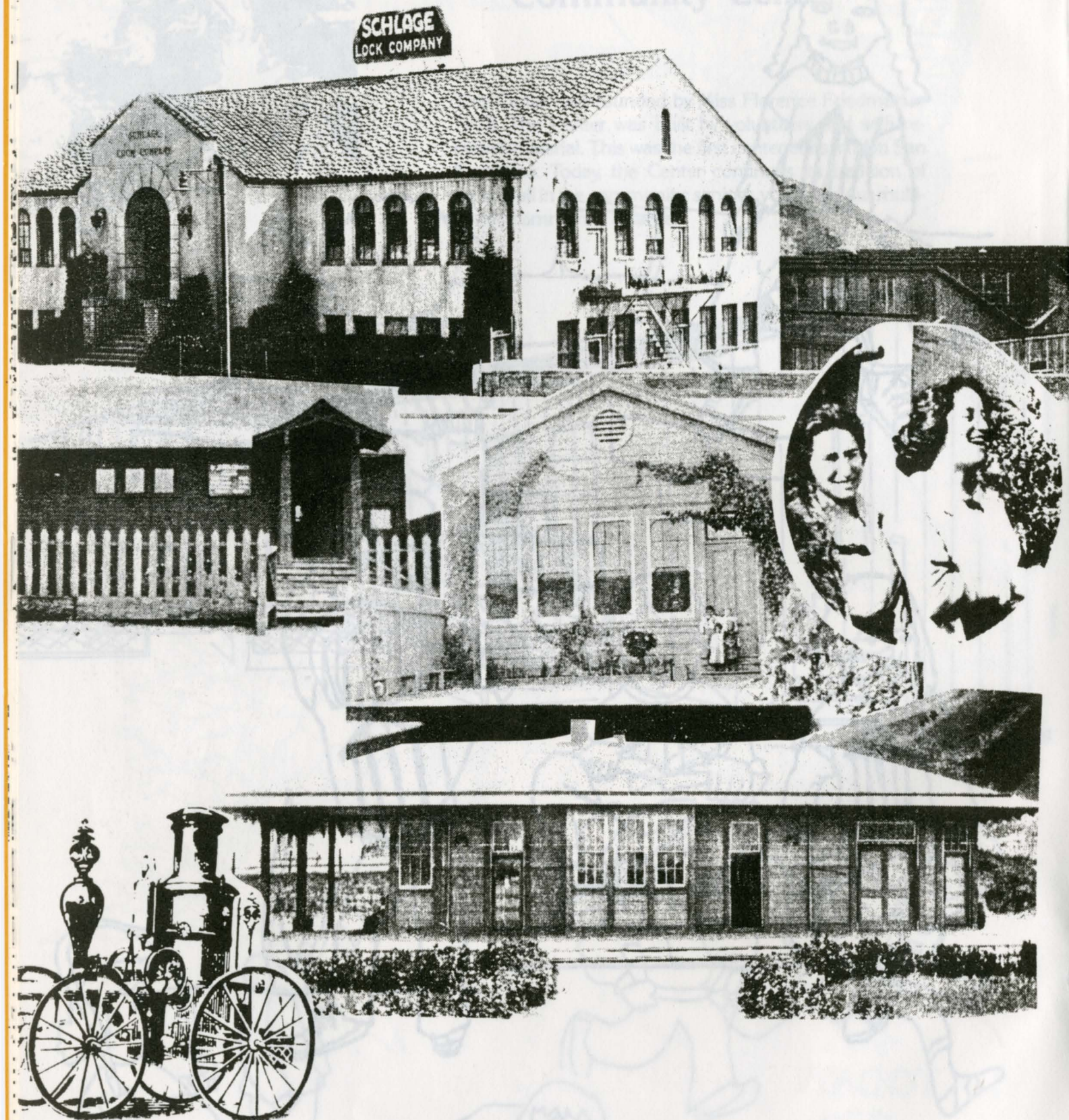
This Center was founded by Miss Florence Friedman in 1918. The Center was built by volunteers and with recycled material. This was the first center of its kind in San Francisco. Today, the Center continues its tradition of serving all in the community: seniors, youth and our multi-ethnic community at large.

Miss Florence Friedman

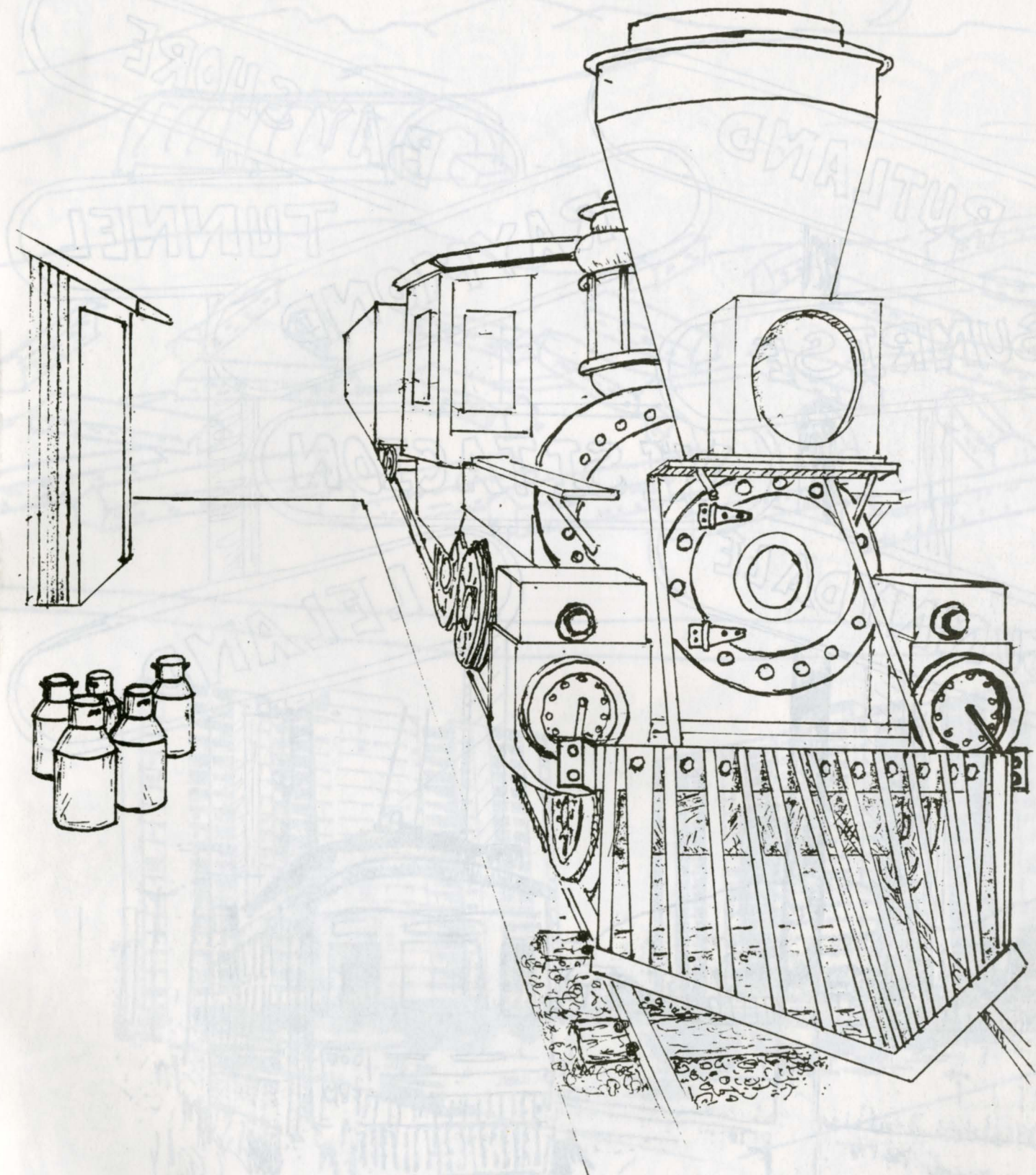


VISITACION VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

OLD VISITACION VALLEY

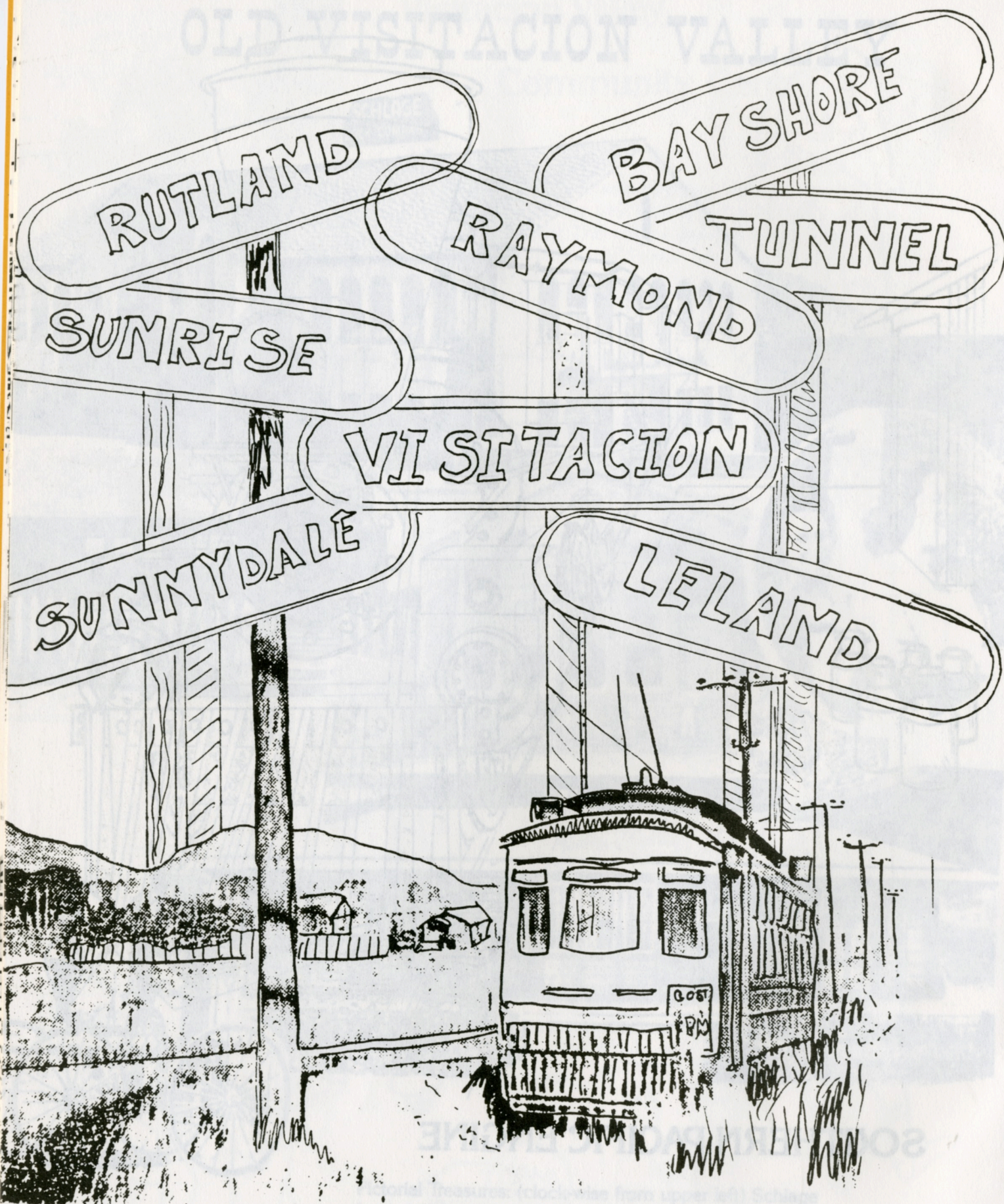


Pictorial Treasures: (clock-wise from upper left) Schlage Lock-1925, Miss Florence Friedman-1900s (left, as a school teacher), Visitacion Valley School-1905, Southern Pacific Depot-1860s, Early Fire Pump, St. James Presbyterian Church-1906.

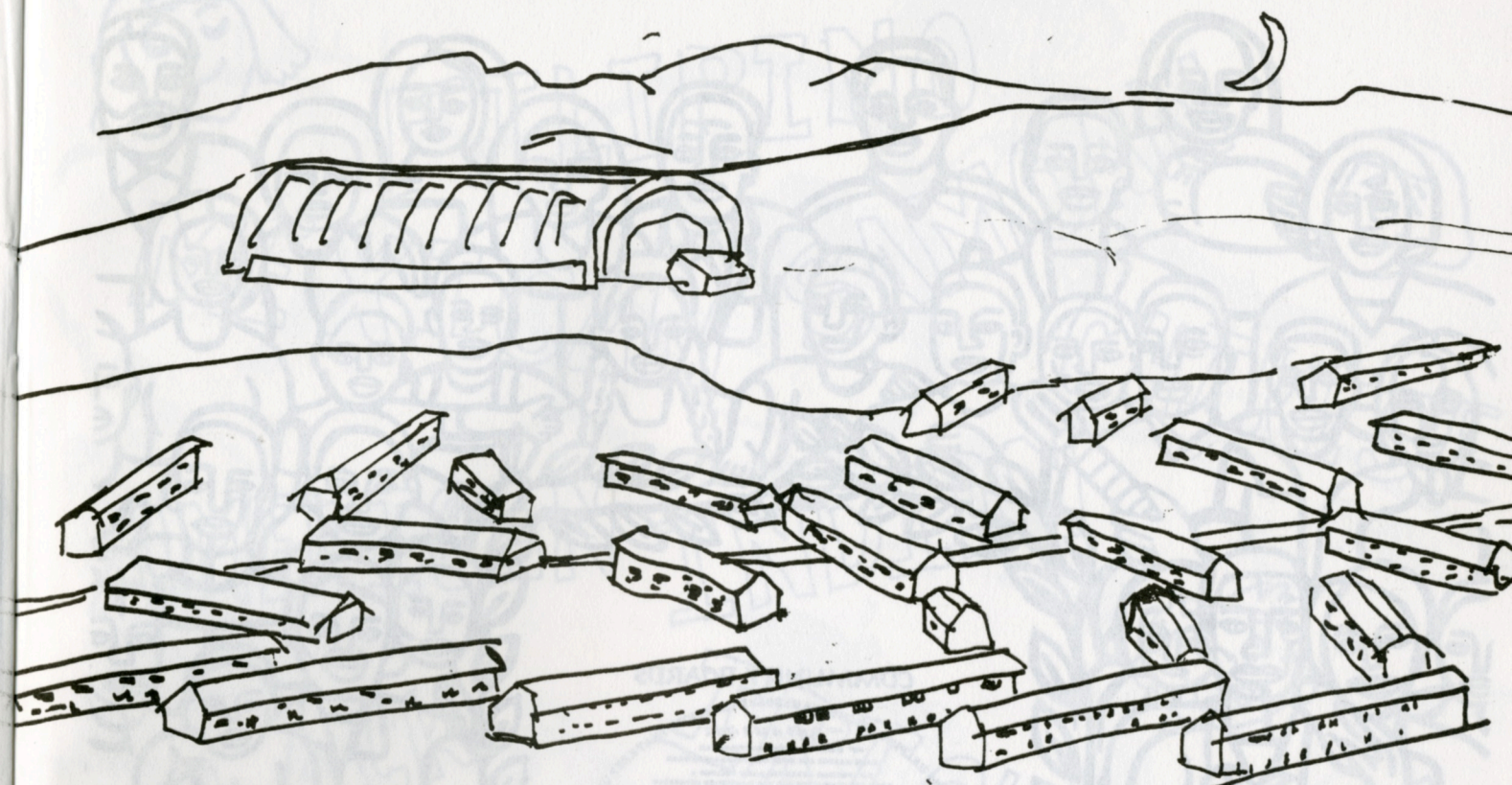


SOUTHERN PACIFIC ENGINE

The Southern Pacific Railroad Yards provided many jobs. Its location stimulated the growth of new business.



WAR-TIME BOOM



Transportation improved with the use of the "Galloping Goose" trolley, connecting our Valley to downtown S. F. (1927). The Sunnydale housing project was built in 1940. The shopping area on Leland Avenue expanded and new streets were made. The Geneva Towers added much needed housing.

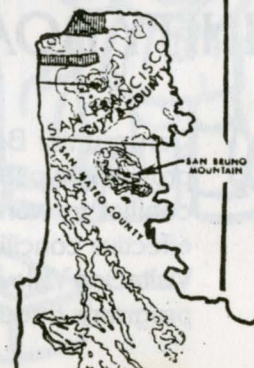


Community Board is trained neighborhood residents providing a peaceful, voluntary, no-cost way for people in conflict to work out their own agreements through an effective conciliation process. Since it was established in Visitation Valley in 1977, it has become a model for similar programs throughout the country and the world.



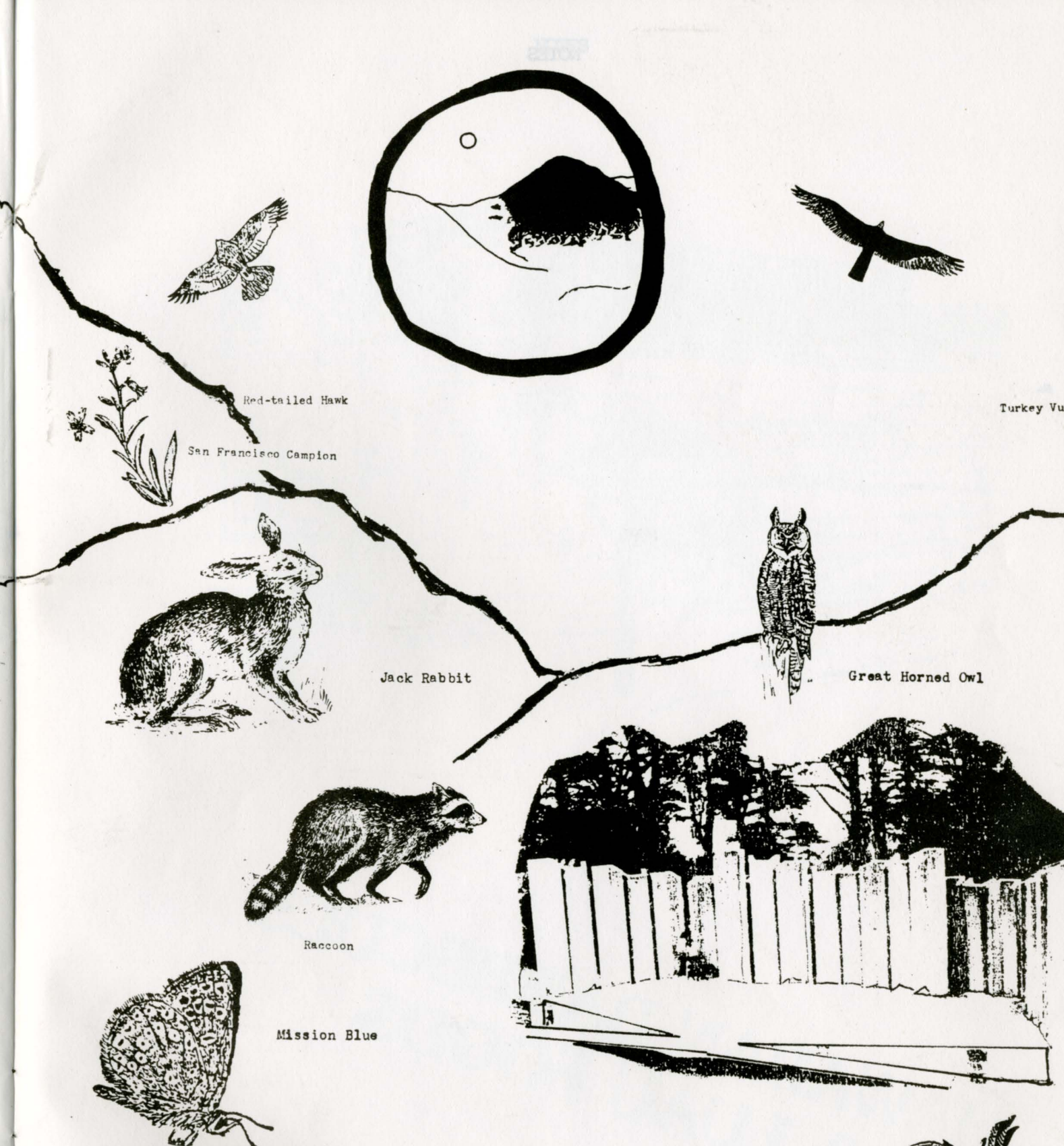
SAN BRUNO MOUNTAIN

The San Francisco Peninsula's Priceless Refuge for Rare and Endangered Species



Nothing need be proven
though something cries out
at the murders of earth and person
Nothing need be said
though something asks
to be perfectly spoken
into a silence of seeing
were it only the first doubled leaves
of the lupine
thru the crumbled earth
by the rock,
or the opening, closing wings
of a butterfly
flashing thru the creekbed,
on the heightened stillness
of the valley
beneath the bluejay's gravelly call
from an oak-top

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We are nestled between San Bruno Mt. (one of the last remnants of a truly Franciscan environment) and the recreational parks of McLaren and Candlestick. Many native animals and plants, some rare and endangered, live in the open space around and among us here in the Valley.



California Buckeye



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