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Helm Buick 1953 designed by Victor Wulff, CENT 0139 from CV Library

1951/08/23 - Victor Wulff, chairman of the Planning Commission, issued report to council, city needs a major street plan, zoning revision, transit plan (Chula Vista Star, Aug. 23, 1951.)

1952/02/14 - Councilman Kidder resigns, replaced on the Council by Victor Wulff, Jr. Councilman Kidder has been under fire in what has been termed a politically inspired grand jury action is on a Wednesday night is held the council post for past nine years his resignation was accepted by Councilman James R. Logan. a second by Councilman A. Riesling . Wulff came to CV after serving in the Navy in ww2, first lived in Bay Manor, now live at 23 L St., is a member of the architect firm in SD of Johnson Hatch and Wulff (Star-News)

1953/01/08 - new Helm Buick will open next week, \$100,000 building of 27,000 sq ft at Garrett and E -- (Jan. 8) architect was Victor Wulff, was built by Eddy & DeMenge, one of the city's oldest construction firms, J. E. Eddy developed a tract in 1941 of 30 houses on Elder and 5th and Garrett and H streets. He formed partnership with DeMenge two hears ago and they built Paul Crandall's building at 242 3rd ave, and rebuilt the lumber company. In 1945 Eddy won first place in the Practical Builder's Magazine contest for home designs. After he won, thousands of people filed through Eddy's home. (Chula Vista Star, Jan. 8, 1953.)

1953/02/17 - APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECT for Swimming Pool - After reviewing the fact that six architects had been interviewed by the Council and the Mayor's Special Swimming Pool Committee it was moved by the Councilman Halferty, seconded by Councilman DeWolfe, and carried, that the firm of Johnson, Hatch and Wulff be appointed architects for the swimming pool, with the reservation that the mechanical engineer they select be subject to Council approval. The motion carried (City Council Minutes, Feb. 17, 1953.)

1953/04/02 - Rotary sponsoring clothing drive for Russian refugees in West Germany, led by Victor Wulff (Chula Vista Star, Apr. 2, 1953.)

1955 - Sweetwater Realty - at 4041 Bonita Road - "Little Red Barn " built like the Red Barn of 1894, by George S. Peters, Morris Allen, and Henry Michael. It was built by Morris Allen, whose father was foreman at the construction of the real barn, and Mr. Allen built the copy in an attempt to preserve some of the historical lore of the Bonita area. Office of Victor Wulff Architect (1963). State Farm Insurance of Ken Olson (2000) with Bonita Valley Tax & Bookkeeping of Barbara France (Little Red Barn)

1959/07/26 - Architect Victor Wulff will incorporate air conditioning in the new J Street school (Halecrest), the first in CV (Chula Vista Star-News, July 26, 1959.)

1959/11/26 - council approved purchase of a new 1000-gal per min fire truck. Architect Victor Wulff is designing the 3rd fire station at Oneida and Mission Ave in southeast CV. 8 new firemen are to be hired, bringing staff to 36 men (Chula Vista Star-News, Nov. 26, 1959.)

1963 - A later owner of the William Riach House at 29 L Street was Victor Wulff, a prominent architect who was active in Chula Vista political and civic affairs. He served on the Planning Commission from 1949 to 1953 and on the City Council in 1952. A graduate of Kansas University, Victor Wulff came to San Diego County and joined the William Templeton Johnson architectural firm. In 1963, he went into private practice in Bonita. He worked on such projects as the San Diego Library, additions to the Old Globe Theater, the Loma Verde Recreation Center, and a number of area schools and churches. (Webster, Karna. "Historic Resources Inventory," City of Chula Vista, 1985.)

1963 - William Riach House - Victor Wulff house 29 L Street Parcel 575-042-13 ConSI1UCTlon : E.snm 1928 An:hueauql Styl.: Spanish Eclectic/Monterey Legal: Blk 0, Lot 10, Country Club Villas This house was constructed in 1928 for William and May Riach at a cost of \$11,500. Col. William Riach was a retired British army medical officer and his wife, May Turner Riach, was an internationally known physician and eye surgeon. A later owner of the William Riach House at 29 L Street was Victor Wulff, a prominent architect who was active in Chula Vista political and civic affairs. He served on the Planning Commission from 1949 to 1953 and on the City Council in 1952. A graduate of Kansas University, Victor Wulff came to San Diego County and joined the William Templeton Johnson architectural firm. In 1963, he went into private practice in Bonita. He worked on such projects as the San Diego Library, additions to the Old Globe Theater, the Lorna Verde Recreation Center, and a number of area schools and churches. This house is significant as one of the large Spanish style mansions in Chula Vista and as the home of two important families: the Riachs and the Wulffs. The home appears to retain integrity of design and ater\als. This large, two story, Spanish mansion features a stucco exterior, a low, red tile, h1pped roof, paired casement windows, and a Monterey style balcony. The home is "T" shaped with the lower section of the "T" -a one story wing with a front-gabled red i1e roof -extending towards the street fro the center of the facade. This ing 1ncludes a tall, exter10r stucco chimney on the left side and Ire s ree -facing arched window. The spec acular cant1levered balcony is gr ced by a wooden railing with carved spindles, wooden post roof supports, and unusually large braces and suppor beams. sun roo he ef on the pper level of th1S charm1ng house has paired case ents around three sides. Sources: SO Union 5-22-42;

2-8-46; 11-4-36 SWB C 4-7-1928 p.6; CV Star -23-1978 (Webster, Karna. "Historic Resources Inventory," City of Chula Vista, 1985.)

1963/09/12 - new cluster school at Loma Verde school at Hilltop and Orange, architect Victor Wulff - but only mechanical air circulation, no air conditioning - Oct. 17 will get air conditioning (Chula Vista Star-News, Sept. 12, 1963.)

1964/08/13 - Buford E. Ellis. left, first treasurer of National City-Chula Vista Board of Realtors, re-enacts turning over the fund, all \$1.45 of it, the extent of the board's wealth 18 years ago [1946], to Ted Anderson, current president. Net worth today is about \$55,000. Scene was at ground breaking for the new board building. [at 598 L Street in CV, designed by architect Victor Wulff. the organization is changing its name to South San Diego Bay Cities Board of Realtors - Aug. 23, 1964] (Chula Vista Star-News, Aug. 23, 1964. Scrapbook clipping, Pacific Southwest Association of Realtors Archive, Chula Vista, CA.)

1965/03/18 - Board of Realtors to open brand new office Friday, said to be the largest realty board office south of Santa Ana, ribbon cutting tomorrow for official opening, new bldg at 588 L St, the old office is at 598 L St at the rear of the present site. The 3100-ft bldg cost \$38,000, designed by Victory Wulff, built by Charles Ramm, a concrete block structure with a large meeting room and parking for 80 cars. Planning began 4 yrs ago when Charles Brown led the planning committee. Prelim planning began in the fall of 1961 but postponed and revived in 1964 when T. R. Anderson was pres Mar. 21 - photo of ribbon cutting, 200 were present for the 7:30 am Friday event and breakfast, and another 300 came for an evening reception. Mayor Cecil Sparling, who is also a realtor. Jerry Harris told of the history of the Board that began in 1944 by Charles Anderson. The MLS was set up in 1949 and operated by Paul Miller. The new bldg was financed in part by sales of part of the original 1957 lot (Chula Vista Star-News, Mar. 18, 1965)

1965/09/30 - Chula Vista Architect Victor Wulff Honored - He designed the South Bay Cities Board of Realtors' building on L St that won best 1964 structure built with unit masonry. (Scrapbook clipping, Pacific Southwest Association of Realtors Archive, Chula Vista, CA.)

1968/10/13 - 3 schools bursting at seams: Allen, Sunnyside, Rosebank. Valley Vista to open Nov. 4 at 3724 Valley Vista Way in Bonita, architect Victor Wulff (Chula Vista Star Oct. 13, 1968)

1974/04/15 - The Bonita Post. 4/15/74 4-H to hold 25th field day April 27; Bonitafest dates set. Photo: Hatcher, Bob; Wulff, Victor; Glenn, Joan; Painter, Don; Anisoden, Claude (Bonita Post, vol. 1)

1975 - Bonita Valley Suites built by Victor Leonard Wulff in 1975. After his death in 1978, Leona Wulff successfully managed the office building. (obituary, Star-News, July 25, 2003.)

1975/01/02 - Bonita Valley Suites office bldg of Victor Wulff at 4041 Bonita Road "Beauty in Bonita" ad (Bonita Post, vol. 2)

1975/02/09 - Bonita Valley Suites office building, 3 stories , given French look to Bonita, by Victor Wulff (Chula Vista Star-News, Feb. 9, 1975.)

1975/02/29 - Grace Baptist Temple Will Break Ground in Bonita February 23, at 4766 Bonita Road, drawing by Victory Wulff. The current location of Grace is 345 5th Ave in CV, the church was started by the present pastor, Rev. Kenneth Johnson, on Feb. 24, 1960, in an empty house in Castle park with 17 people. (Bonita Post, vol. 2, Feb. 29, 1975.)

1976/06/03 - Bonita Valley Suites office bldg ad of Victor Wulff, at 4045 Bonita Road (Bonita Post, vol. 3)

2003 - Mrs. Leona Wulff suffered a stroke earlier in July. She passed away peacefully at her daughter's home in Temecula on July 18, 2003. Leona Wulff was born in Clayton, M.N., on April 10, 1916, to Charles and Vesta Talbot. Leona attended Stephens College in Columbia, MO, earning her associate of arts degree and received her bachelor of arts degree at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque. In 1972 she earned her master of arts at San Diego State University. An accomplished pianist, Leona played the piano over the radio as a young girl. To prove her talents, the station manager had her play her musical selections in a darkened room during her initial interview. Her piano brought her much joy throughout her life. Leona married Victor Leonard Wulff in June 1940. A year later they had a bouncing baby boy, Talbot. (Talbot passed away in 2001.) The couple originally planned to make their home in Santa Fe, NM. When Pearl Harbor was bombed, Victor enlisted in the Navy and was stationed in San Diego. Loving the area so much, Victor had his family join him and they settled in Chula Vista. In 1945 their daughter Pamela arrived. Wulff and her architect husband Victor traveled extensively over the years, spending time in Europe, Mexico, New Zealand, Hawaii, Tahiti, Hong Kong, Philippines, Africa, Japan, Brazil and Alaska. They went on to give illustrated travel lectures to many local civic, church and school groups. Her memories of these trips were a constant source of inspiration for her. She was a very accomplished lady. At the time of her retirement in 1977 her resume was 30 pages long. Leona taught at Feaster Rice, Cook and Greg Rogers schools in Chula Vista. Earlier in her career she taught junior high in Santa Fe. She was a former curriculum and art consultant with the Chula Vista Elementary School District. Over the years she was a member of at least 18 different organizations. Leona was the recipient of numerous certificates of recognition for her work and community service. In 1979 she was nominated for Woman of the Year for San Diego by the President's Council of Women's Service, Business and Professional Clubs. In 1975 Victor designed and built Bonita Valley Suites in Bonita. After his death in 1978, Leona successfully managed the office building. Leona Wulff died 2003. She always had a good word and an optimistic view no matter what the situation or subject. Asked for her advice, she was once quoted, "Take the positive attitude and bring out the best in every person you come in contact with." If you ever had the pleasure of being around her, one thing became very clear, she took her own advice. Mrs. Wulff is survived by her daughter Pamela Smith and son-in-law Jerry; four granddaughters: Tammy Wilkins and husband Skip of St. James, Fla. Stacy Blacketer and husband James, Shannan Sparkenbach and husband John, and Brandi Smith; four great-grandchildren: Shelby Smith, Spencer Blacketer and Johnny and Samantha Sparkenbach, all of Temecula. In addition she is survived by her sister Beulah Duncan of Lawrence, Kan., and her brother Lyle Talbot and his wife Barbara of Albuquerque, N.M., as well as many nieces and nephews. Leona Wulff will be missed, but the world is a better place having been graced by her presence for 87 years. (obituary, Star-News, July 25, 2003.)