Pepperwood—Resorts and Gardens Join

Mr. and Mrs. George Holman have made their dream-home come true—Pepperwood.

Not above does Ray Holman of Pepperwood raise fine corn seed and tomatoes—his is an expert on flowers as well.

Beautiful Area Along Highway Is United in Growth

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Pepperwood is located on Highway 101, 37 miles south of Eureka, on a fertile shelf of land adjoining Eel River. It is one of the oldest towns in Eel River valley, having been settled by the early pioneers and farmers families long before William Whipple moved upriver to the future town of Whipple in 1860.

Pepperwood must have possessed a wonderful appearance to these newcomers of early days. It lay beside a stream that resembled a redwood stream, as handsome and brown. Its soil was a rich river bottom soil that had been deposited ages ago when Eel River was young. Apparently, it had been blocked by some geological disturbance. Great fields of redwoods grew on the hills about it, while on the shallows was a grove of oaks or barberry trees, known as pepperwood, from which the town got its name. As are final look, the center of the place was just a rock outcropping but could not be worn. Today woodsy scenes and a grove of trees have been added to enhance the charm of the old town.

Pepperwood’s oldest established store and post office in town’s center.

The old Lucas hotel building has seen much traffic pass between its doors as Pepperwood grew.

The Stafford Inn, at Stafford for the summer’s rush.

Bowker’s Lodge, at Stafford inside Highway 101 bridge, is setting a high standard in rustic architecture.

Peace and Alethea Van Noy have reason to be proud of their motel headquarters.

Fred Schmidt (left) and Charles Mills enjoy a moment of leisure in front of their motor court’s office, at Pepperwood.

The two teachers of Pepperwood are well versed in local history, for Mrs. Wright’s home is located in the old schoolhouse, built in 1873.

Looking across Pepperwood’s fertile fields from back of former Lucas hotel.

Just a small portion of Albert Potter’s remarkable collection of rare minerals at Pepperwood.

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